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## SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

By A. J. PITMAN.

IN view of the increasing interest taken in this form of ringing, I will try to assist ringers who would like some guidance in the way true touches may be made up. It would take up too much space to deal fully with the matter, so I will indicate just a few examples. Courses of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative may be rung as follows:—

A Arrangement.		B Arrangement.	
Cambridge	2345678	Superlative	2345678
Cambridge	5738264	Superlative	5738264
Cambridge	8674523	Superlative	8674523
C. or S.	4263857	C. or S.	4263857
Superlative	3527486	Cambridge	3527486
Superlative	7856342	Cambridge	7856342
Superlative	6482735	Cambridge	6482735

By the addition of Bobs M and H to courses arranged as A or B, up to eleven courses may be produced, 5th fixed. By the addition of Bobs W and H to courses arranged as A or B, up to eleven courses may be produced, 6th fixed. Each arrangement to be rung separately to ensure truth. That is, either 5 or 6 have to be treated as a fixed bell in each touch and only A or B rung.

Further arrangement:—

Superlative	2345678	This arrangement will run to 30 true courses, as the false course-ends are as follows: 24365, 32465, 43265.
Cambridge	5738264	
Superlative	8674523	
C. or S.	4263857	
Superlative	3527486	I have a number of compositions on this plan.
Superlative	7856342	
Superlative	6482735	

The first composition of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major was produced by the late Mr. J. W. Parker. An account of the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major will be found in 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' by E. Morris.

The first composition of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative was produced by the Rev. H. L. James on the three-lead course plan.

I will try to show how one may produce touches to avoid falseness. Courses as follows:—

London	2345678	or	London	2345678
C. or S.	4263857		Bristol	—6423857
London	3527486		Bristol	—2643857
			C. or S.	—4263857
			Bristol	—2357486
			Bristol	—5237486
			London	—3527486
				2345678

It must be pointed out that there is falseness between the London and Bristol leads M and W. When a long length is required, this falseness can be overcome by the five courses in one or more groups being rung as all London or all Bristol.

Bristol leads. False London. Bristol leads. False London.

5243867	=	2357486	5247683	=	5243678
2356847	=	3627584	2357486	=	2356478
3624857	=	6437285	3627584	=	3624578
6435827	=	4567382	6437285	=	6435278
4562837	=	5247683	4567382	=	4562378

The following touches of (a) and (b) include the above leads all rung as Bristol:—



(a) London	2345678	(b) London	2345678
C. or S	4263857	C. or S	4263857
Bristol	—2357486	Bristol	—2357486
London	—5237486	Bristol	—5237486
London	3542678	Bristol	4562837
Bristol	—6435827	C. or S.	—6452837
C. or S.	—3645827	London	2347685
London	5267384	London	—6423578
London	—3652478		

Repeat four times for 1,120. (a) and (b) may be rung in one touch for various lengths.

Further arrangements have also been used in Spliced peals in the four methods. Here is one which I used first in a 5,248, as published in 'The Ringing World,' September 11th, 1942:—

Example (1).	Example (2).
London 2345678	London 2345678
Bristol —6423857	Bristol —6423857
Bristol —2643857	Bristol 2684735
C. or S. —4263857	Bristol 8276543
Cambridge 3527486	Superlative —7826543
Superlative 7856342	Cambridge 6483752
Cambridge 6482735	Cambridge 3542678

Repeat twice.

(1) Add bobs at W and H, will give up to eleven courses with 6th fixed.

(2) Add bobs at H with 6th fixed, both examples may be used in same touch.

Example (3).	Example (4).
Cambridge 2345678	Cambridge 2345678
Superlative 5738264	Superlative 5738264
Cambridge 8674523	Bristol —7864523
C. or S. 4263857	Bristol 6758342
Bristol —2357486	Bristol 5637284
Bristol —5237486	London —3567284
London —3527486	London 6325478

Repeat twice.

(3) Add bobs at M and H, will give up to eleven courses with 5th fixed.

(4) Add bobs at H with 5th fixed, both 3 and 4 may be used in same touch.

Interesting compositions on the different plans have also been produced and rung by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. H. G. Cashmore and others, as readers of 'The Ringing World' will remember. On the three-leads course plan, peals have been rung which include up to 22 methods.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... Treble	*ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGON ... 8
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 3	HORACE BELCHER ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 10
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... 11
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 6	JOHN PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

\* First peal on 12 bells. To celebrate the 84th birthday of Mr. H. R. Newton, a most respected member of the above society.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

HENRY H. FEARN ... Treble	JOHN S. WALTON ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 9
H. JAMES TURNER ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
WILLIAM C. DOWNING ... 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal on the augmented ring. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOHN B. BENNETT ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
†ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 8
DOROTHY UDALE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
‡MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 10
§JILL POOLE ... 5	§PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	‡HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JILL POOLE.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. ‡ 100th peal of Surprise together. § 50th peal of Surprise together.

## TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*JOAN SALMONS ... Treble	MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 7
*TOM PAGE ... 3	WALTER C. ROSE ... 8
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 9
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 5	†HENRY T. MACEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

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

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

MARGARET L. TUTT ... Treble	†R. ANDREW ROUTH ... 6
*†CATHARINE M. TRIST ... 2	DAVID GALLOP ... 7
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 8
†NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 4	*†PETER W. B. SEMMENS ... 9
*†MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 5	H. PETER RAYNOR ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by P. W. B. SEMMENS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on 10 bells. First tower-bell peal on 10 bells for the society by a resident band. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except the ringer of the 3rd. A coming-of-age peal for Catharine M. Trist.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8061 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 gr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 2	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 3	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 8
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	*JOHN E. TURLEY ... 9
*FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT BOOTH ... Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 6
HARRY PARKER ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 7
DAVID SMITH ... 4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

A compliment to Joseph Ashmole, the oldest member of the Northwich Branch of the Guild, on his 86th birthday. First peal on the bells since December 26th, 1930. Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.



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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	GEORGE W. MILLS ... 5
*MAURICE BENNETT ... 2	CYRIL WANDER ... 6
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3	BERNARD H. DALTON ... 7
FRANK TAYLOR ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal of Major in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to Aubrey D. Mills, also a birthday compliment to his father, George W. Mills. Tenor 16 cwt.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Shipway's.	Tenor 20 cwt.
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... Treble	GERALD C. BRIDGER ... 5
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2	STANLEY GILBERT ... 6
†JOHN C. DUNNINGTON ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
WILLIAM SMITH ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First Major peal. † First Major 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss C. Dunnington.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

VICTOR SAVAGE ... Treble	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 5
GEORGE CLARE ... 2	*HENRY J. SANGER ... 6
FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* 100th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Cartier's Twelve-part.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
*MISS ELSIE LEYLAND ... Treble	THOMAS BRATBY ... 5
PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 2	EDWARD IDDON ... 6
ALBERT E. SANDIFORD ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
SYDNEY CLOUGH ... 4	JAMES W. KAY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.

