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TWENTY-EIGHT YEAR RECORD BEATEN

FOR more than 28 years the record of 21,363 Stedman Caters, rung at St. Laurence's, Appleton, Berks, has remained unchallenged. This, as we announced last week, was surpassed on November 4th by the peal of Bristol Surprise Major of 21,600 changes rung at Over, Cheshire, in 12 hours and 58 minutes. To Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, and his band go the credit of ringing the longest peal by one set of men. And a good peal it was, too, from the accounts that have reached this office. The phrase 'by one set of men' is added because of the performance at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761, when relays of men rang the full extent of Plain Bob Major of 40,320 changes. That is, of course, outside the definition of a peal as recognised by the Central Council.

It is appropriate to record the names of the company who rang in the Appleton peal, which was under the auspices of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths. The band was Challis F. Winney treble, George Holifield, jun. 2, William Hibbert 3, Herbert Langdon 4, George Holifield, sen. 5, Henry R. Newton 6, Alfred B. Peck 7, Richard T. Hibbert 8, Richard White 9, Fred White tenor. The conductor of that peal, Herbert Langdon, is still with us, together with a number of his colleagues, including the veteran secretary of the Ancient Society, Mr. A. B. Peck. The performance at Over, however, only lowers one of their records; they still hold the palm for the longest peal of Stedman, Caters and on ten bells, and these performances are not likely to be surpassed in a hurry.

The bells of St. Chad's, Over, have figured in a previous record of 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on July 21st, 1923, in ten hours. This peal was conducted by Robert Sperring. The band on that occasion was Robert Sperring treble, George R. Jones 2, John Hayes 3, Harry F. Holding 4, Edward V. Rodenhurst 5, James Swindley 6, Samuel Jones 7, James H. Riding tenor.

To the Cheshire band, plus one from over the border in Lancashire, the aviator, Mr. Fred Dunkerley, the Exercise, through 'The Ringing World,' offers its congratulations.

Peal ringers know what is behind this effort. As Mr. L. W. G. Morris wrote last week: 'This is a test of both physical and mental endurance, and in this great achievement not only has ringing history been made, but those taking part have indelibly inscribed their names on the scroll of ringing fame.'

Somewhat singularly, the performance did not receive the same national publicity as the Debenham attempt, although it received a mention in 'The Times' and other national journals. 'The Irish Times' however, marked the occasion by a second leader. Of course, coming from Ireland and being written by a layman, we naturally expect something in an entertaining vein. 'In the first place,' says 'The Irish Times,' 'the stern challengers locked themselves in the tower of the church, so that nobody could interrupt them and, presumably, in order to prevent any faint-heart from attempting to escape. In the second place, they denied themselves both food and drink until the peal had been rung. It would be interesting to know how the changes were measured. Perhaps some kind of meter was attached to the ropes, or a scorer was installed within the belfry to note down the changes like so many runs at a cricket match. At all events, the record was broken with a resounding crash—or peal.'

'The Irish Times' sees a possibility of this record becoming infectious and writes, 'Proud villagers and townsmen from all the coloured counties will spit on their hands, lock themselves in their bell towers, and pull away as energetically as though they personally were responsible for warning the world of an impending invasion from Mars.'

But these record lengths are no light undertaking. There is a vast amount of preparatory work and, in addition, the susceptibilities of the neighbourhood have to be consulted. In the Over performance not only was the co-operation of the church authorities secured but also of the local Council. It is when ringers show this dual sense of consideration that the reputation of the Exercise is enhanced.

Next Saturday another long length attempt at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, of 15,840 Plain Bob Maximus had been planned, but through illness has had to be postponed. In the field of 12-bell ringing the record is not so formidable, and the peal of 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 6th, 1929, holds the field.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
MURIEL REAY ... 2	JOHN SCOTT ... 8
JOAN BERESFORD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 10
JOHN PINFOLD ... 5	LEONARD TREVOR ... 11
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman and of Cinques.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

*MARGARET FRANCIS ... Treble	THOMAS BEVAN ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 10
CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 11
A. RONALD LING ... 6	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

E. JOAN SALMONS ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 3	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 8
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 9
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the recast bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... Treble	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
COLIN HARRISON ... 2	†JOHN HILL ... 7
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 9
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First peal of Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... Treble	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 6
FRANK E. DARBY ... 2	†DAVID E. PARSONS ... 7
*JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 3	†RICHARD E. PRICE ... 8
†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor and 50th peal this year.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6
MURIEL REAY ... 2	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
*JOHN SCOTT ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the engagement of Terry R. Hampton to Miss Ann P. Baxter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET RIGBY ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3	*†CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
*CATHARINE M. FRIST ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN.

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of New Cambridge. 50th peal as conductor. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	ALBERT HARMAN ... 5
GEORGE COOK ... 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*FRANK OAKSHOTT ... 4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

DEREK OGDEN ... Treble	HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 5
*JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 6
*FRED PRITCHARD ... 3	VERNON SYKES ... 7
†DAVID JOHN GAY ... 4	IVAN KAY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. Herbert Barlow.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
ANNE WORTH ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DAPHNE LLOYD ... Treble	*ARTHUR WATKIN ... 5
FRED EVANS ... 2	FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 3	BRIAN HARRIS ... 7
WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
ROGER KEELEY ... 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	*JACK W. DREW ... 7
WALTER H. POOLE ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beale on the 20th anniversary of their wedding.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX ... Treble	*FRANK V. GANT ... 5
*DAVID W. BEARD ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	*CHARLES E. WILMINGTON ... 7
JOHN G. NASH ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE ... Treble	JOHN HILL ... 5
DOROTHY M. UDALE ... 2	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TAYLOR. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstan's Four-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*MARION HUNT ... Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST ... 5
†RUBY GIBBONS ... 2	†PERCIVAL W. G. HARDING ... 6
FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7
†GRAHAM EYLES ... 4	*ALBERT W. J. HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 75th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. C. West on completing 25 years as leader of the tower.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GREATOREX ... Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 6
MISS D. JEAN DUNN ... 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 7
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 4	DENNIS SCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.

Birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Paulson. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MARGARET FIDELL ... Treble	CYRIL MORDUE ... 5
ROBERT BELL ... 2	THOMAS W. CROWE ... 6
J. WILLIAM ROBSON ... 3	SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 7
JOHN A. BROWN ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

In memoriam William Sheraton, a ringer at this church for 30 years, who was interred at Burnmoor this day.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRED BISHOP ... Treble	*JOHN R. KEMP ... 5
DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 2	†ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 6
*ROBERT BROWN ... 3	*JOHN PETCH ... 7
*EDWIN FISHER ... 4	*JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor. Believed to be the first peal in the method in the Eastern Branch by all branch members.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 5
*MAURICE J. LOCKEY ... 2	BRYAN F. SIMS ... 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	*SIDNEY SHARP (71) ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since augmentation to eight. Rung as a compliment to Sidney Sharp and William Fisher, both of whom have completed more than 50 years as ringers at this church.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW ... 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 6
†JOHN E. BROUGH ... 3	†JOHN N. LINDON ... 7
FREDK. S. SUTTON ... 4	†IVOR R. NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Major in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Kent in the method. First peal as conductor.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 6
NOREEN BRAIN ... 3	*HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	*ALBERT D. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 13). Conducted BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.



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On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's No. 35. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
*ALFRED C. BOXLEY 2	WILLIAM C. COOPER 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	HAROLD V. COOPER 7
BERNARD LAWTON 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Stedman.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Norfolk and New Gloucester, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	*PAUL K. WILIAMSON ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
ALAN R. PINK ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 2). Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

No. 4. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*ALBERT COOPER ... Treble	ERIC NIXON ... 5
RAYMOND JOHNSON ... 2	*DUDLEY HENSHALL ... 6
*ALAN WARD ... 3	DEREK OGDEN ... 7
*CYRIL BYARD ... 4	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal of Major. A farewell peal to Canon A. E. Horner.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.	
C. E. JEFFERIES ... Treble	ERNEST PALMER ... 5
*BETTY J. POOLE ... 2	P. C. W. F. SCUDAMORE ... 6
MRS. N. DART ... 3	J. G. JEFFERIES ... 7
WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 4	*ERIC COOKSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. G. JEFFERIES.

* First peal. First peal by local band for 28 years. Rung as 21st birthday compliment and as a farewell to the tenor ringer.

