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## A RINGERS' GUIDE

A VALUED correspondent has written to us suggesting the publication of a ringer's guide which would give details in an abbreviated form of the towers in the country with ringable bells. The information required he suggests should consist of the place, number of bells, weight of tenor, whether the bells are rung regularly for service, practice night and name and address of tower secretary. This would be condensed by the use of code letters so that each tower would only occupy a line, as follows:—

Xbury (8), 5.45, Th., A.N. Other, 16, High Street.

Dedications, he suggests, should be omitted unless there is more than one tower in a town, and the guide could be arranged in alphabetical order.

For practical purposes a book of this description should be published at as low a figure as possible, and it should be practicable to produce it at under 5s. a copy. If every tower in the country purchased a copy for reference, the cost should be below this figure, and if the type was kept standing a revised edition could be published at appropriate intervals. An alternative would be the publication of an amendment sheet annually.

Most of the Guild annual reports give a complete coverage of the necessary information. The Lancashire Association, for example, have the data of their 189 towers in a particularly concise form, giving also in abbreviated form information as to the condition of the bells, such as VG, very good; G, good; M, moderate; and U, unringable. They also state the methods rung on practice nights, which enables the stranger to assess the standard reached and know what to expect. Some years before the war the Gloucester and Bristol Association published a comprehensive ringers' directory. Cost of printing to-day would make its re-issue an expensive publication.

Another interesting publication is the little booklet issued by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for the benefit of visitors. This is confined to a list of towers and the number of bells. The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee of the Central Council have, we understand, already been informed of the proposition and the name of a ringer who has the time at his disposal to arrange for such a compilation. It is possible that at the Central Council meeting at York the question will be ventilated, and it might be possible to ascertain the degree of co-operation that would be forthcoming. With most Guild secretaries this is a relatively easy matter, as they have the information already printed.

Last week we published an advertisement from a ringer requiring details of facilities for ringing in the Isle of Wight, and recently a request for information in the Isle of Man, to which replies are given in this issue. There are to-day a number of organised ringing tours; in fact, there is a Society of Roving Ringers who have spent two summer holidays on cycling tours in different parts of the country, and have practically completed their plans for this year. We have also heard that a number of young ringers from Tewkesbury Abbey are making arrangements for a cycling holiday to Devon and Cornwall this summer. A guide of this description would be invaluable to them, and also to the hundreds of ringers who take their holidays in different parts of the country.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	JOHN R. SMITH ... 7
KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2	HARRY G. WAYNE ... 8
DOROTHY UDALE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JILL POOLE ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth on her birthday.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 4 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 8
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor
	JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

## TEN BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEOFFREY W. BEECH ... Treble	†FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 6
†ARNOLD G. MOORE ... 2	†NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 7
†CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 8
†ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 9
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5	†ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by CHAS. H. PAGE.

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

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 2	ALAN ELSMORE ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 8
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 4	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 9
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5	*H. LEWIS ASTON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal. A compliment to Mr. C. F. Proud and Miss N. H. Keeling on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*DEREK KNOWLES ... Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 6
MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	JOHN GOODMAN ... 7
†PETER BERESFORD ... 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 8
†ALFRED A. RACKMAN ... 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 9
†DEREK J. TRANTER ... 5	JOHN LUCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday peal to the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Ashby, and Mrs. J. Goodman.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRUM,

### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in C.

*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... Treble	*JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
†CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	†WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	*KENNETH W. MAYER ... 8
*FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	*JOHN WALDEN ... 9
†ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method.

† 100th peal. First peal of Royal in the method in the county and for the Guild. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*MRS. E. VOULES ... Treble	*PETER S. DAVIS ... 6
†ERNEST W. RAZZELL ... 2	WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... 7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 3	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES ... 8
†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 9
THOMAS A. BLOW ... 5	*WILLIAM G. BROWNETT ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire

Caters. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss M. D. Renshaw, daughter of Canon I. Renshaw, to Wing Commander H. Desmond. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SHIRLEY BURTON ... Treble	JILL POOLE ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	HARRY G. WAYNE ... 7
DOROTHY UDALE ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 8
KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Rochester Surprise Royal by all and for the Guild. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Udale, parents of ringer of the 3rd. on the occasion of their silver wedding.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 7
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 3	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 8
PATRICK PRESTON ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... 9
HAROLD PAILING ... 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELI PEALS

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*CLIFFORD IZZARD ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	*HAROLD BURTON ... 6
*ALFRED RUSHTON ... 3	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Ashtead by the Association. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Reg Houghton.



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## BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in 'E.

JOHN COOKE ... .. Treble	ERNEST T. CARVELL ... 5
*WILLIAM O. WHARTON... 2	JOHN W. EVANS ... 6
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 7
†ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 4	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALEX. J. MARTIN.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. N. J. Blow, M.A., on preferment as Dean of Newcastle, N.S.W.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY TOOKE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 5
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON... 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 6
*GEORGE ADAMS ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... 4	*BERT GOGLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
A farewell to L. W. Houghton, who is leaving for Northampton.  
Also to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. G. Mayers, of Norwich.

## CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40½ minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. S. MORETON Treble	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5
*MRS. A. H. BEAMISH... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	ALAN CATELL ... 7
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire Major. † First in the method. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frank Trotman.

## HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt

HORACE H. SMITH ... Treble	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD... 5
*C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	†HAROLD BURTON ... 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	*ALFRED RUSHTON ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DEXTER. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
First peal of London as conductor.

## HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FRED HAYES ... .. Treble	ANTHONY E. COX ... 5
MISS DOREEN COKER ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 6
*MISS SYLVIA COKER ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
RALPH COLES ... 4	WALTER LEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MISS DOREEN COKER.  
\* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A 19th birthday compliment to the twin sisters. 100th peal in the tower.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HAROLD C. LONYON ... Treble	ALAN A. POTTS ... 5
*JUNE HENSHAW ... 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 7
†MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise away from treble.  
To mark the completion of two years' service as Vicar's warden of Mr. F. Horsfield, leader of the above tower.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 5
SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
NORMAN GOODMAN ... 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.  
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd.

## DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

MRS. NORA WALL ... Treble	CYRIL TOYNE ... 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	*LEONARD WEBB ... 6
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... 3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... 7
*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY... 4	PERCY J. DAWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the recast bells.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. A. FINCH ... Treble	*WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 5
WILFRED G. WILSON ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 3	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 7
ARTHUR JONES ... 4	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

## OLD WOKING, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Treble	ERIC T. LEE ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 3	*FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
*FREDERICK W. BURNETT 4	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.  
\* First peal in the method. Tenor 17½ cwt.

## WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Treble	FRANK A. PENN ... 5
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON... 2	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 6
PETER ANGER ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
The first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

## ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
JOHN D. ROCK ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.  
The first peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 24½ cwt.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

JOHN A. TURLEY ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
*MISS JOAN HILLS ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 6
E. GAVAN D. TONKIN... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.  
\* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Hills.



## REDHILL, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*BARBARA M. HARRIS ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
*PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 3	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Major in the method 'inside.'

## PENSURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
ERNEST J. LADD ... Treble	ERNEST H. EVEREST ... 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	ALFRED H. JAMES ... 6
BERNARD W. PANKHURST ... 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	ROBERT COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A compliment to Mr. George Edwards, of Penshurst, for his 80th birthday, and to Mr. R. W. Whitehead (district secretary) and Miss Jean E. Pankhurst on their marriage.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.	
SIDNEY A. WHITE ... Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... 2	ERNEST J. LADD ... 6
JOHN T. MEDHURST ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
*ROY E. WOOD ... 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

## CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPALDING COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	*WILLIAM THOMPSETT ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	REV. E. G. BENSON ... 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	LESLIE EVANS ... 7
JOHN D. ROCK ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.  
\* First peal of Major. The first peal in the method on tower bells and by all the band except Miss Betty Spice. Tenor 12 cwt.

## EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.	
BETTY SPICE ... Treble	*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 6
WILLIAM THOMPSETT ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
JOHN D. ROCK ... 4	ROY HALLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* 50th tower-bell peal.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... Treble	JOHN H. HUNT ... 5
MISS HAZEL DALE ... 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 6
*MISS NELIA LEAHY ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 550th peal.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK S. CHENEY ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
DOROTHY UDAL ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 6
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

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

First peal of Rochester Surprise Major by all and for the Guild.

## MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... Treble	CANON R. F. WILKINSON ... 5
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by the REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

First of Cambridge as conductor. The first clerical peal of Cambridge.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 5
*BERT CHILVERS ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
JOHN R. SMITH ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

## USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.	
EDGAR W. LUFF ... Treble	*REUBEN S. CLENCH ... 5
*FRANCIS A. HOBBS ... 2	*SPENCER G. A. KEAR ... 6
GEORGE KNIGHT ... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 7
LIONEL JONES ... 4	*IVOR E. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

\* First peal.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

*PETER FOSTER ... Treble	GORDON HARRISON ... 5
ALAN FOSTER ... 2	*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6
NOREEN BRAIN ... 3	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 7
*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BENJAMIN G. KEY.  
\* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. L. Roden and Miss N. Brain.

## WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 13 cwt.	
THOMAS BARKER ... Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
MISS MURIEL REAY ... 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 7
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 4	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

## DRAXTON, SOMERSET.

## THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

REV. C. CAREW COX ... Treble	*REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 5
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 6
CANON R. F. WILKINSON ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.  
\* First peal of Major. First peal of Kent on the bells and for the Guild. Fiftieth peal as conductor. Tenor 19 cwt.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... 5
*REGINALD L. SILLS ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 6
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 3	BENJAMIN J. BAKER ... 7
ROBERT COLLINS ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Surprise.



## BUXTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

JOHN W. MEADE ... .. Treble	†BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 5
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 6
*MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ... 3	†JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

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

‡ 100th peal. Tenor 16 cwt.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

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

PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 5
JOHN HAYES ... .. 2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 6
JOHN W. BEST ... .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 4	HARRY PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal in the method. Tenor 20 cwt.

## CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Middleton's	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
THOMAS C. BELTON ... Treble	ALAN CATTELL ... .. 5
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 2	JOHN J. MORRIS ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

In memoriam Charles Hy. Belton, May 1st, 1947.

## EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.
CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 5
PATRICK PRESTON ... 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 6
HAROLD PAILING ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
JOHN E. HOBBS ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells by the Guild.

## EWHURST, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF RIDGEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

*GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	*ERIC T. LEE ... .. 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	*T. MARK WHITE ... 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 3	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	*HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor and on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt.

## HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK LEECH ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... .. 5
*MISS BESSIE A. CARTER ... 2	†FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 6
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4	JOSEPH CAPPER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Bob Triples by all the band and on the bells.

## HYDE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13½ Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4	PETER LAFIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Milner.

## TIVERTON, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 2	HARRY J. SANGER ... 6
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	*ERIC BRUNTON ... 5
*CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... 3	†VICTOR J. G. WOOD ... 7
†CHARLES CLEGG ... 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First Surprise peal. † First in method on 'inside' bell. ‡ First in method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Cyril Crossthwaite. Tenor 16 cwt.

## SIX RINGING PEALS

## HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	DAVID R. REED ... 4
JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

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

## BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. (approximately).

MARGARET RIGBY ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 3	FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT, JUN.

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

## BALLYLESSON, CO. DOWN.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of Holy Trinity, Drumbo,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDK. G. BURROWS Treble	†HAROLD J. MCGRATH ... 5
*WILLIAM WEBB ... 2	†A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5
†WILLIAM A. PATTERSON ... 3	†SAMUEL MCCLELLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ First tower-bell peal of Minor and as conductor. A compliment to the instructor, S. McClelland.

## STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and three extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*KENNETH J. EDGE ... Treble	†BERNAL SHAW ... 4
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ... 2	†ROY T. MILLWARD ... 5
WM. THORNLEY, SEN. ... 3	†WILFRED WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

\* First peal. † First in three methods. A farewell tribute to the Vicar, Rev. R. C. Baggs.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 Singles and C.C.C. Adaptations. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WALTER PAPWORTH ... Treble	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 4
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2	FRANK H. NEWMAN ... 5
STANLEY GILBERT ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A birthday compliment to Princess Elizabeth.



## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
 ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble | MISS M. E. BEAMISH ... 4  
 \*COLIN A. KIRK ... 2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5  
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3 | JOHN B. BENNETT ... Tenor  
 Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

## EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 17 extents of Grandsire, 9 St. Simon's and 16 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.  
 \*GORDON F. PICKTHALL Treble | CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 4  
 \*A. LEONARD SHEPHERD... 2 | ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 5  
 JOHN COOKE ... 3 | THOMAS W. WOOD ... Tenor  
 Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. A first birthday compliment to Michael Shepherd.

## STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
 WILLIAM MARTIN ... Treble | \*MISS M. LAMBERT ... 4  
 \*MISS D. TOMLINSON ... 2 | SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 5  
 HARRY HILL ... 3 | ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor  
 Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal.

## HUTTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.  
 \*ERIC M. BAKER ... Treble | †CHARLES E. HILL ... 3  
 \*MAURICE BAKER ... 2 | †WILLIAM T. HILL ... 4  
 HARRY TURNER ... Tenor  
 Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

## WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5076 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's and a 36. Tenor 9 cwt.  
 SIDNEY ANSELL ... Treble | RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 4  
 FREDERICK MEETENS ... 2 | HENRY WEAVER ... 5  
 EDGAR RAPLEY ... 3 | BRIAN PRICE ... Tenor  
 Conducted by BRIAN PRICE.

A farewell peal to Mr. Henry Colley, who is emigrating to Canada.

## BOBBING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse College and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
 STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... Treble | FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4  
 ERIC NAYLOR ... 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5  
 BERT W. MAY ... 3 | GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... Tenor  
 Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

First peal in five methods by treble and second ringers.

## HUTTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight different Morris' 240's, eight different Pitman 240's, and ten different six-scores. Tenor 19 cwt.  
 WILLIAM BIRCHALL ... Treble | T. ERIC GORE ... 4  
 SIDNEY T. SMITH ... 2 | FRANK W. MARS ... 5  
 DOREEN M. JONES... 3 | WILLIAM R. BIRCHALL ... Tenor  
 Conducted by WILLIAM R. BIRCHALL.

First peal by all except conductor. First by local service ringers. First as conductor. An 80th birthday compliment to the treble ringer after nearly 50 years' service.

## HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob and 30 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 21 cwt.  
 \*MARGARET ROSS ... Treble | †JOHN H. R. BETTS ... 4  
 MURIEL V. TASSELL ... 2 | ALFRED W. BODIEM ... 5  
 GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 3 | MAURICE G. WHITE ... Tenor  
 Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

## MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.  
 \*ERNEST BAWDEN ... Treble | RONALD WHITE ... 4  
 GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 2 | †CHARLES DAVIS ... 5  
 ALBERT S. ATYEO ... 3 | \*WILLIAM KEIRL ... Tenor  
 Conducted by GILBERT W. RENDELL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. For the 21st wedding anniversary of the ringer of the treble

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
 OLIVE TRANTER ... Treble | JOHN WHITTING ... 4  
 CHARLES ROUSE ... 2 | WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 5  
 LESLIE BARRY ... 3 | \*FREDERICK TRANTER ... Tenor  
 Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Mr. and Mrs. Tranter's first peal together.

## STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.  
 ARTHUR SHEPHERD ... Treble | DENNIS CARLISLE ... 4  
 GIRLING RIGBY ... 2 | EDWARD C. GOBEY... 5  
 \*WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 3 | EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor  
 Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Norwich, (2) Ipswich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.  
 PAT GILBERT ... Treble | ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4  
 C. HENRY HARDING ... 2 | \*RONALD C. NOON... 5  
 RONALD J. SHARP ... 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor  
 Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

## ASH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.  
 \*REGINALD C. BEALE Treble | DENNIS R. BEST ... 4  
 REGINALD WELCH ... 2 | REGINALD BEALE ... 5  
 HARRY J. BAYLARD ... 3 | JACK W. DREW ... Tenor  
 Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

\* First peal of Minor.

## HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.  
 RONALD C. NOON ... Treble | †ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 4  
 MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2 | GEOFFREY E. WATSON... 5  
 \*KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor  
 Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor in three methods 'inside.' First peal on these fine bells since rehanging in 1938 by Mears and Stainbank.

(More peals on page 221.)



**ALDRESHOT, HANTS.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Little Bob Major: R. Corke 1, C. J. Williamson 2, R. Philpott 3, G. K. Williamson 4, E. J. Smith 5, R. O. Fry 6, E. J. Bragg 7, W. H. Viggers (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

**APPLEDORE, KENT.**—On April 23rd, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: W. Marshall 1, M. S. Marshall 2, P. Page 3, P. D. Huckstepp 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, T. Cullingworth 6, F. G. Huckstepp (cond.) 7, H. Parkes 8. First in method by all the band.

**BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.**—On April 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Claxton 1, H. Parker 2, W. Tyson 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, G. Dowling 6, S. King 7, J. Welburn 8. Rung on the light six with 7 and 8 covering. First quarter by all except No. 6.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On April 18th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 528 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Hartley 1, W. Birmingham 2, W. F. Butler 3, A. C. D. Pearce, R.A.F. 4, S.S.M. P. Toccock 5, G. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 12th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Alnwick, Carlisle, London and Cambridge): E. Parker 1, S. Wyburn 2, R. Young 3, A. J. Chubb 4, I. Farmer (cond.) 5, H. W. Lloyd 6. First of Surprise in four methods by all the band and by a Dunster deanery band.

**CHERTSEY, SURREY.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. R. Stevens 1, Miss J. Crocker 2, Miss N. Stevens 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, E. Armstrong 6, J. B. Hessey (composer and cond.) 7, T. Warden 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. C. L. Holthouse) and Messrs. O. Warnes and H. R. Stevens.