\* First peal. In memoriam Isaac Garside, of Moorside, Oldham.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. MARTIN THORLEY ... Treble	*LUCY MOTTISHAW ... 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ... 6
JAMES THORLEY ... 3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... 7
CYRIL TOYNE ... 4	CHARLES THORLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

*VALERIE WILLARD ... Treble	HAROLD BURTON ... 5
HENRY B. WHITNEY ... 2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 6
*JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
RICHARD KENDALL ... 4	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.  
\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the Treble ringer. Tenor 24 cwt.

QUEENSEBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Treble	HARRY WILD ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT ... 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 6
*ROY B. COOKE ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.  
\* First peal in the method. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
JOHN WALDEN ... Treble	HARRY SQUIRES ... 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	CALEB L. SINCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

To mark the 46th anniversary of the first peal in this tower by a local band.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Comprising 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 115 changes of method.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

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

Heywood's alternative Variation of Middleton's.	Tenor 20½ cwt.
PERCY PAGE ... Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

The first peal in the method, which is Tipler's B13/3 (2nds place L.E.), in A. J. Corrigan's unnamed Surprise Major Collection.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*MISS M. A. SWANN ... Treble	NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 5
†MISS JEAN METHAM ... 2	HAROLD MARCON ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	†SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 7
†CHARLES E. BROWN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANTIEN FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

BRO. EVEREST FORD, Rectitude Lodge (5197) ... Treble	
BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge (5657) ... 2	
W. BRO. FREDERICK E. DUKES, Dublin Lodge (72) ... 3	
BRO. PETER CROOK, Antiquity Lodge (146) ... 4	
BRO. NORMAN HEAPS, Lodge of Unity (613) ... 5	
BRO. EDWARD IDDON, Antiquity Lodge (146) ... 6	
BRO. FRED DUNKERLEY, Albert Lodge (854) ... 7	
BRO. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star Lodge (3644) ... Tenor	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by BRO. F. DUNKERLEY.  
To celebrate the installations of the Vicar, R.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon T. W. Taylor, M.A., as Prov. Grand Mark Master, and W. Bro. Frederick E. Dukes as W.M. in Dublin Lodge, No. 72.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt.
DERRICK CALLARD ... Treble	WILLIAM A. ASHDOWN ... 5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN ... 2	HORACE J. BUTT ... 6
WILLIAM H. HONE ... 3	FREDERICK WREPFORD ... 7
HENRY J. COREY ... 4	*WILLIAM A. BAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WREPFORD.

\* First peal. Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Devon Guild.



## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17 cwt.

*STANLEY G. ELSEY ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	*ARTHUR ROLFE ... 6
CECIL V. E. EBBESON ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
EDWARD BARKER ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

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

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
The first peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and in the county. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

## BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	RAYMOND LUNSTER ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	*CYRIL LAWRE ... 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 4	WILLIAM LOWDNES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH Treble	*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	†GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ... 6
†THOMAS J. CLARK ... 3	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 7
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*STANLEY NADEN ... Treble	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ... 5
†HAROLD LONON ... 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY ... 6
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 7
MISS JUNE HENSHAW ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major in the method as conductor. Tenor 7½ cwt. approximately.

## NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

*EDWIN C. BUCK ... Treble	*WALTER D. POOLEY ... 5
*ROY V. WEBB ... 2	JOHN CHURCH ... 6
*JACK S. DEAR ... 3	*WILLIAM A. COLLINS ... 7
*HORACE WERRETT ... 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. 16th birthday compliment to R. V. Webb. First peal of Major on the bells. Tenor 9 cwt.

## MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

VERNON SYKES ... Treble	FRED MELLOR ... 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 2	IVAN KAY ... 6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
GERALD DARE ... 4	PHILIP TOCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
In memoriam to Isaac Gartside, a ringer at the above church.

## KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
RONALD LORD ... Treble	JOHN J. MORRIS ... 5
ROLAND SMITH ... 2	GEORGE P. GARNER ... 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 3	FRED STANFORTH ... 7
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 4	ROY COLEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED STANFORTH.

Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday and 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Pears, verger of Stapleton.

## WOOLWICH.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
Rung as nearly as possible to the centenary of a peal, 5,376 changes, in this method rung in this tower on February 10th, 1849.

## WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

*WILLIAM SMITH ... Treble	†FREDERICK OLDROYD ... 5
ALBERT HARMAN ... 2	G. BRIAN GROVER ... 6
†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 3	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 7
†RONALD WALLIS ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.  
\* First peal. † First of Major. † First on eight and first 'inside.'  
§ First in method 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. A farewell to treble ringer (local), who is leaving for South Africa.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## REDBOURNE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.	
BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Treble	W. JOHN SOUTHAM ... 4
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 2	JOE HOBBS ... 5
FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

## EASTWELL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.	
*MICHAEL HUCKSTEPP ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 5
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 3	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

## ST. BREOCK, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BROEKE,

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

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 8 cwt.	
A. HUBERT EPLETT ... Treble	F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ... 3
*JAMES C. NORTHEY ... 2	ALEX J. WEBSTER ... 4
	R. GORDON CROSS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. DUDLEY TEAGUE.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

## GLOUCESTER.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE LODE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.	
*CHARLES LARNER ... Treble	WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2	JOHN WHITING ... 5
HARRY WORRAIL ... 3	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal away from the tenor.



**ASHTED, SURREY.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Elizabeth Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2, Frances Edgar 3, V. J. Benning (first quarter in method) 4, G. Marriner 5, F. L. Harris 6, A. J. Adams 7, D. N. Layton (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

**BARROWBY, Lincs.**—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and 540 of Grandsire): H. Drury 1, J. Haw 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, F. Parsons 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, A. Nichol's (first quarter) 6. First quarter in four methods by all the band.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Jan. 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. E. Baverstock 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, T. F. King 3, E. White 4, W. J. Prescott 5, H. Taylor 6, E. J. Fry 7, J. Hallet 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging by Mears and Stainbank.

**CANTERBURY.**—At the Cathedral on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Walter 1, F. R. Weller (cond.) 2, S. G. White 3, S. Waller 4, G. R. French 5, C. E. Buesden 6, H. R. French 7, T. Holmes 8.

