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A RINGERS' GUIDE

OUR editorial of a fortnight ago concerning the publication, if possible, of a Ringers' Guide has evoked a widespread interest judging from the letters that have reached the Editor.

Mr. R. H. Dove, of Leeds, writes:—

'If the Central Council should favour the publication of a ringers' guide, I would gladly supply an alphabetical list of about six thousand towers with rings of five or more bells. I commenced the compilation of this list over twenty years ago, following an incident when acting upon information gleaned from Kelly's Directory I sent a band of ringers on their outing to an alleged six-bell tower, and when they arrived they found a set of tubular bells!

'In 1934 a well-known ringer author urged me to publish my list, which was, as far as could be ascertained, both complete and accurate, and arrangements were being made with a London publisher but were suspended on account of a last-minute "technical hitch"—either I could not or would not guarantee the required sales—and being about to take up an appointment in Leeds I abandoned the project until a later date, but kept the list up to date. I had, in point of fact, only recently been exploring the possibility of publishing, but if the Central Council should decide to embark on the project, which I know from experience is no small task, the results of the literally hundreds of hours I have expended on the task are at the Council's disposal. While I do not enjoy the privilege of Council membership, I would like to feel that my efforts may have served some useful purpose.

'That there is a real need for such a work may be illustrated by the following instance. I am at present arranging the programme for a "ringing week," when, in addition to the more serious business of peal ringing, it is intended to visit as many as possible of the fives and sixes in the remoter parts of the Yorkshire moors and wolds where there is but little or no change ringing and contact with organised ringing is of the slightest.

'Out of thirty-five towers which it is hoped to visit, thirteen do not appear in the Yorkshire Association Report and to the uninformed do not exist. This led me to make a rough check of the one up-to-date Association Report to hand, namely, the Yorkshire, and I found that my list contains one hundred towers not contained in the report, due, no doubt, to there being no membership at these towers. No doubt a comparison with other county Association reports would reveal a similar divergence.

'Certain Associations, notably the Durham and Newcastle, Lancashire, Leicester and Kent, do publish comprehensive lists of the towers in their territories, but the majority do not, and the total number of rings has always been a matter of conjecture—I think it will prove to be over six thousand, which should satisfy the ambitions of most "tower grabbers"!

Mr. Thomas C. Belton, of Barwell, Leicester, comments: 'It would be a boon to tower secretaries in the arranging of summer outings. Much time and writing would be saved if the names and addresses of the proper authorities were to hand, particularly when new ground is covered.'

A Southend-on-Sea ringer, in agreeing wholeheartedly with the suggestion, states it would prove invaluable to ringers in all parts of the country. It is most difficult, when visiting a strange town, to find out which of the towers has a ring of bells, and then, having discovered one, it is even more difficult to find out whether the bells are rung for Sunday service or the day for practice.

The Rev. F. C. Champion, The Rectory, Hinton-on-the-Green, in promising particulars concerning the county of Worcestershire, writes: 'It is still my hope that a general book on bells and their founders, with up-to-date information, will some day be produced.'

TEN BELL PEAL

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*MISS D. C. OSBORN ... Treble	*DAVID SMITH ... 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 7
†WILLIAM PYE ... 3	†HARRY PARKER ... 8
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 4	†CECIL RADDON ... 9
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5	†RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal as conductor on ten. Tenor 24 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHISWICK, LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 14 cwt.
JOHN H. LOTT ... Treble	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE ... 3	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5156 CHANCES;

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	*THOMAS C. BELTON ... 5
ALAN H. HOUGH ... 2	ALAN CATTELL ... 6
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3	JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in method away from the treble. Tenor 22 cwt. 36 lb.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
ARNOLD HILL ... 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BENINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

THOMAS E. DAVIES ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal ever rung in this method. Tenor 10 cwt.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	HAROLD JACKSON ... 5
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 2	DENNIS PARSONS ... 6
BENJAMIN GREATOREX ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

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

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*CHARLES H. PAGE ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
WILLIAM H. CARNWELL ... 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 6
MARGARET RIGBY ... 3	FREDERICK GROCOTT, JUN. ... 7
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.

* 200th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association by a resident band.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5104 CHANCES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

MISS F. MARY LACEBY ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
COLIN P. BRADFORD ... 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 6
G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 3	BERNARD O. MANN ... 7
FRANK LORD ... 4	GEORGE DOBBS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal in three Major methods by all except the ringers of 4 and 6. Methods arranged by G. E. Feirn. To celebrate the golden jubilee of the Lincoln Guild.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORWICH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FRANK PHILLIPPO ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal of Little Bob Major to be rung with the treble hunting up to fifths place.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*DEREK OGDEN ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
HAROLD WALKER ... 2	ALAN J. BROWN ... 6
MISS MARY WALSHAW ... 3	DAVID VINCENT ... 7
MISS R. M. ELKINGTON ... 4	†RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Consisting of 2,880 London, 768 Bristol, 960 Cambridge, 480 Superlative, with 111 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HENRY H. FEARN ... Treble	*JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
*FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2	LEONARD TREVOR ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by P. K. WILLIAMSON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

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THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

HILDRED S. WICKENS...Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HERBERT J. ELDERD ...Treble	BERT GOGLE ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 6
SQUIRE CROFT ... 3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 7
*EDWIN C. HYNARD ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by O. LANG.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal away from a cover bell.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 12, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

LAURENCE GREENHOW ...Treble	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 5
ALAN JACOBS ... 2	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 6
JOHN R. SMITH ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 50th Surprise peal. First peal in the method by all the hand and for the Guild.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Vicar's.			Tenor 26 cwt.
HERBERT GOAKES ...Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5		
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 6		
JOHN BLUFF ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7		
*JAMES MOUNFIELD ... 4	ERNEST WARNER ... Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

WILLIAM RANFORD ...Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 6
WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON 3	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	DENIS R. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

A compliment to William Ranford on his 80th birthday.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble	ARTHUR PATTRICK ... 5
*HAROLD KILBY ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 6
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3	ERNEST J. JELLY ... 7
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE... 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First in the method. Rung half muffled to the respected memory of J. Leslie Willars, head ringer and towerkeeper at the above church.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

E. HARRY STONELEY ...Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 5
ALAN CATELL ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 7
MARGARET BEAMISH ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HOWARD HOWELL ...Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 2	*SAMUEL BIRCH ... 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	*HARRY GRIFFITHS ... 7
*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. BLAKE ...Treble	CHARLES CLEGG ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... 6
ERNEST J. GOWER ... 3	JACK CLEGG ... 7
*ERIC BRUNTON ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* 25th peal.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES W. EDEN ...Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT... 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
JOHN L. MORRIS ... 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the back eight.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

THOMAS MARSHALL ...Treble	*PETER COXALL ... 5
MISS M. E. RIDYARD... 2	*SIDNEY CLOUGH ... 6
*RAYMOND LEACH ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 7
*JAMES BURNS ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (281). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Eric B. Hartley.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

STANLEY G. ELSEY ...Treble	*M. R. REED ... 5
*DOUGLAS CLARKE ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 6
WALTER JARVIS ... 3	EDWARD BARKER ... 7
JOHN E. FOX ... 4	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. 5152 CHANGES;

CHARLES E. BROWN ...Treble	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
*STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	*JOHN G. AMES ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PEGGY G. KITCHEN ...Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 5
GEORGE A. PARSONS ... 2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 6
DAVID BEVERIDGE ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
ALLAN WHITE ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

Rung for the Mission to London and as a welcome to the benefice of the Rev. G. C. Taylor.