OVER, WINSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 12 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 21,600 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
PETER LAFLIN ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
 The longest length ever rung by one set of ringers.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.	
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
*LESLIE L. DUGUID ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 6
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
H. F. PERRY ... Treble	J. BULLOCK ... 5
T. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*C. W. OTTLEY ... 6
*MISS S. BOOTH ... 3	R. F. DEAL ... 7
*L. W. BULLOCK ... 4	*A. T. LANGSTONE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 5
*DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	*ERNEST J. LADD ... 6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	*ROBERT COLLINS ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDUFF. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Stone, Linton, Kent.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON ... Treble	*THOMAS W. ROBINSON ... 5
*DAVID MARSHALL ... 2	WALTER G. SOAR ... 6
JACK BAILEY ... 3	R. ALLEN HICKTON ... 7
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 4	ALFRED MOULD ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*S. ANTHONY JESSON ... Treble	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 5
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 2	JOHN HILL ... 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 3	*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 7
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 4	TERENCE A. THORNBUR ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by TERENCE A. THORNBUR.
 * First peal of Major. † 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. Colin P. Walker, of Bath. Average age is 21 years.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt.	
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... Treble	SYDNEY HODGSON ... 5
FRED PRITCHARD ... 2	JOHN T. HALMSLEY ... 6
ALBERT HODGSON ... 3	JAMES CARTER ... 7
*JOAN CARTER ... 4	ALFRED ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Triples. To commemorate 50 years of service ringing at St. Paul's of Alfred Roberts and Charles Wood. Also as a farewell peal to Canon B. B. Slater, R.D.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... Treble	*STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
*C. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 2	*ROBERT H. BROOKER ... 6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD SOWMAN ...	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	5
PETER J. STANFORTH ...	2	T. MARK WHITE ...	6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	7
JOHN R. SMITH ...	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ...	Treble	CHARLES SHEMMING ...	5
ROBERT E. LESTER ...	2	WILLIAM J. BUTON ...	6
*JOHN WATHEN ...	3	HARRY D. LISTER ...	7
SIDNEY ARBON ...	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ...	Treble	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ...	5
HARRY OGLESBY ...	2	LESLIE THOMPSON ...	6
HERBERT HELLIWELL ...	3	WILLIAM PROCTER ...	7
ARTHUR J. SMALLBONES ...	4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

25th peal as conductor. Specially arranged for the 74th anniversary of the opening of the bells and for the 75th anniversary of the Yorkshire Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JOHN A. COX ...	Treble	GEORGE T. BUNNING ...	4
†PETER J. WOODCOCK ...	2	LESLIE W. J. HOUGHTON ...	5
SIDNEY MARSHALL ...	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 240 Stedman and 960 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, April Day and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*SHEILA MITCHELL ...	Treble	*HAROLD WILSON ...	4
†GRAHAM MCKAY ...	2	STANLEY RICHARDSON ...	5
†JOHN A. HAILE ...	3	*TOM MCKAY ...	Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal in six methods by all the band and for the Association. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment and a farewell to Miss S. Mitchell.

ASHBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER ANGER ...	Treble	*M. JACK PRYOR ...	4
C. JOSHUA PEARCE ...	2	EDWARD C. HUGHES ...	5
EDWARD C. ANGER ...	3	†W. JAMES NEW ...	Tenor

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

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ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt.
*R. D. EDGE (Queens)...Treble | P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) 4
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 2 | A. W. T. CLEAVER (Down.) 5
C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.) 3 | A. S. WATT (Pem.) ...Tenor

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

* First peal.

BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JEAN HAYNES ...Treble | FRANK BRADLEY ... 4
GEORGE CHALLANS ... 2 | FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE ...Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal.

SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*BETTY HEWITSON ...Treble | WILLIAM PROCTER ... 4
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 2 | ALFRED ASHTON ... 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 3 | ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

* First peal. Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Yorkshire Association.

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

ANTHONY AGER ...Treble | WALTER D. POOLEY ... 4
*EDWIN G. BUCK ... 2 | JOHN CHURCH ... 5
JACK S. DEAR ... 3 | SIDNEY F. CARTER ...Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal in seven methods.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
IN THE OLD TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*MRS. W. VANN ...Treble | ARTHUR E. BARLOW ... 3
*WILLIAM J. VANN ... 2 | *RONALD W. GIBBONS ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS ...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. First known peal on these bells. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Dr. Joseph Wellington Hunkin, Lord Bishop of Truro, who died suddenly on October 28th. He was Rector of Rugby 1927-1935.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON ...Treble | †BERNARD O. MANN ... 4
*MAURICE BENNETT ... 2 | FRANK TAYLOR ... 5
CYRIL WANDER ... 3 | STANLEY E. BENNETT ...Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. WANDER.

* First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*JOCELYN GUMBREIL ...Treble | *CHARLES S. A. HONE ... 4
JEAN E. EDWARDS ... 2 | LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3 | CECIL R. LONGHURST ...Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
EDWIN BROMLEY ... 2 | ALAN V. BROMLEY ... 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY ... 3 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest C. Lambert, by his nephews.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DOUGLAS A. FRENCH ...Treble | *EDWARD C. PARDY ... 4
*RALPH L. LOWLE ... 2 | PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... 5
CECIL RIDOUT ... 3 | *WILLIE G. FALL ...Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal. All except conductor are local company.

AYERHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newark District.)

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK W. VERNON ...Treble | FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 4
ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... 2 | HENRY J. CLOXTON ... 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 3 | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

First peal to be rung on the bells, which were hung in 1840. Rung in memory of the late George Smith, many years a ringer at Ayerham, also of the late Rev. Father Kelly, founder of the Society of the Sacred Mission, Kelham, who died October 31st, aged 90.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*WESLEY MOORE ...Treble | CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 4
JACK SUMMERHAYES ... 2 | HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
ROBERT W. SHIRE ... 3 | BENJAMIN J. BURSTON ...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CHURCHILL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

CULWORTH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. BURTON ...Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3
*ERIC WALKER ... 2 | *ALFRED T. HUMPHRIES... 4
WILLIAM YATES ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD Treble | †JOHN E. CANNELL ... 4
*LESLIE W. G. SKINNER... 2 | RALPH BIRD ... 5
†BARBARA MITCHELL ... 3 | ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells.

PUCKLECHURCH, NEAR BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in E flat.

*ERIC SUTTON Treble	†REGINALD G. HOOPER... 4
*MIRIAM R. JAMES 2	*WILFRED F. WEBB... .. 5
*GILBERT SPRULES 3	†CECIL DANDO Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehung in 1929.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN THE NAVE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 25.	Tenor size 12 in F.
RONALD BARLOW 1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4	*MARGARET RIGBY 7-8

Composed by GEO. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1950, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT AFRICAN OIL MILLS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

JULIA M. PRESTON 1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT 3-4
FRANK VARTY 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

First peal in seven methods 'in hand' for all. Tenor size 12.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S VESTRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 170. Tenor size 12 in F.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5-6
*RONALD BARLOW 3-4	CHARLES H. PAGE 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal away from 1-2.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In three methods, comprising 2,496 Plain, 1,344 Double and 1,248 Little Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4	*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced Major in three methods.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

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The quarter peal at Shipton-under-Wychwood, recently published, was conducted by C. T. Richards and not T. W. Timms.

Seven officials of the Ely Association participated in the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Ives on November 4th. It was Mr. F. Warrington's 400th peal.

'The Ringing World' appears in a new face this week. We hope our elderly readers will appreciate the increased legibility of the new type.

Mr. H. T. Rooke enquires for dates of previous peals at Tibshelf, Derbyshire.

The number of changes in the peal of Spliced Major in eight methods, rung at Bournemouth and reported on page 695, should be 5,024. The error is regretted.

Mr. A. P. Cannon informs us that another attempt will be made soon at Debenham to recover that which was lost. No other tower in Suffolk is available, he adds.

The ringer of the 6th in the quarter peal at Pelsall, Staffs, on October 22nd, was R. Derry and not R. Chilton, as forwarded for publication.

We regret to report the passing of the Rev. R. F. R. Routh at Beaconsfield on November 5th, at the age of 61 years. An appreciation of his services to ringing will appear in our next issue.

Mr. W. Poston, of Ross-on-Wye, writes that the peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Newland, Glos, in August, 1937, was rung with ten different callings, three times repeated, not in two as published.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on November 4th was rung as a welcome home to Leonard Baybut after fifteen and a half years' absence in Kashmir. It was also a welcome to Hilary Joan, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ling, who was born in nearby Charing Cross Hospital the previous day. The bells can be heard very distinctly in the hospital, and Mrs. Ling listened to the peal from beginning to end.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The attempt at 15,840 Plain Bob Maximus fixed for Saturday, November 18th, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon., has had to be postponed due to sudden illness in the band.

The Universities Association annual dinner will be held on Friday, December 29th.

Fifty years ago Mr. B. Greatorex rang his first peal at Wirksworth, Derbyshire. He took part in the anniversary peal on October 30th, which was in the same method and by the same composer.

There are many choristers among our ringers, and to them the Nicholson Memorial, to place the Royal School of Church Music on a sound and permanent basis, will make an appeal. The sum of £60,000 is needed, and gifts should be sent to the Nicholson Memorial, Roper House, Canterbury.

The ringers of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, E.5, are going 'all-out' to meet a £76 estimate for the repair of bell fittings and sound-proofing the belfry. Donations would be gratefully received by Miss J. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, London, E.5. In this connection a Parish Party is being arranged by the ringers to be held in the Church Hall, Warwick Grove, E.5, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 7 p.m., to which any ringers will be welcome.