**CHELTENHAM.**—At St. Mary's on Feb. 6th, quarter-peal Stedman Caters: P. Baker 1, E. Evans 2, I. Goulter 3, W. Williams (cond.) 4, G. Walters 5, W. Dyer 6, G. Kilminster 7, T. Newbury 8, C. Martin 9, W. Newman 10.

**CHOLSEY, BERKS.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Garlick 1, W. Irving 2, J. Money 3, L. Haines (cond.) 4, T. Palmer 5, J. Taylor 6, A. Fletcher 7, H. Ecote 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. A compliment to ringer of 7, who was married at this church 30 years ago.

**CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Stephens (first away from tenor) 1, A. H. Eplett 2, D. Docking (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Webster 4, R. G. Cross (cond.) 5, E. Tozer (first quarter) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DEANE, HANTS.**—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Esme Taylor 1, J. Marlowe 2, J. Weaver 3, Miss E. Tilsen (first quarter) 4, A. E. Smith 5, E. F. Gilbert (first as cond.) 6. First quarter in method 1 and 2.

**EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Webb 1, C. R. Belton 2, J. Oughton (first in method) 3, G. Gardner 4, F. Bailless 5, C. S. Aylett 6, E. E. Pickering (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8.

**FROME, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Seymour (first of Triples) 1, W. H. Crocker 2, J. Topp 3, W. H. Mills 4, P. Bray 5, W. Flower 6, D. H. Flower (cond.) 7, H. J. Brown 8. First by a local band for over 45 years.

**FULBOURN, CAMBS.**—On Feb. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. G. Woodhead (first of Major) 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, Miss B. Whistler (first of Major 'inside') 3, C. Moor 4, P. T. Robbins 5, B. D. Threlfall (first of Major as cond.) 6, G. Dodds 7, A. S. Watt 8.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Feb. 6th, at All Saints' Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Alsop 1, W. Langdon 2, Alf Jones 3, Arthur Jones 4, J. W. Paice 5, W. T. Elson 6, G. W. Debenham 7, J. W. Stephenson 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9. H. W. Page 10.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Eves 1, R. C. Thrift 2, E. W. Furbank 3, A. Edwards 4, A. G. Bartholomew 5, H. W. Shadrack 6, W. J. Bartlett (first as cond.) 7, B. Bover 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

**HANBURY, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Chamberlain 1, B. G. Key 2, H. Harrison 3, N. Brain 4, G. Harrison 5, S. Jones 6, G. L. Roden (cond.) 7, C. Shennard (first quarter) 8.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, J. W. C. Blythe 2, C. J. Young 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. H. J. Gravette 5, S. Gilbert (first in method as conductor) 6.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss F. Clayton (first Double Norwich) 3, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. John's Church on Feb. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Thurlow (first in method) 1, F. G. Baldwin 2, N. W. Genna 3, T. G. Bannister 4, W. H. Coles 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, F. Corke (cond.) 7, R. A. Reed 8.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Pilbeam (first on eight) 1, C. H. Walker 2, L. Chislett 3, P. Andre 4, E. Jones 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, W. Packer 7, R. Boyce 8.

**MARTIN, WILTS.**—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Gray 1, J. Lush 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, H. G. Gray 6.

**MORTIMER, BERKS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parsons 1, C. Herridge 2, A. Ham 3, F. Mitchell 4, W. Clift (cond.) 5, D. Neville 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. In memoriam James Ilman.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. Pomeroy 1, J. Holbrook 2, D. Hoare 3, H. Griffen 4, F. Carter (first as cond.) 5, E. Connick 6. First quarter 2 and 3. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Griffen, tower master.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Messenger (first of Treble Bob) 1, W. J. Southam 2, F. J. Spicer 3, Miss J. Burrows (first of Treble Bob) 4, B. A. Cornell (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Ladd 1, R. E. Lambert 2, T. E. Sone 3, W. Rogers 4, R. T. Lambert 5, D. E. Colgate 6, R. Collins (first in method as cond.) 7, W. H. Dobbie 8.

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## LATE NEWS.

Leeds and District Society have postponed their Jubilee Dinner to the end of April.

Mr. Jack R. Worrall is studying in France for six months.

By taking part together in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at

Leicester Cathedral on February 17th, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole have rung 100 Surprise peals together. Has this been done before by husband and wife? A week before the peal, when it was realised it would be the century together, the youngsters, not wishing to be outdone, started counting up, and it was found by sheer coincidence that this peal would be the 50th Surprise together by Jill Poole and Peter J. Staniforth.

Grundisburgh bells and frame arrived from the foundry this week and the dedication will take place on March 26th at 3 p.m.

By the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Redbourne, Herts, Mr. Charles F. Sayer has rung Kent from Minor to Maximus and Mr. Joe Hobbs has 'circled' the tower.

'Leighton Buzzard Observer,' in an editorial, writes: 'A reader who lives at Linslade declares that church bells and baby's wails don't harmonise.' We fully agree.

The bells of Wilby, Northants, were rehung last May. Newcomers to our art scored their first quarter on February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. The ringers were Miss D. Wykes 1, T. Fowler (80) 2, Miss M. Sedgwick 3, J. R. Partridge 4, C. W. Partridge (cond.) 5, W. Drage 6. First quarter by 1, 3 and 4. We await progress! Mr. Fowler has been a regular service ringer at Wilby since 1893.

Hawley, Hants bells (8) have been completely restored, and the Rev. Ken. C. Davis, Vicar, invites his ringing friends to the dedication service on March 19th at 3 p.m. Plenty of ringing and a tea are promised. Hawley Church is five minutes' walk from Blackwater Station. The last £50 of the £450 needed has to be raised, and donations, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Davis.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

After completing a peal of Wembley Surprise at Shipton - under - Wychwood, Oxfordshire, the ringers went to the local hostelry for a meal. Mine host provided a first-class meal and demonstrated his appreciation of the ringing by halving the price. There is a moral here: good striking will provide you with good friends.

Messrs. Jack Bray and Philip Barnes rang their 50th peal together at Messingham, Lincs, on February 12th.

Another Birmingham ringer has gone to Cornwall, Mr. H. C. Spencer. These visitors should strengthen Cornish ringing.

Mr. James George must look to his laurels. Mr. R. H. McDonald, of Sydney, New South Wales, has rung his first 360 'in hand' at the age of 91. There is no telling what he might accomplish before he reaches 95.

