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PEAL RINGERS OF 1948

FEATURED in this issue is the list of those who rang 40 or more peals in 1948. The list is not complete. There are other names to be included, but either through bashfulness or calls in other directions they have not responded to the three requests made by the Editor for details.

We feel certain that the Exercise will join with us in congratulating Mr. George E. Fearn on the magnificent total of 108 peals in 12 months. There have been in bygone years other ringers who have passed the century mark in a year, but they are very few. Mr. Fearn's list has also quality, containing 22 peals on 12 bells, and no fewer than 52 were in Surprise methods. The year also saw Mr. Fearn pass his 500 mark. He is in his early forties, and if health and time are at his disposal the new secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham should soon reach the 1,000 mark.

Second on the list is Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, with 72 peals. In 1947 Mr. Morris rang his 1,000th peal. Two of his peals were silent, and of the 21 he rang 'in hand' was a 9,999 Stedman Caters. Mr. Morris' list ranges from Doubles to Cinques, and includes 25 in Doubles or Minor methods.

One peal behind him is Mr. John Thomas, of Evesham, Worcestershire. Noteworthy was the fact that Mrs. Thomas rang 51 peals with him during the year, and it is doubtful if in the annals of change ringing a similar record by husband and wife has been surpassed. Mrs. Thomas, with 53 peals, can claim the position of No. 1 among our peal-ringing ladies.

Apart from Mr. George E. Fearn, there are other enthusiastic peal ringers in the Birmingham area. Messrs. John Pinfold and Henry H. Fearn were both in the sixties, and Edgar C. Shepherd, Paul K. Williamson (Coventry) and Albert Walker (in his golden wedding year) also figure in the list. Associated with them in many of their performances was Thomas W. Sheppard (Coventry), one of the new generation.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has marked his first year of retirement with 57 peals. Of the names in the list his aggregate of peals is greater than any other, with about 1,450 to his credit. Well up in the list is Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, with 56 peals. He has the distinction of conducting more peals than any other conductor in 1948, with 48 to his credit. The Norwich Diocesan Association has a second representative in Mr. George Sayer. The Suffolk Guild is represented by Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe, whose peals on tower bells exceeded Mrs. Thomas' list.

Other Midlanders of note are Messrs. Arthur V. Pearson, of Wolverhampton, J. W. Frank Trotman (Nuneaton), and Arthur Pritchard, of Hadley, Shropshire. The Chester Guild has a strong representation with Messrs. Walter Allman (Runcorn), John Worth (Macclesfield), John E. Bibby (Frodsham) and C. Kenneth Lewis (Altrincham).

Heading the list of London ringers is Mr. Philip A. Corby with 50. The year 1948 was the fourth in succession that he has scored 50 or more peals, and September, 1948, when he was hors de combat, was the first calendar month in which he had not rung at least one peal since January, 1945. His list includes 38 in Surprise methods. Of the six-bell ringers, Mr. Frank Warrington, of St. Ives, Hunts, is prominent with 46. Yorkshire's sole representative is the Association's secretary, Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris. From Oxford comes Mr. Alan R. Pink. Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, has in her 43 peals 32 rung 'in hand'; her list of 200 appeared in the last issue. Two of our younger ringers are Mr. Edgar R. Rapley (West Grinstead) and Mr. T. Mark White (Guildford), who were both in the forties. There are a number who just missed inclusion in the list, among them being Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, the genial secretary of the Irish Association with 37 peals.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Composition, 5-course block. Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE LEDSHAM ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	*PETER LAFIN ... 8
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 9
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 11
WALTER ALLMAN ... 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus away from treble. First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus for all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2	*J. FREDK. MILNER ... 8
*DOROTHY UDAL ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JILL POOLE ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 10
*ALFRED BALLARD ... 5	*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*WALTER BAXTER (16) ... Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 6
FREDK. J. PLUMMER ... 2	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ... 7
VALERIE WILLARD ... 3	NORMAN INSKIP ... 8
SYDNEY FOSKETT ... 4	VICTOR W. CONQUEST ... 9
KENNETH SPAVINS ... 5	*LESLIE KEEP (17) ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH E. ARNOLD.

* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

JOHN S. MASON ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE W. STEVENS ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
COLIN HARRISON ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 8
*DOROTHY UDAL ... 4	*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 9
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	*ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

IVAN KAY ... Treble	S.S.M. PHILIP TOCOCK ... 5
CAPT. EDWARD SAMSON ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
VERNON SKES ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*JOHN E. MANNERS ... Treble	MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 5
†ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 2	†PETER ANGER ... 6
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 3	WM. W. T. DANIELL ... 7
THOMAS MOULDEN ... 4	HENRY AUSTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ 25th peal. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Moulden.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5
GEOFFREY W. BEECH ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
ARNOLD G. MOORE ... 3	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT ... 7
ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

J. GEOFFREY STONELEY ... Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 2	JOHN B. BENNETT ... 6
*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER ... Treble	EDWARD EVANS ... 5
HAROLD AUSTIN ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 6
PETER BAKER ... 3	*TREVOR NEWBURY ... 7
WILLIAM JONES ... 4	CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 25th peal.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST DALE ... Treble	WALTER NICHOLS ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN ... 2	ARTHUR C. LYGO ... 6
WALTER WHITE ... 3	CECIL KNAPP ... 7
*WILFRED WALKER ... 4	STEPHEN LOACH ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal on eight and in the method. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six.



