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## CENTRAL COUNCIL, YORK, 1949

NEARLY 50 years have elapsed since the Central Council last visited York. Very little change has taken place in this ancient city, with its narrow streets, half-timbered buildings, its walls, and the glorious Minster which mothers it. But an enormous change has taken place with the Council, for whereas in its early years the discussions were between a few experts, who were listened to with considerable awe, this Council was a much more democratic affair, with many representatives putting forward their viewpoints.

This year saw a very representative gathering, and a real, warm-hearted Yorkshire welcome awaited the visitors. One brave youngster from Devonshire, after attending the annual meeting of his Guild on Whit Monday, actually travelled through the night and was in his place in the Council on Tuesday morning. Plenty of bells, to suit all tastes, were available, and peals were rung at Wakefield, Leeds and Ripon. Some members having travelled so far north decided to travel still further to Newcastle, where an excellent peal of Stedman Cinques was rung under the auspices of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Monday saw a large number of visitors at Beverley, where the two glorious rings of ten were much admired and well used. In the evening the Standing Committee were hard at it for nearly four hours.

Tuesday's session was held in the ancient half-timbered St. William's College, and the Council received a warm welcome from the Very Rev. the Dean of York, who opened the proceedings with prayers. The president gracefully replied and presented the Dean with a copy of 'The History of the Ancient Society of College Youths.' He also referred to the facilities provided for the Council to attend the Communion service at the Minster that morning. The Dean, in reply, said that after he had read the book it should be placed in the Minster Library.

By 11.15 a.m. the Council settled down to a heavy agenda, and it soon became obvious that all the skill of the president would be required to get through it. The report and suggestions of the sub-committee appointed to revise the rules provided some knotty points for discussion, which resolved itself mainly around the representation of territorial and non-territorial societies. Many suggestions were made which were noted by the sub-committee, and their amended draft will be submitted next year. A suggestion made by the sub-committee to create a new type of life membership of the Council was well received. This life membership is designed to honour those who have well served the Council in the past, and would remove them from the list of hon. members.

Another thing that became very evident during the discussions was the determination of the Council to cut out all loosely-worded rules capable of more than one interpretation.

Mr. Grover's 'harangue' was received with considerable amusement, and the effective way in which the hon. secretary disposed of the criticisms regarding the use of space in 'The Ringing World' by the statement of simple yet incontrovertible facts impressed all present. It was a healthy, good-humoured discussion, and much good should result from the free ventilation of opinion which characterised this meeting.

Impressions left on the mind were the varying styles of the different speakers. First the Dean, a very portly and impressive gentleman, whose kindly voice, rather high pitched, was out of all proportion to his size, the careful English of the North Staffordshire member; the racy humour of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; the stentorian tones of a certain Yorkshireman (born in Bethnal Green), who was keenly on the look-out for red herrings; the r's which the hon. secretary



cannot pronounce; the dulcet tones of F. E. Dukes and his colleague; and the academic style of Dr. Hatcher (who might have 'started something' had it not been so late in the day).

Business over, the members were entertained to a real Yorkshire tea by the Yorkshire Association, whose president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, and his officers saw that their guests were well looked after. A social evening at the Windmill Hotel wound up the week-end. Thank you, Yorkshire, for a very happy time. J. F. S.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
FRANK E. HAYNES... 6	JOHN PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by J. F. SMALLWOOD.

A 15th birthday compliment to Michael V. Chilcott.

## TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... Treble	†GEORGE H. RANGLES... 6
*NANCY P. BIRKS ... 2	*†HENRY O. BAKER ... 7
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	*†HARRY PYE ... 8
†JOHN W. BEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 9
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5	*D. H. B. MILLWARD... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ 50th peal. In memoriam William Bibby and Walter Thomas.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

*HENRY J. PARKER ... Treble	NORMAN INSKIP ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 2	SIDNEY FOSKETT ... 7
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 8
†C. HENRY HARDING ... 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 9
*JOHN DAVY ... 5	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Royal.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*DEREK DAVIES ... Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 6
MISS E. FOULK ... 2	†JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 7
*ALBERT E. THOMPSON... 3	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 8
*HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 9
WILFRED H. BUNTON ... 5	*WALTER SHAW ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBRY. Conducted by WM. A. PARSONS.

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

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
*MARGARET FIDELL ... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 9
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES ... Treble	IVAN KAY ... 5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 2	GERALD DARE ... 6
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 3	FRED W. DUNKERLEY ... 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRED W. DUNKERLEY.

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

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	WILLIAM A. WILLS ... Treble	REGINALD TRUMAN ... 5
	CHARLES P. YATES... 2	GEORGE SKINNER ... 6
	HORACE W. BUTT ... 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... 7
	WILLIAM A. ASHDOWN ... 4	FREDERICK WREFOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Exeter.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

VERNON SYKES ... Treble	JAMES FEARNLEY ... 5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
*STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	FRED W. DUNKERLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRED W. DUNKERLEY.

\* First in the method away from the treble. Tenor 12 cwt.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*EDDIE T. AVERY ... Treble	†ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 5
†EDITH BASSETT ... 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 7
ALBERT RELFE ... 4	ERNEST J. LADD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ 25th peal of Bob Major. Tenor 16½ cwt.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD G. BUGG ... Treble	EDWARD B. SMITH... 5
*HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 6
GEORGE WATERMAN ... 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 7
†MISS JEAN CONSTANCE... 4	WALTER FELGATE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* 50th peal. † First peal. Tenor 9 cwt.



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## LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

Parker's Twelve-part (Grove's Variation). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

*PETER L. DODDS (15) ... Treble	RAYMOND STALLIBRASS ... 5
†ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP ... 2	*ALBERT WILLIAMS ... 6
*EILEEN CROPLEY (16) ... 3	†STEPHEN J. HART ... 7
*ERNEST E. DODDS ... 4	*EDWARD HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN J. HART.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1938, and first by an all-local band since 1884.

## LONDON.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

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

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt.

M. JANET MATTINSON ... Treble	*DAVID MARTIN ... 5
PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 2	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 6
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3	†DENIS N. LAYTON ... 7
*OLIVE M. MARTIN ... 4	VERNON J. BENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the Mission to London.

## NORTHWOLD, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 1,680 changes of Little Bob Major and 3,360 changes of Plain Bob Major. Adapted from Annable's. Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal of Major in two methods. First peal in two plain methods as conductor.

## RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DENNIS BURLING ... Treble	ELIJAH PAMMENTER ... 5
WILLIAM HOLLAND ... 2	DENNIS HOLLAND ... 6
†HORACE BAILEY ... 3	GEORGE R. HINER ... 7
FRANK PICKERING ... 4	HARRY MORTEMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Mr. F. C. Wilson, tower secretary, who died on May 21st.

## GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RODERICK W. CROUCHER Treble	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 2	PETER J. EVES ... 6
*BERNARD BOVER ... 3	GERALD FROST ... 7
FREDERICK SOUTER ... 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer) ... Treble	
HILDA G. SNOWDEN (Master, Northern Division) ... 2	
HARRY TURNER (Auditor) ... 3	
HARRY J. MILLATT (Hon. Secretary, N.E. Division) ... 4	
RONALD SUCKLING (Peals Secretary) ... 5	
FRANK V. GANT (Hon. Secretary, S.W. Division) ... 6	
ARTHUR H. EVERETT (Hon. Secretary, S.E. Division) ... 7	
JOHN H. CRAMPION (Auditor) ... Tenor	

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW (Saffron Walden).

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung to mark the 70th birthday of the Essex Association, which was founded on June 2nd, 1879, at Writtle, by the Rev. J. B. Seaman.

## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Treble	*PETER COXALL ... 5
RONALD KENRICK ... 2	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 6
MARGARET RIDYARD ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 7
MISS MURIAL REAY ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

## GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., June 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

*BRIAN AUSTIN ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	†ALAN JACQUES ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Frederick H. Dexter. Tenor 10½ cwt.

## ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED B. BEADSMOORE Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 4	JOHN E. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Carter's No. 35. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS ... Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5
*MONICA DAVIS ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 6
JOHN PAGETT ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 4	REGINALD ALLPORT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

\* First peal on eight bells. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Masters, parents of W. Masters, a local ringer, also a birthday peal for J. Bass.

## BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	ERNEST C. STAFF ... 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2	*CHARLES W. LOOME ... 6
*ERNEST A. HEAD ... 3	*L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... 7
CYRIL J. BARBER ... 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First of Little Bob. First of Little Bob on the bells.

## FESCICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

WALTER AYRE ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
*PETER N. BOND ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	HAROLD WALKER ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of London.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ANNE WORTH ... Treble	BARRY CORBISHLEY ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
*DENNIS HEAPY ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4	†STANLEY NADEN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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



# HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

N. J. Pitstow's, arranged by E. E. Speake. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.  
JOHN N. LINDON ... Treble RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 5  
\*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2 HOWARD HOWELL ... 6  
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 3 ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7  
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4 ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

\* 250th peal. First peal in the method for the society and by all the band except E. C. Shepherd.

# MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt.  
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... Treble J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5  
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 2 ALAN CATTELL ... 6  
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3 JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7  
ALFRED MOULD ... 4 JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

# REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

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

'Barrabool' peal. Tenor 17½ cwt.  
\*MRS. S. H. JONES ... Treble KEITH HUDSTON ... 5  
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 2 JACK BAILEY ... 6  
†MISS R. HEMMINGS ... 3 GEORGE L. RODEN ... 7  
\*WALTER G. SOAR ... 4 SIDNEY H. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.'

