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## METHOD COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

IT is disturbing to find within the Brotherhood of the Exercise those who can resort to the despised trick of hiding within the cloak of anonymity for launching an attack. The front page article by 'Libra' in issue No. 1,994 does so, upon individuals and associations alike. This largely unreasoned and unfounded diatribe not only wastes more 'ink and space' in repeating some of what has actually been stated already, but also shows a lamentable lack of appreciation of the real point at issue. This, about to come before the Methods Committee for investigation, must not be prejudiced either by 'Libra' or anyone else. Following are some facts which are at variance with what he says or suggests:—

(1) The idea of a motion to come before the C.C. originated not within the Universities' Association, but came from an 'official' source, and for a good reason, different from that he suggests. (See 3 below.)

(2) The question of London extension is purely incidental, and has been discussed only as exemplary of the main cause.

(3) Protracted and futile discussion in the past, as to extension in general, has been due to a lack of stated principles of method structure and of their development, *in unambiguous and precise terms*. Present-day publication of hundreds of new methods, and the growing practice of them, demand a C.C. declaration of policy as to recognition of methods and their extensions.

(4) While most of the material arguments on method extension may have been *implied* years ago, they certainly have not all been stated explicitly, discussed and resolved. A system of exposition, embracing old principles part-declared and part-implied, has more recently been developed for the average rather than the mathematically-minded ringer, aiming at a clear-cut statement of conclusions to be reached.

(5) The recently published articles served mainly to indicate the need for 4 and 3 above. They did not claim that if theoretic extensions fail to produce conventional lead-rows, then the nearest 'will do.' Indeed, the late C. D. P. Davies' publication, 'Lead Ends' (1918) showed clearly that 'regular lead-ends' are not essential or necessary. But if they are to be rigidly adhered to, then, as the recent articles maintained, deviations in extension from the basic form should at least be kept to a minimum, and that the issue should be decided upon a basis of 'the Ideal, the Proximate or nothing.'

(6) The Universities' Association has merely performed a suggested service in bringing the matter before the Council, for reference to the appropriate committee; and Dr. Hatcher, the Association's general secretary, simply deputised at the last moment for the U.A. representative, whose professional duties had intervened. The veiled sneers at both are unbecoming and, by an anonymous critic, unpardonable.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;**

*CHARLES W. BLAKEY...Treble	JAMES CARTER ... .. 7
†CHARLES CLEGG ... .. 2	*ERNEST J. GOWER ... .. 8
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN... 3	†JACK CLEGG ... .. 9
†ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	†RICHARD BENSON ... .. 10
*ERIC BRUNTON ... .. 5	*PHILIP TOCOK ... .. 11
*STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 6	†LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. † First in the method. First peal for Ashton-under-Lyne Society on the bells since 1934. Tenor 25 cwt.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5184 CHANGES;**

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN Treble	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH... 6
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 2	HARRY HARRIS ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... .. 8
*†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... 5	*JOHN E. LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 50th peal (aged 13). A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. T. Murray, president of the Guild, who is to be inducted to the living of Southam. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., June 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;**

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ...Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 8
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... .. 9
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5	ALAN ELSMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

First peal of Erin on the bells and by all the band except for R. C. Ingram. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jenkins, wife of the Vicar, Canon A. T. Jenkins. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT ...Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 2	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 9
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON 5	JAMES H. RUMLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF...Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 3	HENRY ROGERS ... .. 8
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... .. 9
HAROLD PAILING ... .. 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

In honour of the visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the 500th anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter to Nottingham. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 6
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN... .. 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
JACK DAFTERS ... .. 2	T. MARK WHITE ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Rung on the 20th wedding anniversary of the parents of the 4th ringer. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

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

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DUNWOODY ...Treble	FRED E. DUKES ... .. 5
*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 2	HARRY BROWN ... .. 6
JAMES EDGAR ... .. 3	†RITCHIE ADAMSON ... 7
WILLIAM PRATT ... .. 4	†JAMES LEWIS (14) ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

\* 50th peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on bells since rehanging. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 6th and the birth of a son to the conductor.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Holt's Original.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*REGINALD SANDFORD ...Treble	ERNEST E. RETTER ... .. 5
JOHN SALWAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN... 6
QUEENIE PRING ... .. 3	GEORGE E. RETTER ... .. 7
DERRICK CALLARD ... .. 4	CHARLES SANDFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

\* First peal.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...Treble	JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. 5
HERBERT GOAKES ... .. 2	STANLEY GILBERT ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. 4	GEORGE S. BUSH ... .. Tenor

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

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On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

*MRS. K. F. J. PARR ... Treble	*SQUIRE CROFT ... 5
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 2	*EDWIN H. HYNARD ... 6
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 7
*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 4	*HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.  
\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung within five days of the 46th anniversary of the last peal of Oxford T.B. Major on the bells. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
J. W. JONES ... Treble	REV. I. J. RICHARDS ... 5
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 2	DONALD G. CLARKE ... 6
CHARLES GREEDY ... 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... 7
LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 4	SEYMOUR BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.  
In honour of the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. C. G. R. Lewis, as Canon of St. Woolos' Cathedral and Rural Dean of Newport.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

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

HARRY ANDERTON ... Treble	JACK CLEGG ... 5
ERIC BRUNTON ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
ERNEST J. GOWER ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
CHARLES CLEGG ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.  
For silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Anderton. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

*NORMAN MALLETT ... Treble	*HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
*ROGER KEELEY ... 3	CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 7
*GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. S. MORRIS.  
\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First in the method as conductor. A 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

*JOHN LE MARQUAND ... Treble	*BRYAN J. LEWIS ... 5
JOHN KING ... 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 6
*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	HARRY CHAMBERS ... 7
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 4	*JOHN E. SKERRITT ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Superlative. ‡ First peal of Surprise and first of Major. § First peal of Surprise Major. First peal as conductor. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... 6
*AUDREY M. BAILEY ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
*RALPH BIRD ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method.