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RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

WM. A. THEOBALD ... Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS... 5
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 2	COLIN W. REED ... 6
DAVID R. REED ... 3	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 7
*BRIAN R. TILLER ... 4	WM. E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15½ cwt.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCLIA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MISS MARGARET RIGBY... Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.
First peal of Superlative by all and by all North Staffordshire ringers. Tenor 20½ cwt.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

SAMUEL BIRCH ... Treble	*MRS. E. D. POOLE ... 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	*E. DENNIS POOLE ... 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 4	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
MISS MURIEL REAY ... Treble	*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First touch in a Surprise method.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

E. BARKER ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS... 5
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 6
ARTHUR ROLFE ... 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 7
JOHN ROWSELL ... 4	†CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 200th peal.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 15½ cwt.
RONALD C. NOON... Treble	JOHN KING ... 5
*MISS MAUREEN MABBUTT ... 2	†ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 6
†RAYMOND H. IDLE ... 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON... 7
†ARTHUR H. IDLE ... 4	†SIDNEY G. OSBORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. First of Grandsire as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 6
MISS HAZEL DALE ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYPER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

TERRY R. HAMPTON ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Bristol.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F

LESLIE G. BRETT ... Treble	CHARLES W. BECROFT... 5
LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN ... 2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	WALTER W. MILLER ... 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
In memoriam Mrs. K. B. Kersey.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*JOAN BRENTNALL ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal. 300th peal as conductor.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

MISS JOAN E. WITHEY ... Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5
MISS MURIEL REAY ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Pitstow's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	PETER DAVY ... 5
THOMAS W. TOMLINSON ... 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*T. MARK WHITE ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON... Treble	JOHN F. GROVE ... 5
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6
*DAVID W. BEARD ... 3	GEORGE DAWSON ... 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise.

LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WM. E. COURT ... Treble	*PETER T. ROBBINS ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 6
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON ... 3	*PETER W. B. SEMMENS 7
MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	JACK R. WORRAIL ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JACK R. WORRAIL.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE,
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN-TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*GEORGE H. BAILEY ... Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 5
JOHN F. STIMSON ... 2	HARRY CLAYTON ... 6
HARRY ALEY ... 3	ERNEST BARTRAM ... 7
† WILLIAM SMITH ... 4	† THOMAS TEMPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BARTRAM.

* First of Stedman on a working bell. † First on eight bells.
† First peal First of Stedman as conductor. First of Stedman Triples ever rung in the tower.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	*THOMAS SIMMONS ... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 4	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal of Triples.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	† EDWIN G. MOORE ... 5
WM. H. B. WILKINS ... 2	CHARLES COLES ... 6
*PHILIP WALKER ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*NORA HONEY ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in two Major methods. † First peal in two Major methods 'inside.' Rung for the 78th birthday of William H. B. Wilkins.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

ERNEST B. BETTS ... Treble	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 5
FRED HODGSON ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	ALFRED SMITH ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

COLIN E. WRIGHT ... Treble	DONALD COOMBS ... 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM THEOBALD ... 6
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3	SYDNEY C. EASTER ... 7
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 4	FRANK V. GANT ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN B. BENNETT ... Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb.

KATHLEEN HARRISON ... Treble	JOHN R. SMITH ... 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 2	RONALD A. CLOUSTON ... 6
CLEMENT J. MORE ... 3	ERNEST WHITING ... 7
CHARLES V. ORVES ... 4	W. ARCHIE LOCKE ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SIX BELL PEALS

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES H. WICKENS ... Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4
FREDERICK F. GODSMARK ... 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
STELLA M. WICKENS ... 3	BASIL W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.

First peal as conductor. A greeting to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. Woodford.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN ... Treble	CHARLES PERKINS ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... 5
KEN DUFFY ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLON,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

GEORGE E. MONK ... Treble	LEONARD I. HULBERT ... 4
GODFREY CHOULES ... 2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 5
DONALD G. CLARKE ... 3	JACK R. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

A wedding compliment to the conductor's twin sister.

CLOPTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

LEWIS J. LAST ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A birthday compliment to Leslie C. Wightman.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE WALL ... Treble	MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).

Tenor 10 cwt.

CEDRIC GURMIN ... Treble	CHARLES G. JONES ... 4
REGINALD T. JONES ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 3	ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

TREVOR E. NEWBURY ... Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD ... 4
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
FRANCIS MILES ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church on December 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Packer 1, J. H. Arlet 2, J. L. Morris 3, R. H. Baker 4, D. Beveridge 5, M. F. Davis (first quarter) 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, E. Winfield 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Dec. 25th at St. James', 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): W. D. Prockson 1, Mabel A. Prockson 2, J. Payton 3, J. Goodall 4, D. Harnon 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6, R. H. Russell 7. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's, on Dec. 23rd, 1,329 Stedman Caters: S. Walklate 1, W. Parsons 2, G. Freebrey (cond.) 3, F. R. Lowe 4, A. E. Thompson 5, J. Wilkinson 6, H. Taylor 7, H. Letts 8, W. H. Buxton 9, W. Shaw 10. First Stedman Caters by 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, a date touch, 1,948 changes, being two 720's, a 360 and 108 Plain Bob Minor, and 40 Grandsire Doubles: Joan E. May (longest length) 1, W. S. May 2, P. J. Eves 3, H. J. Oliver 4, F. C. May (cond.) 5, G. Frost 6.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—At St. George's on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. Constant (first quarter) 1, E. J. Beer (cond.) 2, R. E. Constant 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, F. Cluett 5, J. Constant 6, C. J. Matthews 7, Miss J. Chesson 8.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kennington (first quarter) 1, C. Kennington 2, Miss Gweneth Rusby 3, J. B. Budd (cond.) 4, A. Swain 5, J. Kennington 6, A. Pashley 7, H. Hadwick 8. A birthday compliment to F. Kennington, aged 15.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. House (first quarter) 1, W. J. Roberts 2, A. Tilston 3, Miss N. Bibby 4, T. R. Griffiths 5, J. A. Randles 6, G. H. Randles (cond.) 7, R. Jarvis 8.

QUARTER PEALS

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Strood 1, R. L. Sills 2, Edna M. Sills (first as conductor) 3, S. Whiteway 4, S. King (first of Grandsire) 5, G. Knowles (first quarter) 6.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Daynes 1, J. Bennett (cond.) 2, L. Chislett 3, S. Ball 4, G. Bennett 5, W. Packer 6, P. A. Corby 7, R. Boyce 8. First in method by 3, 4, 6 and 8.