# SOUTHAMPTON.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 4 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6400 CHANGES;

MAURICE J. BUTLER ... Treble DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5  
NELIA LEAHY ... 2 \*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6  
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 3 ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7  
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 4 CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.  
\* 25th peal. Longest length of Cambridge Major with the tenors together and rung with 6th place bobs. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

# TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble HARRY MORGAN ... 5  
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2 ERNEST A. THORPE ... 6  
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3 J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7  
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4 J. EDWARD CAWSE ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

# WALMER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN L. MORRIS ... Treble FREDERICK A. RYE ... 5  
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2 MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6  
FRANK BENNETT ... 3 WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7  
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 4 FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

# DORCHESTER, OXON.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

CATHARINE M. TRIST ... Treble RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5  
\*SHIRLEY V. RYMER ... 2 MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 6  
\*ANN M. DICKINSON ... 3 DAVID GALLOP ... 7  
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 4 PETER W. B. SEMMENS ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Cond. by P. W. B. SEMMENS.

\* First peal.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

# BOREHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

\*MISS JEAN H. BARHAM Treble CHRISTOPHER G. JAGGARD ... 5  
\*MISS KATHLEEN KNIGHT ... 2 PETER J. CHILDS ... 6  
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 3 WALTER FELGATE ... 7  
PETER J. EVES ... 4 ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. EDWARDS.

\* First peal.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

# WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK Treble GEORGE PRESTON ... 5  
\*D. ELAINE WRIGHT ... 2 †JACK CURWEN ... 6  
†ROBIN RHODES ... 3 TOM CUTTS ... 7  
PHILIP COOTE ... 4 NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. F. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight.

First peal by a local band on the eight bells, which were installed in 1915. All are pupils of the conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

# MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

VERNON SYKES ... Treble FREDERICK PRECEY ... 5  
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 2 WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 6  
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3 FRED W. DUNKERLEY ... 7  
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4 PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED W. DUNKERLEY.

Birthday compliment to treble ringer. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

# BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble †BASIL W. WHITE ... 5  
RAYMOND OVERY ... 2 \*HENRY C. WEAVER ... 6  
\*ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3 \*CECIL H. WOOD ... 7  
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4 RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt.

# WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 29 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK ... Treble JACK CLEGG ... 5  
MISS MARGARET RIDYARD ... 2 THOMAS HESKETH ... 6  
MISS MURIAL REAY ... 3 SELWYN DEARDEN ... 7  
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 4 JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

In memoriam John Potter, of Walkden, who died on June 4th.

# FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## PRISTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.  
THOMAS GRIFFIN ... Treble \*DAVID HOARE ... 4  
\*JOHN HOLBROOK ... 2 EDWARD F. CONNOCK ... 5  
\*JOHN FOWLER ... 3 JACK N. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK N. BROWN.

\* First peal of Minor.

# TOPSHAM, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.  
\*JOHN PYM ... Treble \*WILLIAM WILLS ... 4  
EDWIN TICKER ... 2 JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ... 5  
\*WALTER GIBBONS ... 3 \*JOHN H. GLANVILL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.

\* First peal. For the enthronement of the Right Rev. Robert Cecil Mortimer, D.D., as Bishop of Exeter.



## MUNFORD, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Being seven varied 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY ... Treble	*GEORGE MILLER ... 5
*EDNA M. PECKETT ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4
*DORA REEVE ... 3	EDWARD BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal.

## CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

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

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt, 1 lb. in G.

*BRIAN GOULD ... Treble	ALAN J. BUTLER ... 4
†MICHAEL J. BEST ... 2	HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 5
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. The fastest peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the 82nd birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

## OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two extents of Double Oxford and Plain Bob and one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. D. R. CARLISLE ... Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 4
*HAROLD TAYLOR ... 2	*JOHN WILKINSON ... 5
JACK BAILEY ... 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal in five methods. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

## PEWSEY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD N. MARLOW ... Treble	JACK MUSSELL ... 5
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 4
JEAN M. BROWN ... 3	PETER ANGER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## TICHBORNE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge and London Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

ALAN L. TREMEER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4
NELIA LEAHY ... 2	RICHARD SMITH ... 5
*NESTA D. SMITH ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the restored bells.

## SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

REGINALD BEALE ... Treble	DENNIS R. BEST ... 4
REGINALD WELCH ... 2	FREDERICK WELCH ... 5
HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 3	JACK W. DREW ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

Rung for the reopening of the church.

## TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

KITTY WILLERS ... Treble	†JOHN LEWIS ... 4
*CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 2	†ESTACE W. BULLMAN ... 5
DAVID MANN ... 3	PETER BORDER ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

## BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents of 720, with treble leading and 7 and 8 covering. Tenor 26½ cwt.

STANLEY KING ... Treble	JOHN PORTER ... 5
RICHARD CLAXTON ... 2	JAMES A. PARKER ... 6
HAROLD PARKER ... 3	THOMAS HUDDLESTONE ... 7
WALTER TYSON ... 4	JOHN BOWER ... } Tenor
	JOHN WELBURN ... }

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.

First peal by all the band except No. 6. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung, at the request of the Mayor of Bridlington, to celebrate the jubilee of incorporation of the borough of Bridlington, 1899-1949.

## SEAL CHART, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day and 12 extents of Grandshire. Tenor 10 cwt.

ANTHONY V. KEMP ... Treble	ARTHUR WENBAN ... 4
EDNA M. SILLS ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
REGINALD L. SILLS ... 3	*GEORGE T. ACOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd and to the tenor ringer's younger son. Also to celebrate the confirmation of the tenor ringer's eldest son.

## ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY GARLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR GARLEY ... 4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 3	THOMAS GARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

A compliment to T. Garley on his retirement.

## SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 4
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal on the bells since they were rebung.

## LOCKING, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*F. S. WHITE ... Treble	W. HART ... 4
MARJORIE LEGG ... 2	†REV. H. F. WARREN ... 5
GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 3	F. MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Hutchings, ringer in the above tower.

## MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*HAROLD MOUNTFORD ... Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... 4
JOHN MINTON ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
FREDRICK R. HARRIS ... 3	JOHN H. MOUNTFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the reopening of the church after restoration from damage by the gale of March, 1947.



## GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

*SIDNEY V. HALL ... .. Treble	*GEORGE F. WEBB... .. 3
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... .. 2	GEORGE A. ATKINS ... .. 4
E. C. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## EMBERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one 720 of Single Oxford and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR A. ARMSTRONG Treble	HARRY WOODING ... .. 4
PERCY AMOS ... .. 2	PHILIP JONES ... .. 5
*VICTOR ADAMS ... .. 3	RONALD C. NOON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

## BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW... .. 4
†MISS BESSIE A. CARTER ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. FARMER ... .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

## EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

A. TREVOR SUTTON ... Treble	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 4
*A. LENNARD SHEPHERD ... 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... .. 5
JOHN COOKE ... .. 3	GEORGE L. GROVER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

\* First peal in seven methods. A 71st birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. Wright Davies, and also for the birthday of Mrs. E. Shepherd.

## HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt.

*MARGARET H. BAKER ... Treble	TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4
EDNA M. SILLS ... .. 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... .. 5
LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

\* First peal of Minor.

## GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*J. W. HOVEY ... .. Treble	*G. H. LANE ... .. 4
*K. T. TAYLOR ... .. 2	W. C. RHODES ... .. 5
*D. L. HOOPER ... .. 3	*J. A. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. RHODES.

\* First peal.

## HALSE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	FRANCIS MORRIS ... .. 4
HARRY COMMINS ... .. 2	*WILLIAM G. HANCOCK... .. 5
CLAUDE TARR ... .. 3	†ALBERT SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

## ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT J. HUNT ... .. Treble	HARRY PROUT ... .. 4
FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... .. 2	LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS... .. 5
STANLEY S. COCKELL ... .. 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

## WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRED WATSON ... .. Treble	*CYRIL TYLER ... .. 4
J. HARRY COOK ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
FRANK T. LONG ... .. 3	HARRY CLAYTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. The bells were augmented to six in 1906, and rehung by Day, of Ely, in 1919.

## BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*AUDREY M. M. RUDDOCK Treble	ERNEST T. CARVELL ... .. 4
*JOHN H. LAWRENCE ... .. 2	†CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

\* First peal. † 25th peal. First peal in method as conductor.

## BOXLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob and one of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER C. GOSLING ... Treble	LUTHER HONESS ... .. 4
EDNA M. SILLS ... .. 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... .. 5
LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

\* First peal in more than one method.

## CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. THOS. W. KIMBER Treble	†GEORGE PRESCOTT ... .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
†DAVID HOARE ... .. 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods of Minor.

## FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY COMMINS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS MORRIS ... .. 4
REGINALD STONE ... .. 2	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 5
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 3	TOM HANCOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all the band.

## WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob and 2,400 of Grandsire, 17 callings in all. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN E. TINGLEY ... Treble	STELLA M. WICKENS ... .. 3
†PETER F. ROMNEY ... .. 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... .. 4
	CHARLES H. WICKENS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WICKENS.

\* First peal. † First in three methods and first of Doubles. First in three methods as conductor.



## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4
*LUCY MOTTISHAW ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
†MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	*ALAN ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. † First peal of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

## HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

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

Seven extents.

*ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4
*EDGAR VALLANCE ... 5-6	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

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

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,*

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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

## ELY, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., May 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

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

Tenor size 11 in G.

*RONALD H. BULLEN ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
†MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4	MARION GRAIN ... 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.  
\* 200th peal. † 25th peal.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	HARRY POYNER ... 7-8
*JOHN R. SMITH ... 9-10	

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

\* First peal on handbells.

## YORK.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., June 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

AT HOLGATE ROAD CANTEEN,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7-8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5-6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

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## LATE NEWS.

Miss Margaret Fidell will remember June 6th, 1949. She rang two first peals on that day—Spliced Surprise Major in four methods and Cambridge Surprise Royal. She is the first lady to ring two Surprise peals in a day.

First instalment of the Central Council meeting at York appears in this issue.

'The Ringing World' debate will be published in a later issue. In a nutshell the decision was 16 pages weekly from January 1st, 1950. Price 4d.

Among local band achievements is the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Ealing on May 24th, reported in last issue.

The first peal has been rung at Grafton Regis, Northants, a new tenor having been added, making a ring of five, in 1948.

Six boys of Collyer's School, Horsham, helped by local ringers, rang for the school's Founder's Day service at the Parish Church. The boys were B. Moore, J. Cherriman (Cowfold), P. Hall, J. Reed (Slinfold), A. Skinner (Wisborough Green) and C. Hone (conductor, Thakeham).

The bells of St. Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, have been overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The work was commenced on April 20th and finished on May 27th and were rung at the special thanksgiving service held on Whit Sunday.

Towards the £850 needed for rehanging the bells at St. Peter's, Duxford, Cambs., with a population of 760, the village by various ways and means has subscribed about £600. Mr. J. Halls, hon. treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, Kentbury, Duxford, Cambs, appeals to all bell lovers to help.

Embarrassment was caused at the annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on Whit Monday, when the secretary's case containing the minute books, etc., was missing from the Cathedral. It was discovered just in time by a Central Council representative on his way to York. His relative at Peterborough where he was staying the night took the wrong case to her home by mistake.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The all local band that rang the peal of Grandsire Triples at Battersea on

May 28th included a churchwarden, a sidesman, the secretary of the Parochial Church Council, two choristers and a Sunday School teacher. The last local band peal here was in 1884.

Mr. Jack Bailey has now 'circled' Ockbrook, Derbyshire, tower.

The bells of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, will be broadcast on Sunday, June 19th, at 7.45 p.m. in the Home Service programme before the usual evening service.

Having rung 38 peals in three eight-bell towers, D. C. Vincent has at last completed a circle by ringing the seventh at Miles Platting, Manchester.

In connection with the proposed Keith Hart memorial at St. Peter's, Brighton, we gladly give, at the request of enquirers, the address of Mr. O. Sippetts, the hon. treasurer, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley, Sussex.

Twenty-five years have elapsed since Mr. W. P. Whitehead and Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore rang their last peal together, until they renewed acquaintance at Measham with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, which is believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

The peal at Wivelsfield, Sussex, created local interest. Parishioners stood and listened and clapped the ringers when they finished. The bells had not had professional attention since 1894 and had to receive the use of a spanner, etc., before a start could be made.

June 4th was a red-letter day for Whiston, Yorks. The eight bells here were installed in 1915 and at last a local band has scored a first peal on the bells. All the ringers were pupils of the conductor, Mr. Norman Chaddock.

Burnham, Bucks, bells were dismantled on June 13th by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

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**B**ENEATH the shadow of York Minster in the historic St. William's College, the second session of the twentieth Central Council (52nd annual meeting) was held on Whitsun Tuesday. Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Council, was in the chair, supported by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian) and Mrs. Fletcher.

## THE DEAN'S WELCOME.

In a welcome to the Council the Dean (the Very Rev. E. Milner-White) said he simply came there to bring to them the hearty and heartfelt welcome from the Minster and the Chapter. They had enjoyed, these last two days, the ringing of their bells.

Never would he forget one electric moment when the bells of these islands rang to express the feeling of the nation when they heard the news of the Battle of Alamein.

'Let me say something of your art day by day and Sunday by Sunday. It is one of the things which no government of any type is going to deprive us. Speaking as an Englishman, of course, there is nothing like our bells or bellringing to be found anywhere else in the world. It is only a thing that people are adequately conscious of when they travel abroad. It is a popular ministry, using the word popular as meaning of the people.'

There is something in the particular sound bells make; it is an essentially clean sound. It fits in with God's creation and our landscape in an extraordinary way. It is a beautiful sound; it is a music of its own. It is pure, passionless and jubilant. It comes with a strong breath as if it was meeting one, but it comes also with the breath of Heaven. It is in these secular days a tremendous witness of the other world—that God would save us despite our unfaithfulness. I suppose your first reaction is that it is a good recreation, but when we feel that pure recreation has a real value of high importance and unique beauty, then it is a good enjoyment to have.

The President, in thanking the Dean for his welcome, said it was 45 years ago since the Central Council met in the ancient city of York and he was told that there was one member present who was at that meeting.

The Dean had spoken of the music of the bells and their unique quality. He wondered if he came across the expression used in 'The Morning Post' some years ago of 'weaving patterns of sound.' He thought that was one of the best expressions of bellringing.

In thanking the Dean for the opportunity of ringing on his glorious ring of bells, Mr. Lewis said they would enjoy them more if they were boxed up a little more so that the sound did not come down on the street. He presented the Dean with a copy of 'The History of the College Youths' as a memento of the visit.

Accepting the gift, the Dean promised to read it with care and leave a label on it bequeathing it with his other books to the Minster Library.

The Dean, at the request of the President, opened the Council with prayer.

## ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that the Council consisted of 148 representatives from 53 associations, 20 honorary members making a total of 168. The membership of the St. Martin's Guild had been increased from one to two and the Southwell Diocesan Guild from two to three.

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

It was reported by the letter of the general secretary of the Middlesex Association that the four members of the Middlesex Association had resigned as representatives on the present Council. It was further reported that they had immediately sought re-election. The Standing Committee, in considering this position, found that they did not conform to the rules relating to representative members except the election of Mr. Turner, who had been elected in place of one of the resigning members. The Standing Committee were compelled reluctantly to recommend to the Council that the re-



The President, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, M.A.

election for the remainder of the triennial period of the Council did not comply with the rules and consequently their re-election could not be recognised.

When Mr. Fletcher announced that the three members would not be permitted to take their seats, a member protested and asked for them to be reinstated and allowed to take their seats forthwith.

The Chairman: I am sorry, but it is against the rule.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey: Does that mean that we are not entitled to vote and speak?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Lewis Cockey: Then I protest. I call it unchristian and vindictive and I propose to leave the meeting.

He then left the Council Chamber.

## ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil.  
Barnsley and District.—Mr. H. Chant.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan.—Mr. J. T. Dyke.  
Miss N. G. Williams.  
Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding.  
Mr. A. C. Sinfield.  
Chester Diocesan.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. C. K. Lewis.  
Coventry Diocesan.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.  
Derbyshire Association.—Mr. G. C. Briggs.  
Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. T. G. Myers, Mr. F. C. Smale.

Durham and Newcastle.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. N. Park.

Ely Diocesan.—Mr. E. H. Mastin.

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

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

Guildford Diocesan.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan.—Mr. G. E. Oliver.

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

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

Kent County.—Dr. E. E. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone.

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

Lancashire Association.—Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

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

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

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

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers.

Middlesex County.—Mr. E. C. S. Turner.  
Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

North Wales Association.—Mr. A. J. Hughes.

North Staffordshire.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.  
Norwich Diocesan.—Mr. W. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

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

Oxford University.—Rev. C. E. Wigg.  
Peterborough Diocesan.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine, Mr. E. E. Whitmore.

Salisbury Diocesan.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. F. Precey, Mr. W. C. West.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt.  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. T. H. Francis.

Southwell Diocesan.—Miss J. Southerst.  
Stafford Archdeaconry.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. G. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mr. G. E. Symonds.  
Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.

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

Truro Diocesan.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross.  
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts.—Mr. B. O. Ashford.

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

Honorary members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. A. Walker.



## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

These were received from Messrs. H. J. Sanger (Bath and Wells), C. W. Cook (Ely), Miss H. G. Snowden (Dorset), Messrs. A. C. Hazelden and A. Harman (Guildford), W. F. Moreton, G. J. Lewis and W. T. Poston (Hereford), A. Paddon Smith (St. Martin's Guild), G. H. Cross, F. C. W. Knight and G. W. Steere (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Canon G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. W. A. Osborn, E. A. Young and W. H. Viggers (hon. members), Miss B. Spice (Oxford University), Messrs. J. D. Johnson and S. T. Holt (Worcester and Districts), Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge University), Messrs. H. Denman (Southwell Diocesan), H. G. Cashmore (Hertford County), T. W. Taffender and T. H. Taffender (London County), E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University), Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. F. J. Teague (Truro Diocesan), Messrs. S. G. Coles (Bath and Wells), C. H. Hawkins (St. David's Diocesan Guild), E. G. Fenn and A. B. Peck (College Youths), and V. Colclough (Dudley and District).

## NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were presented to the President: Messrs. C. W. Biffin (Devon), E. C. S. Turner (Middlesex), E. A. Barnett (hon. member), H. Chant (Barnsley and District), Miss J. Southerst (Southwell), Messrs. F. Ainsley (Durham and Newcastle), F. Precey (Salisbury) and T. G. Myers (Devon).