**DAMERSHAM, HANTS.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Mackenzie (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gray (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, H. Gray 6.

**DRAYTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Locke 1, R. Beale 2, F. Welch 3, D. Best 4, E. Dabinett 5, R. Welch 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, A. Bailey 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EDENHAM, LINGS.**—On April 23rd, 1,288 Kent Major: N. B. Fovarque 1, W. A. Holmes 2, W. B. Dawson 3, F. Harwood 4, J. P. Morris 5, F. French 6, A. J. Holmes (cond.) 7, A. H. Bennett 8. First quarter 1 and 5.

**FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, DORCHESTER.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Jean Day (first quarter) 1, J. B. Whalley 2, E. E. Coombs (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. A. E. Treasure 4, H. R. Pink (cond.) 5, K. W. Hewitt 6.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On April 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. B. Blond 1, J. Gordon 2, G. Bishop 3, H. K. White 4, E. R. Robey 5, B. L. J. Brown 6, H. L. Bishop 7, A. H. Webb (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a son (Philip James) for treble ringer.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Cornnell (first of Triples) 1, R. A. Cochrane 2, D. J. Hiscock (first quarter) 3, W. T. Holmes 4, S. Huckle 5, A. F. Cull (first as cond.) 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, L. F. Cull 8. A farewell compliment to the conductor.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, B. A. Rose 3, K. Gristwood (first quarter) 4, J. Cobb 5, E. R. Gladman (birthday compliment) 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

**KERESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harrison (first of Doubles) 1, W. B. Ellender 2, C. Wharton 3, M. N. Reeves (first as cond.) 4, A. Bristow 5.

**LAMBERHURST, KENT.**—On April 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Geoffrey Water 1, Miss F. Wood 2, J. Owen Souter 3, P. Carter 4, A. H. Kemp 5, Malcolm S. Cloke (cond.) 6. First 'inside' 2 and 4.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on April 10th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews (first in the method) 3, W. H. Hewett 4, L. H. Bowler 5, A. Cutler 6, T. H. Francis 7, T. J. Lock (first in the method as cond.) 8.

**LYE, WORCS.**—On April 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. A. Layland 1, G. Westwood 2, J. Warr 3, D. Woldridge 4, E. A. Turner 5, P. C. Richards 6, Miss Mollie Tromands 7, C. T. Richards (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

**MYTHOLMROYD, YORKS.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, J. Ingham 3, A. Bottomely 4, J. Ingham (cond.) 5, D. Sanderson 6, F. Greenwood 7, R. Grave 8.

**NORTON, MALTON.**—At St. Peter's on April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Beach 1, H. Rowsby 2, H. Robson 3, H. Spencer 4, A. G. Dalton 5, E. Hudson 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, O. H. Smith (first quarter) 8. First quarter on the bells.

**SANDHURST, BERKS.**—On April 23rd, 1,440 Spiced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Paice 1, R. Elliott 2, W. J. Parker (cond.) 3, W. J. Paice 4, C. Fennell 5, B. C. Castle 6.

**TAUNTON.**—On April 16th at St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Morris 1, H. Floyd 2, E. Wadman (first in method) 3, F. Matravers (first 'inside') 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, C. Williams (first as cond.) 7, E. Simons 8. Rung for the wedding of the captain of St. James'.

**TICKNALL, DERBYS.**—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Miss K. Tivey (rst quarter) 1, P. Marriott 2, W. G. Soar (cond.) 3, J. Hulse 4, T. J. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott 6. A 14th birthday compliment to P. Marriott.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On April 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss S. Coles 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, J. Goodall 4, C. Finch 5, E. E. Holman 6, H. Smith 7, F. C. Maynard (cond.) 8, C. T. W. Coles 9, F. Taylor 10. First of Caters by 1 and 5.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—At St. Cuthbert's on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Webb 1, R. Gardener 2, B. Webb 3, E. Cook 4, D. Roberts 5, G. Radford 6, W. Dunkerton 7, D. Webb 8. First quarter 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. Covering bells 4, 6, 8. F. D. Rickards (cond.)

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## LATE NEWS

The Bradford Cathedral Bells will be on the air the next two Sundays (May 15th and 22nd) at 8.45 p.m.

Mr. William Henry Young, former instructor to Hereford Guild, died at Allensmore, Hereford, on April 23rd, aged 81.

Our phrase about 'the talent of the country' being assembled at Exeter Cathedral for the peal of Cambridge Maximus has caused a little heartburning. To set all minds at rest, we would say emphatically that other bands in the country could be collected capable of such a fine performance. Nevertheless, it was a company of first-class calibre that the organiser assembled.

The Coker twins of High Wycombe celebrated their 19th birthday by Doreen calling her first peal.

Congratulations to Mr. Frederick W. Rogers, secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, on his 500th peal.

Mr. John W. Evans, who participated in the peal at Oxton, Cheshire, rang his last peal 22 years ago. He had been a service ringer there since the bells were installed in 1895. The occasion was a farewell to the Vicar.

The peal at Ballyleson on Easter Monday made history for the Irish Association. It was the first to be rung by a service band from St. Thomas', Belfast; the first on the bells (which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor's); first Minor peal to be rung in Ireland in a six-bell tower, and the first tower-bell Minor peal in the Northern District.

In connection with the Mission to London and in accordance with the Bishop of London's request, nearly every ring of bells in the diocese will be rung on Saturday (to-morrow). The majority of bands have arranged peals or quarter-peals at their churches, but at the following any visitor to London will be assured of a ring: Acton, St. Mary's, 6 to 7 p.m.; Ealing, Christ Church, 5 to 5.45; Ealing, St. Stephen's, 4 to 4.45; Heston, St. Leonard's, from 4 p.m.; Isleworth, All Saints', 2 to 3; Stepney, St. Dunstan's, 5 to 6 (College Youths meeting); Tottenham, All Hallows', 6 to 7.30; Upper Clapton, St. Matthew's, 3 to 5.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. J. Ball, who has been a ringer at Sandy, Beds, for 35 years, and for over 28 years secretary of the Biggleswade District, has had peal honours accorded him in his own tower upon his election as a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association. The band was afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. Ball.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Christ Church, Epsom, on February 19th, conducted by Philip M. J. Gray, consisted of 5,152 changes, not 5,040 as published.

Mr. James Higgins, of St. Giles', Oxford, has won the Domus Scholarship in Mathematics at Balliol College. He attends the City of Oxford School.

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Spice, widow of Mr. William Spice, sen., late of Tunstall, Sittingbourne, who celebrates her 87th birthday to-morrow.

Messrs. W. H. Curson and J. W. Cotton, chairman and secretary respectively of the Midland Counties Guild, have now 'circled' Lullington tower, this being the fifth tower in the area that Mr. J. W. Cotton has 'circled'.

The ring of ten bells at Stroud Parish Church, Glos., has been overhauled and new bearings fitted by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the work being supervised by Mr. J. Thomas. On May 15th, evensong will take the form of a service of thanksgiving, and the Bishop of Tewkesbury will be present to rededicate the bells.

Mr. T. H. Wood is the fifth Eastham (Cheshire) ringer to score a peal since the war. Prior to the war the only change ringing performed at Eastham was a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. The war broke up the band. Mr. Wood being the only remaining member. Solely through his efforts a new company of ten has been established, four of whom had rung peals of Minor.

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## CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT EXETER

## THE STORY OF A FINE PEAL.

On April 30th, twelve ringers met in the Cathedral Close at Exeter to attempt a peal of *Cambridge Maximus*, an achievement that had been only once before accomplished. Many of us had been there also in April, 1947, and had taken part in a peal of *Stedman Cinques*, at the conclusion of which one tenorman said to the other, 'Do you know, I think we could turn her in to Cambridge.'

Several others expressed a willingness to 'have a go,' and in due course a suitable band was arranged, permission to make the attempt obtained, and the date fixed.

As we stood chatting in the spring sunshine the 'quiet of the Cathedral Close,' advertised as one of its attractions by the hotel where most of us were to spend the night, was prematurely shattered by the roar of a Vampire jet-plane flying round at terrific speed and low altitude as part of a recruiting campaign for the R.A.F.

Somewhat deafened by this experience, we made our way to the ringing chamber, accompanied by a number of the Cathedral ringers, who, as they always do on these occasions, made the visitors feel really at home by the warmth of their welcome, and then proceeded to do most of the preliminary work of raising the bells and adjusting the ropes for us.

'Grandison,' of course, no matter how many assist, always goes up with the clapper the wrong side; knowing this, one of the Londoners was surprised to see the local men set the bell at almost the first attempt and was heard to say, 'You wouldn't do that at St. Paul's.' He did not know that someone else standing on the frame above caught hold of the wheel as the bell was reaching the top of its swing and with a hearty heave pulled it over the balance against the stay!