The Master of Oxford University Society asked us to record a muffled quarter peal his Society rang at St. Mary Magdalen on Sunday, November 6th, in grateful memory of Guy Fawkes. But why 'grateful'? The quarter consisted of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and April Day Doubles and the band was Patricia Wareham 1, M. Elizabeth Brown 2, J. B. Guy 3, F. Wright (conductor) 4, P. Border 5, G. McCrum 6.

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FOR the first time since the war the plate of the Ancient Society of College Youths was on view at the 313th anniversary dinner of the Society held at Pimm's Restaurant, London, last Saturday. It was a great re-union, a capacity assembly welcoming the Master, Mr. T. G. Fox, as he took his seat.

Proceedings were delayed owing to the late arrival of the principal officers who had attended evensong at Southwark Cathedral. There the Provost made special reference in his sermon to the long service of the Ancient Society.

Supporting the Master were the officers: Mr. A. B. Peck (secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), Mr. H. G. Miles (trustee), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (senior steward) and Mr. J. G. A. Pryor (junior steward).

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said it must be obvious to everybody there that without the Church there would be no Ancient Society, and in the toast they desired to record their debt to the Church. He remembered hearing in a sermon that lay members were no less ordained to do the work of the Church as clergy. They took a pride in their work and were thankful to serve the Church as ringers. To ring bells properly, a good band was required and a good band was not built up in a day. Good team work was essential and in submitting to them the toast, he felt that the Society would do their duty loyally to the Church.

The Rev. D. H. Booth, Rector of Stepney, who replied, said for him the evening was of a local lad making good. 'I am sure,' he said, 'you are proud of your Master, and we are proud of him, and I extend to him our warm congratulations from the ancient parish of Stepney.'

Admitting that he was an ignoramus about bells, the Rector said he only once rang a bell and that was on an historic occasion when the Eighth Army recaptured Tobruk and he rang the bell in that broken-down tower.

STEPNEY TOWER REBUILDING

It might interest them to know that within a year the tower of his ancient church would be repaired. At the moment they were pulling it down, but he hoped it would not be long before it was rebuilt and he looked forward to the day when members of the Society would ring again in East London.

A bellringer, a close relative of the Master, after ringing for service, locked the belfry door and left the key at the Rectory while the service was in progress. In doing so he surprised someone making an attempt on the life of the speaker's wife and child in the Rectory, so he had reason to be thankful for that bellringer even if his duties were not quite orthodox.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey. He said he felt very honoured to stand in the place of his old friend, the late Canon Coleridge. His memory would remain for ever green in the hearts of College Youths all over the country. He was one of the finest men he had ever known. While saying that, he could not help reminding them of the loss they had sustained at the Abbey by the death of that splendid old veteran, Robert Newton. They were all very attached to him and he remembered Mr. Newton said to him after they rang for the arrival of Prince Charles that that would be the last peal he would ring. He remained his same cheery presence until the end, and Dr. Perkins added that he saw him a day or two before his death.

Dr. Perkins said he was brought up as a choirboy at St. Paul's, Bedford, where there



MR. T. G. FOX
Master of College Youths, 1949-50

was a very fine ring going back to the days of George II. The present bells did not seem to him like the old ones were. From there he went to Magdalen College, Oxford, with its fine ring of ten. Never did he miss going up the tower at 4.30 on a May morning to take part in that service and then to feel the tower gently rock as the bells were rung.

Then he came to the Abbey with its traditional ding-dong before the service and the 40 strokes on the tenor for the sermon bell. He often wondered whether the bell induced people to come to listen to the sermon or keep away. This old bell was given in Elizabethan times by Dean Goodman, a generous and wealthy man.

There were six bells and the frame for eight and nobody took any interest in them. They only sounded on various occasions: they took no notice of the great festivals of the Church: the times of their ringing were mainly political. Sir Christopher Wren complained to the Dean about the bells, but he had been in his grave some 20 years when two minor bells were added.

FOUR TIMES IN TWENTY YEARS

At the time he arrived, the tower was supposed to be insecure and in his first 20 years the bells were only rung four times—for the coronations of Edward VII. and George V., the return of the Prince of Wales from India in 1922 and 32 years ago that day, when people went wild after the restraint of the war.

Following complaints that the Abbey bells were not being rung, a generous benefactor came forward in Lord Lee of Fareham, and their friends at Whitechapel got busy and the bells were dedicated by Bishop Ryall in 1919. At that time the Dean was good enough to make him superintendent of the belfry and of all the jobs he had had to do, he did not think anything had given him more pleasure.

The great ring at the Abbey had given birth to a son or a daughter. In 1936 an exact replica of the Abbey bells was placed in the great cathedral at Victoria, B.C. That was a great occasion. Practically all Vancouver Island assembled at Victoria for the dedication of the bells and the emotion created when the people heard the bells was quite indescribable. People were sobbing in the streets as the bells reminded them of the homeland. Ringers were doing a piece of God's work in reminding people of higher things, for man did not live by bread alone. Ringers had a work to do comparable to what was done in the pulpit; they could help to bring people nearer to those higher things which in the stress and strain of modern life were overlooked.

The code of ringing at the Abbey was based on the custom of ringing at Magdalen College, Oxford. There people were assembled for matins and evensong by the ding-donging of the bells. They fixed on certain ringing days connected with the Church—23 in all—and they also rang the bells after service.

Mr. A. B. Peck, the veteran secretary of the Society, who replied, disagreed with Dr. Perkins on the modern bells at St. Paul's, Bedford, on which he learnt to ring and he regarded them as one of the finest rings of ten in the world.

He owed the company two apologies—one was because a rope broke at Cornhill, and the other for being late owing to the length of the service at Southwark Cathedral.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Society had held 51 meetings during the year including those at Chelmsford and Reading. They had made 58 new members during the year as follows:—

O. J. Hunt (Manchester), J. A. Hoare (Swansea), R. B. Blond (West Hagbourne), T. Pritchard, T. C. Wits and S. Thain (Stroud, Gloucestershire), N. Chaddock (Rotherham), B. L. J. Brown (Didcot), A. V. Pearson (Wolverhampton), J. R. Wilson (Orpington), J. W. Sangwin (Holsworthy), A. E. Bissat (Bude), R. Benson (Manchester), L. H. Bowler (London, N.W.2), N. H. Coombs (Bristol), W. H. Kingcott (Wrington), G. J. Hemming (Evesham), S. G. Waters (Hawthurst), S. L. Parry (Rochdale), H. J. F. Millat and J. H. Edwards (Colchester), W. R. Hill (Holsworthy), W. F. Moreton (Hereford), A. W. Howkins (Lewisham), J. E. Harmsworth (Theale), R. S. Hunt (Mapledurham), S. G. Day (Reading), A. Rusby (Cawthorne, Yorkshire), J. E. Turley (Sheffield, 9), J. H. Bowden (Bridgwater, Devon), G. W. Morris (Feltham), P. J. H. Hudson (Rochdale), J. E. Bibby (Warrington), W. Allman (Runcorn), A. Ballard (Burbage), C. S. Ryles (Newcastle-under-Lyme), F. Barraclough (Manchester), Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (Rossendale), W. C. West (Melksham), C. T. Lamb (Blackhill, Co. Durham), H. S. Grisdale (Kewick), P. L. Taylor (Loughborough), J. Bramley (Leicester), W. Burningham (Slough), Rev. C. P. Sherwood (Mapledurham), A. R. Vaughan (Twynford), Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (Bray-on-Thames), F. Ashley and H. E. Ashley (Nuncaton), W. E. Lewington (Tilehurst), E. T. Sneller (East Ilsley), G. Peters (Leatherhead), W. E. Turner (Yeovil), H. G. Thompson (Parkstone), J. M. Stephens (Bedford), J. H. Jones (Tanworth-in-Arden), W. G. Wilson (Alperton), W. T. Cook (West Ealing), T. R. Butler and E. C. Birkett (Liverpool).

LOSS BY DEATH

The company stood in silence in memory of the following who had died during the year:—John Nobes, Rev. J. R. Vincent, W. H. Seabrook, Allen Brown, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, W. W. Worthington, J. Heard, H. Withers, C.

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Stuart, W. D. Taylor, W. H. Barber, G. Condict, E. Cassell, W. Pickworth, C. D. Heginbotham, J. Ladley, G. Charge, H. R. Newton, R. Hayes, J. S. Wilde, T. Miller, D. H. Elliott, J. H. Shepherd, H. W. Curtis, Rev. Tilney Bassett, C. F. Johnston, H. J. Ford, E. T. Exeter, W. Short, G. Hintham, W. E. S. Heathcote, H. Chandler, W. J. Rawlings and Rev. J. M. Routh.

Mr. Peck recalled that the Society had had only two secretaries in 60 years. They had received apologies for absence from the Dean of St. Paul's, Provost of Southwark, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Hairs and the Rev. L. Edwards. A message of good wishes had been received from Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool and a telegram from Mr. E. J. Rowe, Sydney, Australia, reading: 'Best regards to the Society on its anniversary. Wish I was with you.'