Tenor 13 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	*HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5
*DOROTHY M. UDAL ... 2	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 6
*JOHN R. SMITH ... 3	*ALAN JACQUES ... 7
*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation).	Tenor 8½ cwt.
BETTY PERCY ... Treble	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... 5
BERYL R. COWLIN ... 2	ERNEST GOWER ... 6
RICHARD WILSON ... 3	ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 7
REV. P. J. BOULSOVER ... 4	PHILIP J. DELMON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

For the 21st birthday of Beryl R. Cowlin.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

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

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	THOMAS SIMMONS ... 5
ROBERT W. BARBER ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bird and for the birthday of Mr. Arthur Smalls. Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Middleton's.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
*TERENCE THORNER ... Treble	STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 2	JOHN R. SMITH ... 6
*JILL POOLE ... 3	*ALAN JACQUES ... 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Major. † 150th peal. ‡ 25th peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 18½ cwt.
*MISS HILDA LACEY ... Treble	FRED LACEY ... 5
MRS. J. FINN ... 2	*JOHN SCOTT ... 6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3	FRANK LORD ... 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4	ARTHUR CROWDER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

*TERENCE THORNER ... Treble	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
JOHN R. SMITH ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole. Tenor 14 cwt.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.	
*SYDNEY A. WHITE ... Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 5
HARRY BAKER ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7
*PETER CARTER ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... Treble	BASIL W. WHITE ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 6
RAYMOND OVERY ... 3	KENNETH SNELLING ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

*S. G. MILES ... .. Treble	†R. H. BRICE ... .. 4
MARJORIE LEGG ... .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... .. 5
†G. K. WESTLAKE ... .. 3	†H. A. PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Tenor 9 cwt. 110 lb.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford T.B., three 720's Kent T.B., and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

MISS BESSIE A. CARTER...Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 4
A. EDWARD REEVES... .. 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 7 different extents, with no 6 5's at backstroke. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. BROWN ...Treble	*MAURICE HELPS ... .. 4
CLAUDE S. KNOTT ... .. 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5
LEONARD COLES ... .. 3	HORACE D. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal. First peal of Kent Minor by all the band.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

*MISS JOAN BUSSEY ...Treble	*IVOR WHITING ... .. 4
*REGINALD DANIELS ... .. 2	JOHN WHITING ... .. 5
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

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

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Consisting of seven extents called differently, each containing 10 Bobs and 10 Singles. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS ...Treble	*ROY DUESBURY ... .. 4
*GEORGE N. ORMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON ... 5
*PAMELA M. PECK ... .. 3	GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Minor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz., (1) (Spliced) Wragby, St. Albans and Neasden Delight; (2) (Spliced) Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (3) Kingston Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Treble Bob; (5) Capel Treble Bob; (6) Sandal Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MRS. WINIFRED PENNY Treble	ARTHUR HIBBERT ... .. 4
†WILLIAM SMITH (16) ... 2	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 3	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER RICHARDSON.

\* First peal in nine methods. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A 60th birthday compliment to Mr. Isaac Smith, of Fairfield, Buxton.

STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*ANGELA CARTER ...Treble	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4
†NORA HONEY ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
†BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two six-scores of Stedman, 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS ...Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... .. 4
THOMAS E. STEAD ... .. 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 3	JOHN WOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Prayer Book. The quickest peal on the bells.

YELVERTOFT, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Comprising four 120's each of Chase, Stedman, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, two spliced 240's of Grandsire (Pitman's Arrangement) and ten 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*KILBY R. HOLTOM ...Treble	*STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN 3
*PERCY AMOS ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4
*ARTHUR MILLWARD ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Doubles in eight methods. Rung to commemorate the 400th anniversary of English Prayer Book.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FRED LACEY ...Treble	ARTHUR CROWDER ... 4
*JOHN SCOTT ... .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
FRANK LORD ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal of Minor. A compliment to the Rector of Bigby on his appointment to an honorary Canonry in Lincoln Cathedral.

BRADWELL-JUXTA-MARE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

GERALD FROST ...Treble	ALFRED T. M. PERRY ... 4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 3	HARRY STEBBING ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal on the bells.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ...Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4
JACK N. BROWN ... .. 2	JOHN MCKEE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.

Rung for the 35th anniversary of first peal on the bells.

HINTON, WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of April Day, 12 of Bob Doubles and six of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb.

*FRANCIS J. WILTON ...Treble	JOHN E. MANNERS ... 4
*ANTHONY A. PEAKE ... 2	PETER ANGER ... .. 5
BRIAN BLAYDON ... .. 3	EDWARD C. ANGER ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

\* First peal of Doubles. First in four methods by all the band. First peal as conductor.

## CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

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

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*DEREK RILEY ... .. Treble	ALFRED, BONE ... .. 4
†BARBARA THRUSH ... .. 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5
MAUD LANE ... .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

## GUILSBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., June 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

KILBY R. HOLTOM ... .. Treble	ARTHUR MILLWARD ... .. 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
PERCY AMOS ... .. 3	HARRY WOODING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A farewell to the Rev. J. O. Hichens, who is retiring after 47 years as Vicar.

## HANDBELL PEALS

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 2 Hours,*

IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

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

Washbrook's.

Tenor 17 in A.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	ALAN CATTELL ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

First peal on handbells as conductor.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., June 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7-8
ROY C. HURST ... .. 9-10	

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

## NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., June 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

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

Pitstow's Transposition.

*FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First handbell peal. First handbell peal of Stedman for the Guild.

## SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., June 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

AT 23, HIGHFIELDS,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN A. ACRES ... .. 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... .. 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 3-4	LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., June 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 5-6
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3-4	ROY C. HURST ... .. 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

For Quarterly (4/3) and Half-Yearly (8/6) subscribers. Remit to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and avoid having your 'Ringing World' stopped.

Is it true that a ringer on seeing that Mr. J. Pears, the sexton of Stapleton, Leics, has had a peal rung at Kibworth on the occasion of his 80th birthday, wrote for the bells at Stapleton for a peal? Unfortunately this village has only one bell.

The average age of the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough, is 19½ years.

Mr. Vernon Sykes is the first ringer to complete the circle of twelve at Oldham Parish Church.

A recording of Newark Parish Church bells will be broadcast in the Midland Home Service next Sunday at 6.30 p.m. in the Anglo-American exchange programme. Method, Grandsire Caters.

Sixteen-year-old William Smith rang nine methods of Minor, including two extents spliced. He is a nephew of Mr. John P. Fidler, author of the handbook, 'Practical Hints on Method Splicing.'

One of the few occasions on which the three bells in Arundel Castle (seat of the Duke of Norfolk) are rung is for the annual Corpus Christi procession (weather permitting) from the R.C. Church of St. Philip Neri to the Castle quadrangle. The weather this year allowed Miss Enid Lonnen, enthusiastic tower secretary at Felpham, to claim 'first lady' to ring in this tiny tower.

Mr. L. J. Williams, who called the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on June 25th, has called peals from Minor to Maximus in the method. It also enabled Messrs. C. Clegg, A. Tomlinson, E. Brunton, E. J. Gower, R. Benson and P. Tocock to complete peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

A familiar figure in the Peterborough Diocese, the Rev. J. O. Hichens, has retired after 47 years in the living of Guilsborough. In his younger days he was a keen change ringer, and up to the last war rang. His parishioners presented him with a cheque for £117, and after a farewell peal a photograph of the band and the Vicar was taken by Mr. W. Letts (captain of the local ringers).