By this time the missing member arrived. A message of good wishes from the Dean was conveyed to the ringers, and at about 4.15 a start was made. Almost immediately after going into changes, doubtless to the satisfaction of all the band and to the relief of one or two who had perhaps been feeling somewhat dubious, the bells settled down to a steady beat of roughly twenty changes to the minute. The first time the eleventh and tenor dodged together they did it beautifully and continued to do so, while the 'smaller fry' soon discovered exactly how long they had to wait when working with the big bells.

The composition selected did not disturb the bells until the 'home' lead, and the way in which the plain course was rung gave the band encouraging confidence. As was to be expected there were a few small trips and occasionally one or other would look the wrong way, but if the mistake were not immediately corrected by the 'sinner' he was very quickly called to order and convinced of the error of his ways.

The second and third courses went by smoothly with the rhythm gradually becoming more and more regular, and then for over an hour with the 6th in 5ths place and the 5th in 6ths we had some really splendid ringing. Critics agree that Cambridge is not a particularly musical method, but on these bells this deficiency was not noticeable and these three courses will long be remembered, at any rate by the writer.

In the seventh course an attempt to change course was observed and very promptly frustrated by the conductor, while near its end and in the opening leads of the next the ringing did become a little ragged. Listeners, outside and inside, may well have thought that the weight was beginning to tell and that someone was tiring, but, like a runner getting his 'second wind,' recovery was not long delayed and the last two courses furnished a very pleasing conclusion to a fine peal. The time of four hours and twenty-three minutes differed only by two minutes from that of the previous *Maximus*, and represents a rate of

striking almost exactly equivalent to that of the *Cinques* in 1947, which occupied four hours and eleven minutes.

When 'stand' was called all the bells, including the tenor, obliged at the first time of asking, and the back-enders were at once surrounded by the rest and heartily congratulated. 'Ted' Duffield will, I hope, forgive a 'special mention' for the magnificent manner in which he rang the eleventh, with hardly a blister of respectable size to show as the result of his efforts. Stan Mason and Wilfred Williams, also, earned the admiration of all by their skilful collaboration on the tenor, which they really did ring as one man.

Our Exeter friends were now back in the tower and assisted in dropping the bells in readiness for the service chiming on Sunday morning. Incidentally, there are at least two places from which it is very pleasant to listen to this chiming—first, the gardens of the Bishop's Palace, and, secondly, a comfortable bed in the Royal Clarence.

The band was drawn from all over the country, containing ringers from most of the recognised centres of twelve-bell ringing who travelled an aggregate distance to Exeter of about two thousand miles. It was very fitting, therefore, that the peal should be rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths. On Sunday morning many of us enjoyed more excellent ringing on the lovely Taylor eight at Heavitree, where once again the resident ringers proved perfect hosts and appeared to derive as much pleasure from our visit as we ourselves. Many thanks from us all to Exeter for a memorable week-end! F.E.H.

## CONGRATULATIONS.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to express my appreciation and admiration of the splendid peal of *Cambridge Maximus* rung on the Cathedral bells on April 30th. It was indeed, in my humble opinion, an exhibition of our art of an historic order, not only as a demonstration of perfect ringing, but as a supreme test of endurance. As we (my old friend, Mr. T. Laver, who, everyone will be pleased to know, is looking much more his old self, and I walked round the Cathedral, we were impressed not only with the perfect striking and rhythm, but by the way the ninth, tenth, eleventh and tenor (Grandison) played at tittums. It was music to perfection and I think the composer is to be congratulated even as the band who rolled off the composition. In the words of one of our own members of high repute, 'it was a peal worthy of the bells and the Society for which the peal was rung.'

FREDK. C. SMALE, Hon. Sec.,

Guild of Devon Ringers.

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## PRESENTATION TO MR. H. SHEPHERD

Upon completing 50 years in the choir at Solihull Parish Church, Mr. Hubert Shepherd was entertained to dinner on April 29th by his fellow members. The function was attended by the Rector, churchwardens and old friends from many parts of England.

In presenting Mr. Shepherd with an illuminated address and a cheque for 50 gns., the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Fraser) stressed the wonderful persistence and devotion that had enabled Mr. Shepherd to give such service to God and to the Parish Church.

Mr. Shepherd, in reply, paid tribute to his old and well-beloved choirmaster, Mr. Courtenay Woods, and recalled incidents connected with boyhood friends, many of whom gave their lives in the 1914 war.

A peal in honour of Mr. Hubert Shepherd was conducted at St. Alphege's, Solihull, on April 23rd, by his brother, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

GLOUCESTER.—On April 24th at St. Mary-de-Lode's, 1,260 *Grandsire Doubles*: C. Hodges 1, H. Worrall 2, Miss M. Winter (first quarter) 3, J. Whiting 4, L. Barry (cond.) 5, C. Lerner 6.

## Leeds &amp; District Society

## 60th ANNUAL MEETING.

The Society's jubilee meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 30th. The bells were raised at 2.30 p.m. and ringing was enjoyed on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Before the tea interval the Vicar of Leeds came to the belfry and was invited to dedicate a new peal board, which had been erected to commemorate a peal of *Grandsire Triples* rung by a local band on the occasion of the birth of H.R.H. Prince Charles. This was the first peal of Triples by a local band for almost 40 years.

A splendid tea was arranged and about 40 ringers and friends sat down to enjoy this, which was served in the Church Rooms.

The business meeting was held in the tower. Mr. T. Hill presided and members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Idle, Leeds, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn, Tadcaster, Woodlesford, Handsworth, Sheffield and Kippax.

Four new members were elected, viz., Mrs. E. D. Kelly, Messrs. H. Grimwood, W. Thirkell and J. E. Turley.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. W. Benten and seconded by Mr. A. Johnson. Mr. L. Drake acknowledged the thanks.

Mr. I. Slack and Mr. F. Gibbard moved and seconded that the nominations for next year's officers be confirmed, so the following were declared elected: President, Mr. T. Hill; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, F. Hutchinson and S. H. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report was then read. The main details were 11 meetings held during the year; membership 220 includes 11 members in the Armed Forces and 14 honorary and 21 new members. The report asked all members to support the meetings and when peals were being arranged to try and fix them for Saturdays not meeting days.

The balance sheet was read, and as this had been circulated, members were able to see that the Society's income was from subscriptions and bank interest. Satisfaction was expressed that the Society had no need to raise subscriptions as many other societies were doing. The report and balance sheet were accepted.

The proposed list of visits to towers was read out and the alterations from previous lists explained.

It was proposed that Mr. W. H. Senior should be elected a life vice-president as a reward for his many years' service whilst attached to the Society. This was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the auditors and to the chairman for presiding at the meetings.

The next meeting is due to be held at Birstall on May 28th.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

## NORTH-EAST DIVISION.

The district's first meeting at Tendring since the early months of the war was very successful. About 40 ringers attended and an encouraging sign was the number of young ringers of both sexes present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Hodge), and was followed by tea in the schoolroom.

At the business meeting three new members from St. Osyth were elected, and Kirby was chosen for the next meeting. It was decided to hold practice meetings at various towers where there were beginners in need of help. The ringing during the afternoon and evening catered for all tastes, from rounds to Surprise Minor.



# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## Minutes of London Meeting

Minutes of the first session of the twentieth Council (51st Annual Meeting), held at the Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, Cannon Street, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1949.

The Master of the Skinners Company, Canon Adam Fox, and Dean Matthews, of St. Paul's Cathedral, extended a welcome to the members, which was acknowledged by the President.

A letter from the Private Secretary to the Princess Elizabeth, expressing regret that neither the Princess nor the Duke of Edinburgh could be present, was read by the President.

Prayers were offered by Dean Matthews.

### PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths. — Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. F. G. Fenn, Mr. H. R. Newton, Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University Guild. — Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. F. Sheppard.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. C. W. Lawton, Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derby and District Association.—Mr. G. C. Briggs.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough. Durham and Newcastle Association. — Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. N. Park.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. S. F. Price, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. W. Williams.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Oliver, Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. H. G. Cashmore, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association — Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association. — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Snice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. W. H. Shaker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.

London County Association. — Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. A. W. Coles, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. A. J. Hughes. Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Miss B. Spice. Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine, Mr. E. E. Whitmore.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. W. C. West. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. T. H. Francis, Mr. F. C. W. Knight, Mr. G. Steere.

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Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. H. Bennett.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. F. D. Teague.

Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross. Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association. — Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt.

Yorkshire Association.—Rev. C. O. Ellison, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary Members.—Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

	Members		
	Associations.	Present.	Absent.
Wholly represented ...	36	99	
Partially represented ...	11	26	13
Not represented ...	6		8
	53	125	21
Hon. Members ...		13	
		138	21

### REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary reported a membership of 53 Associations, represented by 146 members as shown by 24 Associations entitled to four members, 4 to three, 13 to two, and 12 to one. Honorary members numbered seventeen.

The North Wales Association had reaffiliated and representation had increased in the Truro Diocesan Guild, Barnsley and District Association, Derby and Districts Association, and Midland Counties Guild.