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors' was submitted by Mr. A. A. Hughes, In welcoming the Rector of Stepney, Mr. Hughes said the Society looked forward to the time when they could revisit Stepney and repeat the good peals they had rung before. They had also Mr. Jarvis, librarian to Customs and Excise, Mr. Romer and Mr. Le Fevre, Dean's verger at St. Paul's.

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

The kindred ringing societies they looked on as Diocesan Guilds and County Associations which had developed by stages from the early bands such as the Society of College Youths and the Cumberlands and the various bands at Norwich and Birmingham and other centres. They all knew of the very great progress of the kindred societies and what they had done for ringing right through the country and to place ringers on a better footing as practising members of the Church.

Mr. G. E. Fearn replied and brought to the company the greetings of the St. Martin's Guild who had, he believed for the first time, a practising member as Lord Mayor.

Mr. H. Miles, proposing the toast of 'The Press,' commented upon Press references to the recent long peal attempt at Debenham, which stated that a man must not take his hand off the rope for any purpose whatever. He wondered how Joe Dyke would do his antics! He had rung many peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and, as they knew, he received a good deal of sustenance when ringing from raisins. He thought that the long peal at Debenham had demonstrated that raisins were not 'cannon' fodder.

Mr. Miles concluded by paying tribute to the two former editors of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. J. A. Trollope. It was amazing, he said, the amount of information contained in its 16 pages and he thought it was very appropriate that the protest about Jack Worrall's beard should have come from Mr. Hairs (laughter).

Mr. T. W. White replied and mentioned that since the last dinner 'The Ringing World' had secured 160 new subscribers.

Mr. Alexander Young gave the concluding toast 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago.' In 1650, the Master was John Newton, who came up to the Inns of Court from Devonshire. His name appeared 'boxed' in the peal book, a tribute to outstanding ringers. Newton was elected a member in 1646. Theodore Eccleston, the Master in 1750, was an associate of Annable, and if it had not been for his death, the great schism would not have taken place. A native of Suffolk, he gave two rings of bells to that county, a bell to Mortlake, where he died. two bells to Winchester Cathedral and 22 bells in different parts of the country.

James Dwight, the Master in 1850, was a member of the crew of St. Paul's, and he did much to raise ringing at St. Paul's from the slump into which it had fallen. James Dwight

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RECORD PEAL OF 21,600 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By ringing 21,600 Bristol Surprise in 12 hours and 58 minutes the Chester Diocesan Guild have beaten all existing records, for this is the longest peal rung by one set of men, the longest time rung by one set of men, the longest Surprise peal, and so on. Previous records which have stood for some time and which were broken are 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 12 hours and 25 minutes on April 22nd, 1922; 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, August 5th, 1929 (longest Surprise peal); 15,264 Bristol Surprise, May 27th, 1912; 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob, April 18th, 1927; and 18,144 Plain Bob Major, June 5th, 1933.

The attempt had been contemplated for some time, and early this year application was made for permission, and after discussion by the local Council as well as the Church authorities it was granted.

A CHANGE IN COMPANY

On the Wednesday night a trip was made to adjust ropes, etc., so that there would be no delay on the Saturday morning, and the band were sorry to learn that one of their number, Mr. J. Whittaker, was unfit, but were pleased that a very willing substitute had been found in Mr. Fred Dunkerley.

Early on the Saturday morning the different contingents set off to rendezvous at Over Church for 7.30 in preparation for an 8 o'clock start, and for a change not one was late. The ringers were met by Mr. Sadler, who had previous experience of escorting long-length parties, for it was at Over in 1923 that Mr. R. Sperring called 17,280 of Kent Treble Bob. Final adjustments were made, and at 7.56 the bells went off into changes.

The first part was rung in 1 hour and 56 minutes and the second in about the same time, but succeeding parts were a little quicker, and at about 5.20 the Hornchurch record was passed, and no one wished to stop. At 17,856 the conductor again enquired if the band felt fit, and received an affirmative and dogged response. It was obvious that they were all determined to ring the lot or 'bust.'

GUY FAWKES DISPLAY.

All went merrily on, including a Guy Fawkes display outside, which was witnessed mainly by the ringer of the seventh until at 8.54 p.m. the bells ran round, and after twenty or thirty rounds the bells were set at rest and everything was quiet for the first time that day.

Several of the listening ringers came up to the ringing room to congratulate the band on their achievement, while others waited until they descended the tower. The local lady ringers had very thoughtfully provided tea and sandwiches for the band, and these were enjoyed in the vestry. A Press photographer then took a photograph of the band being congratulated by the Vicar and another of the band.

The band wish to make public their appreciation of the interest and assistance of the people of Over, particularly the Vicar and wardens and local ringers, without whose willing co-operation no attempt could have been made. They would also like to couple with this the names of Alan A. Potts who, but for being on military service in the Far East, would have been one of the band; Mr. J. Whittaker who, as mentioned above, was un-

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was one of the first to have his name on the ringers' tablet at St. Paul's. He rang the tenor to 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1861.

Veteran members present were Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, 65 years' membership; R. Stannard, 60; I. Emery, 59; W. T. Elson, 58; T. Groombridge, 57; W. H. Pasmore, 55; A. Walker, 54; C. Fenn, 54; R. Fenn, 54; E. Fenn, 52 C. Dean, 52;

able to take part; and Mr. Edward Jenkins, who handed the figures of the peal to them.

With the exception of Mr. Dunkerley, of the Lancashire Association, the band all reside in Cheshire. Although called in at short notice, he rang as well as any Cheshire man, and it is in itself a tribute to the cordial relations which exist between the Lancashire Association and the Chester Guild. The onerous duty of calling the peal was very ably sustained by Mr. Worth, who called it as though it were a normal one.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HEARD BOTH ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—After experiencing the bitter disappointment when the bells became silent at Debenham, it was thrilling to hear rounds come up to a fine finish at Over.

Unable to include the method in my repertoire, any attempt to rate the performance would be ridiculous, but the quality of the ringing heard in the last hours deserves the praise of the whole Exercise, and I personally would like to congratulate the band on their wonderful feat.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID VINCENT.

Hale, Cheshire.

P.S.—As a long sufferer at the 'hands' of those taking part, I hope I too may be excused the painful duty of lowering in peal in future.—D. 'C.' V.

THE BAND'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band and myself, I would like to thank all those who have in any way contributed to the success of the record peal and also express our thanks for the numerous letters (one an official letter of congratulation from the Mayor of Macclesfield) and phone calls, congratulating us on our success.—Yours faithfully,

J. WORTH.

Macclesfield.
We hope to publish next week biographical details of the band and a photograph taken immediately after the performance.—Ed.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Society held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on October 28th the following officers were elected for 1950-51: President, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson; Master, Mr. D. N. Layton; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Martin; auditor, Mr. P. R. Layton.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner on Saturday, February 10th.

Ringing in the afternoon started with London Surprise and included most of the standard methods. It was followed by a short service conducted by the Rector.

THE BROCAS BELL

Dear Sir,—Few of the visitors who have rung on the fine octave at St. Mary's, Axminster, Devon, are aware of the existence of a ninth bell in the tower, known locally as the Brocas bell. In 1663 John Brocas, whilst ringing, was killed by the rope of the 4th bell.

A suit was brought against the churchwardens in the Court of the King's Bench, and the bell was claimed for the King as a Deodard. Having been taken from the ring and replaced by another, the bell now hangs over the existing ring and has never since been rung. This is the only bell of its kind known to me, and I should be interested to know if any reader has the knowledge of an experience similar to this.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN MALLET.

Axminster, Devon.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Fields 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, J. W. C. Blythe (first of Surprise Major) 3, C. H. Harding 4, B. G. Warwick 5, S. Gilbert 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Price (first quarter on eight) 1, P. Lawrence 2, T. Price 3, W. G. Ellis (cond.) 4, F. A. Finch 5, A. Butler 6, R. E. Price 7, G. Dadds 8.

ADELAIDE, S. AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 22nd, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6.7.8 covering): Miss C. Phillips 1, P. Cooper (cond.) 2, H. Cox 3, F. Smeaton (ex-Bexhill-on-Sea) 4, G. Cox 5, I. Webber 6, P. West 7, L. Holt 8.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Keith Prime 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, G. Bird 3, D. Emery 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. First quarter by 1 (age 13).

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. B. Blackmore (first quarter) 1, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 2, A. P. Cave 3, E. G. Beynon 4, L. C. I. Watson 5, I. H. Trueman (first on eight as cond.) 6, P. W. Cave 7, J. R. Worral 8.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Baverstock 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, Miss B. Smith (first of Stedman) 4, J. Hallett 5, E. J. Fry (first of Stedman) 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, P. R. Stubbs (first quarter) 8.