The peal at Yelvertoft, Northants, was the first on the bells since November 6th, 1926. The five bells are by Hugh Watts, of Leicester, 1635.

Mr. C. E. S. Turner writes pointing out that it was in the Carter Broadsheet of Compositions of Stedman Caters that contained the 20 errors referred to by him at the Central Council meeting at York and not the Lindoff Collection, as reported on page 283, column 2, of 'The Ringing World.' We regret the error.

Omitted from the current report of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild is the election of the following compounding members through the Christchurch District: Messrs. F. L. Wilson and H. Ballard (Leicester), G. F. Swann (Sutton Coldfield), J. F. Harvey (Birmingham), E. J. Lindley (Epsom), A. H. Ward (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson (Kettering). The hon. general secretary apologises for the omission and assures that a correction will be made in the 1949 report.

Judging by the peals rung by a number of ringers in the Leicester Diocese so far this year, a busy time lies ahead for the ringer who kindly forwarded a comprehensive type-written list of a member's performances last year. We learn that to qualify, an average of one peal a week must be rung. Come on, Vice-president Turner!

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## Yorkshire Association

### WESTERN DIVISION AT QUEENSBURY.

On June 18th in glorious weather the quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Holy Trinity Church, when about 50 ringers and friends from the following towers—Bradford Cathedral, Brighouse, Calverley, Denholme, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Huddersfield, Idle, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Mirfield, Mytholmroyd, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sowerby, Woodlesford, with welcome visitors from Bedfordshire and Lancashire and the local company—undertook a visit to the assumed highest ringing tower, above sea-level, in the country, and were amply repaid by the magnificent view which was obtained.

From the top of the tower one can see into Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, and from the north side almost on to the Plain of York. The bells, under the care of the Ringing Master, Mr. Strangeway, were soon going to a variety of methods from Plain Bob Major to London Surprise Major. A bountiful tea was served in the schools.

Mr. P. J. Johnson expressed the thanks of the members to the Vicar and churchwardens for granting the use of the bells and schools. The Vicar, in returning thanks to the members, assured them of a hearty welcome on any future contemplated visit.

Mr. Barton expressed thanks to the local company for the hospitable way in which the visitors had been entertained, and trusted that the loyalty to the association, which was a feature of the Queensbury ringers, and the quality of the ringing which they set themselves, would be fully maintained in the years to come.

It is hoped to arrange the next meeting at Elland in September.

### EASTERN DISTRICT AT ESCRICK.

About 35 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Eastern District on June 18th, when the Rector (the Rev. A. L. R. East) conducted the service with Mr. A. H. Fox (vice-president) at the organ.

Mr. Fox presided at the business meeting and gave a hearty welcome to the Rev. C. C. Ellison (president of the Association), who had to leave early. Mr. S. Steel (York) was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. A. B. Cook, R. B. Smith and J. J. Taylor to the committee.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. J. Crossland, of Eastington, on the death of her husband, a member of the Association since 1924. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Beverley.

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester branch was held at Milton Abbey on June 18th in glorious summer weather.

The eight bells of the Abbey were rung prior to the Guild service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Collis, assisted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

Tea was served at the Dale Cafe, and the meeting which followed was presided over by Canon Markby.

Six ringing members and one hon. member were elected, and the Abbey tower was re-affiliated to the branch. Nine towers from the branch were represented, and visitors were present from Yeovil, Shaftesbury and Leicestershire.



**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY** at their meeting at Patrington. Top (left to right): Mr. T. Southwick, Mr. Tye, Mr. D. A. Fewster, Mr. Scott, Miss Tye.

Middle row: Messrs. Kneeshaw, W. Goddard, T. Guy, G. Pearcey, Goddard, Miss Sewell, Messrs. J. Laws, T. Robinson, J. Hobson, P. Speck, Miss Milligan, Miss Reavesly, Messrs. Goxhill, G. Hessey, Mrs. Tye, Messrs. A. Taylor, P. Vickerman, G. Dobbs, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Cocks, Mr. M. Walker, Mrs. Goxhill.

Seated: Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Sewell, Messrs. F. Wilkinson, A. E. Sellers, Rev. J. A. E. Jones, G. F. Williams, F. Dale, L. Rodmell and Mrs. G. Williams.

### BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY MEETING AT SUTTON.

Next September St. James', Sutton, celebrates its 600th anniversary, and a large incumbent figure of a knight in armour, John de Sutton, the founder of the church, is in the chancel.

This was the venue of the society for their June meeting, and early arrivals of the 40 members present had the privilege of ringing out of church a bridal party.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. Reynolds) conducted the society's own form of service, and Mr. A. Fox was the organist. Full justice was done to the splendid knife and fork tea provided.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair for the business meeting. Beverley Minster was selected for the annual meeting on July 9th, and the August meeting will be at Bridlington Priory on August 13th. After the usual votes of thanks ringing on both hand and tower bells was continued until 9 p.m.

## 'Ringing World' Price

Dear Sir,—Forty-six years ago I suggested to my old friend and pal, John S. Goldsmith, that a new paper be started and that it be named 'The Ringing World.' The Rev. F. E. Robinson said it would never be a success, and told me, 'I was young, and would learn.' How wrong he was, but there was some excuse, for J.S.G. and I talked 'new paper' every time we met during the following eight years.

As I read page 296 of the current issue I have both pleasure and regret, hence my writing you a few lines. Please accept my hearty congratulations and appreciation of your splendid work for 'The Ringing World.' When we look at prices to-day I often wonder how the paper is produced for 3d., and, while I am pleased to see the price is to be increased

next January, I certainly think that the increase should be effected immediately, for 4d. is only the price of a ½ pint of weak ale or a couple of fags.

And now for a little regret, chiefly that the Guildford Guild's representatives at the Central Council were so divided. My friend Mr. Grover seems to have been very fair in presenting his motion, a feature always present in his noble character, but I cannot agree with Mr. Pulling when he asserts that 'the main news of the day as far as ringing was concerned was peal ringing.'

I have just returned from a week in Lancashire, and during my conversations with clergy I was asked why they could get plenty of ringers to ring three hours any day during the week, yet when Sunday came not enough ringers were available. Ideal ringing can do a lot

of harm to our Exercise for, quite frankly, the public do not like it, and many towers have been closed because of excessive peal ringing. Mr. Pulling, by his speech, is in a very difficult position, because he went quite opposite to the wishes of those who sent him to York to speak in support of the motion. If I was faced with such a situation I should immediately resign.

My best wishes for the future of our paper,  
—Yours sincerely,

**WILLIAM SHEPHERD.**

Addlestone, Surrey.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On June 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Tuffley 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, G. Dodd 3, R. Christopher 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. Townsend 6, G. Stocker 7, R. Crook (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 4 and 6.