The names of representatives had not been furnished by the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the Oxford Society, and the Scottish Association. The latter had failed to pay affiliation fees.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Mr. W. C. Wakley, Devon Guild; Mr. F. Ainsley, Durham and Newcastle Association; Miss H. G. Snowden, Essex; Mr. G. R. Newton, Lancashire; Mrs. O. Rogers, London County; Rev. C. E. Wigg, Oxford University; Mr. F. Precey, Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. J. D. Johnson, Worcestershire and Districts; and Honorary Members. Mrs. C. C. Marshall, and Messrs. C. F. Johnston and E. A. Young.

### PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

New members presented were: Mr. G. W. Cecil, Ancient Society of College Youths; Messrs. J. E. Bibby, C. W. Lawton and C. K. Lewis, Chester; Mr. G. O. Briggs, Derby; Mr. W. N. Park, Durham and Newcastle; Mr. E. H. Mastin, Ely; Mr. F. V. Gant, Essex; Messrs. S. T. Price, F. Skidmore and W. Williams, Gloucester and Bristol; Mr. G. E.

Oliver, Hereford; Messrs. R. G. Bell and C. W. Woolley, Hertford; Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Irish; Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kent; Mr. A. W. Coles, Middlesex; Mr. B. G. Key, Midland Counties; Mr. R. S. Anderson, North Staffs; Mr. A. J. Hughes, North Wales; Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. D. Boreham, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Miss B. Spice, Oxford University; Mr. E. E. Whitmore, Peterborough; Messrs. T. H. Francis and F. O. W. Knight, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. G. E. Symonds, Suffolk; Mrs. A. S. Roberts and Messrs. H. Miles and F. D. Teague, Truro; Rev. C. O. Ellison, Yorkshire; and Mr. W. A. Osborn, Honorary Member.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President.—It was proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards that Mr. E. H. Lewis be re-elected President. This resolution was carried.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.—Owing to Mr. G. W. Fletcher's non-election as a representative member and there being some doubt as to whether an officer of the Council could serve during the meeting if elected as an honorary member, it was resolved on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, that Mr. Fletcher act as Secretary for the period of the meeting. It was further resolved on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, that subject to his election as an honorary member, Mr. G. W. Fletcher be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Honorary Librarian.—On the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was re-elected.

Election of Honorary Members.—It was proposed by Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, that the fourteen members retiring be re-elected, and it was further proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, that the following names be added: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. H. Viggers and Mr. E. A. Barnett. The ballot for the seventeen places resulted in the following being elected: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, and Messrs. E. A. Barnett, C. Dean, G. E. Debenham, G. W. Fletcher, T. Groombridge, sen., W. H. J. Hooton, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, H. Viggers, A. Walker and E. Alex. Young.

Election of Hon. Auditors.—The following were elected: Mr. C. Dean on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and Mr. A. A. Hughes on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

### LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

A silent tribute was paid to the memory of the following members and past members: G. Chester, Rev. H. Drake, Keith Hart, J. J. Jutson, E. H. Lindup, R. Matthews, Rev. E. S. Powell, E. Denison Taylor, F. B. Tompkins and J. A. Trollope.

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

On the President's motion, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, the minutes as published and circulated were taken as read and approved, subject to the insertion of a reference to the royal telegrams to the Princess Elizabeth and Queen Mary.

### REPORTS

The various reports and accounts presented to the Council have been published as indicated and are preserved in the Council's records.

### REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 220.) Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. G. H. Cross. Approval was given to print a Broadsheet devoted to classification of Minor Methods.

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 220.) Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 220.)  
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and it was also agreed to appoint Mr. A. Walker a trustee in place of Mr. E. A. Young, resigned.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 220.)  
Adopted on the President's motion. The following were elected to this committee. The election was by ballot, thirteen members being proposed for twelve places. Elected: Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, J. W. L. Clarke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, F. W. Perrens, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, J. F. Smallwood, A. Paddon Smith, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker.

REPORT OF PEAL COLLECTION  
COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, pages 220-221.)  
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. G. Cashmore, seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley. The following committee was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. A. Walker: Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, G. R. Newton, C. W. Woolley and E. A. Barnett, with Mr. Cashmore as convener, proposed by Mr. F. W. Rogers, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

## REPORT OF METHODS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 221.)  
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. The following were elected to the committee: Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers; Mr. H. G. Cashmore, proposed by Mr. W. H. Barber, seconded by Mr. W. N. Park; Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger, seconded by Mr. G. Williams; Mr. Nolan Golden, proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgley; and Mr. C. K. Lewis, proposed by Mr. C. W. Lawton, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler, with Rev. K. W. H. Felstead as convener, proposed by Mr. J. P. Fidler, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS  
COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 231.)  
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. Arising out of the report, it was agreed on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler, to refer to the appropriate committee the question of the use of Singles in Treble Bob Compositions. The committee, consisting of Mr. C. Dean, convener, Mr. G. L. Grover and Mr. W. Ayre, was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

## REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 221.)  
Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and it was also resolved that the handbell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major of 13,664 changes rung at Bushy on February 29th, 1948, be admitted as a record peal, proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the committee, Mrs. L. K. Marshall and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, was re-elected, with Mrs. Fletcher as convener, proposed by the President.

REPORT OF TOWERS AND BELFRIES  
COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 231.)  
Adopted on the President's motion. On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the following committee was re-elected, with Mr. Lewis as convener: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. W. Osborn.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE PRESS  
AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, pages 231-232.)  
Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith. The committee, consisting of the Rev. F. L. Edwards (convener), Mr. A. Paddon Smith and Mr. A. Walker, was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. H. Poole.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS  
COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 232.)  
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, and on the proposal of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, the committee was re-elected as follows: Mr. W. G. Wilson (convener), Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES  
COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 232.)  
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher. The following committee was appointed on the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker: Mr. A. C. Hazelden (convener) and Mr. W. Viggers.

REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'  
COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 232.)  
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1947, were also adopted, and it was also agreed on the recommendation of the Standing Committee to pay to the auditor a fee of £21, being £5 5s. for each year.

On the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Editor and the following committee elected: Mr. E. H. Lewis (convener), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

## ALTERATIONS TO RULE 13.

On the motion of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, it was resolved that the words 'The Ringing World' be substituted for the words 'the ringing papers.'

## BOOK ON HANDBELL RINGING.

On the proposal of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, it was resolved that the book on handbell ringing be completed and printed at the earliest opportunity.

## STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES.

On the proposal of Mr. G. E. Symonds, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, it was agreed to reprint the late John Carter's Broadsheet of peals and place these on sale.

## MR. LINDOFF'S MANUSCRIPTS.

On the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, it was agreed to ask the Peal Collection Committee to examine these manuscripts and report thereon.

## PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On the invitation of Mr. P. J. Johnson, supported by the Rev. C. O. Ellison, it was decided to hold the next meeting at York. Proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

## MEMORIALS.

The following sums were voted:—  
To the Rupert Richardson Memorial, £3 3s., on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. J. Bray.

To the J. W. Parker Memorial, £3 3s., on the proposal of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

## VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, thanks were accorded to the Master and Wardens of the Skinners Company for the use of the hall; to Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was responsible for the arrangements; to the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral; to the incumbents of the various towers for use of bells and to the steeple-keepers.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith expressed the members' thanks to Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hughes for the tea which was provided during the afternoon session.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Benton 1, Joan Beresford 2, M. G. Turner 3, P. Beresford 4, J. B. Webb 5, G. W. Hughes 6, D. Beresford (first of Triples as cond.) 7, P. G. Golder 8.

## OBITUARY

## MR. F. W. MIDDLETON.

The death occurred with tragic suddenness on April 30th of Mr. Frederick William Middleton, of Mulbarton, in his 79th year. Attending the Norwich Association North Norfolk Branch meeting that afternoon at Wroxham, he accepted an offer to take part in a touch, but soon after its completion he passed away without any previous indication that he was unwell.

Mr. Middleton will be much missed throughout the whole of the Association, for he was a regular supporter of its meetings in all its four branches; he was a true friend and a charming, hospitable host to all who visited his home. He joined the Norwich Association on April 28th, 1891, and had been keenly interested in bells and ringing all his life. He and his wife gave the treble bell at Mulbarton in memory of his only son, killed at Dunkirk.

Mr. Middleton was a farrier by trade and held the office of sub-postmaster for 50 years, a service which was recognised by the award of the B.E.M. in the New Year Honours List. For a like period he was a member of the church choir and local correspondent to the 'Eastern Daily Press.'

The funeral took place at Mulbarton on the following Tuesday, when a crowded church paid tribute to the high esteem in which Mr. Middleton was held. Ringers were present from Buxton, Caston, Forncoett, Hethersett, Norwich, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yaxham, in addition to the local band. In an address, the Rector, the Rev. A. St. John Heard, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, spoke of the deceased's long life of service to the community and the sterling qualities for which Mr. Middleton was respected and admired. At the interment, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, and afterwards the tower bells were rung muffled by a band representative of the Association. Later in the afternoon a peal of 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Minor was rung as a last tribute, four of the local band taking part. Among the wreaths was one from the local band and another from the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Mr. Middleton is survived by his wife and two daughters. N. G.