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

First as conductor in more than one method. A 65th birthday compliment to the conductor. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CYRIL H. W. SPEED	Treble	†KENNETH BRUMMIT	4
*LOUIS WILLDERS	2	*GERALD SPEED	5
AMOS INGALL	3	MOSES BILLINGS	Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First in seven methods. † First peal. First in seven by the local band. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. W. R. Dewey.

WENDRON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDRON,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, all different. Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb. in A flat.

REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	Treble	†GEOFFREY TAYSON	4
MISS JOAN E. WITHEY	2	*HERBERT C. SPENCER	5
MRS. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	3	†E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS.

* 200th peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells and in the county by a resident band.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY COMMINS	Treble	FRANK MORRIS	4
†ALBERT CAVILL	2	*CLAUDE TARR	5
†BEN HOLT	3	REGINALD STONE	Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* 25th peal together. † First peal. † First peal of Doubles. A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
*MRS. D. R. CARLISLE	2	†HAROLD TAYLOR	5
ALFRED MOULD	3	†JOHN WILKINSON	Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal in three methods.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

MRS. EDITH BASSETT	Treble	LEONARD W. GILES	4
*ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD	2	†F. J. LAMBERT, JUN... ..	5
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal. † 175th peal. † 25th peal together.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS	Treble	COLIN A. KIRK	4
MISS JEAN M. WARD	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	5
ARTHUR CATTELL	3	ALAN CATTELL	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

In memoriam William Gutteridge, for many years churchwarden at this church. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thurs., May 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

12 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM... ..	Treble	*MRS. EDITH BASSETT	4
*MISS JOAN HILLS	2	*LEONARD W. GILES	5
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD W. GILES.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	Treble	BRIAN R. TILIER	4
LESLIE A. PAGE	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	5
JEAN M. BROWN	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal in four methods by all the band and on the bells.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK MANSEY	Treble	WILLIAM MANSEY, JUN... ..	4
TOM SAUNDERS	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
WILLIAM MANSEY, SEN... ..	3	HENRY J. MANSEY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MANSEY, JUN.
First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the wife of the second ringer.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge, two extents of Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. BRIAN ELLENDER	Treble	ALFRED J. HINDE... ..	4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY	5
JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... ..	3	LEONARD TREVOR	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First in four methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Ashley.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LUTHER J. HONESS	Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY	4
FREDERICK E. MANSEY	2	REGINALD L. SILLS	5
EDNA M. SILLS (15)	3	HENRY J. MANSEY	Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

First peal as conductor.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 25 methods spliced into seven extents, with 51 changes of method: (1) Combermere and Vale Royal Delight; (2) Crowland, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight; (4) Marple and College Bob IV. Delight; (5) Baintree, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Alban and Wragby Delight; (6) Morning Star, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (7) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	Treble	ERIC SIMPSON	4
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON... ..	2	ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS	Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in 25 methods by all except the treble and tenor ringers.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. BLIGHT	Treble	*RAYMOND W. SKINNER... ..	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS... ..	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's,
Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

C. F. TOVELL Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
CECIL EBBERSON 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
EDWARD GREENACRE ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's C.C.C. Nos. 50, 48, 37, 49, 55, 28, 29.)

*ROBERT J. PITMAN ... Treble	ERNEST E. PRATCHETT ... 4
*DAVID R. CORNING ... 2	BERNARD J. WILLIS ... 5
*JOHN F. GOODALL ... 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal. Rung for Bishop of London's Mission. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... 7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.

* 200th peal, and first peal in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Cond. by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 9, FISHERMAN'S AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	*FRED PRICE 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN... .. 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

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

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 5-6
*ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* 350th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED JORDAN 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 7-8

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

* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 15, 1949, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
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Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, is undergoing an operation and will not be able to ring for some time. His address is Ward 6, Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Bucks.

Mr. Robert G. Black, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Guild, is not seeking re-election at the jubilee meeting of the Guild on Whit Monday.

With the peal at Cudham, Mr. Frank Bennett, now 81, has rung peals in all of the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers in Kent except two. It is his ambition to complete the county.

Since the ring of eight was installed at Heydour, Lincs, in 1945, over 40,000 changes of London have been rung on the bells in peal attempts. The peal of 5,152 on May 14th was the shortest touch of London yet rung on these bells.

Work has commenced on the six bells of St. Paul's, Honiton, Devon, which are to be restored and augmented to eight. These bells have never been rung in living memory. The order has been placed with Messrs. Taylor's.

Whitby Parish Church bells (10) are to be recast and rehung with new fittings in a new cast-iron frame on steel supporting girders at an estimated cost of £2,000. A provisional order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

It is proposed to add two new trebles and recast Yardley, Birmingham, bells into a ring of eight and also provide a new steel frame. The Vicar, the Rev. C. Crowson, The Vicarage, Yardley, appeals for contributions. The rehanging of the bells is part of a £10,000 appeal the parish has issued.

At Newbury Grammar School Founder's Day service at St. Nicolas' Church, boys rang for the first time for the service. They were J. W. Wilson (conductor, East Isley), R. C. Christopher (Thatcham), D. J. Farthing (Kingsclere), K. J. F. Mitchell (Bradfield), L. J. Nicholls (Beenham), D. A. Vince (Peasemore), D. V. Stearn (Thatcham), D. Wilson (East Isley), A. B. Brooks (Highclere), C. R. Humphris (Bradfield) and E. Dodd (age 11, Highclere).

BELFRY GOSSIP

An engraved walking stick and a cheque were presented by members of the Tonbridge District to Mr. George Edwards on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Miss D. Colgate and Mr. Edwards honoured the occasion by calling a touch of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Ernest E. Pratchett rang his first peal in his own tower, Hendon, Middlesex, after over 50 years' service.