## HON. MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary reported that two honorary members were due to retire—Mr. C. H. Kippin and Mr. W. Rowe. Mr. Kippin did not seek re-election. The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. Rowe (New South Wales Association) be re-elected and they submitted the name of Mr. C. W. Roberts for the vacancy.

Mr. F. Smallwood seconded.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner proposed that Mr. W. Wilson be elected an honorary member and mentioned his services as convener of the Peal Board Committee.

Mr. Kippin asked if Mr. Wilson did not resign as a member of the Council.

The Chairman replied in the affirmative, and added, 'I don't see how he could be re-elected. I am afraid on those conditions that I cannot accept the nomination.'

Mr. Rowe and Mr. Roberts were elected to the vacancies.

## LOSSES THROUGH DEATH.

The President read a list of past and present members of the Council who had died since the last meeting. The Council stood in respectful memory. They were: T. Groombridge, jun., Southwell Diocesan Guild, 1946-1948; H. Chapman, Lancashire Association 1906-1915, honorary member 1924-1929; G. P. Burton, Norwich Diocesan Association, 1909-1929; R. H. Brundle, Norwich Diocesan Association, 1894-1896; G. Williams, Winchester Diocesan Guild 1891-1896, Sussex County Association 1897-1905, honorary member 1906-1917, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild 1918-1949; Rev. C. C. Marshall, Yorkshire Association, 1912-1947.

Mr. G. Pullinger, in a tribute to Mr. George Williams, said members would be interested to learn that his books and papers were to be handed to the Winchester Guild. His Association would consider a memorial to his memory at their meeting on the first Saturday in July. The committee responsible for the Bournemouth Festival had decided that it should be known as the George Williams dinner. Mr. Williams was not only a good ringer and conductor; he was a good churchman and a great friend to all.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in a tribute to Canon Marshall, said he perhaps knew him longer than any other ringer; he knew him before he was ordained when he (Mr. Johnson) was a small boy in the East End of London and the Canon was working for the Oxford Mission. He was not a great peal ringer, but he was enthusiastic for the work, and the Yorkshire Association was a lasting tribute to the work

he was so intensely interested in. No trouble was too great during his 35 years' presidency of the Association. Those who were present at the Council meeting at Leeds would remember the Canon's address. He was a man of great personality and Vicar of an important parish in Leeds.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Secretary reported that the minutes had been published in 'The Ringing World.' There was one alteration to be made, the name of Mr. A. Relfe, of East Grinstead Guild, had been omitted from those present. That had been corrected in the official minute book.

He moved that the minutes be taken as read.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and this course was agreed to.

## REPORTS

## HON. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Sales during the year amounted to £135 18s. 4½d. Copies sold of various publications were: Triples Methods 67; Variation and Transposition 67; Collection of Peals, Section 2 51, Section 3 39; Hints to Beginners 347; Method Sheets, Bristol 53, Stedman and Grandire 119, Double Norwich 50, Cambridge 62; Card of Instruction 53; Report of Conference S.P.A.B. 24; Mysteries Unveiled 98; D.N.C.B. Caters 52; Preservation of Bells 443; Four Way Table 242; Handbells 593; Doubles and Minor 142.

During the year books have been lent for research purposes, and in two or three cases general information has been required for lectures on the history of bells and bellringing.

The following gifts to the library are gratefully acknowledged: Group Theory, by R. A. Rankin, from the author; Bellringing Mechanism, by B. D. Price, being the description of a machine made by Mr. L. E. A. Boum, from the author; Surprise Major Methods (A. J. Corrigan), from the author; and a number of bound volumes of 'The Ringing World,' presented by Mr. E. R. Goate. Also papers of the late Mr. J. W. Parker, from Miss M. Parker.

The stocks of Triples Methods, Cards of Instruction and Mysteries Unveiled have been exhausted, and the card is now being revised for reissue. New publication have become available during the last six months. The four-way table of Minor Methods, of which 1,000 copies were printed, is often required with the reprint of Doubles and Minor Methods. The Handbell Book has had outstanding success and more than half of the edition has gone. But though new publications account for the abnormally large sales total there has been an increase in sales of those already available, notably in sales of Hints and Method Sheets. There has been an extra source, too, in Mr. Shepherd's D.N.C.B.C., of which the Council purchased the remaining stock.

The reprinting of Carter's broadsheets is proceeding. Requests for the book of Major and Catter methods still arrive, and there have been enquiries for Royal methods.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton proposed the adoption of the report, and Mr. F. J. Smallwood seconded. The report was adopted.

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

The year started with a balance in hand of £286 12s. 2d. and concluded with £187 9s. 9d. Receipts were affiliation fees £39, sale of publications £124 12s. 3d., and subscriptions of hon. members 15s.

On the expenses side the main items were Library and Publications £231 13s. 9d., Biographies Committee £7 15s. 6d., Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund £2 3s., J. W. Parker Memorial Fund £2 3s.

The Secretary, in moving the adoption of the report, urged associations to send their subscriptions earlier—certainly earlier than four days before Whitsun. Calling attention to the reduced balance, he said as the Council knew it was always their intention as soon as possible to restock the library. They had still quite a lot of books they wanted to print.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the accounts were approved.

Mr. F. Rogers suggested that Guild subscriptions should be paid before Easter, otherwise the Association would not be entitled to vote.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards: I think it is already in the rules.

Mr. E. H. Mastin suggested that the stock in hand in productions should be shown in the accounts.

The Secretary replied that with the new set of accounts a uniform data would be introduced, and with the change the accounts would be set in another form.

## JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The machine has been thoroughly tested by Mr. Brian Price and Mr. Douglas Hughes and some minor and temporary adjustments were made, after which a course of Bristol Surprise Royal and of Stedman Cinques were rung. These were recorded on the paper roll. Various faults were mentioned in the report. The motor was very temperamental and very noisy and the committee suggested the fitting of a new motor and reduction gear, both to be as silent as possible, and also to replace the first main driven wheel of the machine. The mechanism should be completely cleaned and re-oiled, as it was very dirty. The trustees recorded their deep appreciation of the work so far carried out by Mr. Price and Mr. Hughes.

Mr. A. A. Hughes moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Kippin asked, to the amusement of the Council, what was the Bristol Royal rung by the machine.

Mr. A. A. Walker, in seconding, said the reason for moving the machine from the Museum was that they had not facilities for repairs. He paid tribute to the work of Mr. Brian Price and Mr. Douglas Hughes. Whether the Bristol Royal was true or untrue, whatever the machine was set to do it would do. Before the machine was returned to the Museum it would be in working order and it would be able to ring any method.

Mr. Harold Poole asked if the machine would be available for the next meeting in London.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley said there was a demonstrator at the Museum.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow: Can we have a more efficient demonstrator? I understand that the last time the demonstrator set it it rang Grandire Triples backwards on the back eight.

## REVISION OF RULES.

The Secretary said the draft revision of rules had been supplied with the agenda. The Standing Committee recommended that the Council discuss the draft and in the light of the discussion the sub-committee would prepare their report for the Standing Committee.

Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton proposed that the report of the sub-committee be received.

On the question of representation, the suggestion was that for a territorial society 75 over and not exceeding 150 one representative member; 150 to 300, two members; 300 to 450, three representatives; over 450, four representatives. The basis of calculation of membership for territorial societies shall be honorary and ringing members and resident life members. The representation of non-territorial affiliated societies shall be one member per society or more in the discretion of the Council. Any recognised society numbering not less than 75 members shall, upon application and subject to election by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting, be affiliated to the Council.

Mr. F. E. Dukes asked for the reason of the two-thirds majority. He suggested as an alternative a clear majority.

Mr. P. J. Johnson maintained that it would be a big mistake if election was not by a big majority.

Mr. E. A. Barnett suggested that membership of non-territorial bodies should be not more than one member.



Mr. H. W. Rogers asked for a firm definition of a non-territorial association and the names of existing non-territorial associations.

The Secretary: I think it is generally recognised that the non-territorial associations are the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Ladies' Guild, the Oxford University Society, the Cambridge University Society and the Universities Association.

Mr. Harold J. Poole pointed out that the Police Guild proposed to make application as they now had a membership of 117.

Mr. P. J. Johnson reminded the Council that all non-territorial representation led to duplication of representation. He remembered seeing a peal rung by a body called the Guild of Servers. He did not know whether that peal was rung to add dignity to that body. They would have seriously to consider peals by such bodies. They might have a Guild of Butchers. He felt they must take care that they did not lend themselves to duplication.

Mr. R. G. Blackman said the Guild of Servers was not a bellringing service. The Guild of Servers was primarily a body of young lads, servants of the Church at the altar, and there was no disgrace, but it was great credit to them and to 'The Ringing World' that these servers of the Church were mentioned in the journal. Sunday by Sunday at Chichester Cathedral three or four of them went direct from their ringing to serve at the altar.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he wanted to make it clear that he did not want to be misconstrued as belittling the work of the Guild of Servers to the Church. His point was that the peal was rung for a non-ringing society.

Mr. E. A. Barnett said the question of future non-territorial societies could safely be left to future Councils. At the present time these non-territorial societies were represented on a basis of membership. Take the University Associations, whose membership comprised a good many people who continued their ringing after leaving the university, but far more did not.

Miss Marie Cross: As the representative of one of these associations, I assure you that we do apply the axe.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin said they must take care that societies with a lot of 'dead wood' should not have undue representation, whereas there might be a lot of 'live wood' not represented.