MAIDS-MORETON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Yates, sen. (first away from tenor) 1, H. Jones, jun., 2, G. Holland 3, E. Nicholls 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. In memoriam Mrs. Richardson.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Boulton (15) 1, H. R. Acock 2, Miss J. Morse (14) 3, Miss E. Morse (16) 4, W. Godwin (cond.) 5, Miss F. Hope 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Dec. 25th and Dec. 31st.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth M. Foreman 1, F. B. Jeal 2, F. T. Hoad 3, J. W. Crouch 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. J. Avenell 6, W. Claydon (cond.) 7, H. A. Hoad 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Russell 1, W. J. Bowden 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, J. H. Goodall (first attempt quarter Caters) 4, S. G. Peck 5, W. A. Theobald 6, H. Miller 7, M. Fensom 8, S. Wade (con.) 9, J. G. Nash 10.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss M. Rigby 1, G. R. Dawson (Lincoln) 2, A. Peake 3, J. Goodall (London) 4, F. E. Wilshaw 5, R. J. Stone (Plymouth) 6, W. P. Deane (cond.) 7, F. W. Grocott (Bucknall) 8. First of Treble Bob Major for 2 and 4.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Nock (first quarter) 1, H. Dickens, sen., 2, H. Dickens, jun., 3, R. N. Eaton 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, K. Smith 6. For the christening of Prince Charles.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 changes (720 Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob): F. J. Elsey, sen., 1, S. G. Elsey 2, D. Clarke 3, V. Bowen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. First Spliced 720 by 1, 3 and 4.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 25th, at 6 a.m., a quarter-peal: C. Tustin 1, W. Smith 2, W. Barnfield 3, T. Steward (cond.) 4, F. Bullock 5, E. Margerett 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Miss Joan Newman 2, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 3, J. Newman 4, J. Scott 5, W. Twidell, sen., 6.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—On Dec. 26th, 576 Cambridge S. and 720 Kent T.B.: Douglas Rooke (first T.B.) 1, R. T. Flint 2, F. Flint 3, D. Chadwick 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. T. Rook (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lorna Gaved (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. Richards (cond.) 3, Wm. A. Hughes 4, E. Hartley 5, I. Couch 6. Also on Dec. 19th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with first quarter for Patricia Gaved 1.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major. Bob Major: B. Thomas 1, Elaine Wright (first quarter) 2, R. Rhodes (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Curwen 4, G. S. Lee 5, G. Preston (cond.) 6, T. Cutts 7, N. Chaddock 8. In memoriam Malcolm Head (aged 18), a ringer at this church, who died suddenly the same day.

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Mr. Frederick W. Middleton, of Milbarton, Norfolk, a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1905, has been awarded the B.E.M.

A review of 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' the Central Council's latest production, will appear in our next issue.

Eighty-nine-years-old Mr. W. Sears rang the treble to 1,260 Grandsire Triples rung on December 29th at Mangotsfield, Bristol, as a birthday compliment to him. Next to him stood M. Jefferies, aged 13, ringing his first 'inside.' A. Rodway had a similar privilege. J. G. Jefferies conducted.

Mr. Arthur Newton has now 'circled' Hughenden, Bucks, tower.

Mr. Frank Warrington rang his 300th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association at Holywell.

Mr. Tony Price rang double-handed in a tower-bell peal at Feltham on New Year's Day. The treble was 5 cwt. 11 lb. and the 2nd 6 cwt. 10 lb. He also 'called the bobs.'

ERRATA.—Re peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Bocking, Essex, reported on page 2. Date of peal December 18th; ringer of the seventh, Mr. Harry Millatt.

The Henry Johnson dinner will be held on March 5th at the Imperial Hotel, and all enquiries should be addressed to G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025.

The London County Association have produced their report covering the years 1939-48 inclusive. Useful touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Cambridge on 8 and 10 bells are included apart from the usual information.

Fifty years ago Goldhanger, Essex, bells were rehung with the addition of a treble bell. The anniversary of the dedication was marked by a quarter-peal (240 New London Pleasure, 360 Kent and 720 Oxford T.B.) by: J. D. Buckingham 1, H. R. Appleton 2, A. Appleton 3, W. J. White 4, G. H. Neville 5, M. C. Mann (cond.) 6. The ringer of the fifth was a member of the band formed at the time of the dedication by the late Mr. H. G. Rowe.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., sent a food parcel to the ringers of Westminster Abbey which arrived just before Christmas. The gesture was much appreciated. The parcel was accompanied by a Christmas card signed by all the ringers. In return an etching of the Abbey, bearing the signatures of the Abbey ringers, has been sent to Victoria.

That fine old Oxford ringer, Mr. Wm. H. B. Wilkins, rang in the peal for his 78th birthday.

Mr. W. E. Court is the first ringer from Nottingham University to ring a peal for the Universities Association.

The augmented ring at Birmingham Cathedral will be dedicated on Saturday, February 19th, at three o'clock.

Mr. P. Amos asks us to point out that the appeal he circulated for St. Andrew's (Northampton) bells was authorised by the Parochial Church Council. No suggestion is contained in the letter that Mr. E. Nobles wrote on the question of lotteries for restoration schemes that any of this money raised by Mr. Amos was used for any other purpose.

'The Belle,' a news letter for lady ringers, made its appearance at the meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Guildford on January 6th. The Editor is to be congratulated on her vigorous editorial at the expense of Holy Trinity company, Guildford, who incurred displeasure by expressing the opinion that their eight was not suitable for an all-ladies band to ring upon, the tower secretary commenting that 'if it was intended that collectively they (the ladies) should ring our eight then the good Lord would have taken more than one rib from the first man.'