SUCCESSFUL WEEK FOR LEICESTER  
CATHEDRAL BAND

By ringing Rochester Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, the Leicester Cathedral band has added another Surprise method to those which have been accomplished on all numbers of bells within the space of a week. The older methods which have been completed in a week are Cambridge, 6, 8, 10 and 12; York, 6, 8, 10 and 12; Pudsey, 8, 10 and 12; Yorkshire, 8, 10 and 12.

The band are indebted to Mr. John R. Smith, who travelled from Norfolk at short notice to complete the band for Maximus. Unfortunately, Mr. Shirley Burton was unable to ring and the local first reserve, Mr. H. G. Jenney, was not available. John learned his ringing with the Cathedral band and has been ringing frequently with them during his studies at Loughborough.

Upon the Maximus being successfully accomplished on the Thursday, some of the mad-hatters chirped, 'What about the three in a week?' The ball started rolling and soon gathered impetus. Royal was rung on the light ten at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and Major at Rathy on the following Monday and Wednesday respectively. In the Major, Herriek B. Bowley was able to complete the circle in Rathy tower.

In between these three peals Mr. Harold J. Poole also conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells, which was the first by the other four members of the band. The Rochester Surprise was the first by all the band in each case, which brought the total number of firsts for the week to 34. Not bad going—say the mad-hatters



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## OCCASIONS FOR RINGING - &amp; PEAL TAX

Dear Sir,—The leading article in 'The Ringing World' of April 29th deals, in the admirable manner to which we have become accustomed, with a number of subjects of considerable interest. On two of these, namely, 'occasions for ringing' and 'peal tax,' I would welcome an opportunity of expressing my views.

In the Kent County Association we have a rule which demands that 'the bells must be rung or chimed for service to the satisfaction of the incumbent and churchwardens.' I regard this as an admirable precept. It serves as an adequate reminder that the occasions for the ringing of the bells are not a matter for the ringers at all, but for the legally constituted officials of the Church. That being so, ringers have not the right as a corporate body either through their local association or guild, or through the Central Council, to say when or when not the bells shall be rung. Moreover, in view of the diversity of theological opinion within the Church of England, they should on no account attempt to do so, as whatever decision is made it is almost certain to give offence to one section or another.

Many of your readers will remember the action which was taken by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at their last annual meeting with regard to ringing during Holy Week. The practice of ringing on Holy Saturday, although not universal, is encouraged and asked for by a number of clergy, and yet the Oxford Guild passed a resolution condemning the practice. It was ironical that such a resolution should be passed in Oxford of all places, as this great city is the spiritual home of the Catholic movement within the Church of England. However, it is not my present purpose to discuss whether the practice is right or wrong, but merely to emphasise that within the Church of England one group of clergy and devout churchpeople would strongly condemn this practice and another group would heartily applaud it. It may reasonably be assumed that some ringers belong to one group and some to the other. The large majority, however, knowing little of church matters and caring less, would belong to neither and would be quite happy to pass whatever resolution might be submitted.

Some years ago I was asked to take part in ringing for morning service on Good Friday, where the Vicar had specially asked for the bells to be rung, and rung open. I refused to take part and, incidentally, would still have refused to do so had the bells been muffled. However, as strongly as I felt and feel about this myself, I am sure it would be wrong for such ringing to be officially condemned by the local association or the Central Council. Ringers, as individuals, are as entitled to their views on ecclesiastical or theological matters as any other members of the Church, and opinions sincerely held on such matters should certainly be expressed at the right time and in the right place, but ringing meetings are, generally speaking, neither the right time nor the right place.

Now, if I may, I would like to turn to the more domestic question of the 'peal tax.' As far as I can see, no adequate reason has yet been given for demanding an additional annual subscription of, say, 10s. per year from an enthusiast who rings 20 peals in the year for his association, whereas the indifferent performer who is quite incapable of ringing a peal himself, and frequently intends to do his best to prevent someone else from doing so, gets away scot free. If the budget cannot be balanced the burden should be equally shared. It is the peal ringers who keep the art alive, and it is illogical that they should have to pay more for the privilege of belonging to their association than other members. If peal ringers are to pay for the cost of publication of peals in their annual reports, why not in 'The Ringing World' as well?—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23.

## RINGING IN THE ISLE OF MAN

Dear Sir,—It is not quite correct to say that there are no bells hung for ringing on the island. The eight bells at Peel are hung for ringing, in fact a peal has been rung on them. Unfortunately, however, outside hammers—two to each bell—of a carillon machine prevent the bells from swinging, even if permission could be obtained. I endeavoured to obtain permission to take over a band in 1938 and offered to take off and subsequently refix the hammers, but found considerable hostility to ringing, largely, it seemed, on account of the peal rung there many years ago, and of exaggerated reports of the time it is alleged to have taken.

The only ringable bell on the island at present is the large single bell at St. Ninian's, Douglas, the tenor of an intended ring. There are also tubular bells at Bride in the extreme north of the island.—Yours truly,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Dear Sir,—The late Mr. Charles Hattersley, of Sheffield, on July 4th, 1888, conducted two peals at Peel on the island. They were Kent Major and Stedman Triples. These bells were in existence in 1940. At St. Thomas' Church, Douglas—now reduced to six—a peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung on December 7th, 1852, by the St. Peter's company of Liverpool, on their visit to open the bells. I am not certain, but am under the impression another peal has been rung at Peel since those of Mr. Hattersley's. CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

## MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I did not intend to write again on this matter, but I would like to refer Messrs. Hannington and Clift to the 'Encyclopedia Britannica,' wherein Monmouthshire is described as 'a western border county of England.' It further states that Monmouthshire gradually came to be regarded as an English county after an Act of 1536, being included in the Oxford circuit for the first time in the reign of Charles II. Gwent ranked as Welsh territory at the time of the Domesday, but certain parts of what is now Monmouthshire, including the town of Monmouth itself (my birthplace), were assessed under Herefordshire and Gloucestershire. The ecclesiastical position has, to my mind, no bearing on the matter. Croydon is in the Diocese of Canterbury, but that does not make it part of Kent.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—The alphabet as taught in school to-day is exactly the same as I was taught just 80 years ago. I was also taught that England comprised forty counties and Wales comprised twelve, otherwise the teaching in our schools must be incorrect. Nothing has happened in Westminster to alter the status of England or Wales. To quote Welsh Sunday closing is beside the point and is the result of persistent Nonconformity. Churchmen of Wales fought dead against it, the late Archdeacon Griffiths, Vicar of St. Woolos (a Welshman), to name only one. No, it was the result of chapel jealousy rampant in Wales. Monmouthshire was afterwards included as a war measure brought about by that wily Welsh Prime Minister, not honest enough to restore it when war finished.

Newport is the most populous town in the county and one won't hear a word of Welsh from one end of the year to the other. Monmouthshire is not legally accepted as Wales, but is in the Oxford circuit, and when the judges finish their work at Gloucester they come to Newport and then go to Hereford, and do no trespassing into Wales. I certainly agree with what Mr. Barnett stated.

J. W. JONES.

Newport, Mon., England.

## A Transposition

Dear Sir,—I beg to refer to the remarks contained in 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue dated March 11th, 1949, regarding spliced ringing, and in which it is claimed that Mr. H. G. Cashmore produced a peal in four methods in which the work of the complete course in each method was performed by each bell, and that this peal was the first to be composed with these qualities.

This is the same peal composition referred to in 'The Ringing World' dated January 18th, 1946, and as a result of this publication I wrote to Mr. Cashmore enclosing a copy of a peal composition by the late Joseph W. Parker, which comprised London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and in which every bell does all the work of all four methods.

Mr. Cashmore, in his reply, agreed that this composition of Mr. Parker's had been published in 'The Ringing World' dated August 7th, 1942, and that his (Mr. Cashmore's) was a transposition.—I am, Yours sincerely,

Sunderland. FRANK AINSLEY.

## DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## SUBSCRIPTION KEPT AT 1s. 6d.

The annual general meeting of the above Association was held at Derby on April 23rd, when the bells of St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's were available during the afternoon until 4.15, when a ringers' service was held in the Cathedral, kindly arranged by the Provost, the Rt. Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall.

In his short address he emphasised the importance of the ringers' office and said he would like to see a representative of the ringers on all church councils. He also urged ringers to come forward and take their share as churchmen in other spheres of activities.

Tea was held in the Co-operative Cafe and afterwards the general meeting in St. Peter's Parochial Hall, the Rev. C. A. Shaw presiding in the unavoidable absence of the president. All the retiring officers were re-elected.