The Rev. C. O. Ellison suggested that it might be that the qualifications for membership might be from 75 to 250, from 250 to 500 and so on.

Mr. A. D. Barker thought that the representation of future non-territorial associations should be one member per society.

Mr. Kippin considered that the Council could not afford to stand on sentiment.

The Secretary reminded the Council of the overlapping of certain territorial associations, quoting the case of the East Grinstead and District Guild. They would have to see there was no overlapping with new societies.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead supported the elimination of non-territorial associations representation to one.

A vote was taken and the majority of the members voted for a single member.

The suggested rule regarding honorary members was that retirement and election took effect as from the end of the annual meeting. Mr. E. C. S. Turner suggested that election took effect immediately and retirement at the end of the meeting.

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

A new rule suggested was the creation of life members consisting of (a) past and present holders of the office of president, hon. secretary or hon. librarian of the Council, and (b) those who in the opinion of the Council by reason of their services to the art of ringing merit the conferment on them of the honour of life membership. Life membership shall cease only on death or resignation.

Mr. John Freeman thought that the honour of life membership would be greater if there

was a restriction on the number of the holders of the office. The holders of the office of secretary and librarian should not be qualified for life membership.

Mr. J. P. Fidler said honorary members should be elected for the work they could do for the Council. Inactive honorary members should not be retained.

Mr. P. J. Johnson spoke in support of the new rule as being a means of giving some recognition of work done.

Mr. Hooton explained that one of the reasons for the rule was that if an officer who was a representative was not re-elected he could still hold office.

#### COPYRIGHT.

Mr. R. S. Anderson wanted a rule that the copyright of any work done for the Council be vested in the Council. There was a mention in the report of the Methods Committee of a copyright being claimed by members of the committee.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner said he was the only surviving member of the old committee and the word copyright had never been mentioned by him.

#### MEETING PLACES.

Mr. Harold Rogers asked why it was proposed to amend the existing rule of one in three meetings being held in London.

The Secretary: The reason is the difficulty of a suitable room. To-day we have to cater for about 200 people, and we thought that there was more accommodation in the provinces.—The report was then carried.

#### PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The collection of Major Methods compositions was ready for the printer. The committee expressed their thanks to Mr. Stephen Hoare, of Watford, for his assistance in typing the bulk of the peals.

The late Gabriel Lindoff's collection of peals of London Surprise Major had been examined with the possibility of its publication as a broadsheet. This contained 279,796 compositions, and on account of its size it was unsuitable for publication as a broadsheet. The committee recommended that the collection be not published in any form for the following reasons:—

(1) That such a large number of compositions in any one method was not required by the Exercise, in view of the number already available.

(2) That since Mr. Lindoff had (apparently) exhausted all the In and Fifths compositions having the 6th twelve courses home and two other bells only in 6ths, he had inevitably included all the compositions with these qualities which had been previously produced by other composers. It would be quite unfair to publish all these as Mr. Lindoff's compositions, and so rob other composers of the credit for their work.

The committee proposed to produce a collection of peals of Royal and Maximus, subject to the approval of the Council.

This report was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton and seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley.

The Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the views be accepted on the Lindoff Broadsheet.

Mr. Turner: I understand that there are some 20 misprints in the Lindoff broadsheet. Are the committee aware of them?

Mr. Woolley: I was not aware of that.

#### THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

Being a completely new committee of the Central Council, we have been 'finding our feet' during the past year.

We have decided to tackle three pieces of work which seem to be in general demand, and on two of these the advice of the Council is sought.

The uncontroversial task is the revision of the Plain Major and Cater book which is taking shape and, we hope, will be ready for publication next year.

The other two are the questions of the Surprise Major Book and Doubles Methods—both of which were mentioned at last year's meeting of the Council.

In the case of the former, two facts have to be taken into account: (a) the publication by Mr. Corrigan of a large collection of Surprise Methods; (b) that the committee has been unable to obtain the MSS. of the book prepared by the last committee because its copyright is, apparently, claimed by the members of that committee. Thus it seems that a completely new book will have to be produced, and, in the light of (a), we feel we should ask the Council if this is now thought to be necessary before commencing on this task.

The preliminary discussions on the third subject have shown different opinions as to how far the general rules of the Council may be relaxed when considering the question of Doubles Methods. At the moment chaos rules in the manner of ringing and naming these methods and we must first try to produce some semblance of order. Thus methods with identical plain courses, but using different kinds of Bobs and Singles, are named differently. At the moment the committee has not arrived at any definite conclusions except that Plain Bob lead heads will have to be deemed non-essential if any variety of methods is to be produced. To ensure this variety, other rules will probably have to be relaxed also. Which of these and how far to go is what we are thinking about at the moment. The one point we are trying to bear in mind all the time is that relaxations shall be the absolute minimum to produce a sufficient variety of Doubles Methods for all whose interest lies in that direction. Next year we hope to put before the Council our recommendations and ask for general approval so that a Doubles Methods book can be produced.

Moving the report, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said as to the MSS. of the old Surprise book, the word copyright had been mentioned. He supposed that technically the committee had not gone into that matter, but the position was that this committee had not been able to obtain the MSS., which seemed to suggest that the last committee claimed it as their own. If that was the case, it did not seem any different from claiming the copyright. There was no mention of that word in any communication with the last committee, but he felt fully justified in using it to explain the circumstances.

In regard to Doubles Methods, the committee were up against a very big problem. They had not been able to come to any conclusion or to put a definite recommendation before the Council.

Mr. F. Rogers seconded.

Mr. Turner said as he had been mentioned indirectly in the Methods Committee's report, he would like to place on record his attitude. He assisted the late Mr. Trollope with the book and it was finished in 1935 and presented to the Council. The Council then had not enough money to print the book, as it would cost £400. It more or less followed the pattern of the Jasper Snowden series. If the Council was prepared to print the book as it stood, he was prepared to hand it to the committee.

The Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the copyright was claimed by the Council and requested Mr. Turner to hand the work over to the committee.

Mr. Anderson, in seconding, said any committee who prepared a publication for the Council must always understand that any copyright was vested in the Central Council.

Mr. Harold J. Poole said he wanted to say that no one recognised Mr. Turner's ability more than he did, and it was such a pity that this had occurred. No matter how clever a man was, if he was not going to pull with the Council as a team they were better without him. He hoped that Mr. Turner would be prepared to accede to the request that had been made and hand over the book.

Mr. Turner: I am always willing to accept the view of the majority of the Council. On the one hand this book is finished. What can the new Methods Committee do with it? If



they alter it and make an entirely new book then they might start from the beginning; if, on the other hand, they are not going to, there is no need for the copy. I can deal with the officers of the Council and see the book through publication, as I am the only living member of the committee.

Mr. Poole: We are more concerned with the principle than the book, and we ought to support the Standing Committee that the book be handed over.

The Chairman: I will put the motion and ask Mr. Turner to hand the book to the hon. secretary as recommended by the Standing Committee.—The report was carried.

#### PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The summary of peals rung during 1948 showed a total of 2,364 on tower bells and 274 in hand, making a grand total of 2,638.

Mr. C. Dean, in moving the report, stated that a further analysis would be published in 'The Ringing World' later. He would like to point out that one of the peals rung last year was a peal of Grandsire Minor. Would the Council wish to have that erased from the report?

Mr. Walter Ayre, seconding, said regarding the record length peal of Double Norwich, it did not comply with the regulations governing record lengths. Secondly, as regards the peal of Bristol with two kinds of bobs, as long as they admitted a single in Cambridge Major they must accept that (hear, hear).

Mr. Leslie Morris said he noticed that the Yorkshire Association was credited with 110 peals. They had 111 peals published in their report. Was there any reason for the omission of a peal?

Mr. C. Dean: One peal was rung for the St. Martin's Guild. I will look into the matter.

Mr. P. J. Johnson raised the question of the peal of Cambridge with a single in it. In view of the Decisions of the Council, could they legitimately call that a peal of Cambridge?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: That was rung last year.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: Members may recall last year a peal of Cambridge containing a single came up for discussion on this identical report and the Standing Committee recommended that the peal be not accepted. That recommendation might have gone through but for a speech by Mr. Harold Cashmore, and the matter was allowed to lie on the table for 12 months and the question of singles in Cambridge and other Treble Bob methods should now come before the Council.

The Rev. Felstead: On the other hand, Mr. Cashmore suggested that it should be thoroughly investigated. That has not been done.

Mr. P. J. Johnson: You are wasting your time discussing it until you remove that Decision of the Council. Let us put our foot down and maintain the Decision of the Council.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: Let us think, is this good for the Exercise? Are two kinds of bobs in a peal going to be any good? If so, shall we ring Stedman Cinques with 5, 7 or 9 place bobs? When you have got two kinds of bobs in a peal, what is to prevent 22? If you want a peculiar quality you can justify it by this peal of Bristol with two kinds of bobs. I have nothing against six place bobs in Bristol. I have done as much experimenting as anybody, but I have burnt the results or put them away. What are we going to ring in future years? When once you open the door you can't shut it.

Mr. Johnson, in reply to further discussion, said the Council as such had no executive authority to prevent a peal of any kind being rung, but to say that any kind of peal was a standard of the Exercise was a different matter altogether. Most of these things were looked upon as ingenious, but the time arrived when they had to codify their calls where they could get certain effects without altering the bob and single.