Miss Sheila E. Harris and Mrs. Olive L. Rogers are the first ladies to ring a peal at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. It is over 25 years since a peal was rung at this church.

With reference to the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods rung by the Sunday service band of St. Mary's, Frampton, Mr. A. Rolfe reminds us of a similar performance by the Sunday service band at Lamberhurst, Kent, on March 2nd, 1935, which was his 100th peal of Minor.

The peal at Terrington St. John, Norfolk, was a 65th birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Edward Barker. His first peal was rung over 40 years ago, and he has since rung nearly 100 peals. This was his first attempt to conduct a peal in more than one method. For several years he was secretary of the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, being a branch founder member.

The ringers of London gave an admirable response to the request of the Bishop to ring the bells during the Mission to London. Chiming bells were mounted on a lorry which toured London every day. There were a number of peals. At Kilburn, for example, a peal was rung while the missionaries were being commissioned at St. Paul's, and rang at Kilburn each evening during the week before the ringers went to the mission services held in another church without bells. We hope that those who organised ringing will give us a comprehensive summary of the ringers' part.

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Selby Abbey (10): Sunday 9.30 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; Monday 9.30 a.m.

Beverley Minster (10): Sunday 9.30 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; Monday 3 p.m.

Beverley St. Mary's (10): Sunday 9.30 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; Monday 3 p.m.

Hawden (8): Monday 11 a.m.

There is a good bus service between York and the various other towns above mentioned, but owing to catering difficulties at Beverley, will those requiring lunch write early to Mr. L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

The headquarters of the Council will be at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, Yorks. Members will be welcome there any evening during the week-end and there will be a social evening there on Tuesday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

NEW CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

More than one hundred members and friends attended the 52nd annual general meeting, held at Ealing on May 7th. The bells of Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's were rung during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods. The service, which was held at Christ Church, was conducted by the curate, the Rev. R. W. F. Cowdry, with an address by the Rev. P. Gough, the Rector of Acton, in which he drew attention to the uses and abuses of publicity by the Church and drew conclusions applicable to the coming Mission to London.

The secretary, in the report for 1948, referred to those members who had died during the year. These included the president, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane, the Rev. E. R. Moore, the Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, J. E. Miller and J. Armstrong, members of the Southgate band for over 50 years. Fifty-eight peals were rung and included the first peals of Bayswater Surprise and Spiced Bristol and Peterborough Surprise. Both of these were composed by Mr. M. Hodgson and conducted by Mr. C. W. Roberts. There were 20 conductors. There was a satisfactory increase in the number of quarter-peals rung. Of the 162 which have been reported and rung in 31 towers, 30 were rung by the Holloway band. Twenty meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40.

The treasurer's report revealed that receipts had exceeded payments by £5 2s. 7d., and the full benefit of peal booking fees and the increase in subscription were now being felt.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, the Rev. P. Gough (in proposing him, Mr. J. E. L. Cockey paid tribute to his many qualities as a priest, scholar and sportsman); active vice-presidents, Messrs. A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant secretary, Mr. L. H. Bowler; Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Roberts; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram.

A letter handed to the secretary at the commencement of the meeting and signed by the four representatives on the Central Council, offering their resignation, was read. Seven members were proposed for the vacancies, and after a ballot Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, A. W. Coles, T. J. Lock and J. E. L. Cockey were declared elected.

It was agreed to rehouse the Association's peal books and library in the ringing room at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

The secretary announced that the C. T. Coles Memorial Fund now exceeded £100 and a further £50 was required. A collection realised £4 8s. 6d.

St. James', Clerkenwell, was selected for the next annual meeting.

OBITUARY

CANON C. C. MARSHALL.

We regret to announce the death on May 6th at Broadclyst, Devon, of Canon Charles Cecil Marshall, M.A., aged 77 years. He had been an invalid for the past 12 months.

Canon Marshall was born at Hartford, Cheshire, and after graduating at Oxford, was ordained a deacon in 1898. He held curacies



at Birstall, Leeds and Chapel Allerton, and in 1907 became Vicar of Far Headingley, Leeds, where he served with great faithfulness for 40 years. He was appointed an hon. canon of Ripon in 1933.

In 1910 Canon Marshall was appointed president of the Yorkshire Association, and he held office until 1947. His friendliness and understanding of ringers won for him the esteem of the Association. He was an active president and his worth was appreciated on the Central Council.

Canon Marshall began ringing in 1900 at Birstall and his first peal was rung at Shipley in 1902. He had rung 13 peals.

The funeral was at Broadclyst on May 9th, and among those who attended the service was Preb. E. V. Cox. The sympathy of the Central Council is extended to his widow, who is also a member of the Council.

MR. J. LESLIE WILLARS.

The passing of Mr. Leslie Willars, of Wigston, on May 9th, at the age of 54 years, after a comparatively short illness, was most deeply regretted, but came as little surprise to his local ringing friends. His illness started during the indisposition of the late Charles Marshall, prior to the latter's sudden death by accident.

Taken ill during January with what was thought to be congestion of the lungs, he never found his way to St. Thomas' belfry again. Only a matter of ten days before he died he would remind his ringing visitors how much better he would feel if only he could get along to the belfry. His hopes in this direction never diminished, he loved his ringing and the company of ringers in general. Above all, he loved the pleasure ringing gave him in his own tower.

Born at Wigston, he commenced his ringing career at St. Thomas', South Wigston, at the age of 12 and rang his first peal of Bob Major in his much loved tower at the age of 13. For many years he had been head ringer and tower keeper. A most pleasing personality in the belfry, he was always most eager to teach the art to any youngster. Leslie Willars was himself a splendid ringer, and his passing has left a second big space in the band at South Wigston.

The funeral took place on May 12th, the bells being rung half-muffled prior to the ser-

vice in St. Thomas'. Members of the local band, assisted by Mr. Ernest Morris, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the conclusion of the service and prior to the cortege leaving the church.

Among the floral tributes was one from his own tower in the shape of a bell. During the evening a peal of Double Norwich (his favourite method) was rung half-muffled by members of the local company. Mr. Willars is survived by his wife and daughter. W. A. P.

MR. FREDERICK J. PITSTOW.

A distinguished career in local affairs has been brought to a close by the death on May 15th of Mr. Frederick J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, at the age of 69.

Mr. Pitstow was the son of the late Frederick Pitstow, sen., and had lived in Saffron Walden all his life. He commenced work with a firm of estate agents, but later took over the agency of the Essex and Suffolk Insurance Society. At the time of his retirement he was a district inspector.