BERRICK, SALOME, OXON.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Doubles (480 each Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): R. D. Wells 1, W. Absolem 2, F. Absolem (cond.) 3, J. Godman 4, T. Sellwood 5, J. Cherrill 6. First in three methods for all the band.

BOURN, CAMBS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. G. Gipson 1, S. Gilbert 2, W. J. Ridgeman 3, Miss G. Dunnington 4, G. Crisp 5, T. R. Dennis 6, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 7, M. Ginn 8. It was the first quarter of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Single Court): A. E. Larkinson (first quarter) 1, R. Wade 2, J. Haw 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, W. Fayers 5, F. W. French 6.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Peckham 1, Mary Davis 2, Bruce Rogers 3, T. Hextall 4, Rev. John Coutts 5, F. Price 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Joan Andrews, only daughter of Mr. S. E. Andrews.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barnes 1, G. E. Padgett 2, A. H. Ward 3, C. Glenn (cond.) 4, H. Pailing 5, J. Wiseman 6, W. Nichols 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. For the centenary thanksgiving service.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: P. Jago 1, Miss M. Hosking 2, Miss T. Richards (cond.) 3, R. C. James 4, E. Sanders 5, Miss M. Scott 6, M. Evans 7, S. Reed 8. In memoriam the Lord Bishop of Truro.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Allen (aged 80) 1, Miss M. Shadrack (first of Grandsire) 2, Miss J. Barham 3, A. O. Hume 4, E. J. Rutter 5, L. J. Clark (cond.) 6, R. C. Thrift 7, H. Shadrack 8. On the occasion of the presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to the Rt. Rev. H. Wilson upon retirement as Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welsher 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, J. Henson 3, L. T. Richards 4, R. E. Colman (cond.) 5, E. Colman 6. A farewell compliment to the conductor on his joining H.M. Forces.

DERBY.—At All Saints', Ockbrook, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): D. Janley 1, J. Bailey (cond.) 2, R. Grice 3, J. Salsbury 4, M. Bailey 5, R. Harrison 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the church.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. J. Oliver 1, A. W. Beard 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, F. V. Gant 4, A. J. Salsbury 5, C. E. Wright 6. First of spliced 'two' by all except 4.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rabier (first quarter) 1, G. Ashdown 2, Miss M. Ashdown 3, J. Hurrell 4, F. W. Richardson 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, B. Crowder (cond.) 7, P. Sherman 8. A compliment to P. Rabier on joining the Kent County Association.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Reeves (first quarter) 1, T. S. Brown 2, Enid Lonnen (cond.) 3, H. J. Peskett 4, E. Treagus 5, V. Goacher 6.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 120 Reverse Canterbury): Miss J. Cooke 1, B. J. Onley 2, R. Barratt 3, S. Sage 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, E. Ellis (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Lawrey 1, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 2, G. Werrell 3, G. Matthews 4, J. Triggs 5, J. Williams 6. In memoriam the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Double Norwich: V. Tipton 1, R. Hayden (first in method) 2, F. Whitby 3, L. Whitby 4, B. Burton 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of David Charles Aley, infant son of one of the local band.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne (cond.) 1, S. Warwick (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne 7, H. D. Butler 8.

HILLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 28th, at St. John's, 1,347 Stedman Caters: F. Blondell 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, G. M. Kilby 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, W. H. Coles 5, F. G. Baldwin 6, F. Corke 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, J. R. Mayne 9, H. W. Impey 10. Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, who entertained the band afterwards.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Marklew (first in the method) 1, A. Ballard (cond.) 2, E. Sowman 3, W. Aldridge 4, H. Bowley 5, B. Ridgeway 6, E. Vallance 7, F. Long 8.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Davidson 1, A. Worth 2, W. McDowell 3, A. Campbell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. Lawrence 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian M. Hipkiss (first quarter) 1, J. Oliver 2, Molly P. Flynn 3, P. Williams 4, A. J. Cole 5, C. E. J. Blake 6, W. C. Dowling (cond.) 7, E. W. Blake 8.

MALVERN LINK, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Smith 1, E. C. Barber 2, H. Chance 3, R. H. Carter 4, C. Clarke 5, J. Wall 6, H. Dew (cond.) 7, F. Hill 8. To mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. A. Packer 1, A. Pritchard 2, R. O. Langford 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, R. G. Edwards 8. Rung on the conclusion of the church festival for the millennium of the church.

MONMOUTH.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. H. Jones 1, Miss J. Evans 2, Miss D. Barnes 3, D. King 4, S. Goodwin 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, J. Smith 7, T. Castree 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. G. Buck 1, J. Collins (first 'inside') 2, I. Werrett 3, H. E. Werrett (first as cond.) 4, M. Collins 5, W. D. Pooley 6, J. S. Dear 7, T. Werrett 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and 540 Reverse Canterbury): Miss D. Panting 1, Miss M. E. Roe 2, Miss S. V. Rymer 3, F. P. Wright (cond.) 4, W. G. Thomas 5, J. B. Guy 6. First in five methods by all.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Llewellyn Jones 1, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 2, Miss J. Eason 3, Miss E. Llewellyn Jones 4, Miss H. Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter 'inside' by 3 and 4. In memoriam Canon W. H. Ferguson, Warden of Radley College, and Mr. John Nobes, of Stevenon.

RHUDDLAN, FLINTSHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Marsden 1, Marie L. Marsden 2, J. Dean 3, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 4, J. P. Griffiths 5, L. J. Evans 6. First quarter peal on the bells. A birthday compliment for the elder daughter of the conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Scott (first quarter) 1, W. Rogers (cond.) 2, L. W. Rogers 3, E. Bishop, jun. 4, A. F. Lewry 5, J. W. Boyes 6, F. Hammond 7, M. Hammond 8.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Linwood 1, W. A. Bysouth 2, G. Allgood 3, W. J. Houghton 4, S. E. Roberts 5, C. A. Bysouth 6, E. W. Roberts (first as cond.) 7, A. H. Bysouth 8. First quarter in the method for all except 4 and 5.

ROYSTON, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 changes, being 720 of Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise, and 720 of London Scholars', Oxford, Capel, Sandal and Kingston Spliced: D. Hall 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, H. Rusby 3, S. Dance 4, E. Atkinson 5, D. Smith (cond.) 6. In memoriam to Mr. G. Lewis, of Ecclesfield.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Richardson 1, Miss S. Mitchell (first 'inside') 2, G. McKay 3, J. A. Haile 4, A. Eilbeck 5, H. Wilson (first as cond.) 6, T. McKay 7, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Col. G. Dixon.

SALFORD PRIORS, WORCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): R. Stanley 1, C. Darke 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, R. Savoury 4, J. Thomas (cond.) 5, W. Newman 6, J. E. Adie 7, G. Parry 8. First of Triples 1 and 7.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Pearson (first quarter) 1, E. C. Pearson 2, E. Brown 3, B. W. Pettit 4, S. Dace 5, O. E. Broyd 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, E. E. Pearson 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, H. W. Shadrack 2, Mary E. Shadrack 3, E. J. Runter (cond.) 4, W. Glover 5, R. Thrift 6. Rung for All Saints' Day and prior to the Confirmation service.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 29th, 1,179 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, H. Langdon (cond.) 2, Miss J. A. England 3, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 4, H. Belcher 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, R. W. Green 7, A. A. Hughes 8, D. E. Parsons 9, J. E. Chilcott 10, J. Phillips 11, R. F. Deal 12. Longest length of Stedman Cinques for the ringer of the 4th.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Goddard 1, D. Crouchman 2, J. Sunnucks (first quarter) 3, E. J. Baxter (cond.) 4, H. G. Goddard 5, F. James 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—1,278 Grandsire Caters: Doris Shepperd 1, L. Barry 2, Joan Bussey 3, B. Latham 4, R. Thain 5, T. Pritchard 6, B. Cottle 7, T. Witts (cond.) 8, W. Dean 9, C. Lerner 10.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Anker 1, D. Knock 2, K. Smith (first quarter as cond.) 3, R. N. Eaton 4, W. G. Anker 5, E. Thompson 6. For the christening of Princess Anne.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 covering): B. Hough (first quarter) 1, N. Moxon 2, Miss G. Burchall (cond.) 3, L. Rollinson 4, Miss K. Burchall 5, A. Wilson (first 'inside') 6, R. Sharp 7. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Moxon.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, G. R. Dawson 2, S. Jessop 3, J. Morris 4, J. Petch 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, A. Randall 8.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: J. Newman 1, J. Scott 2, A. Broyd (age 14, cond.) 3, J. Sinfield 4, W. Twidell 5, D. Knox 6. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Jones, B.A.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Spencer 1, Miss M. L. Lidgely 2, G. W. Taysom 3, W. J. Sanders 4, H. Miles 5, A. Carveth 6, E. V. Williams (cond.) 7, E. Sanders 8. For the christening of Princess Anne.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, S.A.—On Oct. 22nd, 2,160 Bob Doubles: H. Bagot 1, F. Staude 2, Miss C. Lamphee 3, M. Clift 4, J. Eggleton (cond.) 5, P. Cooper 6. First tower quarter for 1 and 3.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chadwick 1, Jean Haynes 2, Joan Smith (first 'inside') 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Burt 1, Miss C. Price (first quarter) 2, E. Adams 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, H. Huxley 5, A. J. Price (cond.) 6, W. Male 7, E. Bosworth 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Price and 20th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Price.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, C. Sangwin 2, A. J. Hicks 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, D. Martin 6. First quarter on bells since recasting. In honour christening Princess Anne.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cross 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, Miss J. Tattersall 3, G. Gammon 4, L. Alderman 5, F. W. Slocombe 6, D. T. North 7, D. Lentell 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 4 and 8. For the wedding of Dr. L. S. Scott to Miss H. F. Woolley.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stone (first quarter, aged 12) 1, C. Clarke 2, H. Davis 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, O. Pole 6. In memoriam to Mr. Charlie Evans, past secretary of the Bridgwater Branch, Bath and Wells Association, for 23 years.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford and 600 Kent): W. A. Hughes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, W. Hollamby 3, J. Cannell (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,120 Primrose Surprise Major: T. C. Ryder 1, W. Robinson 2, G. C. Briggs 3, J. J. L. Gilbert 4, A. Firth 5, A. Hill 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. In memoriam George Lewis, former president of the Sheffield and District Society.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 2, J. Waller 3, A. Hunter 4, W. A. Breckon 5, H. Waters 6, H. Short 7, J. Hodgson 8. A wedding compliment to the daughter of Mr. H. Waters.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, F. C. Case 2, G. W. Holland 3, G. E. Green 4, W. Yates 5, G. F. Burton 6, J. A. Green (cond.) 7, P. Cowley 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. E. C. Lambert. With this quarter the band would like to associate the name of Mr. A. J. Green, who through illness was unable to take part.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Jordan 1, W. Kerrison 2, A. Lee 3, J. Thurlow 4, R. J. Darch (first as cond.) 5, R. Aldrich (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Mills on their silver wedding.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 1, Miss E. Fadden (first quarter in method) 2, R. P. Crump 3, R. Newman 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, W. Theobald (cond.) 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING OUT THE OLD YEAR