The report stated that from a ringing point of view, 1948 had been very successful. Forty peals had been rung and some of these called for special mention. The first for the Association of Cambridge Major at Sawley was the first for all the band except one. The peal of Cambridge Royal at Derby Cathedral was another first for the Association, the visitors including that talented young ringer, Miss Margaret Beamish.

Membership increased by forty, the present figures being hon. members 30, ringing members, including non-resident who have rung peals for the Association, 303.

The report recorded with regret the deaths of Mr. W. Holmes (Youghgrave), Mr. A. Sherwood (St. Peter's, Derby), Mr. Richardson Drage (Sandiacre) and Mr. Thomas Groombridge (Nottingham).

Commenting on the accounts, which showed a balance of £74 5s. 5d. on the general fund and £16 1s. 1d. on the Bell Repair Fund, the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) said the cost of printing one report was more than a member paid in his annual subscription. The report and accounts were adopted.

It was decided to keep the annual subscription at 1s. 6d., but it was realised that something would have to be done in the near future to meet the increased cost of printing, other associations' remedies, such as peal booking fees and increased annual subscriptions, being mentioned.

Mr. P. L. Parrott (Sandiacre) was elected an additional representative to the Central Council, and grants of £5 each were made to Bolsover and St. Luke's, Derby, restoration schemes. The Rev. R. J. Morris, of Melbourne, was elected a ringing member.

Votes of thanks for the use of the Parochial Hall for the meeting and to the secretary for tea arrangements were carried unanimously. Mr. Cooper (Bolsover) and Mr. W. Parsons (St. Luke's) thanked the Association for the assistance to their respective restoration schemes.



# BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.  
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... Treble | JAMES ATTWOOD ... 4  
JOHN THOMAS ... 2 | FRANCIS MILES ... 5  
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3 | EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

\*W. HAROLD TOMS ... Treble | JOSEPH H. HAYNE ... 4  
\*MRS. M. M. GODLEY ... 2 | \*RICHARD H. DUKE ... 5  
FREDERICK PRECEY ... 3 | \*HENRY J. FORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.

\*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor on the bells.

## CORHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Treble | VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 4  
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 2 | CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5  
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 3 | WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

## LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Treble | JACK BAILEY ... 4  
\*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 2 | ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5  
ALFRED MOULD ... 3 | \*JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\*25th peal together.

## WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

\*WILLIAM HARRISON ... Treble | +DEREK OGDEN ... 4  
DEREK WHITFORD ... 2 | +RONALD EDWARDS ... 5  
KENNETH HARTLEY ... 3 | ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Minor.

## SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

CHARLES BLAIN ... Treble | RONALD J. SHARP ... 4  
\*DEREK MUNN (14) ... 2 | C. HENRY HARDING ... 5  
\*JOAN ASHTON ... 3 | ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

\*First peal. A compliment to Mr. C. J. Ball upon being elected a vice-president of the Association.

## HANDBELL PEALS

### LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

## AT THE AFRICAN OIL MILLS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in E.

\*ROGER C. PRESTON ... 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6  
\*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3-4 | +FRANK VARTY ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.  
\*First peal in the method. †First handbell peal in the method.  
First in the method for the Association.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.  
ROY C. HURST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM G. YOUNG.

First peal as conductor. Rung for the 30th anniversary of D. T. Matkin's first peal.

## CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

## AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

\*FRANK L. FISHER ... 1-2 | \*WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5-6  
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3-4 | \*GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

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

## EWELL, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

## IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.

JILL BRITAIN ... 1-2 | ALBERT J. ADAMS ... 5-6  
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3-4 | DENIS N. LAYTON ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

First handbell peal as conductor.

## WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## AT 8, HERMISTON, MONKSEATON,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

\*JOYCE P. GAYMER ... 1-2 | RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 5-6  
+MARGARET FIDELL ... 3-4 | R. ALDER GOFTON ... 7-8

Composed by E. DAINS. Conducted by RICHARD A. GOFTON.

\*First peal on handbells and first in the method. †First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on handbells and in the method.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor size 13 in E.  
\*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | \*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6  
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | +WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' †First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples in Bournemouth 'in hand.'

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

## AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6  
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

## AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

\*ROBERT G. FREEMAN (15) 1-2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6  
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | MRS. J. THOMAS ... 7-8

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\*First peal 'in hand.'

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

## IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE CATERS 3111 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6  
+ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | +HARRY POYNER ... 7-8

\*BRIAN WARWICK ... 9-10

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

Witness: GORDON M. MACLURE.

\*First of Grandsire Caters. †First of Grandsire Caters on handbells. ‡First peal of Caters.



## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL MEETING AT HERTFORD.

A large number of members and friends visited Hertford on April 23rd for the first time since the war. The bells of Hertingfordbury and Bengoe were available all way, Ware in the afternoon and St. Andrew's and All Saints' during the afternoon and evening. These were well patronised by visitors from as far afield as Newcastle, Birmingham and Cambridge in a variety of methods.

The service at St. Andrew's, with a very inspiring address, was taken by the Vicar of Hertingfordbury, the Rev. Woosnam-Jones. Tea, when 104 sat down, followed at the Mayflower Hotel.

The president, Mr. A. S. Carter, was in the chair at the meeting, supported by the Rector of Bengoe, the hon. treasurer and the general secretary. Mr. Carter welcomed the Association to Hertford in a few well-chosen words.

Members stood for a short time in memory of members lost by death—A. Lawrence, A. G. Crane and F. A. Smith. The minutes were adopted as read. One new ringing member was elected.

When the treasurer read his financial statement, he informed the members that they had to face increasing costs and had to arrange for an annual expenditure of £50. He asked for suggestions on how to meet this increase, failure of which would mean an increase in the annual subscription. Notice was given that a motion would probably be brought forward for the latter to be approved at the next annual meeting. The reports on the Benvolent Fund and Voluntary Bell Fund were adopted, no applications for grants having been received.

The secretary's report stressed the need for very young recruits to meet the call-up for National Service, giving them a love for our art which would survive this unnatural upheaval. He thanked the 'old guard' for their unstinting sacrifice of time and patience in the never-ending job of teaching beginners, but emphasised the necessity of correct teaching.

With regard to peal ringing, 38 had been rung on tower bells, with 13 on handbells. A pleasing feature of the former was that there had been 19 conductors. Peals worthy of note were: Cambridge Maximus at St. Albans Abbey; Grandsire Doubles at Standon, first by the local band; Yorkshire Surprise Major, first in the method by seven of the band; seven Surprise Minor (Wymondley), first by all; Shenley Surprise at Aldenham, first in the method; Grandsire Triples at Norton, first peal on the bells. On handbells there was the record length of Double Norwich Major.

It gave great pleasure to see new cells of activity appearing, e.g., Baldock area and the St. Albans revival. He stressed the fact that very often co-operation between adjoining towers led to the mutual advantage of those and also of the Association.

The district secretaries' reports were read, and these hard-working servants were thanked for their labours, trials and worries.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. A. V. Good (Apsley) was elected president for the year, and was suitably installed by the retiring president. The new president, in thanking the members for his election, said that the older members should always be ready to pass on information and knowledge to the younger and try and leave the art a little better than when they started, while, to the younger, he gave them the advice to listen carefully, practise earnestly and be ready to accept responsibilities in the district and Association.

The hon. treasurer and general secretary were re-elected and thanked for their services. As Mrs. Fergusson had resigned the office of librarian, Mr. C. F. Sayer (St. Peter's) was elected in her stead, with many thanks to Mrs.

Fergusson. A recommendation from the committee that 'any borrower of valuable books from the library be required to pay the appropriate premium for the insurance of the same' was carried.

An omnibus vote of thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, etc., Mr. A. S. Carter for the arrangements and all who had helped to make the meeting a success was unanimously adopted. Mr. F. E. Haynes expressed the thanks of the visitors for the cordial reception they had received, and members then adjourned for further ringing.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

### HEAVY DEFICIT ON PAST YEAR.

After an absence of 19 years, the Lancashire Association held its annual meeting on April 30th in the Liverpool District, St. Helens being the venue. The bells at Prescott were available in the morning and there were also peal attempts. After lunch there was ringing at St. Helens Parish Church and also St. Thomas'.

There was a very representative gathering at the Parish Church for the service, members and friends being present from Barrow to Bury. The Vicar (the Rev. R. G. B. Bailey) officiated and gave an interesting address.

The Vicar, churchwardens and Rural Dean joined the members at tea, the company numbering about 200.

At the business meeting the committee's report, the ringing report and balance sheet were presented. The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Sandiford) reported an overspending of £54. The heaviest expenses were printing annual reports £83 9s. and diagrams £107 6s. Income from members' subscriptions was £67 8s. and non-resident members £2 12s. 6d.

The Rev. F. F. Rigby was re-elected president for two years, and Mr. S. H. Dearden auditor for a similar period.

Two amendments of rules were submitted. The first, to raise the subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s., was passed after discussion, and this will come into operation on January 1st, 1950. The other had a poor reception. This was that all members of the committee, with the exception of the general and branch secretaries, should retire at the end of two years. It was referred back for redrafting.