In World War I. he joined the R.A.O.C. in 1915 and was posted to Salonica, where he was promoted to sergeant. While there he was appointed bandmaster of a band, the members being drawn from 30 different units. He was demobilised in 1919.

As a musician he played the clarinet in the Town Band and was a member of the local orchestra, in which he played the bassoon. He was also for some years in the Amateur Operatic Society and had taken leading parts in Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

In the world of campanology he was well known and was one of the Pitstow family who rang the Surprise peals in the latter part of the 19th century. He was secretary of the Essex Association from 1921-34, being the first layman to hold that office, and was treasurer of the Saffron Walden Society up to the time of his death, an office he had held for over 30 years.

He was also a leading member of the Saffron Bloom Lodge of Oddfellows and had been secretary for many years. Among the offices he had held was Provincial Grand Master of the Cambridge District.

Mr. Pitstow was an ardent Freemason and had been a member of Walden Lodge 1280 for 25 years and was P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. of Essex and also a Companion of the Walden Chapter 1280.

The funeral took place in the Parish Church on May 19th, at which a large congregation attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Sinker, assisted by the curate, the Rev. R. Humphries. Among those present were Mr. A. E. Pitstow (brother), Messrs. H. N. and L. E. Pitstow (cousins), A. W. Coles (vice-president, Middlesex Association), R. C. Heazel (secretary, Essex Association), E. J. Butler, F. W. Housden and W. Prior (Essex Association), J. W. Ward, T. R. Dennis and P. Webb (Ely Association), and R. A. Strong, W. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Mumford, L. Turner and T. J. Godfrey, of the local society.

As the cortege left the church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the back eight (half-muffled): L. E. Pitstow 1, E. J. Butler 2, R. C. Heazel 3, J. W. Ward 4, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 5, T. R. Dennis 6, A. W. Coles 7, F. W. Housden 8. Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from the Essex Association and Saffron Walden Society.

CHATHAM, KENT. — On May 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. Skinner (first of Major) 1, E. A. G. Allen 2, F. Richardson 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, T. A. Cross 5, V. A. Jarrett 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. First quarter of Double Norwich 4 and 5.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On May 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure and 540 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. B. P. Walker (first quarter) 1, F. J. Cheal 2, Miss G. Jarrett 3, J. Hale 4, W. J. Walker 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, W. Holland tenor cover.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL TAX

MR. CORBY TAKEN TO TASK.

Dear Sir,—I really cannot resist the opportunity of sticking out my neck and leading with my chin after reading the final paragraph of Mr. Corby's letter anent peal ringing.

In my humble opinion, the 'peal tax' is quite a fair and reasonable thing. After all, a lot of the peals rung are obviously rung with the object of getting together, for the individuals concerned, an impressive peal record and many are peals for the sake of peals, and peals at any price. I do agree that peal ringing serves a useful purpose in helping to improve the striking, which is the most important thing in ringing, but to say that the peal ringer is the one who keeps ringing alive is all wrong.

I myself have been to many meetings and seen the wild enthusiasm with which some of the prolific peal ringers have grabbed ropes when some humble method like Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor or even rounds and call changes has been asked for for learners, and also I have noticed how struggling bands have been helped by them.

No, Mr. Corby, the real people who keep ringing alive are the people who are happiest helping the weaker brethren with just an occasional peal to keep in touch with things and to bring learners along. These people would not begrudge the threepence or sixpence per peal I am sure, and, after all, the peal ringers do take up most of the space in the associations' reports and the peal columns of 'The Ringing World'.

This is not a 'dog in the manger' attitude about peal ringing, as everyone has his or her own forms of pleasure, and I would be the last to put difficulties in anyone's way, but there are ringers, and quite good ones, both as regards methods and striking, who are just not interested in a lot of peal ringing, but who give up hours per week teaching and get more pleasure from that.

I am one of those indifferent performers mentioned, but am quite as capable of ringing peals as our friend and have an ear for striking, but I would not object to the tax. Another point is that the bells were put in the towers as a call to worship, not for a secular pleasure, and the fact that we ringers are given a more or less free hand with ringing the bells should be something else to lessen objections of that kind.

This 'tax' may never be imposed, but if it were, to keep the organisations solvent, but not to keep piling money in the banks, well, I don't suppose any thinking person would raise any serious objections.

Ah, well! more power to the peal ringers. May their lists wax fat.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST COOPER.

Arksey, Doncaster.

Dear Sir,—If peal ringers wish to see their peals recorded in an annual report, the reports must be paid for, also the money must be in the treasurer's hands before the secretary can give the order for the reports to be printed, as the number of peals rung determines the size and cost of the report.

For the Ely Association in 1948 a record number of peals (106) was rung. To enable us to print a report without going bankrupt we omitted the rules and names of non-resident members. If the peal tax had been in operation during 1948 this would have produced about £15, which is much less than half the cost of the report. Surely peal ringers do not consider this is paying more than their share.

The net income of the Ely Association from 200 resident members is £15, against a cost of £33 to print a report. E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market.

P.S.—Do peal ringers expect any other pastime or amusement all found and free?—E. H. M.

NOT A TRANPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Either Mr. Ainsley has a faulty memory or else he cannot understand plain English.

He sent me a composition of Four-Spiced which he had found among the papers of the late Mr. J. W. Parker, and he asked my advice as to whether it ought to be published.

I replied that that composition (not mine) was a simple transposition of one already published by Mr. Parker in 'The Ringing World' of August 7th, 1942, and that there was no point in publishing it again.

No reference was made to my own composition, which at that time had not been published.

The respective plans used by Mr. Parker and myself are about as dissimilar as they could possibly be, he using a foundation of three-lead and I one of five-lead courses. Mr. Ainsley would have been well advised to have studied these before crediting me with the absurd submission that the one was a transposition of the other.

Mr. Parker's peal was, of course, the first to be produced with the whole of the work of the four methods, but to do this he parted the tenors for 29 leads, which was not what he and I (and several others) were seeking to achieve.

My composition was the first to contain all the work of the four methods with the tenors together throughout and was an original composition.—Yours sincerely,

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford.

NEWPORT—CLAIM MODIFIED

Dear Sir,—When I asked my innocent question, 'Is Newport in Wales?' it was not my intention to start another major war, neither had I any desire to change Teddy Barnett's nationality. So I hope the protagonists for and against will not get 'het up' over the matter. Would it satisfy the contestants if we modified our claim to the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Newport being the first in that part of the country, whichever it is? There is so little glory to be obtained these days that perhaps we shall be pardoned for snatching a little too eagerly for this prize.—Yours, etc., J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

West Ealing, London.