Present deficit on the Richardson Memorial Fund is £40. Contributions from friends would be gratefully acknowledged. A peal board commemorating Mr. Rupert Richardson's last peal was dedicated at Spalding on Saturday.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association's 71st annual report has been published. A comprehensive guide book to ringing in the area, the report contains a number of compositions. The Association had a membership of 475 at the date of publication (276 ordinary, 176 life members).

There was a determination to get the peal in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Yeo, of Long Ashton, Somerset. Towards the end of the third part the tuck came out of the 7th rope and began flapping in the face of the ringer (Leonard Derrick). He removed the remaining tuck and completed the peal with a single rope and a coil in his hand. This was no mean achievement with a bell weighing a ton.

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## LETTERS

## REPORTING PEALS—AND A REMEDY

Dear Sir,—I view with some concern the suggestion from Messrs. C. W. Woolley and N. Chaddock that the present style of peal reporting should be changed. If Mr. Woolley's idea was put into practice, a peal would look no more important than a quarter-peal. If a peal is worth ringing, it is worth publishing with the time-honoured traditions of over 70 years. I do not think that there is very much of interest 'left out' because of the number of peals to be reported. There still seems plenty of space available for mathematical articles which can have no practical value to anyone.

However, before any drastic decision is ever taken, I think it would be fairer to take a vote (by postcard sent to the Editor) as to what our peal ringers think about the matter. It would also be fair if those who have not rung any peals, or do not wish to ring any peals, refrained from voting.

There is, of course, one other way to save space, and that is for prolific peal ringers to cut down on the number of peals they ring. If we all kept to about 25 a year each and made the attempts in a wider range of towers, it would serve two purposes. Firstly, it would enable the peals rung to be published without overcrowding, and, secondly, it would prevent complaints from people who live near towers where peal attempts are plentiful.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth.

## 'SPARE US THE NEW LOOK'

Dear Sir,—It has been suggested by some correspondents that in order to enable you to keep abreast of the peal reports in 'The Ringing World,' the present style of reporting peals should be altered and size of type reduced, etc. Mr. Woolley says the size of type has changed but little in the last century and that it is out of date and just will not do. Well, why won't it do? I, for one, am not old-fashioned, but has *peal ringing* drastically changed since the last century? Thank goodness a peal has still to be rung in the same 'old-fashioned' way by human effort; we haven't allowed that to be completely mechanised.

Bells may be hung in iron frames and on ball bearings instead of wooden frames and plain bearings, but a peal has to be rung in precisely the same way, and whoever rings his first peal, or indeed any peal, does it in the same fashion as the ringer of the last century. Why deny him or her the pleasure of seeing that peal published in the style that we have been accustomed to, instead of the type he or she usually associates with quarter-peals.

Personally, I do not mind whether one of my peals is published on the next Friday or two or three weeks after, but I do like to see it in the traditional style. You, Mr. Editor, may congratulate yourself on the manner in which you have kept the peal records in hand. The average peal is only two or three weeks 'behind' in publication and the position is not getting worse, unless, of course, some special occasion results in a big increase in peals. As a gesture, why not *all* peal ringers voluntarily refrain from peal ringing for the last two or three weeks in the Lenten season? By Easter the Editor's headache would have gone (at least one of them).

I do not think the majority of ringers (not essentially peal ringers) favour a drastic change of style, much less the younger ringers. I remember the thrill I got at school when I saw my name on a certificate of merit for doing something more than the average scholar. I had exactly the same thrill when I saw my name for the first time in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Please think again before giving up these so-called traditions and spare us from the 'New Look'!

F. W. ROGERS.

Portsmouth.

## Ringer Honoured



Mr. Edward J. Bragg, who has recently been awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division) in the Palestine awards, was born 44 years ago in Sharnbrook, Beds, and started ringing at the village church when he was 10 years of age.

In 1924, at 18, he joined the Grenadier Guards, and served in various parts of the country. He scored his first peal at Aldershot in 1925, and later rang peals in and around London and Windsor whilst his battalion was stationed there. Promoted to the rank of sergt.-major, he went to Egypt in 1936, and at the outbreak of war was in France, evacuating from Dunkirk with the Guards Brigade.

In 1941 he was commissioned to the Hampshire Regiment, and whilst serving as garrison adjutant at Lincoln enjoyed the hospitality of the ringing fraternity of that city. Later he went to Palestine and held the position of deputy assistant quartermaster general with H.Q. staff, and when the King David Hotel was blown up narrowly escaped injury.

Major Bragg retired from the Service in July last year, and has made his home at Aldershot. He married in 1935 Miss Grace Denyer, of Aldershot, and they have one son and two daughters.

With 28 peals to his credit, he is a member of several Associations, including the Bedfordshire, Oxford, Middlesex, Winchester, Lincoln, College Youths and Guildford, to which latter he has recently been elected to the executive committee.

## REPORTING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—We are continually being reminded of the shortage of space in 'The Ringing World,' but no effort seems to be made to remedy things. Mr. C. W. Woolley suggests an alteration in the style and size of type used for the recording of peals and I quite agree.

At the last Central Council meeting several suggestions were put forward for the saving of space—one being that the peals should be set in 'lower case'—thus allowing three columns to the page as against two at present.

There are several other ways of space saving and advice can be given (if the printer really needs it).

The alphabetical arrangement of peals is hardly necessary and would no doubt add to the cost of production.

F. I. HAIRS.

Burgess Hill

STANDON, HERTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: K. Smith 1, J. Smith 2, W. Smith 3, R. Stacey 4, S. Smith 5, H. Groom (cond.) 6.

## Foreign to London Surprise

Dear Sir,—The following figures are the first twelve rows of the Minor and Major of the method published recently by Mr. York-Bramble as a 'variant' of London Surprise Minor and Major:—

123456	12345678
213546	21354768
125364	12537486
215634	21573486
251643	25178364
526134	52713846
521643	52178364
256134	25713846
526314	52731486
562341	57234168
653214	75321486
652341	75234168

Lead end 124365 Lead end 15372846

Lead head 142635 Lead head 13527486  
or  
15738264

The first eleven rows are London Surprise pure and simple; the remaining 14 rows of Minor and 22 rows of Major are foreign to London Surprise Minor and Major. The following stricture applies to the so-called London Royal and Maximus: the first eleven rows in each are 'London,' the twelfth row in each breaks away from the method at that point and the remaining rows are foreign to London Surprise.—Yours faithfully,

Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

## THANK YOU, OLDHAM

Dear Sir,—On a still, lovely Saturday afternoon, January 29th, I walked from Ashton, through Lees and round the back of the Pike. For nearly the whole of my walk I could hear the sound of bells. I was entranced by the exquisite music which reached my ears, now loud, now soft. All my life I have listened to the ringing of bells, but never has the sound played so strongly on my emotions. Often I lingered on my way, fearful of missing some of the beauty that was being given to me. I see now that there was a peal of Grandsire Caters at Oldham Parish Church on that same Saturday afternoon; if the ringers in that peal never touch a bell again, they may rest content in the knowledge that they gave enough pleasure to one man to last a lifetime.—Yours sincerely, F. F. RIGBY.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

## BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY

Bournemouth Ringers' Rally will take place at Christchurch on May 7th.