The Chairman: The position is that the report of the Peal Analysis Committee has been

proposed for adoption, and so far there is no other motion before the Council.

Mr. Harold Rogers: I should like to propose that any peal that is rung and does not conform to the Rules and the Decisions of the Council be ruled out.

Mr. Harold Poole: I second that.

Mr. John Freeman said he could see nothing in the Decision that would prevent peals with 4th place and 6th place bobs.

Mr. Vincent maintained that they could not have two kinds of bobs to one composition.

Mr. George Feirn: I think using two bobs in Bristol is only a variation.

The resolution proposed by Mr. Rogers was carried with three dissentients (the Rev. Felstead, Messrs. Woolley and Kippin).

Mr. Woolley: Does that mean that you cannot ring Double Norwich with a fourth place bob?

The Chairman: I cannot tell you that.

Mr. J. Freeman: Will Mr. Dean tell us whether the peal of Bristol will be ruled out? No answer was given.

(To be continued)

### WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

#### INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION PASSED.

Despite very definite resolutions from all the branches in favour of holding the annual meeting on a Saturday instead of Easter Monday as in past years, the experiment at Worcester on April 30th could not be described as successful.

A mere handful of 22 was present at the service arranged in All Saints' Church at noon and a very poor attendance of less than 50 at the general business meeting held in College Hall.

The president, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, Dean of Worcester, having left the city on his retirement the day previously, the chair was taken by the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, and in his opening remarks he paid warm tributes to the work done for the Association by the late Dean. It was decided to send a message of gratitude to him with best wishes in his retirement.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported on considerable correspondence with the Lord Bishop, the Archdeacons and the Advisory Committee on the disposal of the now redundant ring of eight bells at St. Helen's. It was hoped that a tower could be found in the diocese where these bells could be hung for ringing.

#### INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Due to the increasing costs of printing the annual reports, the general fund showed a loss on the year of £7 14s. 1d., this following a similar loss in 1947 of £10 3s. 7d. A resolution as recommended by the Central Committee—a copy of which had been circulated to all towers—was before the meeting to increase the annual subscription for performing members from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. A rider to this, proposed by Mr. G. E. Large and seconded by Mr. T. Hemming, that juniors up to their 17th birthday should pay 1s. 6d., came in for discussion, and eventually it was resolved that the annual subscription be 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. for juniors with effect from January 1st, 1950.

Grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund, totalling £35, had been made to four towers during the year, and the balance in this fund stood at £155, with only £57 in the General Fund.

It was unanimously decided to invite the new Dean of Worcester, when appointed, to accept the office of president, and all other officers were re-elected. The arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master, Mr. C. Skidmore, and for the next annual meeting, both Evesham and Worcester were proposed, Worcester again being selected.

Eight performing members from the new band at Elmley Lavett were elected, and the meeting closed with the usual comprehensive votes of thanks.

Bells at the Cathedral, All Saints', Claines, Hallow and St. John's were available during the afternoon and evening.

## Burford (Oxford) Bells Appeal

The well-known bells of Burford Parish Church, one of the best known churches in Oxfordshire, have to be rehung as the ancient wooden frame has rotted and is endangering the structure of the tower.

The cost of rehanging in a new frame will be approximately £1,500, and of this the small Cotswold town of less than 1,000 people has contributed no less than £900 by a house-to-house collection.

Many visitors go to Burford every year, and the large church, with its superb architecture and lofty tower containing a fine ring of eight bells, forms the centre of their pilgrimage.

Burford possesses an enthusiastic team of ringers, and until the enforced break the bells were rung regularly twice each Sunday and for practice ringing in the week. The tower has also been the centre for combined practices with ringers from neighbouring towers.

It is to the many who know and love Burford and have taken part in ringing on this fine eight with its pre-Reformation tenor that this appeal for one of the greatest treasures of the Church is made.

Donations, payable to the Burford Bells Restoration Fund, will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged, and may be sent to me or direct to the Rev. R. F. Scott-Tucker, St. John's House, Burford, Oxford.—B. S. Nichols (Tower Secretary), High Street, Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxford.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

#### BOWDON, STOCKPORT AND MOTTRAM BRANCH.

On May 21st a meeting of this branch was held at the pleasant village of Hayfield on the edge of the well-known Kinder Scout. Good use of the recently augmented peal continued until the service in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. — Holehouse, who gave the branch a very warm welcome to his church.

Tea was served to 70 members and friends in the nearby cafe.

Mr. Elkins, who presided at the business, expressed the pleasure of the members at being able to visit Hayfield again, and cordially thanked the Vicar for his excellent address and his interest in the work of the Guild. The Vicar, in reply, said he had been struck by the 'family' spirit of the gathering since not only did the ringers come, but also brought their wives and families along.

The election of Denis Bolton (Burbage), W. Hardy, W. Barlow and J. Oliver, of Stockport (St. Mary's), and Donald Whitehead, of Hayfield, as members of the Guild, was carried.

A discussion as to the attitude the branch should adopt at the annual Guild festival resulted in a resolution recommending a quota system on a per capita basis for each branch with no restriction as to how it was to be raised.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

#### MEETING AT BIRSTALL.

Memories of the late Canon C. C. Marshall were recalled by the meeting at Birstall on May 28th. The president (Mr. T. Hill) referred to the Canon's passing and said in his early days he was a ringer at Birstall and invariably attended the society's meetings there. The members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

A vote of thanks to the churchwardens and local company (especially naming Mr. Britton for arranging the splendid tea) was proposed by Mr. F. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. T. Hill. Mr. Britton acknowledged the thanks, and said the society was welcome at any time that arrangements could be made, and if they had enjoyed themselves he was amply repaid for his work.

The next meeting is to be a joint meeting with the Selby and District Society at Kippax on June 25th.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GREAT BOURDON OF NOTRE DAME

Dear Sir,—The scene is Notre Dame de Paris on Whit Sunday. In front of this magnificent cathedral, bathed in the brilliant morning sunshine, stands a group of ten or twelve men, amongst whom are four soldiers. They are volunteers all, gathered for the ringing of the Great Bourdon of Notre Dame, No. 2 bell of France.

About 9.25 a.m. the ascent to the tower—a rather breath-taking one for the writer, who is out of practice—was begun. At a height of about 150ft. the party emerged from the north-west tower, and after pausing for a rest, entered the south-west tower where hung the object of our climb.

Coats off and a little organising by the leader and soon eight of the group are in position. There are no ropes for ringing. At right angles to and at each end of the headstock is a thick plank a foot wide. Two men stand at each end of each plank.

Preliminaries consist of three groups of three blows with the clapper on the side of the bell. Then the ringing commences. First the men on one side press down with their feet on the plank, then those on the other. A saw-saw action takes place, thus swinging the bell.

Higher and higher it rises until it begins to ring with a deep melodious note. Now there is something to work for, and more effort is expended until the bell is clapping both sides and swinging through an angle of about 120 degrees. The 'spare hands' can be seen moving from one group to another giving a rest to those who require it.

The ringing continues for about 5 to 10 minutes, after which the bell is allowed to ring itself down. By this time those who have stayed the full course (yours truly included) are bathed in sweat, as it is strenuous work. For my personal satisfaction I was pleased to notice, on descending, that the bell, still ringing down, was clapping the right way.

The Bourdon now weighs 13½ tons and has existed in its present state since the beginning of the 15th century. There were originally two bells cast in the early 14th century and they were melted down to make the present one. It was called Emanuel Louis Marie-Thérèse after the reigning King and Queen of France. The clapper weighs approximately 10 cwt.

When nearly all the bells in France were taken from the churches during the Revolution to make cannons and money, the Bourdon was threatened with the fate. It was taken from its frame and some 50 years elapsed before it was rehung. The old frame being in a bad state of repair, a new one was made, and I think this is the one which is still in use. The system of ringing has not changed in any case, as may be ascertained from reading Victor Hugo's description of it in his novel, 'Notre Dame de Paris'.

Whether the participation in the ringing of this bell enables me to lay claim to the name of a Quasimodo I don't know, but I feel I must be one of very few Englishmen ever to take part.—Yours faithfully,

JACK R. WORRALL.

Gagny, Seine et Oise, France.

## STANGROUND BELLS

Dear Sir,—Our thirteenth century church was bombed in 1942. In December last it was rehallowed by the Bishop, and the four new windows replacing the ones which had been bombed were also dedicated by the Bishop, as was also our new bell, which had been hung a few days before.

Now we have to find £700 for repairing the tower, and our six bells are dumb until the work is completed.

If any should see this, who would wish to help, will they kindly send gifts to the Treasurer, The Restoration Fund, Stanground Vicarage, Peterborough.—Yours truly,

MORLEY WELLS, Vicar.

## KEEPING THE ART ALIVE

Dear Sir,—Group Captain Lister is rather sweeping and not quite accurate in his remarks about peal ringers. As my yearly average of peals over a period of 28 years is only about 1½, perhaps I may be permitted to say a word on behalf of peal ringers.

Group Captain Lister's letter seems to suggest that peal ringers and service ringers are two different sets of people, while the fact is that while all service ringers are not peal ringers, all peal ringers are service ringers (at least this is my experience) and are also regular in church attendance. We find among their numbers churchwardens, church councillors, secretaries of church councils, sidesmen, choristers, as well as ringing association secretaries, district secretaries, Central Council representatives, etc.