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Leading Peal Ringers of 1948

In response to our appeal we have been able to compile the following table of the leading peal ringers in 1948:—

	Tower.	Hand.	Total.
George E. Fearn	99 (31)	9	108
Ernest Morris	*51 (22)	*21 (4)	72
John Thomas	52 (17)	19 (12)	71
John Pinfold	62	1	63
Henry H. Fearn	62	—	62
Alfred H. Pulling	43 (34)	14 (7)	57
Nolan Golden	54 (48)	2	56
Arthur V. Pearson	52 (1)	1	53
Mrs. J. Thomas	41	12	53
Walter Allman	50 (3)	—	50
John Worth	50 (28)	—	50
Philip A. Corby	47 (26)	3 (2)	50
Arthur Pritchard	48 (33)	1	49
John E. Bibby	47 (6)	—	47
Frank Warrington	46 (45)	—	46
George Sayer	46 (5)	—	46
C. Kenneth Lewis	46 (20)	—	46
Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe	45 (14)	—	45
Edgar C. Shepherd	40 (7)	5	45
Edgar R. Rapley	44	1 (1)	45
Paul K. Williamson	*35 (2)	9 (1)	44
Alan R. Pink	43 (32)	—	43
Mrs. F. J. Marshallay	11	32 (2)	43
T. Mark White	39	3	42
Albert Walker	32 (8)	*8 (7)	40
J. W. Frank Trotman	40 (3)	—	40
Leslie W. G. Morris	40 (28)	—	40
Thomas W. Sheppard	29 (8)	11	40

* Unconducted.

MR. G. E. FEARN'S FIRST 500

Details of 500 peals in which G. E. Fearn took part:—

Maximus: Cambridge Surprise, 11; Lincolnshire Surprise, 1 (conducted 1); Belgrave Surprise, 1 (1); Yorkshire Surprise, 1 (1); Superlative Surprise, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 1; Plain Bob, 1.

Cinques: Stedman, 113 (7); Grandsire, 2; Erin, 1.

Royal: Cambridge Surprise, 26 (4); Yorkshire Surprise, 14 (2); New Cambridge Surprise, 2; Belgrave Surprise, 1; Kent T.B., 1; Little Bob, 1.

Caters: Stedman, 46 (4); Grandsire, 12.

Major: Cambridge Surprise, 43 (18); New Cambridge Surprise, 2 (2); London Surprise, 23 (2); Yorkshire Surprise, 33 (20); Superlative Surprise, 10 (4); Bristol Surprise, 7; Rutland Surprise, 7 (4); Lincolnshire Surprise, 6 (2); Belgrave Surprise, 3 (1); Pudsey Surprise, 2 (1); Stratford Surprise, 1; Ipswich Surprise, 1 (1); Painswick Surprise, 1 (1); Ashted Surprise, 1 (1); Hinton Surprise, 1 (1); Kent T.B., 4; Double Norwich C.B., 36 (3); Plain Bob, 19 (3).

Triples: Stedman, 27; Grandsire, 9 (1).

Minor: Cambridge Surprise, 5 (3); London Surprise, 1; Plain Bob, 14 (3); Kent T.B., 1; Oxford T.B., 1; 2 methods, 2; 3 methods, 1.

Doubles: Grandsire, 2 (1); 2 methods, 1. Total, 500 (conducted 92).

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Secretaries of Societies affiliated to the Council are reminded that the affiliation fees became due on January 1st and should be sent without delay.

Particulars of the forthcoming Council meeting at York will be published shortly, together with list of hotels, etc.

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

More peals have been rung during 1948 for the Truro Guild than in any of the previous fifty years of its history. The Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts have each taken part in fourteen, which is a record by any individual in one year. Miss Joan Withey has rung twelve. The previous highest individual number was as long ago as 1927, when Mr. Roberts rang ten.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

MR. T. H. REEVES RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP.

For many years the annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham has been held in the large clubroom at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on the first Saturday in the year, and this year was no exception, for on Saturday, January 1st, a company of about 60 assembled to transact the Guild's business.

In the unavoidable absence through illness of the Master, Cclr. Paddon Smith, J.P., the chair was taken by Mr. Vice-President Albert Walker, who, in his opening remarks wished all present a happy and prosperous New Year.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. T. H. Bartlett and M. T. Bartlett (Shirley), Messrs. Leslie Mole and James Corbett (Tanworth-in-Arden), Mr. Barry C. Webb (South Yardley) and Margaret F. Daniels (Coundon, Coventry), and as a life member, Mrs. John Thomas (Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire).

An invitation from the Aston Company to hold the first quarterly meeting of the year at Aston Parish Church was unanimously accepted.

The Ringing Master, Mr. George Fearn, reported that the dedication of the two new trebles and the reopening of the augmented ring of 12 at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip was provisionally fixed for February 19th. He proposed that the bi-quarterly meeting should coincide with this, and asked members to book the date.

The treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, presented the annual balance sheet. Subscriptions continued to come in satisfactorily, and the results showed an increased balance in the bank. The accounts showed that a start had been made in writing-up the peal book, and he hoped further progress would occur during the present year. The auditors having given their report, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1949.

In the election of officers for 1949 several changes were made. The secretary proposed that the name of Mr. Frank B. Yates be added to the list of vice-presidents for his many kindnesses to the Guild in past years, and especially for his generous gifts in augmenting the rings of bells at King's Norton and the Cathedral Church of St. Philip. The chairman proposed that Mr. T. H. Reeves be honoured in a similar manner for his services during the past 20 years as hon. secretary and treasurer. Both proposals were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Albert Walker was elected Master in place of Cclr. Paddon Smith, and Mrs. Edgar C. Shepherd as Ringing Master in place of Mr. G. E. Fearn. Mr. Shepherd, in accepting the office, said he had been a member of the Guild for 30 years, and in following such men as

Henry Johnson, John Day, John Carter, James E. Groves, William Short and, more recently, Albert Walker, F. E. Haynes and G. E. Fearn, he had a high standard to uphold. He was, however, still an enthusiast, and with the assistance of Mr. Fearn and the co-operation of the members he would do his best to be a worthy successor. The trustees, Cclr. Paddon Smith and Mr. E. T. Allaway, and the auditors Messrs. H. H. Fearn and G. W. Critchley, were re-elected. Mr. J. F. Harvey was elected librarian in the place of G. F. Swann (deceased).