The Organising Committee met at Christchurch Vicarage and decided to run two coach tours if sufficient numbers desired them. Route one would be from Christchurch to Wimborne Minster, Ringwood and Milford, and the second from Bournemouth to Swanage, Kingston and Poole. Both tours to leave at 11.30 a.m. and return to Christchurch in time for some ringing on the Priory bells before dinner at 7 p.m.

Special tours of the Priory with guides are being arranged, and the bells of the Priory Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's, Bournemouth, bells will be available in the morning and St. John's, Surrey Road, in the afternoon. The dinner is to be held at the Wick Ferry Restaurant on the banks of the river near Christchurch Priory at 7 p.m.

The committee decided to keep the price of the dinner tickets as last year, i.e., 8s. 6d., and the tickets for the coach tours will be 7s. each. An early application for tickets should be made to the hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

### 70th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION. COMMEMORATION DINNER.

Nearly fifty members and guests of the Cambridge University Guild attended a dinner held in the University Arms Hotel at Cambridge on February 5th, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Guild.

Those present were the president (Rev. A. C. Blyth), Messrs. G. Dodds (Master), B. D. Threlfall (secretary), the Rev. C. F. D. Moule (treasurer), P. W. B. Semmens (Master, Oxford University Society), Miss M. J. Brierley and Mr. D. Gallop (secretaries, O.U.S.), Mr. D. N. Layton (Master, University of London Society), Mr. H. L. Martin (Master, Cambridge Youths) and Mr. E. G. Hibbins, the Revs. B. F. Sheppard, A. G. G. Thurlow and G. M. Styler, Major J. H. R. Freeborn, Dr. and Mrs. F. Moor, Drs. F. S. Poole and S. E. Darmon, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. J. Hooton, Messrs. T. R. Dennis and J. W. R. Quinney (hon. members of the Guild), E. M. Atkins, M. N. Bland, A. W. T. Cleaver, P. G. L. Cole, J. Davy, P. M. Freeman, M. R. D. Harford, R. I. Harker, B. M. Hawkes, P. H. Hilton, J. F. Moor, C. Moor, B. D. Price, J. B. Rowsell, P. T. Robbins, H. J. M. Turner, A. S. Watt, C. G. Woodhead and J. B. Wrenbury, Misses Alison L. Blyth, Gillian Anderson-Smith, Margaret E. Green, Anne B. Stockdale, Benedicta Whistler and K. Mary Williams.

After the loyal toast, Dr. F. S. Poole, the senior member present, proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' He recalled various phases of the Guild's history, and spoke of its early years, mentioning particularly the institution of the annual Guild Weeks, which had grown in popularity during the years and which had been so valuable a feature in the development of Guild ringing. They had not only provided an opportunity for resident and non-resident members to meet and ring together, but they had been effective in preserving the continuity of the Guild.

The president, in replying, said that the Guild had a continuous ringing history since its foundation, but stressed that the activity of the resident Guild necessarily occurred in peaks interspersed with periods of less activity. This was inevitable in a university ringing society, where members were seldom resident for more than two or three years. The president thought that the Guild had probably passed through a peak period in tower-bell ringing during the last three or four years, and he mentioned as evidence of this various peals which had been rung by resident junior members of the Guild and also the increased standard of service ringing.

He also emphasised that, although peal ringing is a test of competence in the individual ringer, it is not the only criterion by which the work of a society such as the Guild must be judged. If the Guild succeeded in producing promising ringers who, although perhaps not reaching peal standard during their comparatively short time in the resident Guild, would go down and be of use to their local bands, then it was performing a valuable service to the Exercise.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' mentioned especially the debt which the Guild owed to the Cambridge Youths and in particular to the steeplekeeper at Great St. Mary's, Mr. J. W. R. Quinney. The Guild was able to practise and teach beginners in Cambridge very largely as a result of their willing co-operation and assistance. The Master of the Oxford University Society replied to the toast and congratulated the Guild on admitting women as full members.

The toast to 'The Ladies' was fittingly proposed by Major J. H. R. Freeborn, in a speech which caused much hilarity. He said that the increasing participation by ladies in

what had previously been regarded as exclusively men's activities was an inevitable process. It had become clear, when the University had recently admitted women to full membership, that the Guild would ultimately have to do the same. Major Freeborn said that he had that afternoon watched the women members of the Guild ringing in the tower, and he had been greatly impressed by their capabilities and potential assets to the Guild. He mentioned that the institution of a permanent president was one of the principal reasons why the Guild had flourished for seventy years, and he paid a well-deserved tribute to the work of the present president.

Miss Gillian Anderson-Smith, who has the distinction of being the first woman to ring a peal for the Guild, very appropriately replied to this toast.

During the afternoon there was ringing at Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Bene't's and the R.C. Church of Our Lady; Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal were the main events at Great St. Mary's. One tower-bell peal—Bob Major at Sawston—was rung during the week-end, and also a quarter-peal of Bob Royal at Saffron Walden. There were two handbell peals on Sunday—Double Norwich and Bob Royal.

This was the first reunion dinner in Cambridge for many years. The large attendance and the many appreciative comments expressed by members afterwards suggest that perhaps such a dinner is sufficiently popular to warrant its being held annually.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A report that ringing was slowly regaining ground in the district was reported by Mr. C. Ernest Smith (Ringing Master) at the annual meeting of the Guildford district on February 19th. During the year Worplesdon bells had been augmented from six to eight, a new ring had been provided at Send, and Wonerish bells restored and rebung.

The Rev. Ken Davis, who presided, extended an open invitation to all ringers to attend the rededication of Hawley bells on March 19th at 3 p.m.

Regret was expressed at the absence of the district secretary (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) and wishes for his recovery were expressed. An apology was also received from Mr. J. Corbett (Guild treasurer), who was afraid he would have to go into hospital for treatment. Wishes for a speedy recovery were expressed.