HOLY WEEK RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. P. A. Corby questions the right of a Guild to pass a resolution condemning the practice of ringing in Holy Week. It is, of course, true that times and occasions of ringing are ultimately at the discretion of the incumbent, but if it be true that 'the large majority of ringers know little of church matters and care less,' it is also probably true that the large majority of clergy know little of ringing matters and care less. It is, therefore, up to thinking ringers to give a lead, while allowing all ringers freedom of conscience.

A second proposition before the same annual meeting of the Oxford Guild to alter the rule requiring members to belong to the Church of England was possibly the province of the incumbent also, but the meeting expressed its feelings in no uncertain terms, and rightly so.

As regards a peal ringing fee, surely 6d. is not a large sum to pay for three hours' enjoyment. In most cases the extra sum raised would be devoted by the Guild towards the cost of printing peal pages in the annual report, and peal ringing is only one side of our art. When Mr. Corby says, 'If peal ringers are to pay for the cost of publication of peals in their annual report, why not in "The Ringing World" also'—well, that's an idea. With a possible increase in cost of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Corby's suggestion might enable the Editorial Committee to hold the price steady!—Yours sincerely,

L. J. MALINGS.

Rhoose, Glam.

Lancashire Association

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

The R.C. Church of St. Bartholomew, Rainhill, locally known as Bretherton's Chapel, is delightfully situated on the main Liverpool-Warrington Road and contains a really fine ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). For one reason and another it is 21 years since a branch meeting was held there, and members showed their keen appreciation of the opportunity to visit what to the majority was a 'new' tower by turning up in quite considerable numbers at the meeting on May 14th. Actually there were 50 members and visitors present. The congestion at times made ringing very difficult, and a 'relay' system to avoid overcrowding was adopted.

At the tea, which local lady helpers had kindly prepared in the Schoolroom, the Rector of Rainhill, Father Marsh, welcomed the ringers in a very happy speech, to which the Rev. D. P. Roberts responded.

Mr. H. Ashton, of Rainhill, who had presided over the previous meeting 21 years ago on Saturday, March 10th, 1928, was voted to the chair, and he recalled those days. The secretary read the minutes of the proceedings on that occasion.

One item on the agenda which caused considerable discussion related to the annual general meeting of the Association at St. Helens. The report in 'The Ringing World' was described as a 'very poor account containing two gross misstatements.' It was pointed out that the resolution regarding future committee membership was not referred back and did not receive a poor reception. In fact, it was passed with a substantial majority on a show of hands.

After the secretary had read 'The Ringing World' account a resolution was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. T. Hesketh and carried unanimously instructing the secretary to write and correct the misstatements.

Things settled down somewhat peaceably after this matter was finally disposed of and the remainder of the meeting was routine except for one pleasing interlude.

The book of signatures of subscribers to the G. R. Newton Testimonial of October, 1948, had been handsomely bound in leather and inscribed in gold lettering, and the secretary had brought it to the meeting, where the Rev. D. P. Roberts presented it to Mr. Newton in a brief speech. Mr. Newton responded and thanked all concerned.

Everyone expressed their delight at a very pleasant and successful meeting and resolved to revisit Rainhill within 21 months instead of 21 years. Next meeting, June 11th, Sefton.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

THE SECOND COMPETITION.

The second competition of the St. David's Diocese was held at St. Mary's, Tenby, on May 7th, the award to the winners being a shield provided by the president, the Archbishop of Wales. The judge was Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxfordshire, an able ringer and ardent bell historian. His placings were: 1 Tenby (38 faults, add 5 handicap), 43 faults; 2 Carmarthen, 47; 3 Llanelly, 49; 4 Haverfordwest, 136. The shield was accepted on behalf of Tenby by Mr. Harry Jenkins, and certificate for second place by Mr. D. Curtis for St. Peter's, Carmarthen.

Tea was provided by the Tenby ringers, and competitors were welcomed by the Rev. Griffiths as the Vicar. In the evening ringers combined forces to practise more advanced methods. The annual meeting of the Guild is to be held at St. David's Cathedral on June 11th.

HASLINGDEN, LANCS.—On May 1st, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tomlinson 1, F. Wilson 2, T. Wilson 3, E. Ford 4, J. Taylor 5, E. Iddon 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, T. F. Hilton 8.

Sussex County Association PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. KEITH HART.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held in Brighton on May 7th. Ringing took place on the two rings of ten at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' during the afternoon and evening, while the eight bells of the Church of the Good Shepherd were available in the evening.

As the living of St. Nicholas' is at present vacant, the Archdeacon of Chichester gave the address, and the Vicar of Brighton conducted the service.

The business meeting took place at Union Church Hall after tea, and was attended by more than 100 ringers and friends. The Master's report and balance sheet were accepted as satisfactory, and members expressed their approval of the grants for bell restoration given to Southover, Bolney and Aldrington. The peal secretary reported the ringing of 85 peals, a decline from last year, but with the same number of conductors, namely, 30.

The divisional secretaries' reports were accepted as satisfactory and the treasurer announced the annual divisional levies as being 57½ per cent. of income—Northern Division £13 9s. 6d., Southern £11 16s., Eastern £8 1s., Western £13 11s.

New members elected were Brian Turnbull, of Aldrington, Mary MacIntyre and William Manning, of Felpham, and Christopher Gadstone, of Bexhill.

Two honorary life members were elected—Mr. G. P. Elphick, of Lewes, in recognition of services in historical work on bell frames in Sussex, and Mr. S. E. Armstrong for 14 years' service as general secretary.

The president, the Bishop of Chichester, was re-elected, and to the vice-presidents was added the name of the Dean of Chichester.

The chief officers were re-elected (after a short discussion on the eligibility of Mr. F. I. Hairs to stand again as Master, being temporarily absent from the county) as follows: Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; hon. auditors, Messrs. R. Overy and A. W. Bond.

It was decided not to elect a sub-committee to revise and condense the rules, but to proceed immediately with printing 500 copies as they now stand after minor errors had been corrected.

The question of a memorial to Mr. K. Hari came up for discussion, and it was agreed to erect a bell metal plaque in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton, by general subscription. The probable cost was estimated to be in the neighbourhood of £25, and the general secretary was instructed to accept donations, and after consulting the relatives regarding the form of wording, to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

Mr. R. G. Blackman proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success, and especially to the chairman, and to Mrs. E. L. Hairs for the excellent tea arrangements.

A BRISTOL PEAL BOARD

Dear Sir, — In the belfry of All Saints', Bristol, where the University of Bristol Society ring, is an old peal board. It is in a lamentable state, lying on the floor and very rotten, but the lettering can just be read.

It records a peal of 'Grandfire Treebles,' rung on February 14th, 1791, by the 'Bristol-Youths,' and conducted by William Hands.