For the office of hon. secretary and treasurer Mr. T. H. Reeves informed the meeting that he had now completed 20 years and thought it was time for a younger man to take over. He therefore had much pleasure in proposing Mr. George E. Fearn as his successor. They all knew Mr. Fearn, and as an enthusiast for real hard work and plenty of it there was no one better. This was seconded by Mr. J. Pinfold and supported by Mr. F. W. Perrens and carried unanimously. Mr. Fearn acknowledged his appointment, thanking the members for their confidence and assuring them he would do his best to deserve it.

Referring to the peals rung during the past year, Mr. Fearn said that these numbered 80 and that the number of conductors was 20. They had rung several notable peals, but the two outstanding were Lincolnshire Maximus, rung without previous practice, and Rutland Royal at the first attempt.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

Mr. T. H. Reeves reported that he had booked the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for Saturday, March 5th. The seating capacity of this room was about 180, but in the event of more wishing to attend the dinner he had arranged for them to have the meal in another room and later join with those in the Connaught Room. Mr. Albert Walker thought it would be a fitting compliment to Mr. Reeves on terminating his period as secretary and treasurer to invite him to occupy the chair at the dinner, and he had much pleasure in making the proposition. This was seconded by Mr. J. S. Mason, supported by Mr. G. E. Fearn, and carried unanimously. It was agreed to leave the other arrangements for the dinner to the officers of the Guild.

Mr. Reeves reported that he had arranged for a certain number of bedrooms at the Imperial Hotel to be reserved for the Friday and Saturday evenings for the convenience of visitors, but would suggest that early application for reservations be made direct to the hotel. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Reeves, terminated the meeting. The rest of the evening was taken up in social intercourse and handbell ringing.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

No competitor succeeded in sending a correct solution. Questions 17, 18 and 19 were each awarded five points. In the opinion of the Editor those nearest to Kewsett's solutions were:—

Mr. Kenneth B. JONES,
Whichford, Hurst Road,
Bexley, Kent.

Mr. T. G. HAWKINS,
Cherry Orchard Close,
Stoke Poges, Bucks.

Capt. E. F. M. SAMSON,
D. and M. School,
R.A.C. Centre,
Bovington Camp, Dorset.

Highly commended are the entries of K. Arthur, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Miss D. Fletcher, Beaconsfield; and J. Davey, Little Houghton, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

— AXBRIDGE BRANCH.

The Rev. R. T. Powys David presided at the annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch at Wick St. Lawrence. The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £13, and it was proposed to hold a ringers' service at Axbridge on April 23rd.

Mr. G. Prescott was thanked for his work on behalf of the branch and congratulated on calling a peal in 11 methods.

Two hon. members and seven performing members were elected. Officers appointed for 1949 were: President, the Rev. L. T. Powys David; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Prescott; hon. local secretary, Mr. E. J. Avery.

The following towers will be visited during the next quarter: Worle, Westbury-sub-Mendip, in January; Shipham in February, and Burnham-on-Sea in March.

LETTERS

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION AND EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—With reference to the proposed resolution to the Central Council by the Universities Association on the subject of method extension raised in connection with London Surprise, I would like to clarify a position which has arisen because of a slight misinterpretation.

Mr. York-Bramble's original motion, 'That peals of London Surprise Royal be recognised with London places at the full and half lead,' was withdrawn in favour of an amendment, proposed by Mr. Denis Layton, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, that the motion should be a general one dealing with the whole subject of extension. This, however, did not imply that an alternative motion should be substituted suggesting any particular principle of extension, and it was in the hurry of the moment that this occurred and was reported.

To prevent any possible confusion, therefore, I would like to state that the wording of the resolution which our representative will table at the next Central Council meeting will be decided after full consultation with the proposers and seconders of the original and amended motions.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Hon. Sec., U.A.C.R.

Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent.

THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Dear Sir,—The Christmas Quiz was both interesting and educative.

In trying to solve question four I discovered that the Parish Church of Brentor, Devon, which is a very early church dedicated to St. Michael de Rupe, contains a ring of five bells in going order, the bell frame of which is 1,155ft. above sea level, and it would be interesting to know the altitude of Holy Trinity, Queensbury, Bradford.

Incidentally, question nine could almost have been Launceston, Cornwall, with St. Mary Magdalene's (8), St. Stephen's (8), one mile away, and the Parish Church of St. Thomas-the-Apostle (6) just half-way between them.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE GRILLS.

Tavistock, Devon.

A VARSITY 'FIRST'

Dear Sir,—May I beg the hospitality of your columns to record that Miss Gillian A. Smith is to be congratulated on being the first lady to ring a peal for the Cambridge University Guild. It was hoped that this historic event would coincide with a peal in honour of the royal birth, but this attempt, on Monday, November 15th, was lost through the conductor's lack of experience. Another attempt, this time for a peal of Minor, was scheduled for November 23rd, but unfortunately one member of the band did not turn up. However, the third attempt, on December 4th, was successful, and a good peal was rung.—Yours faithfully,

M. R. D. HARFORD.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

A RINGERS' SUNDAY IN WILTSHIRE

At North Bradley, Wiltshire, on January 9th, a 'Ringers' Sunday' was observed, and the prayers and hymns were taken from the Salisbury Guild of Ringers' service. Four ringers read the lessons, and after the third collect four members of the local band rang a course of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand,' with 7, 6, 8 covering. The Vicar, in his sermon, spoke of the important part the bells play in the life of the church.

This is believed to be the first service of its kind in the district, and it is hoped to make it an annual event. The offertory was given towards the two new bells it is desired to install in the tower.