As for being selfish, I know quite a number of these men who spend a lot of their time in visiting other towers to help beginners. If Group Capt. Lister takes the trouble to read the peal reports in 'The Ringing World' regularly he will perhaps be surprised at the number of times that well-known peal ringers' names appear in someone's first peal of Bob Minor or even Doubles. Surely this is helping to keep the art alive?—Yours faithfully,

Huntingdon. FRANK W. LACK.

## THE IMAGINARY LINE

Dear Sir,—Mr. T. V. Lister's assertions are too sweeping. It is impossible to draw a straight line between peal ringers and non-peal ringers, as he tried to do in his letter of June 3rd. There are peal ringers who attend regularly on Sundays for service ringing and moreover attend the service afterwards.

In the same way there are some who do not do these things. There are also non-peal ringers who attend regularly for service ringing and service, and some who do not, and some are irregular in attendance from both sides of this imaginary line. It is the best we can expect in this uncertain world, where the four freedoms are being so manfully striven for. It is illuminating to read of peal ringers described as adornments and pinnacles, etc., nothing like breaking up the skyline, is there?—Yours faithfully,

P. LAFLIN.

Stockport.

## ALL SAINTS', BRISTOL, PEAL BOARDS

Dear Sir,—Among the records of the Peal Boards Committee of the Central Council are the details of the board recording the 'Grand-sire Treebles' rung in 1791 at All Saints', Bristol, but I was unaware of its condition.

Its restoration and future care depend, of course, upon the local church authorities, but there would appear to be a chance for the Bristol University Society ringers to draw official attention to the matter.

Mr. C. T. Brown may like to know that according to the committee's information there was a board at St. Mary-le-Port, Bristol, recording a peal of Union Treble Bob rung in 1782.

—Yours faithfully, WILFRID G. WILSON.

Wembley.

THE LADIES' GUILD  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Central District was held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on May 28th, a large number of members and friends attending from a wide area.

At the business meeting which followed the service and tea, officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. R. F. Deal; secretary and treasurer, Miss D. E. Liddbetter; assistant secretary, Mrs. C. Matthews; committee, Mrs. T. Lock, Mrs. F. Housden, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Mitchell. After votes of thanks to the various people who had helped to make the meeting a success, the ringers adjourned to St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where further ringing was enjoyed.

## Lincoln Diocesan Guild

## NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on May 28th, attended by about 58 members and friends with visitors from Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Birmingham.

The Vicar of Gainsborough took the service and also presided at the business meeting which followed, the president, the Ven. Archdeacon E. L. Marsden, of Grimsby, being unable to attend owing to illness.

Members stood as a mark of respect to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, who was for some time the secretary of the branch.

The following officers were elected: President, the Ven. Archdeacon E. L. Marsden; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Branwell; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Lord; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; representatives on the Guild Committee, Mr. J. Walden, Mr. G. E. Feirn; hon. auditors, Mr. G. Dobbs, Mr. M. Walker.

It was agreed that the sum still required, approximately £22, to complete the Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund be subscribed out of branch funds.

A resolution from the Gainsborough District, 'That members be asked to subscribe to a simple form of stone, suitably inscribed, to be erected at the head of Mr. Butler's grave,' was approved.

Subscriptions can be sent to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. A collection made at this meeting to start this fund realised £3 1s. 3d.

Owing to the increased cost of reports, etc., it was decided to raise the Northern Branch subscription to 2s. 6d. per year, starting from January 1st, 1950.

The usual votes of thanks brought a very successful meeting to a close.

## DEDICATION

## STROUD ST. LAWRENCE.

The Bishop of Tewkesbury rededicated the bells of Stroud St. Lawrence on May 15th following recent rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Following the dedication the Bishop placed the ropes in the hands of the ringers, who rang Queens.

The ceremony took place during evensong, and previous to the dedication the Vicar (the Rev. K. E. Williams) gave a short history of the bells and their inscriptions, that of the treble being: 'In sweetest sound let each its note reveal—mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal.'

The foundry was represented by Mr. John Thomas, who had supervised the work on the bells.

## LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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## AMERSHAM, BUCKS.

—On May 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Townsend 1, E. C. Ayres 2, L. Haddon 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, W. Edwards 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Jean, daughter of the 2nd ringer.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On May 29th at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Trevor Taylor (first quarter, age 11) 1, J. Robinson 2, W. Harrison 3, R. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, G. Taylor 6. To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ogden.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,515 Stedman Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, Miss J. A. England 2, E. G. Talbot 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, A. J. Clayton 5, A. J. W. Hughes 6, J. F. Galyer 7, F. D. Jennings 8, J. W. Euston 9, J. E. Chilcott 10. For the 15th birthday of the treble ringer.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, N. Denson 2, F. Skidmore 3, E. J. Ridler 4, R. G. Hooper 5, V. L. Lucas 6, A. C. Baker (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth and the conductor's wife.

CANTERBURY.—On May 26th, at St. Stephen's, 1,264 Bob Major: R. G. Port 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, A. C. Philpott 3, D. Chatfield 4, Miss J. Yearlesy 5, A. Butler 6, C. E. Buesden 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At St. Nicholas' on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Kotting (first quarter) 1, Miss C. M. Kotting 2, R. A. E. Dunn 3, R. Streek 4, R. W. Dent (first as cond.) 5, B. Best 6.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sperring 1, W. Astle 2, W. Hopwood 3, P. Swindley 4, A. Newall 5, J. W. Clarke 6, W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, R. Gregory 8. In memoriam Walter Thomas.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Carter 1, R. E. Coles 2, T. Yeomans 3, T. M. Roderick 4, A. Hanington 5, H. G. Blick 6, E. Stitch (cond.) 7, W. J. Blick 8. First of Triples by 1, 6, 8.

EDENSOR, DERBYS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. D. Dunn 1, Miss C. Broome 2, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 3, G. H. Paulson 4, D. Scott 5, N. Hotchin 6. First quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

EGHAM, SURREY.—1,280 Bob Major: J. Harling 1, Joan Smith 2, Nora Shorter 3, Mrs. V. Lathbury 4, M. W. Harbot 5, R. J. Shepherd 6, W. Peck 7, R. Lathbury (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan Smith.

HELMsLEY, YORKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Bishop (first as cond.) 1, G. Finch 2, J. Leece 3, F. S. Ricketts 4, A. Rutter 5, S. Baldwin (first quarter) 6. First quarter-peal by a local band.

HUYTON, LANCs.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Adshead 1, S. T. Smith 2, Doreen M. Jones (cond., aged 16) 3, E. T. Gore 4, W. Birchall 5, W. R. Birchall 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Y. Tyler 1, J. Chambers (first 'inside') 2, J. King 3, J. Le Marquand (first quarter) 4, G. F. Le Marquand 5, J. J. Mawby 6, B. J. Lewis 7, J. E. Skerritt (first as cond.) 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Newman.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' on May 22nd, 1,440 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal: E. Dodds 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, N. Hollingworth 6, S. Croft 7, T. Davis 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of Cambridge Royal for all except 3, 6, 9, 10.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Grisdale 1, R. F. Grisdale 2, T. Wilson 3, F. Barnes 4, T. Hogarth 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, H. S. Grisdale (cond.) 7, W. Thompson 8. A farewell to the Vicar, Canon G. K. Carpenter.

## QUARTER PEALS

## LICHFIELD, STAFFS.

—On May 22nd at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. B. Webb 1, F. A. Sedgewick 2, E. Elton 3, T. Reynolds 4, John Beresford (first on ten as cond.) 5, A. D. Collins 6, G. Peers 7, W. J. Cope 8, G. E. Oliver 9, M. N. Culling 10. In honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

LIGHTCLIFFE, HALIFAX.—On May 20th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: H. Wright 1, G. Turner (first in method) 2, J. Greenwood 3, A. Hancock 4, N. Bennett (first in method) 5, W. G. Turner 6, F. Jagger 7, J. Pearson (cond.) 8. Golden wedding compliment to F. W. Bradley, for 56 years a member of the tower.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On May 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Smith 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Bottomley 3, K. Smith 4, S. Pickford 5, H. Longyon 6, V. Norbury 7, W. Mashiter 8, F. Yates (cond.) 9, C. Morledge 10.

MANCHESTER.—On May 25th at the Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mary Walshaw 1, F. Barracough 2, W. A. Theobald 3, J. B. Budd 4, D. Ogden 5, B. Walshaw 6, D. Vincent 7, E. C. Birkett 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, R. Leigh 10. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Longden.

MILTON ABBOT, DEVON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hill 1, F. R. Johns (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 3, W. C. Boucher 4, J. Rich 5, C. Taylor 6. First quarter on bells. For the enthronement of the Bishop of Exeter.

OVER, CAMBS.—On May 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Careless 1, Miss C. Dunington 2, D. Adams 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, G. E. Crisp 5, A. Payne 6, W. Bavin 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is joining the R.A.F.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Geraghty 1, N. Genna (cond.) 2, E. Thurlow 3, F. Robbins 4, Miss P. Holmes 5, J. Crabbe 6, R. Wilkinson 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung for opening of Mission to London.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Old, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. B. Kynaston 1, Beryl Strange (17) 2, B. Bladon (15) 3, A. R. Peake (15) 4, J. E. Manners (cond., 15) 5, Bernice Strange (16) 6. First in five methods by all except the treble.