**WEST MALLING, KENT.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss M. H. Baker 1, R. L. Sills (cond.) 2, Miss V. L. Wallis 3, P. C. Wright 4, A. V. Kemp 5, Edna Sills 6, W. Sloman 7, M. G. Usmar 8.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## MASONIC PEAL BOOK

Dear Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will publish the following account of the Masonic Peal Book that is housed in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. I was allowed to inspect this recently and came to the conclusion that there must be quite a number of peals that have not been recorded therein.

It is quite probable that there are a number of Brethren who are not aware of the procedure to be adopted in adding to these records, and possibly some who do not even know of the book's existence.

An account was published in 'The Ringing World' when the book was started, some 25 years ago, but I feel that it would be of benefit if the information was re-issued.

The first known Masonic peal, Stedman Caters at St. Clement Dane's, was rung on December 4th, 1919, as a peace peal. Several were rung subsequently, and it was felt that some permanent record should be made of such performances, and the idea of a Masonic Peal Book was mooted.

I was deputed to get in touch with Grand Lodge to ask if the Library would be prepared to house the book and issue it as and when necessary for the writing up of peals.

The librarian replied that the regulations would not allow of him acting as a custodian and that he could only accept it as the property of Grand Lodge, and that it must remain in their possession.

I then proposed a loose-leaf book with a plentiful supply of sheets that could be issued to a writer as required, and returned to the librarian to be fixed in the book. The librarian agreed to this course, and I made an appeal, through your columns, to the Brethren, for subscriptions. The response was sufficient to cover (almost) the cost of the book and the writing of peals rung to date.

The book is a handsome volume, bound in light blue leather, with appropriate Masonic adornments, and a suitably inscribed flyleaf or frontispiece. The writing is decorative, after the style of an illuminated address, and is the work of a professional writer. The book may be inspected, upon application to the librarian, at any time that the Grand Lodge Library and Museum is open.

It is very desirable that all recordings should be made by a qualified writer in order that its high artistic standard may be maintained.

One page is accorded to each peal, and they are in much the same form as published in 'The Ringing World,' save that the names are all in one row and the name of the Association is omitted. Instead, the heading, 'United Free and Accepted Masons of England' or other appropriate title is used.

The record is not restricted to Craft Masonry. One, at least by Royal Arch Masons and one by Mark Masons, are included, and perhaps the future may provide peals by other Degrees and Orders.

Details are confined to name and rank in the Degree and the name and number of the Lodge (one only), e.g.:—

Bro. John Wm. Smith, M.M. ... Lodge No....  
W.Bro. Henry Brown, P.M. ... Lodge No....  
or W.M.

Grand or Provincial Rank or ranks in other degrees are not quoted. Footnotes are not given. A possible exception might be made upon an occasion of more than usual Masonic importance, such as the laying of a foundation stone with Masonic honours.

Application should be made to the Grand Librarian, Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London. Three sheets should be asked for (in case of a spoiling) and an undertaking given to return all three, used or unused. All expenses would, of course, be borne by the Brethren concerned.

There should be no difficulty in obtaining the services of a professional writer, but for the information of Brethren, I may give the name of Mr. Thomas, the steward of the Constitutional Club, Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, who would be willing to do the work for 30s. per peal.

In conclusion, may I appeal to my ringing Brethren to see that this book does not fall into desuetude?—Yours faithfully,

142, Stephen's Road, F. WHITE.  
Tunbridge Wells.

## SURPRISE MINOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—The figures of the first 720 rung in the peal at Frampton on April 30th were published in 'The Ringing World' on December 27th, 1935, and another in six Surprise methods in the issue of December 12th, 1941. Both these 720's were given to Mr. Young by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Young recently and have given him a 720 in four Surprise methods by Mr. C. K. Lewis, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, with our best wishes that they will soon ring a peal in 37 Surprise methods.

I have some recollection that the late Mr. A. G. Driver told me that Mr. Lewis had got a 720 with five methods, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. If this is so, it would make the number of methods 38, which, I think, must be the limit in the Surprise class.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

## THE SERVERS' PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re the report of the Central Council meeting at York, as one of the culprits who took part in the non-Association peals at Epsom, seventeen years ago, rung by members of the Altar Servers' Guild, I should like Mr. P. J. Johnson to understand that the ringers were drawn from many different parts of the country, and there was not a sufficiency of members of any one Association to propose the remainder of the band for membership in the accepted manner. Hence the fact of the non-Association peal.

Surely, however, the alleged offence, if so be it was an offence, is now, after seventeen years, statute barred.

But does the ringing of a non-Association peal merit or entail the censure and the 'serious consideration' of the Central Council?—Yours faithfully,

Manchester, 19. OSWALD J. HUNT.

Dear Sir,—In the 'Servants of the Sanctuary' peal, which was rung, by the way, on Saturday, August 20th, 1932, and not on September 2nd, it does seem rather ludicrous that it should have taken the Central Council 17 years before our peal was criticised for being rung for a non-ringing society. As was stated at the Central Council meeting, although servants of the sanctuary do not form a bellringing service, they probably form the highest body of churchworkers.

Not only, as Mr. Dove mentions, some of the present-day ringers were not born, but at least two of the band who stood in our peal are no longer with us.

As we rang the peal at Christ Church, Epsom, and members came from places as far as Coventry, Long Eaton (Derbyshire) and Raunds (Northants), I think we were entitled to ring it for our own Association.

Nevertheless, a good peal was rung, although conditions were 'gruelling,' it being rung on a stagnant, hot afternoon with a temperature of 95 degrees in the shade!—Yours faithfully,

H. BADGER.

Thame, Oxon.

## Times Peals Should Finish

Dear Sir,—It is an unwritten law with all sensible ringers that ringing for practice, meetings and peals, in fact, ringing for any occasion, should finish by 9 p.m. or soon after thus paying due consideration to those who 'will lay themselves down in peace and take their rest,' both young men and maidens, old men and children.

But when we have among us, as we apparently have in this Guild, members who consistently prolong their peal ringing in mid-week until well after 9.30, then the criticism from villagers and townspeople with whom we live and have our being comes justly and without surprise.

If mid-week peals cannot be terminated by 9 o'clock, then they should never be attempted. In my mind it is a more grievous sin to cause annoyance to our tolerant non-ringing friends than go a'pealing on a meeting day.

Let us have a right judgment in all things and not trespass beyond the bounds of consideration and common sense.—Yours faithfully,

NON-RINGER'S FATHER.  
Leicestershire.

## THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS &amp; RINGING

Dear Sir,—From time to time I have noticed in your columns comments of one sort and another concerning relations between ringers and the clergy, and I feel it is time I wrote to draw attention to the field which theological colleges offer for recruits to the ranks of ringers from those who are in training for the ministry.