Although I have not examined Bristol peal boards carefully, I do not remember having seen one of an earlier date.

I would be interested if any of your readers could inform me if this is one of the earliest peals, if not the first, in the city of Bristol.—

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN.
Clifton, Bristol.

METHOD STRUCTURE UNDER GRID ANALYSIS

(Mr. York-Bramble Replies Briefly to Criticisms.)

Criticism that is informed and constructive has, of course, its welcome function; but otherwise it may be mischievously misleading. Recently Mr. W. Taylor, with recurrent misquotation and misstatement, has taken up, to little purpose, almost as many columns of 'The Ringing World' on the incidental aspect of extension as those of all the original articles which covered also the main issue of method structure in general, the system of Grid Analysis, and its application in producing London Royal and London Maximus. His disappointing results, with no less than double the U.A.'s digressions, are 'placed' below.

Backed by authority quoted largely from C.C. publications, a carefully prepared and detailed refutation of the unfortunately misguided criticisms that have appeared, together with answers to queries (most of which would never have been raised had the full text of the original work been presented), had already been forwarded to the Editor in all good faith. While that may serve for record, instead, due to space restriction, the present very brief reply is published. The fallacies in Mr. Baker's statement and figures are obvious; but three examples from Mr. Taylor's unfounded statements—there are over thirty of them—will suffice to justify what is said of them above:—

(a) Using the 'glamorous name London SURPRISE Royal.' This is quite untrue. I carefully avoided the word 'surprise' re London. Mr. Taylor should know that the Central Council had 'removed the London method from the category of Surprise' by 1904 and given their reasons. (See 'Glossary,' page 77.)

(b) 'Stats cause dodging.' This I did NOT say; even if only because stats *are* dodging, plus places. Mr. T.'s example *does* contain a stat, after all—in row 5. Thereafter his example divides into sub-grids, as in Kent. Sub-grid adjacent places, of course, are not stats.

(c) Mr. T.'s idea of column nomenclature of a Minor Grid is amusing, but futile. Minor has *odd* pairs, and, therefore, a merged or 'M' twin-column.

Very briefly, the crux of the whole matter is simply this: The *science* of ringing, though man-made, embraces principles subject to mathematical laws; as shown by Thompson as far back as 1886, particularly as to his 'Q-sets' and 'Round Blocks'; and more recently by Dr. R. A. Rankin, of Cambridge, in his application of that branch of mathematics known as Group Theory. For method structure a simple form of mathematical exposition is now available in what I have called 'Grid Analysis.' This system shows clearly that for each stage of a given method there is one true form, and *one only*, of extension or contraction from the basic—the mathematical. If this form exhibits those ringers' requirements of 'natural lead-ends' for a full plain course, it is known as 'Ideal.' Examples of well-known ideal methods are: Single hunt—Plain Bob; Twin hunt—Grandsire; Treble Bob hunt—Cambridge; etc. If not 'ideal' when extended, then by making modifications in the method's Grid Pattern (called 'Correlating Stats'), a version can be found to contain those named requirements. Now, obviously, every stat thus introduced is one further digression from the mathematical or true form of extension. The acceptable version is, therefore, that with the fewest number of digressions, and is known as the 'PROXIMATE,' since it is nearest to the true. There is thus no need or even scope for argument about this or that version of extension. It is either the ideal or the proximate, or nothing. (Those who would not tolerate proximates may be surprised to know that some methods that appear ideal suddenly become proximate, at any rate for a number of stages. London is an example of this.)

It must be noted that only extensions or contractions which are mathematical, i.e., method stages which are 'ideal,' imply reversible processes. Proximates do not: they imply one-way processes only. But in an ideal method, like Cambridge, any stage, taken as the basic, will extend or contract mathematically and produce the stages above or below. In proximate stages of a method, as in London Royal and Maximus, the process of reversion is impracticable. This is where Mr. Baker went wrong in his figures contracted from London Royal U.A. He is reforming, however, and at last agrees with me—on one point! His letter in the issue of May 6th recognises the 'ideal' relationship of London Minor and Major—a fact not yet grasped by Mr. Taylor.

But I note with satisfaction that Mr. Taylor is reforming, too! His third version of London Royal now avoids structural deformations*. (These are modifications introduced into the two x-sections each at the treble's lead and lie; and, as explained in my articles, are to be regarded as non-admissible if the structure of the named parent method is to be retained.) Incidentally, with structural deformations, 'versions' (?) of extension may be produced with only one correlating stat in the half-lead in some instances, but, clearly, they are 'out of court.' But I note, further, that Mr. Taylor's London Maximus contains *eight* correlating stats against U.A. Maximus' *four* only.

By such comparison the Exercise may judge the conclusion of the matter of London Royal. The following comparative facts are extracted from a carefully prepared analytical table of places in all hitherto published Royal versions of the method. The Standard, of course, is the true or mathematical Royal version, produced immediately by Grid Analysis; but conventionally unacceptable, due to its plain course of 7 instead of 9 leads. This form is identical with Law James' 'Theoretical' London Royal of 1908. The rows of its half-lead by places are: 12:30—:30:14—:12—:30:14—:14:50:16—:16:70:18—:18:70, etc. (Note the rhythmic coursing order of place-positions.) The other versions below are in ascending order of merit towards the Proximate, shown by the number of digressions from the above given. In group (a) * the figures in brackets show the included number of structural deformations those versions employ. Group (b) has none: (a) Trollope, Aug., 1921—13 (9); Baker, 'A,' Sept., 1921—9(4); Catchpole, Jan., 1908—7(5); Law James, 'A,' Dec., 1907—4(4); Baker, 'Brighton,' Feb., 1926—4(3); Baker, 'No. 3,' Feb., 1938—3(3); Bankes James, 'B,' Aug., 1915—4(1); Taylor, 'A,' Sept., 1921—3(1). (b) Taylor, 'B,' Sept., 1921—8; Bankes James, 'A,' Dec., 1907—5; Taylor, 'C,' April, 1949—4; Weatherby, 'Drayton,' March, 1949—3; Lindoff, 'Stepney,' Nov., 1907—3; Dains, March, 1908—3; Y.B., 'U.A.,' Feb., 1949—2. So the Proximate remains as 'U.A.' with two digressions only.

Our thanks are due to readers far and wide who have expressed appreciation of these articles. Without theoretic discussion and decision, progress in practical ringing on *standardised lines* would hardly be possible.

DEDICATION

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.

The bells of Mansfield Woodhouse were dedicated at morning service on May 15th by Canon Hales in memory of an old ringer and churchwarden, Mr. Alfred Munks. A tablet was also unveiled in the church.