Officers elected were: Mr. C. E. Smith, Ringing Master; Mr. A. C. Hazelden, hon. secretary; Mr. F. A. Munday, assistant secretary; Mr. Leslie Hunter, auditor; Mr. L. Warner, committee. New members elected were: Ringing, Messrs. G. Smith (Worplesdon), P. Welch (Pirbright), P. Mansell and P. Saunders (Shere); compounding members, Miss F. Wymann, Miss Margaret Fidell, Messrs. Wm. Rogers, D. Beveridge, R. E. Pace and E. V. Blake.

Meetings were suggested for Worplesdon, West Clandon, Albury, Bramley and Ewhurst during the year. The Guild secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) announced a proposal that would come before the executive to equalise the districts by the following transfer of towers from the Guildford district: to Chertsey, Old Woking, Send and Ockham; to Farnham, Pirbright, Worplesdon and Grayshott; to Leatherhead, Shere, West Clandon and Merrow.

The Guild service was held at St. Nicolas' Church, and ringing took place at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas' Churches.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: R. P. Andre 1, C. H. Walker 2, Miss M. Pilbeam (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Bennett (cond.) 4, E. H. Jones 5, S. W. Ball 6, W. Packer 7, R. Boyce 8.

## Birmingham Cathedral's New Treble Bells

### A FINE RING OF TWELVE.

The new treble bells to complete the ring of twelve were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on February 12th.

The ten bells were installed in 1937 to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI., and the present scheme was made possible by the generosity of Mr. Frank B. Yates, a highly respected member of St. Martin's Guild.

For the sake of audibility, and to allow the ropes to fall into a good circle, it was decided to hang the seventh, eighth and ninth (of the twelve) in a separate frame, above the existing one, and to move the smaller bells round so that the new trebles occupy the pits previously filled by the trebles of the ten. This involved considerable work—new headstocks and fittings were required for the bells moved into larger pits. The work was carried out in an exemplary manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the founders of the existing ten bells.

In an address, the Bishop regretted that Mr. Yates was unable, through illness, to be present. He was not going to praise the generous gift, as the donor would be sufficiently rewarded by the knowledge that his gift had been gladly received. As the centuries pass, said the Bishop, may the church and tower stand safe. May the bells, the ring of twelve, ring often on occasions of peace, but never for war. If war should come may they be silent like men stricken with plague.

Immediately after the service a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by A. Walker 1, H. H. Fearn 2, T. H. Reeves 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, W. C. Dowding 5, G. W. Critchley 6, A. D. Cook 7, J. Pinfold 8, S. O'C. Holloway 9, F. E. Haynes 10, A. Paddon Smith 11, G. E. Fearn 12.

The critical listeners outside heard the full beauty of the bells and passed appreciative comments upon them. The new bells blend very nicely with the former ten, and are a credit to the Croydon founders, who were represented by Messrs. M. Howard, F. C. W. Stevenson, B. Newson and others.

## PEAL BOARDS AT TRING

A good muster of members of the Hertford County Association and of neighbouring societies attended a service at Tring on Feb. 19th, at which the Bishop of Bedford dedicated two peal boards and gave an address. The lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and some younger members of the Association formed a choir.

For the ceremony itself the Bishop proceeded to the chancel screen where the boards had been placed. The request for dedication was made by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and the Bishop, after blessing the boards, committed them to the charge of the Vicar.

The boards commemorate peals rung in honour of the royal wedding and of the consecration of the Bishop in St. Albans Abbey last year.

After the service tea was served in the Church House, and the Bishop was welcomed by the general secretary of the Association, Mr. Walter Ayre. In the course of a reply the Bishop expressed the sense of honour he felt at being asked to officiate at the dedication. His interest in bells and in ringers continued, and in this connection he told of the problems of the provision of churches for the new towns, expressing a hope that bells would be installed. He would, he said, use his influence to advise the building of towers in which bells could eventually be placed.

Mr. T. J. Reeve, the oldest active member of the Tring band, also expressed the pleasure all had felt in seeing the Bishop again in the pulpit he once occupied as Vicar, and Mr. Ayre finally thanked the Vicar for his practical interest in the Association and in the young band now being formed at Tring.



### AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob and one of Oxford Single.

S. FLINT ... ..	Treble	R. LARKEY ... ..	4
J. TAYLOR ... ..	2	J. LUNHAM ... ..	5
MISS A. ABRAHAM ... ..	3	W. DEAKIN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. DEAKIN.

A 70th birthday compliment to the ringers of the second.

### PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

#### THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 1,440 changes each of Oxford and Kent T.B. with 2,160 changes of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES ... ..	Treble	STANLEY GILBERT ... ..	4
JOHN H. BLUFF ... ..	2	GEORGE S. BUSH ... ..	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... ..	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bush, parents of Mr. G. S. Bush.

### HUNTINGDON.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

H. BENJAMIN BULL ... ..	Treble	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... ..	4
CYRIL J. YOUNG ... ..	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... ..	5
CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE ... ..	3	STANLEY GILBERT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of three years as Rector.

### GREAT CHART, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two extents Oxford T.B., two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

HARRY BAKER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... ..	4
HILDRD S. WICKENS ... ..	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... ..	5
WILFRED W. RING ... ..	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

### YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being three 720's Kent T.B. and four 720's Oxford T.B.. Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOMAS LOWETH ... ..	Treble	GEORGE S. BUSH ... ..	4
HERBERT GOAKES ... ..	2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..	5
†JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... ..	3	D. THOMAS AUSTIN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal. † First of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to W. H. Waldron, 25 years secretary of Peterborough Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, by his friends of the Ely Association.

### OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

#### AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.

HARRY ANDERTON ... ..	Treble	CHARLES CLEGG ... ..	4
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... ..	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... ..	5
ERNEST J. GOWER ... ..	3	VICTOR C. WOOD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. H. R. Newton (London).

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

*BRIAN WARWICK ... ..	Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... ..	4
*JILL POOLE ... ..	2	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... ..	5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... ..	3	†PETER J. STANFORTH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on tower bells and also as conductor.

### CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE. THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

#### A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 1,440's and three 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED HANINGTON ... ..	Treble	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... ..	4
ERNEST STITCH ... ..	2	HARRY BOYCE ... ..	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... ..	3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and also first in the method in Wales.

## HANDBELL PEALS

### POURNEMOUTH.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

### ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 39A, HIGH STREET,

#### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

A 240 and 8 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARION GRAIN ... ..	1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... ..	3-4
RONALD H. BULLEN ... ..	5-6		

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

Longest length by all.