If it were possible for experienced ringers to meet theological students and talk about the Exercise, I am sure it would help towards an establishment of real understanding. Of course, in Bristol we are specially privileged. There are problems arising from the limitations of time (as students are on short courses and, in any case, are only in Bristol during term time), but the instructors of the St. John's School of Ringing have most generously devoted one evening a week to the training of men from this College, and during the past two years 12 men have gained some knowledge of bell-control and rope-sight that bodes well for the relationship between clergy and ringers in those parts of the country to which they will be going to serve their cure. As principal, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the School for the interest they are showing.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ROBERT J. COBB.

Clifton Theological College, Bristol.

## RINGERS SHOULD BLOCK LOUVRES

Dear Sir,—As a service ringer for some 50 years, may I say how completely I am in agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Lister in your issue of June 3rd.

Surely, the least peal ringers can do when visiting a village in pursuance of their own pleasure is to provide the necessary material for blocking the louvres of the bell chamber and so save much misery for people living adjacent to the church. The Sunday following the ringing of a peal service ringers are looked upon as merely perpetuating the noise of the previous day.

Some three years ago a visiting band rang a peal at Clent Church. I happened to be passing when the bells came round. The treble man immediately hung on to his bell, and 6, 7 and 8 were still falling themselves, whilst the ringers were descending the belfry steps, clearly indicating that as another peal had been added to their collection nothing else mattered.

Bells were not installed, neither should they be maintained, for such a selfish purpose.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. BOUGHTON.  
Clent, Stourbridge.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS

### SIX-BELL CYCLE TOUR IN LEAFY BUCKS.

An enjoyable day was spent by a band consisting mainly of young ringers from West Hertfordshire, when they visited towers in Buckinghamshire on Whit Monday.

Ringing, which ranged from rounds and call changes to well-struck Spliced Cambridge and London Surprise, began in the morning at Aston Clinton and afterwards at Wendover. After a picnic lunch, the party proceeded to Great Missenden, and from thence to Little Missenden. In the evening, Amersham was visited. The day concluded by ringing at Chesham.

The thanks of the band are due to Mr. Lee, of Wendover, and to Mr. W. C. Hughes, for arranging such a satisfactory outing.

### NORTON AND BALDOCK.

A tour of East Anglia on May 28th started with Thaxted, followed by All Saints', Sudbury, which was a great contrast to the quietness of the former tower. After lunch the climb up St. Gregory's required an effort by the older members. Lavenham followed (with tea), and in the evening St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, and a pull on the ten in the massive Norman tower. The last official stop was All Saint's, Newmarket, which proved to be rather noisy, so on the invitation of Mr. Acres the party transferred their activities to the heavy six-bell tower to round off an enjoyable day. Mr. E. Buck organised this excellent outing.

### SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP.

Joined by friends from Stoke-under-Ham and Yeovil, Shepton Beauchamp ringers had an enjoyable day in Devon. At Teignmouth non-ringers were dropped, and then to Bishopsteighton, where the single rope ends caused amusement and a little bother to some ringers. Good use was made of the excellent eight at Kingsteighton, and after lunch to Buckfast Abbey, where Mr. Aubrey Bennett had made arrangements for ringing the Abbey bells and an excellent tea. Here the majority of the party had their first 12-bell ringing. An hour's pleasant ringing at Broadclyst concluded the day. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Aubrey Bennett and the organiser, Mr. Reginald Beale.

### ST. LAURENCE'S, READING.

Reading was left at 5.30 a.m. on Whit Monday, and by 8 a.m. the party was ringing Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge, where they were met by Mr. Sam Hector. At Cullompton, after a West Country lunch, the bells were going to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. Then came Heavitree, with memories of a nearly perfect course of Cambridge.

At Exeter Cathedral the party was met by Messrs. Glass, E. J. Taylor and Stafford H. Green, and were not ashamed of the Stedman Cinques they rang. (If the College Youths want a tenor man we can lend them our 'Pat,' who rang Grandison like a veteran.)

Tom Selter had everything in readiness at Yeovil, where five courses of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung. Reading was reached at 2 a.m., everyone tired but very happy after good ringing, good food, good bells and good fellowship.—W. H.

### GORING-BY-SEA.

Goring-by-Sea ringers, accompanied by friends from Heene, West Tarring and Felpham, started at 6.45 a.m. on June 11th for Great Tew and Deddington in Oxfordshire.

Halts were made at Guildford and Reading en route, and lunch was partaken of at Oxford. Great Tew was reached soon after 2 p.m. and Deddington at 4.30, where an excellent tea was provided.

Mr. S. F. Haffenden was in charge and made arrangements for the outing.

### FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.

A party of 28 ringers and friends for their second annual outing visited Melbourne (where they had a rousing reception), Loughborough (Mr. J. P. Fidler acting as guide to the foundry and assisted in ringing the foundry bells), Refford, Workop and Darley Dale (a grand finish to an enjoyable day).

### HURST, BERKSHIRE.

St. Nicholas', Hurst, ringers were joined by friends from Arborfield, Binfield and Twyford for their outing in Somerset. First tower visited was Twerton-on-Avon, where Mr. King, of the local band, assisted in Double Norwich. Lunch at Bath was followed by ringing on the grand eight Chewton Mendip, the heavy eight at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and a visit to the Cathedral, the pleasant six at Dinder and Shepton Mallet, where members of the local band participated with the visitors. Home was reached at 12.30 a.m., with pleasant memories of some grand bells, massive towers and a delightful journey.

### BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Barwell took a party of 62 for their outing to Cambridge. At Finodon they met 80-year-old Mr. W. Perkins, Irthlingborough, Mr. E. E. Whitmore, Raunds, Mr. J. Main and the local captain, Mr. Basford, all of whom joined in ringing the grand eight.

Mr. H. L. Martin met the visitors at Cambridge and escorted them to the R.C. Church, where some had a few anxious moments, attributed to the long pull. The programme included a tour of the colleges and evensong at King's College. After tea, the company left for Bedford, where Mr. W. Stapleton joined in touches at St. Peter's for an hour. Barwell was reached at 11.15 p.m., all agreeing on the success of the outing.

### CHESTER BRANCH.

North Wales was the objective of the Chester Branch annual outing this year. First ringing was at Llandudno for a lucky bride, then to Bangor for 1½ hours' ringing, and finally across the Menai Straits to the ancient tower of Beaumaris, where this handy eight were soon tapping along to touches of Cambridge, London, Double Norwich, as well as Grand-sire, Plain Bob and rounds for learners. A tired, but happy, party reached Chester at 10.30 p.m.

### PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.

A company of 49 participated in the outing on June 11th. The first stop was Andover, where the fine ring of eight was appreciated, then through Savernake Forest and over the plains to Swindon, with ringing on the light eight, and lunch.