Dear Sir,—In a few weeks' time the bells of most of our cathedrals and of many of our parish churches will be ringing out the old year and ringing in the new. This is an occasion when 'The Ringing World' might 'sound the same note' by conforming to a set pattern.

In some towers the bells are just rung—as they would be for any ordinary service—with only a slight pause at the midnight hour; while in others the bells are rung half-muffled for the closing few minutes of the old year and, after the twelve strokes have been struck on the tenor bell, then the open bells ring in the New Year.

The observance of this ancient custom could be given greater significance if some accepted ideal, or standard, to which every band of ringers might be asked to conform, was adopted. To get the contrast between 'the old' and 'the new,' the bells need to be rung half-muffled, and then open. That makes the point of the ringing quite clear to those who hear it.

Further to that, there should be a definite pause for an act of recollection and dedication. This, of course, is made easier in those churches where a watch-night service is held. But even where that is not so, it is possible for a small group in the belfry itself to observe such a period of silence with those intentions in mind.

At the year's end, then, there might be two programmes which fulfil the purpose of our ringing:—

- (1) Where there is watch-night service.
 - 11 to 11.30, ringing half-muffled.
 - 11.30 to 12, watch-night service.
 - 12, striking of the midnight hour.
 - 12.1, ringing in the New Year on open bells.
- (2) Where there is no watch-night service.
 - 11.15 to 11.45, ringing on half-muffled bells.
 - 11.45 to 12, short act of recollection and dedication (conducted, if possible, by the incumbent).
 - 12, striking of the midnight hour.
 - 12.1, ringing in the New Year on open bells.

Let us, once a year at any rate, make the purpose of our Exercise clear, even though many may object to 'standardisation' in an age of rules and regulations.—I am, yours sincerely,

A. C. F. DAVIES.

Croydon.

'STEDMAN CATERERS IN WINTER'

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in the November 10th issue entitled 'Stedman Caterers in Winter,' and written by 'R. P.' I feel it is a disgrace to 'The Ringing World' and ringers in general that such a letter should ever be written and published.

There is much talk in 'The Ringing World' at present about relations between ringers and the public, and the general opinion seems to be that these relations should be improved, but if a non-ringer were to read 'R. P.'s' letter, I quite fail to see how the description of a ringer damning a Rector in his own church could elevate the Exercise in his eyes. In fact, quite the reverse would surely occur, and its effects would be far-reaching, for such things spread rapidly.

If 'R. P.' had the misfortune to witness such an incident he would do better to keep quiet rather than broadcast it in print, for although this modern world is falling about our ears, respect for the clergy and the Church is surely something worth holding on to.

As for 'the Major,' God forbid that such men should be allowed to ring on the Church's bells (note that the Major said 'our bells') and the sooner he and those like him leave the Exercise the better it will be for everybody.

If he is an Army Officer, I suggest that he be sent to the Korean front immediately.—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Brighton, Sussex.

NOTE.—The incident took place many years ago. The Major has since passed to his fathers.—Ed.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR

Dear Sir,—In the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' dated November 3rd there is a report of a peal rung at St. Pancras' Church, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, in which the tenor is given as 16 cwt. The weight of this bell, however, as supplied to me by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who rehung the bells in a new oak frame in 1932, is 12 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

The treble and second bells are by C. and G. Mears, London, 1848; the third, fifth and tenor by Thomas Pennington, of Exeter, dated 1632, 1663 and 1632 respectively; and the fourth by Thomas Bilbie in 1774. The inscription on the third bell includes the words, 'Fyftene pounds,' this presumably being the cost of the bell.—Yours faithfully,

Nailsea, Bristol. M. J. HORSEMAN.

ROUND BLOCK EXTENSIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Puzzled Learner,' here are Round Block Extensions to Major of the Minor methods mentioned.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

'Lincoln.'	'Norfolk.'
12345678	12345678
21354768	21436587
12537486	12463857
21573846	21648375
25178364	26143857
52713846	62418375
52178364	62143857
25713846	26418375
52731486	62481735
25374168	26847153
25731486	28641735
52374168	82467153
25734618	28647513
27543681	82467531
72456318	82647513
74253681	28465731

47523861	82645371
Lead Head.	Lead Heads.
15738264	18674523
	or
	17856342

Kent County Association

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary's Lewisham, on October 28th. Sixty members and friends attended and the bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were given a thorough 'try-out,' emerging triumphantly from the ordeal.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. D. Robb), who extended a warm welcome to his hearers in the course of a very interesting address. The unaccompanied singing of the hymns indicated that a large percentage of ringers had been, or are, choristers!

A sumptuous tea, arranged by the captain of Lewisham ringers (Mr. J. Dafters), was despatched in St. Mary's Hall.

Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford) presided at the business meeting. Seven ringers were elected practising members of the Association, and three others non-resident life members.

The district secretary's report and balance sheet, read by Mr. P. A. Corby, were adopted.

Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected district secretary and Messrs. A. S. Richards and G. V. Murphy reappointed district representatives. Customarily, the office of Ringing Master changed hands, Mr. P. J. Spice (Bromley) succeeding Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham).

Mr. J. Dafters, replying to a cordial vote of thanks for his meritorious services during the past year, congratulated Mr. Spice and hoped members would accord him full support, and pleaded with tower-keepers and captains of bands to ensure that their companies had timely reminders of dates of district meetings and encouragement to attend them. Eltham was chosen as the place of next meeting, to be held on January 27th.

Members registered their pleasure of the company of Mr. T. Groombridge, now of Slough. Sincere good wishes were extended to Mr. J. Wheadon (Dartford) whose departure from the county was imminent. He would be greatly missed from the Lewisham District, where he had for so many years taken his full share in all activities promoted or seconded by the Association. Mr. Wheadon fittingly replied and wished the District continuing prosperity.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, the caterers and local ringers for all they had done to ensure a successful meeting. The belfry was then revisited for further ringing during the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT FELSTED.

On October 28th the Northern Division held a very successful meeting at Felsted, there being 53 members present from 22 parishes. At the service the Vicar (Rev. F. D. Kidner) gave the ringers a welcome to Felsted and commended the importance of ringers' work for the Church. Tea was served in the Old Boates Cafe.

The meeting followed in the Old School, where it is interesting to note four sons of Oliver Cromwell were educated. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the District Master (Miss H. G. Snowden), Mr. R. C. Heazel, the Association's hon. general secretary, occupied the chair. Forty-three new members were elected, including 20 honorary, three of them life members, one being Miss Dorothy Sayers, the well-known novelist, who wrote the famous novel, 'The Nine Tailors.' This is believed to be a record number of new members to be elected at any district meeting of the Association.