The work, which was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was the rehanging on ball bearings of the front five bells: the tenor was rehung some years previously. Mansfield Woodhouse has now a good ring of six, with tenor 19½ cwt. The whole of the cost was the gift of the beneficiaries of the will of Mr. A. Munks.

Oxford University Society

Oxford University Society's recipe for their delicious Easter tour in the Cheltenham area: Throw 20 ringers into a clean shallow basin. Mix the sexes well and stir up some old members to give it a flavour. Add tons of spice, but an excess of peel should be avoided. Give the mixture plenty of dough and do not allow the ingredients to grow stale. Bake for five days in the sunshine, feeding continually. Run it under the cold tap to toughen it, starve it for an afternoon and serve it back from where it came from.

Twenty-two towers were visited, including the impressive eight at Gloucester Cathedral and 12's at Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Painswick.

We shall remember the packed Parish Church at matins and the pleasure of starting our ringing on the morning of Easter. We shall remember, too, the arbour'd walk up to Leckhampton Church with its fine tall steeple, the yews at Painswick, the superb view from Churchdown Hill, not to mention the ever red traffic lights in Gloucester.

We shall remember the touch of Grandsire Triples which defied the striking of the 3½-ton hour bell at noon in Gloucester Cathedral, and the picture of desolation as fragments of a frayed rope rained down upon Wilf at Tredington. Not many ringers can have rung Grandsire Doubles with a ghost bell, as we did at Tredington, when Wilf went up to ring his bell from the floor above. D. G.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

On the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Whitley Bay scored for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative was rung in the same tower by the same Association.

An account of the first peal is given in 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' pages 393-4. The late Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, had produced the composition and the local company at Whitley Bay provided the ringers. The two conductors of the talented Goffton family have since passed on and they are buried at the foot of the tower. Two of the original band were to ring in this anniversary peal, but R. Alder Goffton did not feel quite up to the mark. His son provided the one link with the original peal.

Whitley Bay provided four of the ringers and the others came from Chester-le-Street, Darlington and Newcastle. There was only one recent practice by some of the band, but in spite of this the peal was accomplished at the first attempt. The 'stars' in the peal column tell their own story. It is rather interesting to note that the time was only one minute longer than the original peal.

It is hoped, however, that this peal will not merely commemorate an achievement of the past, but will be a step to further advances in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association by the present-day members. D. A. B.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION LANCASTER BRANCH.

Two things were impressive at the successful meeting at Cockerham—youth and age. There were several schoolboys who are making good progress and one member who had been ringing for 68 years.

The difference between the Association's annual meeting at St. Helens the previous Saturday was most marked. The towers at St. Helens are in the heart of the town; at Cockerham there is tranquillity, the church standing in the middle of fields.

The bells are a grand ring of six, cast by Rudhall in 1748, and the go is all that is desired. It was generally thought in the village that the bells came from Cockerham Abbey, but this Abbey was 'sold up' in 1550. If they came from the Abbey, Rudhall recast them; but there is no indication of such in the old records of the church. P. C.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH, SOMERSET. — On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Atyeo (first quarter) 1, G. Rendell 2, C. Davis 3, E. Bawden (first 'inside') 4, A. Atyeo (first as cond.) 5, W. Keir 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON. — On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Woodhouse (first in method) 1, F. Bush 2, Miss E. Cropley 3, R. Ling 4, R. Stallibrass 5, S. Hart 6, R. Hart (cond.) 7, G. Barber 8.

BOURNEMOUTH. — At St. John's on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Gould 1, G. Evenden (cond.) 2, M. Best 3, Dr. Cunningham 4, A. Butler 5, Mr. Coote 6, H. Mitchell 7, P. Hunt 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. A. Mitchell.

CRANHAM, GLOS. — On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Lamort 1, B. V. Meadows 2, S. G. Goulding (cond.) 3, K. Lewis 4, R. T. Watts 5, C. D. Launder 6. First quarter 1 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. Griffiths.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET. — On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Gait (cond.) 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, J. Naish 3, J. Brooks 4, Mrs. J. Naish 5, H. Chick 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — At St. Mary's on May 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. Cherry (first in method) 1, C. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, W. Croft 4, D. C. Mears 5, E. Winters (first in method) 6, L. Fidler 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On May 1st, 1,287 Grandsire Caters: N. Hollingworth 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, S. Croft 4, Miss J. Pett 5, E. Hynard 6, E. Dodds 7, F. Hopgood 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, A. Tomblin 10.

LAMBETH, LONDON. — On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. A. Theobald 3, T. W. Taffender (cond.) 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, R. H. Begrie 6, W. D. Grainger 7, P. Hutchings 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At Christ Church on May 1st, quarter-peal of Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Worth (first quarter) 1, A. Challinor 2, A. A. Potts 3, Miss J. Henshaw 4, H. Wood 5, J. Worth 6, W. Stevenson 7, H. Farrer 8, G. Farrer (first quarter as cond.) 9, E. Seed 10.

NORTON, HERTS. — On May 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. Collins 1, S. Bonnett 2, R. V. Webb 3, H. Werrett 4, E. Buck 5, J. Dear 6, W. D. Pooley 7, R. T. Newman (cond.) 8. First Double Norwich 1, 4 and 7.

PONTYPOOL, MON. — At Trevethin Church on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Evans (13) 1, H. Jones 2, W. Temple 3, C. Morgan 4, T. Lade (cond.) 5, W. Warburton 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

READING. — At St. Laurence's Church on April 23rd, a quarter of Stedman Caters: R. Burton 1, Mrs. Catherall 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, A. D. Cullum 4, Miss P. Hart 5, T. N. Lanaghan 6, E. Humphrey (cond.) 7, A. Wiggins 8, C. Watts 9, V. Cherrill 10. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. G. E. Jenkins.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX. — On May 4th at All Saints', 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Myhill 1, H. Devenish 2, R. Thirt (first in method) 3, A. Edwards (first in method) 4, E. J. Runter (cond.) 5, H. W. Shadrack 6. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDS. — On April 30th, a date touch, consisting of 1,919 Bob Doubles and 39 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stephens (15) 1, M. Stephens (19) cond., 2, B. Hulatt (15) 3, J. Long (15) 4, C. Izzard (17) 5, W. Welch (17) 6. Longest touch by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

THORNE, YORKS. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. D. Leask 1, D. Thorley (12) 2, T. C. Leask (13, first of Grandsire) 3, E. Thorley 4, E. J. Padget 5, F. A. Stavely 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, J. Thorley 8.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bailey 1, F. Lowe 2, E. F. Gobey (cond.) 3, E. C. Gobey 4, H. Taylor 5, W. Parsons 6, D. R. Carlisle (first quarter) 7, P. Brown 8.