The fine old town of Cirencester, with its high tower containing the oldest ring of 12 in the world, was soon reached. Faringdon for tea and ringing, and finally Wantage, with its pleasant eight, completed a happy day.

### ALFORD AND MABLETHORPE.

Seven churches in the Lincoln and Grantham areas—Wragby, Harmston, Bassingham, Navenby, Grantham, Barkston and Caythorpe—were visited on the fourth annual outing.

Highspot of the day was the comparatively new ring at Grantham (tenor 32½ cwt., the heaviest in Lincolnshire). These are a truly majestic peal, which can best be described in the words of a Boston Stump ringer: 'When they are rung they sound like a band of music.'

Here they met Mr. Henry Dunnington and Miss Christine Dunnington, recent members of the Mablethorpe Band, who are now living at St. Ives (Hunts). At tea, Mr. Ivor Smith thanked Miss Dorothy Clark on the success of the arrangements.

## North Wales Association

### CHANGE IN ANNUAL MEETING DATE

The 41st annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Buckley, Flintshire, on Whit Monday. The attendance was not high, but was fairly representative.

The business meeting, which was held first, was presided over by Mr. S. Birks, who referred to the loss the Association had sustained by the death of Mr. William Jones, late Master and a founder member of the Association, also vergar and ringer at Wrexham Parish Church for over 50 years. The members stood in silence as a token of respect.

Apologies for absence were received from the president, the Rev. E. G. Wright, also from Portmadoc and Abergele.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £14 13s. 9d. and was adopted.

The hon. secretary's report showed a slight increase in membership, and included in the peals rung during the year was one of Yorkshire Surprise, which was the first peal of Surprise rung on the Island of Anglesey, and another peal was the first of Stedman Triples by a lady ringer for the Association.

All the officers were re-elected. A resolution submitted by Abergele to change the date of future annual meetings from Whit Monday to a Saturday met with general approval. It will now be held on the second Saturday after Whit Monday, and Llandudno was chosen as the venue for the next annual meeting. It was also decided to hold quarterly meetings, the first being at Rhyl in September.

A service was held immediately following the meeting and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Rees, who also gave a short address. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers, and a vote of thanks to all who had helped to provide it was proposed by Mr. G. R. Randles and seconded by Mr. A. Lea. Touches in various methods were rung before and after the meeting.

## OBITUARY

### MR. JOSEPH CROSSLAND.

Mr. Joseph Crossland died suddenly on May 28th, aged 68 years. Born at Fairburn, near South Milford, he moved to Eastrington 50 years ago. Mrs. Crossland served during the 1914-18 war in the R.A.S.C., and was the holder of the Mons Medal and Star. He was keenly interested in the Church, being people's warden for five years. For upwards of 40 years he had been a ringer, and although he had never rung a peal he was nevertheless interested in the art of change ringing.

A peal of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled was rung in his memory on June 4th.

### LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

Many ringers attended the 138th ringing anniversary at SS. Peter and Paul's Church on June 18th. Methods rung were Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative.

Places represented were Acton, Bury St. Edmunds, Clare, Cotton, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Lakenheath, Long Melford, Mendlesham, Newton, Stowmarket, Stowupland, Waldingfield Parva (Suffolk), Colchester, Maldon, Sible Hedingham, East Bergholt, West Bergholt and Wickham St. Paul's (Essex), Hockwold (Norfolk), Melbourne (Cambs), Pudsey (Yorks) and Yardley Hastings (Northants).

### LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A joint meeting of the Syston and Loughborough Districts was held at Birstall on June 25th, when the new ring of eight were made good use of.

The Vicar, in an inspiring address, spoke of the opposition with which ringers had to contend, but emphasised that any work done in the service of God, if that was the real purpose behind ringers' minds and methods, would flourish a hundredfold. Mr. F. Key, the Syston Guild secretary, was the organist.

# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**  
—On June 6th, 1,260  
Grandsire Triples: Miss B.  
E. L. Roberts 1, B. Bladen (first of Triples)  
2, F. Wilton (first 'inside' Triples) 3, Miss  
M. F. Richards (cond.) 4, P. Angas 5, A. Palmer  
6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, G. Newman 8.

**ALFORD, Lincs.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Bob  
Minor: H. Scoffin 1, Mrs. J. I. Smith 2, Miss  
H. Broomhead 3, J. I. Smith (first of Minor  
as cond.) 4, E. D. Chandler 5, K. Kettering-  
ham 6.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At St.  
Peter's Church on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire  
Doubles: D. Taylor (10, first quarter) 1, J. B.  
Robinson (conductor) 2, G. Taylor 3, R. Wim-  
penny 4, D. Ogden 5, W. Harrison 6.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On June 11th, 1,280  
of Oxford Treble Bob Major: E. G. Buck 1,  
H. Werrett 2, R. V. Webb 3, W. D. Pooley  
4, E. Winters 5, J. S. Dear 6, G. Debenham  
(cond.) 7, R. T. Newman 8. First in method  
for all except 7 and 8.

**BENWELL, NORTHUMBRLAND.**—On  
June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Mann  
(first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stothard (cond.) 2,  
G. Carse 3, C. S. Dixon 4, J. Carse 5, R.  
Barrow 6. For the marriage of Mr. J. W.  
Grimshaw to Miss J. Curry.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On June 5th, 1,260  
Grandsire Triples: J. Lyddiard 1, G. Kite 2,  
Miss H. Oakshett 3, J. R. Wilson 4, G. F.  
James 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, E. C. Bishop (first  
as cond.) 7, P. Spice 8.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—At the Church of SS.  
Peter and Paul on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire  
Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. Vickers 2, H. H.  
Jones 3, A. J. Green 4, G. W. Holland 5, E.  
Nichols 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. J. Jones  
8. In memoriam Margaret Ann Yates, aged  
17.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 4th,  
1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. E. Chil-  
cott 1, J. B. Sansom 2, A. W. J. Appleton 3,  
M. V. Chilcott 4, H. Belcher 5, J. Phillips  
(cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor by all.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On June 5th,  
1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Witts 1, Miss  
Sparshott 2, J. M. Turner 3, E. Hinton 4, Mrs.  
Williams 5, G. Preston (cond.) 6, H. Harrison  
7, G. Scragg 8, L. Stone 9, H. Gillard 10.