Bocking was selected for the next meeting, which will be the annual for the district, on January 13th. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. F. D. Kidner, Rev. A. C. Telfer, Mr. W. Farrow and Mr. R. C. Heazel. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

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'INTRODUCING "PAPER WORK."'

Dear Improvers,—Having passed the 'Beginner' stage you are now introduced to Section 4 of the Course—Method Appreciation, or 'Learning the Music.'

So far you have learned to handle your instrument (the bell), and in order to play its music (change ringing) you must learn the notation (study the first principles of method structure).

In Lesson XI., which now follows, we try to give a general picture of the modern way of learning methods. Although this is given in general form, yet its points are of the utmost importance if you are fully to grasp the development of the scheme, in its application to methods with which we shall deal in turn, later.

Theory is often less interesting than practice, but we shall endeavour to make things as clear as possible. The subject is not easy to handle in logical fashion; in fact, you may investigate for yourselves that such treatment has been more often neglected than pursued; but please persevere with our line of argument, because, once grasped, method learning becomes an easy pleasure.

Very many ringers have succeeded in taking their part in change ringing simply by studying the working path of one bell and learning the order of succession of place-makings and dodgings. We have already seen, in our final exercises in hunting, place-making and dodging, that in any given method all working bells traverse the same sort of path, though each starts at a different part of it.

This path is often called the 'Blue Line,' from the fact that in Snowden's Diagrams of Standard Methods the path of a working bell is traced out in blue ink. And the complete blue line, or course, for any one bell, as we learned in Lesson X, is contained in a block of change-rows known as the 'plain course.'

Such a group of rows is often called a 'round block,' because it works round to end up with the row at which it started. In the case of the plain course this is of course, the round-row or 'rounds.' If you care to refer to the previous article (17), you will see that the path of one of the bells is marked (in the group of figures) by printing it in heavier type. In this sense we marked a bit of the blue line of that method, for it was a method!

An improved way of learning the method by the blue line is to learn it in 'divisions.' This is a term employed in the Central Council's publication—'Rules and Decisions'—at present under review. By 'division' is meant a group of rows in number equal to that obtained by dividing the total number of rows in the plain course by the number of working bells in the method. We will explain this further in a moment.

But first let us observe that in most methods there is what we call a 'hunt-control' bell; that is, a bell which has a fixed, regular hunting path, not varied by occasional place-makings, etc. To this regular path we can relate or 'fix' the path-variations of the other, or 'working' bells. From this fact the 'fixed' bell is often thought of as 'dominating' the work of the other bells.

Since such fixed bell is invariably (though not essentially) the Treble, this type of method is alternatively called 'Treble-dominated.' Thus, in methods which are hunt-controlled (or treble-dominated) the divisions above-mentioned are marked off by the rows in which the hunt-control bell comes

to lead. From this fact a Division is often called a 'lead.'

But this is NOT a good use of the word 'lead'—for two reasons:—

First, because there are other meanings for this word in ringing parlance; hence there is risk of doubtful meaning, or ambiguity in discourse. There may be some readers, more experienced ringers perhaps, who may say to this, 'Nonsense!' But the fact remains that in the history of technical argument in ringing matters a large part of it has been needless, and was the result of a lack of precise and unambiguous terms, leading to misunderstanding, misrepresentation and grave mistakes. Secondly, and this reason is even more cogent, in those methods which are not hunt-controlled, i.e., in which the treble performs exactly the same work or path as all other bells, the divisions are obviously not marked by the continued return to lead of any one particular bell; so how can they be, in any sense, 'leads'? Accordingly, in this course of instruction we shall never use the word 'lead' in reference to a particular group of change-rows. We shall use the C.C. term 'Division' for this, as already explained.

Now to return to our previous statement, as to the number of rows in a division, for which we promised further explanation. Take an example. The plain course of the method 'Bob Minor' contains 60 change-rows. The method is hunt-controlled, so with the Treble out of the six, five working bells remain. Divide 60 by 5. Result 12. So there are 12 change-rows in a division of Bob Minor. And since the method is hunt-controlled, the Treble must be returning to lead after every 12 rows. This is inevitably so, of course, because the plant hunt up and down through six bell-positions gives 12 rows, including the return blow out behind.

We have already said that an improved way of learning a method is to learn the blue line by its divisions. Reverting to our example of Plain Bob in the Minor Stage, we find there that any given working bell is in a different position at the end of each succeeding division. Since rounds is the first row of the first division, the last row of the first division is where the treble strikes at lead again. So the first row of the second division is the succeeding row. Those who have ready reference to this plain course may check that the second bell, for example, is in second position at the first division-head, in the fourth position at the second division-head, in the sixth position at the third division-head, and so on. In other words, this improved way of learning the blue line is to learn also how it is divided up by its successive 'divisions.' The order of succeeding positions at successive division-heads we call 'Position Sequence,' and this is a vital factor which we shall discuss later on. Its knowledge is invaluable in advanced method ringing, known as 'Spliced.'

A still further improvement in learning a hunt-controlled method is to learn also the hunt-control signals. This is commonly known as 'Where you meet the Treble.'

The various positions, in which you do this, give positive indication of the next bit of the blue line to be performed. At this stage we shall not do more than mention these ways of tackling the learning of a method, because they all depend, for best use, on the appreciation of a more important factor not yet mentioned. This will be discussed in the conclusion of Lesson XI., next time.—Cordially yours,

CORNELIUS R. STONE.

Coventry Diocesan Guild

MEETING AT MONK'S KIRBY.

The October quarterly meeting was held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, and was attended by about 40 members and friends. Ringing on the fine eight, service in the beautiful church, conducted by the Vicar with a Guild member from Meriden acting as organist, followed by tea at the local hostelry, occupied the afternoon. The business meeting, handbell ringing and tower bell ringing filled the evening hours.

Apologies were read from the president (Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Mrs. Hinde (hon. member), Mr. J. L. Hinde (Bulkington), Mr. J. H. W. White, Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. J. W. T. Taylor (Allesley) and Mr. H. C. Burt (Leamington). The January quarterly meeting was fixed for Chilvers Coton on the 20th of the month with a social to follow. Warwick was selected for the annual meeting in April. New members elected were:—Miss Mary Bliss (Allesley), Mr. G. A. Peck (Rugby) and John Underwood (Rugby) a junior member. Ratifications of elections prior to peals were:—C. Turner (Hinckley), S. Pinder (Nottingham), H. Lewins (Hucknall) and F. Powell (Mickleton, Gloucestershire).

Members stood in silence for a few moments to the memory of Mrs. L. Lewis (hon. member, Chilvers Coton) and Mr. H. Price (ringing member, Stratford-on-Avon), who had both worked for the Guild in different spheres.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty members of the Society met at Barton-on-Humber for the October meeting.

The bells of St. Mary's were rung during the afternoon in the standard methods. Very musical, with a tenor of 16 cwt., they were a pleasure to ring.

Owing to the Vicar of Barton being away it was not possible to hold a service, but the ringers were welcomed by one of the churchwardens, Dr. Burtwhistle. After tea, Dr. Burtwhistle spoke of his connections with Beverley: his grandfather, Canon Burtwhistle, was a past Vicar of Beverley Minster, and his wife's family had been connected with the Minster and Keldgate Tannery for a long period.

Ringers who take an interest in ancient churches were delighted at the chance to study the architecture of Barton churches which between them cover styles of building through five centuries.

After tea the bells of St. Peter's were rung to Stedman, Oxford, Double Norwich and St. Clement's.

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MR. ERNEST C. LAMBERT

Mr. Ernest C. Lambert, whose death at Cosgrove, Northants, was announced in 'The Ringing World' of November 3rd, will be remembered by many friends over a wide area. A good ringer and striker, he was always ready to help young ringers.

A member of the well-known family of Lambert, of Horsmonden, Kent, he started ringing with his father and brothers and soon proved himself to be a good conductor. Mr. Lambert took part in a number of family peals, among them being Plain Bob Minor at Lamberhurst, Kent, in 1911, by six brothers, and the peal he conducted of Plain Bob Major on November 2nd, 1921, when eight Lamberts took part.

It seemed particularly fitting that a peal to his memory should have been rung by his nephews on November 2nd, the 29th anniversary of the Lamberts' peal at Mitcham, Surrey.

Mr. Lambert had rung 208 peals in 400 different churches, in 19 counties. His list is as follows:—

Doubles, 7 (conducted 5); Minor, 50 (28); Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 24 (13); Grandsire Triples, 45 (19); Stedman Triples, 28 (3).

Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 23 (1); Kent Treble Bob, 11 (5); Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 6; Superlative, 5; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 6.

Total 208 (conducted 74).

MR. WILLIAM SHERATON.

The sudden death on Saturday, October 28th, of William Sheraton has deprived the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of its oldest active ringer member. He was in his 83rd year, and had been a member since 1886.

Mr. Sheraton had enjoyed excellent health all his life and retained to the end a fine, erect figure which was often to be seen at district meetings. He was active to the last, having attended the practice at Houghton-le-Spring earlier that week and it was while waiting for a bus to return home from some business at Burnmoor Rectory that he collapsed and died.