SELLING, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Manual 1, P. R. Jemmett 2, C. A. Philpott 3, Miss E. Wyles 4, A. Butler 5, E. Eades 6, F. Pack 7, W. S. Palin (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's on May 15th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Cox 1, D. Cecil Williams 2, M. J. Butler 3, Miss N. Leahy 4, Mrs. R. Faithfull 5, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 6, F. White 7, R. Brown 8, C. H. Kippin 9, O. N. Curtis 10. First attempt for 1 and 5.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wenban 1, A. C. Wenban (first in method) 2, A. Bone 3, G. Cheshire 4, F. Bullock 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6, G. Hughes 7, R. Lambert (first quarter) 8.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On May 28th, 1,279 Erin Caters: H. L. Aston 1, A. Elmsore 2, M. G. Turner 3, G. W. Hughes 4, A. Adams 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. Howell (cond.) 7, H. E. Green 8, A. V. Pearson 9, W. A. Walker 10.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Coles 1, C. Finch (cond.) 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, F. Taylor 6. First of Doubles by all except the third.

YEOVIL.—On May 23rd at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. E. Hole 1, R. Moore 2, T. E. Marks 3, H. Sear 4, J. Pugh 5, H. Gaylard 6, R. G. Field 7, G. Saunders 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, D. V. Gare 10. First of Caters by 1, 2 and 10.

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SPICE.—To Betty Reid, wife of John E. Spice, of 38, Linnet Lane, Liverpool 17, on June 9th, 1949, a daughter (Constance Mary).

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The new secretary and treasurer is Mr. Ronald C. Noon, 3, Denton Road, Brafeld, Northampton. Copies of photograph, postcard size, 2s. each, 6 for 10s. 6d., 12 for £1. Cash with order from Alex T. Gill, 35, Queen Street, Peterborough. 5406

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all concerned please note that the address of the peal secretary is Mr. Shirley Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, near Leicester. 5408

WINGHAM, KENT.—Open practice, Saturday, June 25th, 6 p.m. Everyone, especially learners, welcome. 5420

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## MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting arranged for Farnham on June 18th is now transferred to Farnborough. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 5351



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual, Chipping Norton (8), June 18th. Bells 2.30. 5330

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Oxhey (8), near Bushey Station, L.M.S., Sat., June 18th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5370

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western.—Meeting at Queensbury (8), June 18th.—Wm. Ambler, Dis. Sec. 5356

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Dartford, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5326

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—70th anniversary meeting, Basingstoke, Sat., June 18th. Bells available from 12 o'clock (noon): Basingstoke, St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), Overton (8), Deane (6), Oakley (6), and Sherborne St. John (6). Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5360

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Milton Abbey, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4, tea and meeting to follow. 5363

**LAVENHAM.**—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 18th, 2 p.m. Old and new friends all welcome. Tea shop near church.—S. H. Symonds. 5374

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting Appleby Magna, June 18th. Bells (6) 3. 5731

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Cogenhoe (6), June 18th. 5377

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., June 18th, Essenden (6), 3. Tea 4.45, at Peartree Tea Rooms. Bus service No. 341, between St. Albans and Hertford, or No. 342 between Hertford and Barnet (leaves Hertford P.O. 27 minutes past each hour, and New Barnet Station 31 minutes past each hour).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5355

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Kinvor, Sat., June 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Woden Cafe 5.15, followed by business meeting.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 5383

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5419

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Dorking, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Room, 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. H. Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking, by June 22nd.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5358

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting Timberland (6), June 25th. Bells available 2. Service 4.15. Names for tea to reach me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 5365

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Branch.—Annual, Goring (8), June 25th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by 20th.—L. G. Haines, Elvendon Road, Goring, Reading. 5362

**STOKE PRIOR (BROMSGROVE, WORCS.)**—Rededication of 8 bells (6 recast) on Sat., June 25th, 3 p.m., by Bishop of Worcester. Ringing afterwards. Tea provided for those notifying me by June 20th.—H. Nicklin, Greenbank, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. (Phone, Bromsgrove 2512.) 5361

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Albury on June 25th. Arrangements as usual. Tea 2s. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. T. Ansell, Water Lane, Albury, by June 20th. Shere bells available after tea. 5372

**DEVON GUILD.**—Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh (12), Saturday, June 25th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 5389

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Henbury (8), June 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by June 20th to Miss Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5387

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston and Loughborough Districts.—Joint meeting at Birstall, June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. If requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, near Leicester, not later than Tuesday, June 21st. 5388

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 22nd to S. Russell, North Street, Rotherfield.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 5391

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5393

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Little Rose.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5395

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Ripon (10 bells), June 25th. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, June 22nd, to Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 5397

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 22nd to Mr. J. Whitbread, Hornhill, Whitwell, Hitchin.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5398

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston (6 bells), June 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 5414

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury District.—A meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea to be sent to district secretary by 22nd. Important business of election of new district secretary.—E. W. Pye, 296, Bramford Lane, Ipswich. 5415

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available at noon. Lunch (3s. 6d.) at 1.15 p.m. for those who notify me by 23rd.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 5416

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting arranged for June 25th postponed. Further details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert, District Sec. 5417

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION with GUILDFORD and OXFORD GUILDS.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 25th. Bells of Egham, Wraysbury, St. Peter's, Staines, 3 to 5, also evening. Tea, Staines, 5.15.—A. Barker, F. Finch, F. Hawthorne, Secs. 5400

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Meeting, Wirksworth, Saturday, June 25th, 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. B. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth, by June 22nd.—J. F. Wilkinson. 5401

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall 4.30. Please notify Mr. A. Wheeler, Kirby Bellars, by the 23rd. 5404

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch opening, Saturday, June 25th. Bus starts from Byfield 12 noon, calling at Charwelton and Staverton, leaving Daventry 12.30 p.m. approx.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5407

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Bristol, Saturday, June 25th. Towers available: St. Philip's (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), St. John's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Mary Redcliffe, 7.30 to 8.30. Service at St. Philip's 4.15. Tea at Emmanuel Parish Hall, Midland Road, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea must reach Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5, by Tuesday, June 21st.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec. 5410

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 25th, Pleasley (5). Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 22nd, to Mr. C. Rogers, Ventnor, Buttery Lane, Skegby, Mansfield, Notts. 5409

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Burrington, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Mendip Gate Cafe. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 22nd.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 5396

**LEEDS AND SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES** will hold a joint meeting at Kippax on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, members to bring own food. Business meeting to follow tea (approx. 6 p.m.).—H. Lofthouse and H. Foster, Hon. Secs. 5411

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—Bell Sunday, June 26th, 2.15. Parade in Church Street. 5403

**NORTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.**—Wednesday, June 29th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication of new treble, Victory Bell. Original five rehung with modern fittings. All subscribers and bellringers specially invited. 5392

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and prize contest, Longwood, Sat., July 2nd. Entrance fee 7s. 6d., to be received by secretary by Sat., June 25th. For tea, notify A. Rotheray, 132, Quarmby Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, by Sat., June 25th.—A. Farrand, Sec., 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. 5364

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Annual meeting Lichfield, Sat., July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea at Guildhall 4.30; 2s. to paid-up members, to others 2s. 6d. Names by June 28th to the Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5368

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Clifton-on-Teme, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 28th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5413

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Gorseinon, July 2nd. Numbers for tea by June 28th latest.—D. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 8, Chapel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 5422

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Hubble, 19, Queen's Road, Maldon, not later than July 1st. 5418

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Summer meeting Henfield, Sussex, Sat., July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Crutenden, High Street, Henfield. Will those who intend to travel on the 2.18 p.m. from Victoria please notify me early as possible, as arrangements are being made for party tickets to be issued at single fare for the double journey.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5373

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, St. Peter's, Thanet, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names must reach me not later than Friday, June 24th. Please note early notification.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5405

**TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.**—The dedication of the new ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham will take place on Saturday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards—all ringers cordially invited. 1.20 and 2.30 p.m. trains from Birmingham (Moor Street) met at Danzey Station. Names for tea (free) to J. H. Jones, Bank House, Tanworth-in-Arden, by July 6th, please. 5390

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bullington, Nuneaton. Preliminary notice. The dedication of the two new bells will be on July (Notices continued on next page.)



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16th by the Assistant Bishop of Coventry, at 3 o'clock. Further details later.—A. J. Hinde, Dis. Sec. 5399

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual festival, Oxford, July 23rd. Will choristers intending to be present please get in touch with Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, as soon as possible.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5386

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Please note amended arrangements. Meeting at Leytonstone for July 2nd cancelled. Substitute July 23rd, Loughton. Meeting at Waltham Abbey, September 24th, not October 1st.—F. V. Gant. 5385

GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch).—Preliminary notice.—The Three Guilds Festival will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27th, at Hawley. Ringing at Hawley, Sandhurst, Yateley and Yorktown with Finchampstead (evening only). Bagshot and Farnborough (afternoon only). Coach will tour the towers in the evening. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 at Hawley. Full details later.—G. S. Joyce, J. Chesterman, B. Castle, District Secs. 5352

### QUARTER PEALS

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Griffin 1, J. Holbrook 2, J. Fowler 3, D. Hoare 4, E. F. Connock 5, J. N. Brown 6. First of Minor by 2, 3, 4.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Norman (first quarter) 1, C. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (conf.) 3, A. Harding 4, H. Norman 5, T. Kendrick 6.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss J. F. Winterbourne (first in the method) 1, Miss N. Honey 2, M. C. H. Collett (first 'inside' in the method) 3, E. G. Moore 4, B. S. Nichols 5, C. Coles 6, W. J. Dixon 7, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 8.

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