**CUBITT TOWN, LONDON.**—On May 29th,  
1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown (first  
quarter in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.)  
2, A. W. Beard 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. A.  
Hughes 5, C. W. Ottley 6, J. Bullock 7, J. H.  
Lott 8.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On June 5th, 1,260  
Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Hopkins (first in  
method) 1, J. Armstrong 2, Miss D. Fleet-  
wood (first 'inside' in method) 3, R. Funnell  
4, C. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, A. C. Chaplin  
(cond.) 7, D. Blows 8.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—On  
June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. T.  
Clarke 1, S. P. Peace 2, Miss M. B. Valentine  
3, F. Fox 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5, C. H. Bushel  
6. For the marriage of Miss K. M. Smart to  
Mr. L. J. Slow.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On June 12th, 1,260  
Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, R. Spittle 2,  
Josephine Milborrow (first 'inside') 3, J. E.  
Beams 4, A. Williams 5, C. W. Munday  
(cond.) 6, J. Hill 7, A. F. Rippington 8.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On June 12th, 1,279  
Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. S. Lang-  
don 2, R. Macrill 3, H. Eldred 4, W. J. Paice  
(cond.) 5, J. Stevenson 6, R. Chalk 7, G. W.  
Debenham (8), R. Sanders 9, J. Allsop 10.

**HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—On June  
11th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. How-  
lett 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, C. J. Gibson 3, R.  
S. Payne 4, J. Blythe 5, G. Gower 6, H. W.  
Rogers (cond.) 7, W. Flatt 8.

**HENDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 12th,  
1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Corning 1,  
Mrs. E. M. Eveleigh 2, E. H. Eveleigh 3, R.  
T. Pitman 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, W.  
E. Eveleigh 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

# HIGH WYCOMBE,

**BUCKS.**—On June 5th,  
1,299 Stedman Caters: F.  
Hayes (cond.) 1, Miss D. Coker 2, Miss S.  
Coker 3, Miss M. Goodship 4, E. Markham 5,  
W. H. Plumridge 6, H. E. C. Goodenough 7,  
R. Coles 8, G. R. Goodship 9, A. J. James 10.

**HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.**—On June 12th,  
1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Whiston (first  
quarter) 1, E. Gregory 2, F. Leech (first as  
cond.) 3, H. Moore (first 'inside') 4, E. V.  
Rodenhurst 5, J. Capper 6.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On June 11th,  
1,260 Grandsire Triples: 9. Salisbury 1, J. Car-  
rott 2, G. Richardson 3, Miss J. Peacock 4,  
J. G. Macdougall 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East  
(cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8. First quarter 1 and  
3.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 12th,  
1,340 Plain Bob Major: B. McArthur 1, R.  
Joyce Pett (first 'inside' in method) 2, Sheila  
E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. Parr  
5, E. Dodds 6, F. Bishop 7, D. J. Charnley  
(cond.) 8.

**LLANBRADACH, GLAM.**—On June 5th,  
1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Selwood, jun., 1,  
H. Selwood, sen., 2, B. James 3, J. Coppage  
4, H. Cassel (cond.) 5, T. Thomas 6. First  
quarter 1, 2, 3, 6. For the induction of the  
Rev. Cyril Edwards.

**LONDON.**—On June 12th at Southwark  
Cathedral, 1,309 Stedman Cinques: D. G. Clift  
1, D. Parsons 2, Miss J. England 3, H. Miles  
4, M. V. Chilcott 5, H. Langdon (cond.) 6,  
J. B. Sansom 7, J. Phillips 8, J. F. Small-  
wood 9, R. F. Deal 10, J. E. Chilcott 11, A.  
W. J. Appleton 12.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 16th,  
1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Quicke 1, W. Baker  
2, R. Stone 3, G. Sparkes 4, H. Commins 5,  
B. Holt 6, H. Purchase 7, C. Wensley 8. Con-  
ducted by C. Tarr. First of Triples by 1, 5, 8,  
first 'inside' 3 and 6.

**NORBURY, CHESHIRE.**—On June 9th,  
1,856 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Cam-  
bridge, Superlative, Bristol): A. A. Potts 1,  
J. A. Milner 2, W. Stevenson 3, J. Fernley 4,  
P. Laffin 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, C. K. Lewis 7,  
J. Worth (cond.) 8.

**NORTHAW, HERTS.**—On June 7th, 1,260  
Plain Bob Minor: N. B. McKie 1, N. Clark 2,  
R. Cockrane 3, L. Bennett 4, A. Bennett 5,  
E. B. McKie (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5.  
For the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and  
Mrs. J. Swainston.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On June 6th, 1,260  
Stedman Triples: E. G. Buck 1, R. V. Webb 2,  
W. D. Pooley 3, J. Church (first in method) 4,  
J. S. Dear 5, R. T. Newman 6, H. E. Werrett  
(first as cond.) 7, E. W. Winters 8.

**PENGE, KENT.**—On June 12th, 1,260  
Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Harle 1, N. T.  
Hext 2, E. Mullins (first of Grandsire Doubles)  
3, D. G. Brown (cond.) 4, J. Cooper 5, D.  
Heritage 6. A farewell to J. Cooper, who is  
shortly leaving for Lydd, Kent.

**REPTON, DERBYS.**—On June 9th, 1,260  
Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. H. Jones 1, Miss R.  
Hemmings 2, G. W. Clayfield 3, J. B. Stennitt  
4, J. H. Brittan 5, J. W. Cotton 6, S. H. Jones  
(cond.) 7, W. Minor 8. In memoriam Mrs.  
H. E. Mosley, patron of the church.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On June 5th,  
1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. C.  
Richards 1, E. A. Turner 2, A. E. Whatmore 3,  
R. Smith 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. L. Dunn 6,  
D. H. Watson 7, C. T. Richards (first as cond.)  
8. First in method by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

**STRET福德, LANCs.**—On June 4th, 720  
Oxford Single, 540 Bob Minor: W. Birchall 1,  
H. Birchall 2, W. Clarke 3, F. Steele 4, H.  
Chapman 5, W. J. Moss (cond.) 6. A 74th  
birthday compliment to T. Birchall, a ringer at  
this church for over 50 years.

**SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.**—On June 5th,  
1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Can-  
terbury, Plain Bob, Old and April Day): D.  
Wilks (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Carter (first in five  
methods) 2, James Honey 3, J. Honey 4, W.  
Cudd 5, F. Honey 6.