NOTICES

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

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

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Ralph, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gardiner, of Butterrow, Stroud, and 'Dods', third daughter of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Mrs. Richardson, of 7, Belle Vue Road, Parkstone, Dorset (formerly Sundridge, Kent). 5303

RETURN THANKS

PATTERSON. — The family of the late Robert Leonard Patterson wish to thank members of the Durham and Newcastle Association and friends for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes. 5292

SITUATION VACANT

GARDENER-HANDYMAN for Fountains Park, near Southampton, with occupancy of The Lodge. State experience and gross value of required wages to S/Ldr. A. York-Bramble (Netley Abbey). Good ringing (10) locally. 5273

FOR SALE

Copies of 'Ringing World' from February 22nd, 1946-August 27th, 1948. Also a copy of 'The Ringer's Handbook' (8-bell edition) as new. — G. Manning Williams, 106, Melrose Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey. 5291

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

For sale, 13 handbells, making possible two rings of eight, one in F, dia. 4in., and one in G, dia. 3½in. (11 bells), plus two odd bells. Offers to the Dean, Deanery, Durham. 5284

MISCELLANEOUS

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

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies should send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter-peals are submitted.

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Special general meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. It is particularly hoped that every effort will be made to attend this meeting in view of the importance of the business on the agenda.—C. de Ste C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 5178

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 28th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5222

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

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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Visit to grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford, May 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District meeting. Coach (fare 2s. 6d.) leaving Godalming 2 p.m. via Guildford, Merrow and West Clandon (ringing and tea) to Pyrford (service 5.15). Then to Send (ringing) and return to Godalming via Clandon and Guildford. 5210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Annual, Brill (6), May 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 5252

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Elmham, Saturday, May 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please reply promptly to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5260

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Ashbourne, May 28th, 3 o'clock. Tea 2s. 9d.—J. Wilkinson, 1, Cromford Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5264

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—First annual meeting will be held at Church Lawford, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5275

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Clewes, Saturday, May 28th, 3 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5270

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Beckford, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by 31st to Mr. E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 5261

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hever (6), June 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, not later than May 31st. 5245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea by June 2nd, please, to G. Blake, District Sec., 95, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5271

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5269

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. followed by tea. Names for tea by May 31st.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 5280

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kingsley, Saturday, June 4th. Names for tea to W. Carnwell, 33, Hayles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent. 5282

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone (8 bells), June 4th, at 3 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, by June 2nd.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 5287

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District.—Meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea at Scutclers Arms 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business follows. Those favouring outing please discuss and report.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 5281

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—West Branch.—Business meeting, St. Bees Priory Church (8), June 4th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names to Mr. T. McKay, Greystones, St. Bees, before May 31st. 5306

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlough (6) on June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea at The Jackal 5 p.m.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5300

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welford (8), Saturday, June 4th. Names for tea by May 31st to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5299

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 4th, St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea at a small charge to those who notify Mr. A. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk, by June 1st.—J. Burns. 5298

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over, June 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 1s. each. Names by May 30th to Mr. Sadler, Bunglow, Over Hall, Winsford. 5297

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 5293

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting at Walkden on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5304

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Stoke Bishop, June 4th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Clifton Theological College. Names by June 2nd to E. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, Bristol 2. 5289

ROYAL AIR FORCE SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the society will be held on June 4th at All Saints', Edmonton, London. Trolley bus 659, 679 or 627 from Manor House tube station, or 649 from Liverpool Street. Bells (8) from 3. Tea and meeting. All welcome. 5309

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Practice meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. All welcome. Anything from rounds upwards. Own tea arrangements.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec. 5308

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Whit Monday, Peterborough. Committee meet St. John's Vestry 2.30. Service 3.30 in Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Names for tea must reach the Guild Sec. by May 28th. Will all those attending please meet outside the Cathedral at 3 p.m. for a group photograph. Bells available 1.30 to 12: St. John's and St. Mary's, Peterborough, Woodston, and St. Mary's, Whittlesey, all from 11 a.m.—Robert G. Black, 2, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 5227

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Clun, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells (8) 11.30 and Clunbury (6). Notify tea before June 3rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 5244

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Buckley, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3.30, followed by business meeting. Tea 5. Names for tea must reach me by May 29th.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 5278

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 3rd.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A.; preacher, the Right Rev. Hugh Gough, M.A., O.B.E., Bishop of Barking. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Applications for lunch tickets to the hon. general secretary not later than June 1st. Members 2s.; non-resident members and non-members 4s., to be prepaid, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. 5255

DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. (by June 1st). Visitors welcomed. Ringing at Tiverton (8) from 10 a.m. Silverton (8), Thorverton (8) and other towers available.—Fredk. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton. 5285

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Gloucester Cathedral (8), June 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (Dean of Gloucester). Tea 4.45, Berni's Cafe, 2s. 9d. Names by June 9th to W. Sidwell, 3, Honyatt Road, Gloucester. 5279

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ludham, Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. Please send names or number by Wednesday, June 8th. Numbers very particular.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 5283

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton on Saturday, June 11th. Names for tea to W. J. Norton, Alderton, Towcester, by Tuesday, June 7th. 5286

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Saturday, June 11th. Ringing: Acton (6), 1.30 to 3 p.m.; Wistaston (6), 1.30 to 3; Crewe (10), 2 to 3.30; Nantwich (8), 7 to 9. All towers open after meeting. Service, Christ Church, Crewe, 3.30. Tea 4.45. Tickets (2s. 6d.) obtainable up to June 7th from branch secretaries or Rev. J. D. Pearson, Tarvin Vicarage, Tarvin, Chester. Meeting after tea. 5305

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Dulverton, June 11th, 3. Service 4. Tea at Hollam 5. Notify early.—Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead. 5288

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Blaenavon, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 5294

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division.—Meeting, June 11th, at Havering (6). Ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea arranged at Havering. Buses 123 or 165 to Havering from Romford Station. Essentially a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Roome, 47, Heather Glen, Heather Avenue, Romford. 5271

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Granborough (5), June 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. North Marston (6) in evening. Names by June 8th.—E. F. Gibbard, Horn Street, Winslow. 5301

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, June 11th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, before June 4th. 5397

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Ippolyts on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, to A. Harris, 104, Waterdell Lane, St. Ippolyts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5290

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th.—L. E. Pitstow. 5303

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 8th. Accommodation is limited, so please book early! Tickets (12s. 6d. each inclusive) are now available from the undersigned.—Peter N. Bond, Asst. Hon. Sec., 56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7. 5251

QUARTER PEALS

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