### BOURNEMOUTH.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Cond. by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFERY,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

*BRIAN WARWICK ... ..	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... ..	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	3-4	†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... ..	7-8

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.  
\* First handbell peal and first of Bob Major. † First of Bob Major on handbells.

### BELFAST.

#### THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

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

Tenor size 11 in G.

FREDK. E. DUKES ... ..	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... ..	3-4
A. E. MCGRATH ... ..	5-6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

First peal of Plain Bob Doubles as conductor.

### CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..	1-2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... ..	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... ..	9-10
JOHN FREEMAN ... ..	5-6	†JACK BRAY ... ..	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.  
\* First peal of Cinques 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.'

### NOTTINGHAM.

#### THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At 110, NOEL STREET,

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

Holt's Original.

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

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First handbell peal of Triples.



## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE C. COLLINS.

The death was recently announced of Mr. George C. Collins, a former member of the Milton-next-Gravesend band for some 15 years, at the age of 59. He took part in four peals of Minor there for the Kent County Association between 1912 and the early 1920's.

Mr. Collins was, however, much better known as a cricketer, and was the subject of a special article in the early years of 'The Ringing World.' He was probably the only ringer to have been a professional; indeed, apart from the famous Australian, M. A. Noble, the only one to have reached first-class standard. As a member of the Kent XI, between 1911 and 1928, he scored over 6,000 runs and took nearly 400 wickets for the county. His best performance was to take all ten Nottingham wickets in one innings in 1922. There was an anti-climax the next day when he began the bowling with four successive wides!

### DENNIS LOOKER.

St. Mark's, Swindon, have lost a very promising ringer in Dennis Looker, aged 17 years, who died on February 16th after 11 weeks' illness. Requiem Mass was conducted by the Rev. R. Royle (Vicar) at St. Mark's on Saturday, February 19th. Muffled ringing preceded the service and afterwards quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung.

Dennis, who had rung one peal of Minor, will be greatly missed in the Swindon District for his keenness to learn, and he was justly proud of his faith in the Church.

### MR. A. B. LOMAS.

Apocryphal the regretted passing on January 30th of Mr. A. B. Lomas, which was announced in 'The Ringing World' recently, Mr. E. W. Izard, from Victoria, B.C., writes—

Before coming to Canada in 1912, Mr. Lomas lived at Gawsorth and rang at Macclesfield, Cheshire. On his arrival in Canada he became a ringer at the Holy Rosary Church, Vancouver, until 1938, when he came to Victoria and joined the Christ Church Cathedral Guild and rang regularly at Christ Church Cathedral from 1938 until his death—his death coming suddenly after a stroke.

Mr. Lomas was very much respected by all who knew him and especially his fellow ringers. He was a very able conductor and had been instrumental in the teaching of young ringers. Mr. Lomas' name is on the peal board in Macclesfield, also in the Holy Rosary Church, Vancouver, and the peal board recently erected in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria.

## SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

A reunion meeting of the Society of Roving Ringers was held over the first week-end in February at Wrington, Somerset. Early arrivals joined Long Ashton ringers at their practice on Friday night, whilst the remainder of the company was collected from Bristol Station.

Ringing on the nable ring of eight at Congresbury occupied Saturday morning, when methods ranging from Plain Bob to Yorkshire Surprise Major were rung.

To the great disappointment of all, a peal attempt for Grandsire Caters on the magnificent ten at Wrington was lost after an hour and a half.

A dinner and a short business meeting were held in the evening, when the officers for the following year were elected and the plans for this year's tour discussed.

Service ringing at Wrington, Backwell and St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, occupied the next day. Four of the five towers visited during the week-end had tenors of over 30 cwt.

The thanks of the party are due to Mr. Herbert Knight for the use of Wrington bells and 'Billy' Kingcott for making all the local arrangements, including an excellent transport system.

## 100 Years After

The activities of a famous band of ringers at Woolwich a hundred years ago are recalled by a peal of Superlative recorded elsewhere. A board in the tower at Woolwich records that 'On Monday, Feb. 10th, 1849, the following members of the Woolwich branch of the Society of College Youths rang on these bells a true and complete peal of Superlative Surprise containing 5,376 changes in 3 hours and 15 minutes, which is the first peal in the method ever rung in Kent: Henry Banister, sen. 1, Wm. Banister (conductor) 2, Henry Banister 3, Samuel Teasel 4, John Banister 5, George Cleveland 6, George Banister 7, Edward West 8.'

This was, in fact, the third peal of Superlative ever rung, the earlier ones being at Huddersfield in 1821 and Norwich in 1835. The commemorative peal rung on February 12th, 1949, was to have been conducted by Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith, who was unfortunately prevented from standing in at the last moment. Mr. Hodgson took his rope at three hours' notice.

The Woolwich bells are now rung from a floor higher in the tower than that used in the Banisters' time. The tower is unusually tall for brick construction, and even from the higher ringing floor now used it is quite entertaining to ring some of the bells as there is no indication what they might do next. To ring from the lower floor used by the Banisters must have been a very tricky business in view of the much greater draught. Hearing must also have been difficult as there were three intervening floors and even upstairs the volume of sound is inadequate.

### MR. H. R. NEWTON

The peal recently rung at Southwark in honour of Mr. H. R. Newton's 84th birthday brought to the minds of those taking part memories of the exploits of this very remarkable man, whose achievements at the heavy end have never been surpassed—nor, indeed, are they likely to be.

Bob Newton was never a heavy-weight in build and certainly not tall—but he was very broad across the shoulders, and his superb style and striking provided an example to the younger generation, which has been a factor in producing such a high standard in College Youths' performances. Amongst the many big jobs he has done are ringing the tenor at Bow (53 cwt.) to London Surprise, turning in Southwark tenor (when she was 52 cwt.) to Superlative and Cambridge, and Cornhill (41 cwt.) to Superlative. He also turned in St. Paul's (62 cwt.) to Treble Twelve.

He took part in the long length of Stedman Cinques at Southwark (ringing the 11th), and in the long peal of Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922. He has rung several peals at Westminster Abbey, and when 83 years of age took part in a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the birth of the Royal Prince.

Readers will be pleased to know that he is in excellent health, still at work and as alert as ever, and we feel sure they will join in the good wishes extended to a most lovable man and a superb ringer.

J. F. S.

## BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Society, it was decided at the annual meeting on February 12th to arrange a dinner in September and to make this an annual fixture.