Diamond Wedding

Veteran ringer at Rotherfield, Sussex, is Mr. E. Bishop, who on Monday, January 17th, celebrated with Mrs. Bishop their diamond wedding.

Their 60 years of wedded happiness was marked by a party they gave in the British Legion Hall. The same day at 6 p.m. a peal attempt for Double Norwich Court Bob Major was made in their honour.



MR. E. BISHOP.

After the peal attempt Mr. W. Rogers, captain of the local ringers, presented Mr. and Mrs. Bishop with an engraved silver salver subscribed to by the Rotherfield Guild of Ringers.

Mr. Bishop still regularly rings the 23½ cwt. tenor, and last November rang it to two quarter peals in three days. He rings Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent very well for his 84 years of age.

For 66 years he has been a regular attendant in the belfry, and can tell many a good story of local ringing. He recalls the days when Rotherfield had only five bells, and it took two-men to ring the tenor.

Of the bells, the tenor was cast in 1670 by John Hodson and the fifth in 1603. These are the only two original bells left, the other three were recast and three more added to make a ring of eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1907. To date only 49 peals have been rung on the bells, and it is sincerely hoped that the 50th will be associated with Mr. Bishop, who has rung the tenor to more peals than anyone so far.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT CARBIS BAY

On New Year's Eve the ringers and other workers at Carbis Bay were entertained to dinner by the Parochial Church Council at the Atlantic Hotel. The Vicar (Rev. A. S. Roberts) presided. After dinner everyone joined in and enjoyed games organised by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. At 11.15 p.m. a move was made to the tower, and the bells rung first half-muffled, and at midnight open, to welcome 1949.

OBITUARY

MRS. C. H. PAGE.

Members of the North Staffordshire Association extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. C. H. Page in the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife on December 31st. Mrs. Page was a frequent visitor to meetings and outings, and her happy and charming personality won for her the friendship of a wide circle of friends.

The funeral service was on January 5th at St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent, the Rev. Osborn officiating in the absence of the Archdeacon (the Ven. P. Hartill). Many towers were represented, Mr. R. Anderson attending for the Association and Mr. A. Crawley for the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild. The bells of St. Peter's Church were rung half-muffled before and after the service. At the graveside a course of Bob Minor was rung by F. E. Wilshaw 1-2, R. Anderson 3-4, A. D. Steel 5-6.

MR. L. A. PORRITT.

For many years secretary of the St. Lawrence, Ramsgate band, Mr. Leslie A. Porritt died on December 26th. As a mark of respect, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on December 30th by Miss B. Solly 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, J. A. Atkins 3, L. J. Hilton 4, J. A. Russell (cond.) 5, S. J. Gee 6, A. Purdom 7, W. J. Fairbeard 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WIRRAL BRANCH.

The second annual social held at St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Oxtol, Birkenhead, on December 30th, proved to be as equally successful as the first venture. Over 200 ringers and friends were present, and hon. members in attendance included the Vicar, the Rev. N. J. Blow (Dean-elect of Newcastle, Australia), and the Rector and Rural Dean of Wallasey (Rev. J. R. Spencer).

A varied programme of dances, games, novelties and entertainment resulted in all present capturing the festive spirit.

During the interval a presentation was made by young ringers of the branch to the chairman, Mr. J. Cooke, and the hon. secretary, Mr. A. J. Martin, as a mark of appreciation of their instruction at the weekly beginners' practice at Birkenhead St. Mary's. The gift was subscribed to by regular attenders at this practice.

At the conclusion, upon venturing into the night a blanket of snow was discovered, and all were thankful for the fleet of buses waiting to convey them to their respective homes in Wirral.

A. J. M.

5,057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By J. E. ARNOLD.

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34562 1 2 3
23465 1 2 3s
52364 1 2 3s

35264879 1 3 4s
23564 1 2 3
42365 1 2 3s
54263 1 2 3s

Last eight courses
five times repeated,
calling bob for single
at * in second and fifth
parts, and omitting last
course in sixth part,
for:—

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Rounds the lead previous.

6th the extent in
fifths for both positions.

Rung at Leighton
Buzzard, Dec. 4th, 1948.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, 10 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 20 of Grandsire

*CYNTHIA STEAD (14) ... Treble	JOHN D. ROCK ... 4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
E. PETER ROCK ... 3	SIDNEY DANIELS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal. To celebrate the 'coming of age' of Miss Mary Preece, daughter of the local captain at this tower.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*TERRY THORNER ... Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT ... 4
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 2	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
*COLIN WALKER ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Minor. Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of the mother and father of the conductor.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of a 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	†FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
*E. G. D. TONKIN (14) ... 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in six methods. † 170th peal.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4
ALFRED B. KING ... 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ROBERT C. BUTTON ... Treble	THOMAS A. A. POTTER ... 4
ALBERT E. DIXON ... 2	FREDERICK G. WILLIAMS ... 5
EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... 3	FREDERICK C. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK C. JOHNSON.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*JAMES M. PEMBERTON ... Treble	ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS ... 4
*TREVOR SUTTON ... 2	ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 5
THOMAS SMITH ... 3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. CUSICK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HALSE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY COMINS ... Treble	*TOM HANCOCK ... 4
CLAUDE TARR ... 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 5
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 3	†WILLIAM G. HANCOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*ROGER LEIGH ... Treble	*CHARLES CLEGG ... 4
*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 2	D. SANDERSON, R.A.F. ... 5
*DEREK WHITFORD ... 3	†LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in three Minor methods. † 250th peal for the Lancashire Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Birkett, of Liverpool.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS ... Treble	*E. PETER ROCK ... 4
JOHN D. ROCK ... 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
*REGINALD T. JONES ... 3	WILFRED F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. In memoriam Richard Godfrey Parsons, Lord Bishop of Hereford and president of the Guild.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MIRIAM F. PETTITT ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

* First peal in seven methods.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Double Court, Double and Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 2	†STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
FRANK W. LACK ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN THE CRYPT OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in A.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 1-2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 5-6
BETTY SPICE ... 3-4	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 1-2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	*GEORGE E. EVENDON ... 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,

AT 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents: 12 of Stedman, 15 of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 15 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4
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*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Continued from page 19 of the previous issue.)