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# MISCELLANEOUS

**BELLRINGERS' OUTING.**—Aug. 1st (Bank  
Holiday), to Southampton, Bournemouth,  
Poole and Romsey. Leaving Guildford about  
7.45 a.m. and returning 10; few seats still  
available.—Write to R. A. Brading, 136, Oak-  
ford Road, Godalming. 5485

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# MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE  
YOUTHS.**—Summer meeting Henfield, Sus-  
sex, Sat., July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E.  
Cruttenden, High Street, Henfield. Will those  
who intend to travel on the 2.18 p.m. from  
Victoria please notify me early as possible, as  
arrangements are being made for party tickets  
to be issued at single fare for the double  
journey. Buses leave Horsham and Brighton  
for Henfield at 20 and 50 minutes past each  
hour.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.  
5473

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury  
Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), July 9th.  
Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—E. Pearson,  
Adderbury West, Banbury. 5434

**TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.**—  
The dedication of the new ring of eight by  
the Lord Bishop of Birmingham will take place  
on Saturday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing  
afterwards—all ringers cordially invited. 1.20  
and 2.30 p.m. trains from Birmingham (Moor  
Street) met at Danzey Station. 5390

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Hammerwood  
(5), July 9th. Tea at White Horse, Holtye.  
Names to Mr. G. D. Burroughs, The Vicarage,  
Hammerwood, East Grinstead. Cowden (6) in  
evening. Look up Double Court.—C. A.  
Bassett. 5454

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—  
General body.—July 9th, Chislehurst, St.  
Nicholas', 1.45 to 2.45. Train from Charing  
Cross to Chislehurst, 227 bus to memorial.  
Annunciation, Chislehurst, 3 to 4. Tea 4.15.  
Business 5. St. George's, Beckenham, 6.30.  
Names for tea to Frank Knight, 19, Austin  
Road, Orpington. 5445

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Bosley on July 9th is cancelled owing to the illness of the incumbent. No meeting or ringing will take place. 5508

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5426

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lullington on Saturday, July 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by lecture, H. M. Howard, Esq., 6 p.m. Handbell ringing in Rectory garden. Frome (8), Norton St. Philip (6) and Beckington (8) towers open in the evening. 5463

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Ash, Martock, Saturday, July 9th. Service 4.30. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5465

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 9th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—William Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5473

**HERTS & ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All members welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon.—S. Carter, G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 5471

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Combined meeting of the Southern Branch, Lincoln District and the Ladies' Guild at Caythorpe, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holy Cross 5 p.m.—Bernard H. Dalton. 5459

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Norton (8), July 9th, 3. Tea 5. 5451

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, July 16th. Names to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5444

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkhurst (6) with Thorncombe (5) also available, Saturday, July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows.—C. H. Lathey. 5472

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Brabourne, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by July 13th to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. 5426

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting to be held in conjunction with dedication of two trebles to form an octave at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, July 16th. Dedication service 3 p.m., followed by buffet tea. Names to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, by Wednesday previous. Business to follow tea.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5462

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th, Datchworth (6), 3.30 p.m. Please assume no tea arrangements, but cups of tea may be available. Buses, Service No. 303, New Barnet to Hitchin, leaves Barnet 19 and 53 mins. past each hour, leave Hitchin at 24 and 54 mins. past each hour, alight at Woolmer Green and walk, or Service No. 329, Knebworth to Hertford, leaves Hertford Bus Station every two hours at 37 mins. past, leave Knebworth Station 1.32, 3.38, 5.38, alight at Datchworth Green and walk.—T. J. Southam, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5477

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Milton (8 bells), Saturday, July 16th, at 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea can be provided only for those who notify me by July 11th.—H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 5475

**ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL.**—21st Birthday Party and Ringers' Rally, July 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea for all who inform me by July 13th.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5. 5453

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Freckenham, July 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea by July 13th to Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5479

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, Saturday, July 16th, Bells 2.30. Meeting 6.30. Tea provided. Names to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton, by July 13th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5494

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, near Leicester, by Tuesday, July 12th. 5493

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—Joint meeting with Mid-Devon, Dawlish (8), July 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Number for tea July 13th.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 5491

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough, Saturday, July 16th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Notify by Tuesday 12th for tea.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 5492

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan, Saturday, July 16th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. W. Dobson, 181, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, by July 14th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 5489

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. and Southern District.—Combined meeting, Limpsfield (6), July 16th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names by July 11th. After tea, Oxted (6), Limpsfield Chart (6).—F. B. Jeal, 78, Earlswood Road, Redhill. 5487

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, Wallasey, St. Hilary (6), 2.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 12th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5495

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Oaks-in-Charnwood, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5. Names by July 12th to C. W. Hall. The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield. 5497

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Ashcott (6), July 16th. Bells 3, recently rehung. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 5498

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery.—Meeting at Crewkerne (8) on Saturday, July 16th, 3. Notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Dravton, Taunton. 5499

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Great Easton, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5502

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5500

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Wadenhoe, July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 5504

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The meeting arranged for July 16th at Leytonstone has been cancelled.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5505

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Goringe, Hon. Sec. 5506

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Hope (8), July 16th, 3. Bring own food. Ensure chimes are off.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 5516

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Mapp, The Mill, Singleton, not later than July 13th.—J. H. Foster. 5515

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Croft, July 16th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5. Names, please, to W. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, by Thursday, July 14th. 5514

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Willingham on Saturday, July 16. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea only for those who notify Mr. W. Spencer, Willingham, by Tuesday, July 12th.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 5513

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting Yatton, July 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5507

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting will now take place Saturday, July 16th, at Conisborough. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea and meeting in Church School, 5.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 5517

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting St. Mary's, Twickenham, July 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and short business. Further ringing until 8.—F. Finch. 5509

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, July 16th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. 5511

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Combined meeting. Farndon and Holt, July 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by July 13th.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5520

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead on July 16th. Bells (6) from 3. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to Mr. W. Hayes, Morton's Place, Flamstead, near St. Albans.—L. S. Baines, Dis. Sec. 5521

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Chilmarch and Highley on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at Highley at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify first post Thursday, July 14th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5522

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting (D.V.), Oxford, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Applications for luncheon tickets (5s.) with remittance to secretary latest July 16th. Usual ringing at city churches and colleges. London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 5450

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken (8) on Saturday, July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Lower Kirby, by Wednesday, 20th.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 5512

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD** (Grimsby District).—Joint meeting at Bigby, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 19th, to Mrs. Bowness, Bigby, Barnetby, Lincs. 5510

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Meeting at Cudham, Saturday, July 23rd, 3. Details next week.—A. G. Hill. 5503

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General quarterly meeting at Quorn on July 23rd. Bells 2. Names to me, please, by July 21st for tea at 5. A few 1946-7 reports available. 1s. 6d. each, including postage.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Hon. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 5501

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Branch meeting at Mattishall, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Oddfellows' Hall. Please let Mr. A. Moore, Ashleigh, Mattishall, East Dereham, know by July 20th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 5496

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (8), July 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. Bacon, 49, England's Lane, Loughton. 5488

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Carbis Bay (8), Saturday, July 23rd, from 2.30. Service 4.30; preacher, Canon Peeke. Tea after service, 1s. Other bells: Phillack (8), Lelant (6), Towednack (8), Zenor (6). Replies by Tuesday, July 19th, to Rev. H. Trehwella, St. Crantock Vicarage, Newquay. 5490

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