The funeral at Burnmoor on November 1st was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Gadd), assisted by the Rector of Houghton-le-Spring (the Rev. O. N. Gwilliam) and the curate (the Rev. F. Streatfield).

Former business colleagues and ringers were present in addition to the family mourners, and handbells were rung at the graveside by Miss M. Fidell and Messrs. F. Ainsley, J. A. Brown and S. C. Walker. The bells of Houghton-le-Spring had been rung muffled on the previous Sunday and on the evening of the funeral a memorial peal of Bob Major was rung there. The ringers were met in the belfry by the Rector who conducted a short service before the peal began.

Mr. Sheraton was born in Chester-le-Street and spent his working life in the service of Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society and retired as manager of its Shiny Row branch. He was the last surviving member of the original band at Chester-le-Street, formed after the installation of the original six in 1883. He rang in the first peal on the bells in 1896 and conducted the first local peal the following year. After 35 years' service at Chester-le-Street, he moved, and gave 30 years' service to Houghton-le-Spring. He rang 24 peals, of which he conducted three. The last two, in 1946, were, appropriately, Bob Major at Chester-le-Street and Grandsire Triples at Houghton-le-Spring.

Mr. Sheraton was a good, steady ringer, regular in attendance—the type that forms the backbone of the Exercise. Since the war he had been assisting his son in the training of a new band at Houghton-le-Spring, and his loss will be deeply felt, especially at that tower.

Mr. Sheraton's wife died some years ago and he leaves two sons, one of whom is a ringer and secretary of the Eastern District. His brother, Frederick Sheraton, still rings regularly at Chester-le-Street. D. A. B.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION A RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS.

The annual committee meeting and ringing meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Bucknall on November 4th.

The secretary (Mr. W. Carnwell), in his report, stated that twelve meetings had been held during the year, two at ten-bell towers, six at eight, and four at six-bell towers. All these had been well attended, the average being 41 per meeting.

Two resident ringing members had been elected, one honorary member and 22 non-resident life members. It was with regret he recorded the deaths during the year of three old members—Mr. C. Morley (Newcastle), Mr. W. Wheelodon (Bucknall) and Mr. W. C. Lawrence (Norton).

The past year had seen a record established in peal ringing with a total of 57. Included in these were the first peal of Maximus and the first of Cinques to be rung for the Association, and he tendered the Association's thanks to Mr. F. E. Wilshaw, Ringing Master, whose arrangements had made this record possible.

Peals on tower bells are as follows: Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 2, Major 16, Triples 9, Minor 8, Doubles 3. Handbells: Major 2, Triples 2, Minor 8, Doubles 4.

F. E. Grocott headed the list of conductors with a total of 30, followed by A. Peake 7, F. E. Wilshaw 4, N. R. Holland 3, H. Howell 2, J. W. F. Trotman 2, W. Carnwell 2 and C. H. Page, A. W. Hall, C. S. Ryles, W. P. Whitehead, J. C. E. Simpson, J. Worth and E. Nixon one each.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £65 19s. 11½d.

Officers elected for 1951 were as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Carnwell; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. Edwards; auditor, Mr. A. W. Hall; Central Council representative, Mr. R. S. Anderson; Ringing Masters, Messrs. G. A. Moore and W. Hazledene.

Meetings approved for 1951 were: January, Wolstanton or Silverdale; February, Newcastle; March, Kidsgrove; April, Cheadle R.C.; May, Leek; June, Kingsley; July, Stone; August, Cheddleton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Hanley; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke.

To conclude the committee meeting, the chairman thanked the hon. secretary and assistant hon. secretary for their work during the year.

The meeting was followed by a service conducted by the Rev. K. T. Pearce, who was recently inducted to the living of Bucknall. Rev. R. S. Anderson read the lesson.

Some 45 members then adjourned to the schools, where a splendid tea had been arranged by the ringers' wives and friends.

The Rector extended a hearty welcome to all present. Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers of Bucknall. This was seconded by Mr. A. W. Hall. Mr. G. Jones thanked the ladies who had kindly prepared such a bountiful tea.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Norris (first of Caters) 1, H. Springate 2, F. J. Cheal 3, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 4, R. Skinner 5, T. Beaumont 6, C. Jarrett 7, E. A. G. Allen 8, C. E. J. Norris 9, E. D. Sills 10. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rt. Rev. M. L. Smith, Bishop of Rochester, 1930-39.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7842

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ewell, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Nominations for 1951 District Officers will be received.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7815

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Somersham, Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7899

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rolvenden, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorrings, Hon. Sec. 7862

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 7971

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Madley, Nov. 18th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 7865

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Hinckley (8), Nov. 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Ridgeway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 15th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 7854

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon on Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7869

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m.—B. W. White. 7873

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea at De Grey's Cafe 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7870

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Church Stretton (8), Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea arranged for usual numbers 5 p.m. Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th, 1951. 7857

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Meeting, Nov. 18th. Ringing at Gospel Oak 3-4; St. Anne's, Highgate, 4.30-5.30; St. Stephen's, Hampstead, in evening. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, Nov. 15th, Miss M. Martin, 80, Middle Lane, N.8. 7885

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Burbage (Buxton), (6), November 18th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 7905

MITCHAM.—A bellringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at 5.30. Service at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited. 7790

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 25th, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park (bus from Clapham Common Station to Clarence Avenue), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Williamson's, Balham High Road. Names to Mrs. C. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W., by Nov. 23rd. Ringing at Leonard's, Streatham, 6-8 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7872

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Road, Hitchin. 7861

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Nov. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Mr. G. Abbott, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 7856

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual nomination meeting at Bagshot (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards at Yorktown (8), not at Bagshot. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7883

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axminster Deanery.—Practice, Banwell (6), Saturday, November 25th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Artry, Sandford, Bristol. 7894

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Nov. 25th. Bells 3. Cups of tea 5. Bring own food.—F. K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 7899

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. James', Benwell, Newcastle, Nov. 25th at 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 22nd to George Carse, 51, Lanercost Road, Fenham, Newcastle. 7888

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—Meeting Chippenham (6), Saturday, November 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 7910

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday Nov. 25th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck. 7924

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 25th. St. Andrew's, Derby, not available; other tower being arranged; details next week.—J. Wilkinson. 7916

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Upton-St. Leonards (8), 3 p.m., Nov. 25th. Names for tea definite by Nov. 21st (2s. per head).—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 7922

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting at Tyldesley St. George's (8) on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. First meeting at this tower for a good number of years. Methods to be looked up for this meeting, Double Norwich and Cambridge.—W. Aaron, pp P. Crook, Sec. 7919

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Great Bowden, Nov. 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bishop's Hotel.—L. W. Allen. 7923

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Southover (10) Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open 2.45. Names for tea to undersigned by 22nd.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7920

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bredbury, November 25th. Bells (3). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise by November 21st Mr. C. Tomkinson, 119, Redhouse Lane, Bredbury, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 7908

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 'Three Horse Shoes'.—H. L. Martin, is. Sec., 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge. 7892

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Coalpit Heath (6), 3 p.m., Nov. 25th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Tea names by Nov. 20th please to N. Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol. 7886

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ossett, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at a nearby cafe will be arranged for those who notify Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, by Nov. 23rd. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m. Buses leave Swinegate, Leeds, at 15 and 45 minutes past each hour.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 7912

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 7907

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Kirby Muxloe (5), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 22nd to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 7889

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Wheatheaf Hotel 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Nov. 20th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 7897

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Overseale, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the local ringers for those who notify J. Cotton, Overseale. 7909

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Swaffham, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Usual arrangements. Replies soon as possible to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 7890

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Hitcham, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 6 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7902

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haverhill (6), Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea provided 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, 7, Hamlet Croft, Haverhill, Suffolk. Short service 7.30.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 7900

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Holmesley, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to all who notify Rev. Groom, Holmesley Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 7896

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Nutfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and ringing following. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 23rd.—Miss R. M. Soreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7913

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 21st, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7911

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Kenilworth on December 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea available for those notifying me by Nov. 28th.—Roslyn M. Griffiths, 71, Dickens Road, Radford, Coventry. 7891

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Wednesbury (10), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Guild Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea please Nov. 28th latest to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7893

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Whitstable, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Please send all names to Mr. C. C. Dilnot, Lingfield, Old Bridge Road, Whitstable, not later than Thursday, Nov. 30th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7895

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 followed by social evening. Names please by Tuesday, Nov. 28th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7904

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Watlington (6) Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names please to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7898

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7903

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7887

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 2nd, at Tewkesbury Abbey. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 to those who notify me by Nov. 27th.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 7921

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Arthur 1, Miss J. Cox 2, W. Glasspool (first inside) 3, D. C. Williams (cond.) 4, J. W. Faithfull 5, R. Brown 6, M. J. Butler 7, O. N. Curtis 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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