BY A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

It seems fitting to open this instalment with a reminder that controversies of earlier years have not always necessarily closed a technical subject. Persistent research has opened up, in this case, new vistas with new conclusions, likely to modify the whole outlook. It is accordingly unavoidable that new and strange terms enter the discussion. They provide ready reference and promote quicker explanation.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF EXTENSION.—We have seen that a Proximate extension must contain, at full- and half-leads, the pivot places of the basic method; or, to put it another way, there must be no variation of the basic work in the two cross-sections each where the treble leads and lies. But this is only one feature, and we may say at once that in assessing any Proximate extension there are TEN qualities or characteristics to be considered, as applicable in order of importance. They determine positively whether any 'extension' may claim to be genuine and, if so, what degree of prior claim it has. We proceed to discover, discuss and tabulate these characteristics. But first the ground must be cleared of ambiguity.

THE GRID.—It is unfortunate that several terms and phrases in ringing have more than one meaning. 'Course' with four is typical. 'Lead' is just as bad. In conversation little difficulty arises with an additional phrase to make the meaning clear; but in reasoned analysis, where the one word may serve to convey some of its different meanings in one sentence, logical argument tends to become obstructed and obscured. Of the several meanings of 'Lead,' that which connotes a set of rows as described in paragraph A of the previous instalment (roughly from one treble-lead position to the next) needs a distinctive name, and more generic, i.e., to cover a similar set of rows in a method ('principle') which is not treble dominated, e.g., Stedman. Now consider these groups of rows as sets of numeric symbols all neatly arranged in columns, distinguishable as 'o' (odd) and 'e' (even) according to the number of bells represented; and in rows distinguishable as 'h' (handstroke) and 'b' (backstroke), of twice the number of bells in plain or four times the number in treble-bob, hunt-controlled methods. Then each of these numeric symbols could have drawn round it a small square, and these closely-packed squares would form a 'grid' of columns and rows. This rectangular GRID is the basis of all method structure in 'methods' and 'principles' alike. And these Grids are 'linked' together by 'P.L.' (plain) or 'B.L.' (bobbed) or 'S.L.' (singled) 'Grid-links.' ('L' here means 'link'.)

GRID-SECTIONS.—In all methods as practised to-day the changes produced are shown, in the appropriate grid, as symbols which interchange places, in the columns, in pairs. Consequently the rows are associated also in pairs, or 'Sections.' In plain hunt-controlled methods the treble crosses from one section to the next after every second row. In Treble Bob methods she crosses from one section of the grid to the next after every fourth row. These 'Grid-sections' are as readily identifiable as the individual squares of the grid, preferably by the nomenclature indicated in the following paragraph; but alternatively as 'The 1-2 up section' or 'the 7-8 down section,' and so on.

GRID-SQUARE NOMENCLATURE.—In this abridged extract we are unable to discuss in detail the very useful system of identification or naming of the grid-squares and grid-sections. But the interested reader may like to know that it has been fully developed to suit any grid, and that a column, row,

section or even square, once given a name in the basic grid, retains that designation throughout any process of extension or contraction, appearing or disappearing in the varying grids. Even the theorem of displacement in grid expansion, proving discontinuity of the hunt-bell's path (in other words, new grid-sections always enter at inner part of new grid), and which proves the impracticability of numbering the rows of a 'lead' from the head downwards, is fully accommodated by this system. The 'leading' pair of columns of any grid is always

under 'A' and the 'lying' pair under 'Z.' Each column in a pair is, of course, either 'o' or 'e.' The rows are nominated correspondingly, the first pair being 'A' and so on, with the stroke of the row indicated under 'h' or 'b.' The reflected half of the grid (see paragraph B of previous article) has its row letters prefixed by 'r.' For lack of space the accompanying very simple grid of plain Minimus must suffice here, as an example. Each square takes its name from the column above it and the row alongside it. So the first square of the grid-head row is Ao-Ah always. Again, the last square but one, for instance, in the last or grid-base row, is Zo-Rh always. 'Always' as long as we stick to single hunt-controlled methods! But how many ringers have realised that while twin-hunt methods, such as Grandire, Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob, London Bob, St. Clement's, etc., begin their grids with a handstroke blow, every single-hunt method, such as Plain Bob, Double Norwich (not D.N. Caters!), Kent Treble Bob, all Surprise methods, etc., begin their Grids (or of you like, 'leads') with a grid-head (or lead-head) row which is a backstroke blow? The importance of realising this fully is seen in the fact that no adequate definition of 'forward hunting' or 'reverse hunting' is possible without it, and may be regarded as lacking hitherto.

'FORWARD' AND 'REVERSE' HUNTING.—These may be defined thus: 'In forward hunting, at a handstroke blow, bells are moving UP from odd columns into even ones, and DOWN from even ones into odd ones; and conversely at a backstroke blow. In reverse hunting the whole process is reversed.' (The second blow at lead may always be regarded as 'up' for this purpose, while the second blow at the lie may always be so regarded as 'down'.)

(To be continued.)

PROPAGANDA AT BOURNEMOUTH

Mr. A. V. Davis has addressed Bournemouth Inner Wheel on 'Bells.' Proceedings opened with a touch of Grandire Triples, in which Mr. Davis was assisted by Andrew Pearmain, Bruce Rogers and John Davis. A scale model of a bell (loaned by Mr. J. M. Turner, of Southbourne) was on view. Similar lectures have been given to the Southbourne Men's Club and to the Soroptimists' Club.

As the outcome of the ringing of carol tunes by St. Peter's Youth Club, Bournemouth, several young folk have asked for instruction at Bournemouth during 1949.