The next annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on April 29th, 1950. After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were set going again until trains and buses called the members home.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### WIMBORNE BRANCH.

In a setting worthy of the day, the Wimborne Branch held a meeting at Cranborne on St. George's Day. Over forty members and visitors attended and were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. Bond, who also gave the address at the service.

Members were delighted to have their president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, with them, who in spite of approaching four score years, read the lesson, presided at the meeting, and when ringing took place at Wimborne St. Giles' after tea, joined in a touch of Grandsire Triples. It is noteworthy that the Earl attends regularly for Sunday ringing at St. Giles'.

A much appreciated tea was provided by Mr. Day and helpers in spite of the numbers being in excess of those expected.

At the business meeting the Cranborne ringers—captain, Mr. Haskell, and Mr. W. Day, secretary—were all elected members and the Rev. Bond an honorary member.

Cranborne bells, one of which dates from about 1400 A.D., are shortly to be restored by Messrs. Taylor and, funds permitting, it is hoped that they will be made more worthy of the church and enable an active band of change ringers to be formed.

A.R.M.

## NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS is now 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent. 5230  
Any correspondence for Mr. Ernest J. ROWE should in future be addressed to Church House, 6, Church Street, Broseley, Salop. 5228  
The address of Miss B. SPICE will be 57, Goldington Avenue, Bedford, from May 17th. 5226

The address of Mr. and Mrs. M. HODGSON is now 184, Kingshill Drive, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex. 2505

The address of William THORNLEY, jun., Nottingham District, secretary of the Southwell Guild, is now 101, Rycroft Street, Stapleford, Nottingham. 5204

## MISCELLANEOUS

YARDLEY PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.—Will all friends kindly note that all ringing has been discontinued for the time being. 5212

IP in the Spring your ringing fancy lightly turns to thoughts of TOWER-SNATCHING, keep your records in a Delight Towers Record Book. Prices from 9s. IF alternatively they turn to PEAL-GRABBING, use a Delight Peals Record Book. Prices from 7s. If they turn lightly both ways, combined books cost 11s. 6d. upwards. Obtainable from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 5243

## PUBLICATIONS

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

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

SURPRISE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS COLLECTION.—Publication postponed pending discussion on Surprise Royal proposition at C.C. meeting. 370 Surprise Major Methods (2nd impression), 2s. post free.—A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 5174

'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.

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

## MEETINGS

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, May 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 (Archdeacon of Derby). Tea 5, St. Paul's Institute, followed by general meeting. 5155

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Godmanchester, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5165

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch (6). Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bradwell-on-Sea (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. 5071

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge (8), May 14th. Names for tea to E. C. Leigh. Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Names for summer outing (July 16th) by this meeting.—O. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5153



**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield, May 14th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. C. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5168

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 5192

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Whittlesford, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5179

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—L.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, May 14th.—(Mrs.) A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 5179

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Hunton (6), May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 5146

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meetings, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, May 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5181

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Wolvercote, Oxford, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 5185

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Morton, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 5187

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH.**—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Andover (8), May 14th, 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Methods: Grandire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.—J. A. Hill. 5203

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Practice, Southwark Cathedral, May 17th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing for service, Southwark Cathedral, Sunday, May 22nd, 5.40 p.m. 5244

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (10) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Names to Fred Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard. 5215

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—The monthly practice for May 21st is cancelled.—P. Newton. 5229

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey, Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify by Tuesday, 17th. A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 5171

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea to W. E. Matthews, 48, Freeland Road, Cobham, early please. 5177

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alderton (6), May 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names required by May 16th. See times on request. All ringers welcome.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 5164

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Elston (6), May 21st, 2.30. Bring own food and sugar. Splendid bus service—short walk from Newark-Nottingham main road. Also local buses.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 5182

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Notify for tea by May 17th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 5216

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Groby (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, May 17th, to Mr. V. Geary, 30, Rathby Road, Groby.—W. J. Root, Dis. Sec. 5217

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting due for May 21st at High Halden is cancelled owing to illness near the church.—T. Cullingworth. 5223

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Festival at Dorchester on Saturday, May 21st. Annual meeting in Old Shire Hall 2 p.m. Service in St. Peter's Church 3.45. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5239

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, May 21st. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, by Wednesday, May 18th. 5218

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Dundry, May 21st. Bells available 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton 5219

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 21st, at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hunt, St. Brelades, London Road, Bagshot, before previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5231

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Hayfield, May 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise Mr. J. Whitehead, Kinder Road, Hayfield, by May 17th. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5234

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton (near Brigg) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 5233

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Howden, May 21st. Bells 2. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. W. Thompson, 16, Northolmby Street, Howden, by May 18th. Good attendance, please. 5235

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Rossendale Branch at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 5236

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting will be held jointly with Manchester Branch at Radcliffe on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 3.30. Cups of tea provided. Rossendale members enquire at Bury bus station for Stopes No. 16 bus via *Dumers Lane*, which passes Radcliffe Parish Church.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5238

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, West Kirby (8), May 21st. Tea provided for those notifying by 16th. Alexander J. Martin 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5211

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Wembdon, May 21st, from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. Short. 5209

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 5208

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice, Slinfold (6), May 21st. 3. Billingshurst bells available 7 to 8. Names for tea by 18th to Hon. Div. Sec. 5207

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke District), **OXFORD GUILD** (Newbury District).—Combined meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, by May 16th. 5206

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Sandhurst, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent. 5242

**WINGHAM, KENT.**—Monthly open practice Saturday, May 21st, 6 p.m., in lieu of 28th, district meeting being latter date. Everyone, especially beginners, welcome. 5241

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Yatton, May 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells from 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by May 18th.—Mr. L. Pullin, Newton House, Hill Road, Clevedon. 5220

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, May 28th, monthly meeting, Wingerworth (5). Bells 3 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. 5240

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Newmarket, May 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea by May 25th.—Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5237

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Special general meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Blow, 1, Edgar Road, Sanderstead, by Wednesday, May 25th. It is particularly hoped that every effort will be made to attend this meeting in view of the importance of the business on the agenda.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 5178

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Sun Hotel, but only for those who notify Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, by Tuesday, May 24th.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 5201

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Invitation meeting at Thorney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea not later than the 23rd to G. Newman, 156, London Road, Bishop's Stortford. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 5214

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Meeting at Eastchurch (6) on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. Names to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, May 24th. 5221

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 28th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea, with cost for same, to reach me not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5222

**MIDDLESEX (N.E.) and HERTFORD (St. Albans) COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 28th, Monken Hadley (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service and tea following. Barnet (8) from 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 5224

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th.—F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5225

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Annual meeting at Basford, Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Pinder, 61, Church Street, Old Basford, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. Buses start from Council Square, Nottingham. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole. 5232

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Visit to grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford, May 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District meeting. Coach (fare 2s. 6d.) leaving Godalming 2 p.m. via Guildford, Merrow and West Clondan (ringing and tea) to Pyrford (service 5.15). Then to Send (ringing) and return to Godalming via Clondan and Guildford. Applications for coach tickets (stating joining place) and numbers for tea to be sent to G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clondan, by May 23rd. 5210

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting of the Association will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, May 28th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. The committee meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. A service at 4.15 p.m. will be followed by tea at 5 p.m. Will members requiring tea please advise Mr. R. A. Goffon, 8, Hermiston, Monkseaton, Northumberland, not later than May 26th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5213

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Annual meeting, London, Saturday, May 28th. St. James', Clerkenwell, bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 7 n.m. Names for tea by May 23rd to Miss D. E. Lidbetter, 22, Mervyn Road, Ealing, W.13. 5190

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Whit Monday, Peterborough. Committee meet St. John's Vestry 2.30. Service 3.30 in Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Tea 4.30, followed by (Notices continued on next page.)



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lowed by business meeting and election of officers. Names for tea must reach the Guild Sec. by May 28th. Will all those attending please meet outside the Cathedral at 3 p.m. for a group photograph. Bells available Oundle 11 to 12; St. John's and St. Mary's, Peterborough, Woodston, and St. Mary's, Whittlesey, all from 11 a.m.—Robert G. Black, 2, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 5227

DEDICATION AT GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON. — The ring of six (tenor recast, 18 cwt.), which has recently been rehung with new frame and fittings by John Taylor, will be rededicated on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers invited. A summer fair in aid of the Bell Fund will be held the same afternoon near the church; teas, sideshows, stalls, etc. Numbers for tea, please, by June 6th to the Rector. 5163

### STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

On April 30th, members of the Society met at Alrewas for the quarterly meeting, and the fine ring of eight bells was soon going to a variety of methods. Ringers from Shropshire, North Stafford and Derby (Cathedral) were welcome visitors, and a coach transported about 30 ringers and friends from the Wolverhampton district (one coach having been left over after the Wolverhampton 'Wembley needs' had been catered for!). A short service, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker (hon. clerical secretary), was followed by tea and handbell ringing.

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