The Rector, the Rev. A. P. Morley, who presided, was unanimously elected hon. president, with Mr. F. Moxon as president for 1949. The secretary, treasurer and auditors were re-elected. The balance sheet showed a small profit on the year's working and was regarded as satisfactory. Nine new members were elected.

## 50 Years as Steeplekeeper

At a social evening for the Church Council, sidesmen and bellringers of All Saints' Parish Church, Feering, Essex, a presentation was made to Mr. J. G. Newman, who had been steeplekeeper for 50 years before retiring last year.

The presents, which were a copy of 'Bells Through the Ages,' pipe, pouch, tobacco and cheque, were handed to Mr. Newman by Mr. S. H. Catt, Vicar's warden. The Vicar had previously outlined to the gathering the duties of a steeplekeeper, which few other than ringers have any idea of the time which is involved to do the job properly. Mr. H. Nichols thanked Mr. Newman for his service on behalf of the ringers.

Mr. Newman suitably replied, saying that he had been a ringer for 52 years and had been a member of three different eight-bell companies at Feering, and he looked forward to the day when there would be a full company again to ring Major. Mr. Newman succeeded Mr. William Keeble as Ringing Master in 1936, when the latter had to give up owing to ill-health.

The evening concluded with refreshments and entertainment, which included tunes on the handbells by Messrs. J. C. Newman, F. Fludder, S. Fisher and H. Nichols.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS MID-DEVON BRANCH.

Meeting at Bovey Tracey on February 5th, the Mid-Devon Branch discussed at length the unsatisfactory manner in which church bell-ringing was broadcast prior to services as well as announcers speaking whilst church bells were on the air. The general opinion was that church bells should be allowed at least five minutes. A letter of protest is to be sent to the general committee of the Guild.

Mr. J. E. Lilley presided, supported by the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) and the general secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale). Certificates were presented to Messrs. F. Turner (Ashburton) and B. Wilkinson (Paignton). A letter was read from Mr. C. W. Pope thanking the branch for its donation to Grundisburgh Bell Fund. In adopting the report, the meeting minuted its appreciation of the work of the hon. secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett).

Officers elected were: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. B. H. Cooper; general committee, Messrs. C. F. Austin, F. Turner and W. C. Wakley. Subject to the necessary permission the next meeting will be held at Babbacombe on April 23rd.

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The address of Mr. H. W. Impey is now 73, Parkfield Avenue, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Middlesex. 4863

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**MEETINGS**

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) at 3. Service at 4.15. 4805

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Bells: St. Martin's (12), 1; Bishop Ryders (8), 2; Aston (12), 3; St. Chad's (8), 3.30; Cathedral (12), 4.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Saturday, Mar. 5th. 3. Service 4.30. Business 6.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 4383

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Ospringe, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head only to those who notify Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 16, King's Road, Faversham.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4820

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Sandon, March 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Great Baddow (8) available 7.9. Numbers for tea.—Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4831

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Fish tea available, 2s. Names to Mr. G. H. Dunnington, 2, The Broadway, St. Ives, by Friday, Mar. 4th.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4831

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Three Horse Shoes.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4850

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Lower Beeding, March 5th. 3. Tea. Bus, Horsham Carfax.—G. T. Jennings, Hon. Div. Sec. 4853

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Stusted, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Henry A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 4851

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—Dedication of the new ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on Saturday, Mar. 12th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please advise early for tea.—H. J. Sanger. 4848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, Saturday, Mar. 12th, Central Club, Chain Street Reading, 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4804

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Names for tea to A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, by Mar. 8th. 4832

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, by Wednesday, Mar. 9th.—L. Baines, Dis. Sec., 30, Cotterells Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 4858

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall 5. Names early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 4854

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Preston, Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 4872

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Greens Norton on Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea before March 9th to Mr. G. Mansfield, Greens Norton, Towcester. 4871

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Ashover (8), Saturday, March 12th. 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, District Sec., Darley Dale. 4870

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), March 12th. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 4866

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Upex, Church Cottage, Cuckney, Mansfield, by 9th.—H. Denman. 4873

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandv. 4875

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, March 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Cups of tea at Swan Inn, Ullesthorpe, 5 o'clock.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec. 4876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Leicester Districts.—Great Glenn (6), March 12th. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, the Crown. Write by 9th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4877

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by March 6th to Thomas Wilmot, 43, Flower Street, Castle, Northwich. 4886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4878

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem (8), March 12th, 3 p.m. Local cafes available for tea.—C. A. Barron. 4881

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nether Winchendon, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. Tea to follow.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4880

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Hamer, March 12th. Bells (6) from 3. Meeting 6.30. Notify Mr. J. Taylor, 96, Greenbank Road, Rochdale, for teas before Wednesday, 9th.—V. W. Sykes, Branch Secretary. 4882

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness, before March 9th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4885

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 4884

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hessle, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (3s. each), Church Hall. Notify Mr. J. Poole, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle, not later than Tuesday, March 8th.—Albert E. Sellers. 4865

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 4861

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must send their names before Wednesday, March 9th, to Mr. E. Humphries, Abbotslea Cottage, Woolton Hill Road, Liverpool. 4883

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at Leamington Spa, March 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please make own arrangement for tea. 4891

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury District.—Meeting, Great Barton, March 12th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food.—E. W. Pye, Hon. Dis. Secs., Blackhorse Farm, Wickhambrook. 4890

LADIES' GUILD.—Special joint meeting of Central, Guildford and Southern Districts to be held at Beddington, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting to follow. Will committee members make effort to attend? Names for tea by March 15th to Mr. D. Parsons, 4, Carshalton Place Terrace, Carshalton, Surrey.—D. E. Liddetter, W. Oliver, F. I. Hairs, Hon. Dis. Secs. 4852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Rolvenden, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4879

DUDLEY GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, March 19th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea for numbers only received March 15th.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4867

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LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Rutland Branch). — Joint meeting. — Meeting at Oakham, Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Towell, 25, West Road, Oakham, not later than Wednesday, March 16th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, S. H. Towell, Hon. Secretaries. 4869

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, North Muskham (6), March 19th, 2.30. Please notify me for tea by the 15th.—J. W. Baithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 4868

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Dedication of Thaxted bells. If sufficient support is forthcoming a coach can be arranged from Romford. Could pick up en route. Fare 6s. 9d. to include tea. Names by March 12th (first 32). Will confirm final details by post.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4874

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary. The annual meeting will be held in Worcester on Saturday, April 30th, and not Easter Monday as in past.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec. 4888

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