WRINGTON RINGERS' SUPPER

The Wrington bellringers held their annual supper at the Golden Lion on January 8th. After an excellent meal, Mr. H. W. Knight welcomed the Rector (Rev. A. Talbot), Mrs. Hesse and the other visitors, the Rector, in his reply, thanking the ringers for inviting them to such a splendid meal. Mr. Hesse and Mr. L. W. Pullin also spoke. Handbells were rung before and after supper.

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Harold SMITH, late of Melksham, is now 6, Lansdowne Terrace, The Grove, Twyford, Berks. 4683

MISCELLANEOUS

Ringer wishes to buy British, colonial, any foreign COINS.—Write Box 4657, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 4657

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH (10).—An open practice will be held the last Tuesday in every month, 7.15. Visitors welcome.—J. W. Raithby, Tower Sec. 4685

PEAL DETAILS REQUIRED

In order to bring the tower records up to date, details of peals rung at St. Matthew's, Northowram, Halifax, other than for the Yorkshire Association, will be very much appreciated.—W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram, Halifax. 4682

FOR SALE

INKWELL, bell model, 3in. diameter, in solid silver, 5 gns.; other sizes made to order.—E. Ronnebeck, silver craftsman, 153, High Street, Guildford. 4684

PUBLICATIONS

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.'—The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH.' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4640

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual, Christchurch, Jan. 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4681

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 22nd, St. Chad's, 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business. Ringing at St. Chad's in the evening.—C. A. Barron, 15, Claremont Hill, Shrewsbury. 4642

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. St. John's bells (12) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Hall, Silverdale Road. 4603

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service All Saints' 4. Tea and meeting after service. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. 4621

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 to 5.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4618

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints' (8), 2 to 4.45. Both All Saints' and St. Giles' (10) after meeting until 9. Committee meet Parish Hall, Ropergate. 3. Fish tea (3s. per head) at Co-operative Cafe, Beaufair, 5. Meeting same room immediately afterwards. Tea tickets at St. Giles' Vestry 4 to 5. One minute from cafe.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 4617

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting after.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4650

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells: St. Mary's (8), 3, All Saints' (6) 4. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4646

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—High Wycombe, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Committee meeting 3.45. Bells 6.—A. D. Barker. 4666

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in belfry 6.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4677

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 22nd, St. Peter's, 2.30. Tea, Parochial Room, 5. Meeting, ringing Cathedral after. 4674

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Measham (8), Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Take own food.—J. Cotton. 4676

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 22nd. Bells: St. Andrew's-the-Great (8), 2.30; St. Bene't's (6) 2.30-4 and after 6.45; St. Mary's-the-Great (12), 6.30. Service 4.15 at St. Andrew's. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road. 4675

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and Willesden bells during evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4652

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 29th. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 25th to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4655

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Ely, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. St. Mary's Cafe, almost opposite church.—C. Gilbert, Sutton, Ely. 4658

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Institute. Business meeting follows. Names by Jan. 24th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 4661

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3. Practice Southwark Cathedral, Jan. 18th, 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4672

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at Royston. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 26th, please, to Rev. Canon F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4670

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 in Coffee House (near Church). Names for tea by Monday previous to C. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4671

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Wulfram's, Grantham (10), Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham, by Jan. 24th, please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 4669

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting St. Thomas' (8), Moorside, Oldham, Jan. 29th. Bells 2 to 6.45 p.m. Meeting 4.30.—N. Edwards, 16, Portugal Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. 4667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Ambrose's (8), Jan. 29th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 4687

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting, Witton, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 2s. Names by Jan. 24th to Alfred Johnson, Elston, King Street, Rudheath, Northwich.—H. Howard. 4689

LLANDAFF AND MON. ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of Blaenavon bells (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3.30. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each. Names for tea to Mr. C. Stokes, 28, Park Street, Blaenavon. 4692

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Grimsby District to be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Grange Hotel near the church. Business meeting at Church House 6 p.m. Please send your name to me by Wednesday, Jan. 26th, for tea. Then come.—Herbert I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 4690

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting Ilminster, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Tuesday, Jan. 25th, for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 4696

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service 3.30. Tea to follow. Names to Mr. V. Burt, 4, Hesketh Terrace, Towcester. 4693

OXFORD GUILD.—Southern Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Watlington, Oxon, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 25th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 4697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's (8), Northampton, Jan. 29th. Committee 3.30. Names for tea by Jan. 26th to Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 4693

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire District.—A meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham, by Jan. 18th. 4702

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 4710

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting at Syston, Jan. 29th. Names by the 26th, please, to Mr. E. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston.—H. Morton. 4704

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Doncaster on Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. No names, no tea.—W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 4705

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting Cathedral, Jan. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea not later than 26th.—Geo. G. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4706

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in

Church Hall 5. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 24th, to Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4699

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Compton, Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Turvey, Fair View, Compton, Newbury, by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. 4700

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Southwark, St. George-the-Martyr, 3 to 4.45. Cathedral, 4 to 5 and evening. Service 5 in Cathedral. Tea 5.45 in Chapter House. All peal books available. Handbell contest. Report book 1939 to 1948 inclusive available, price 1s. 6d. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please. Practice meeting Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 7th, 7.15.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4680

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Junior Section.—Annual social, St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Feb. 5th, 7-11. Tickets 2s. (including refreshments) from T. G. Morton, 46, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Please apply early. 4701

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Lutterworth, Feb. 5th. Mister-ton (6) also available during the afternoon. Further details next week.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 4703

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—Annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Feb. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea only to those who inform the secretary by January 31st.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 4707

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) for those notifying me by Jan. 29th. There are no other facilities nearby. Next combined practice Dartford, Feb. 10th, 7.30 to 9, and second Thursday in each month thereafter.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 4694

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual district meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (10 and 8) at 3. Important business of election of new district secretary. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd, please.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 4686

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea before Jan. 31st to M. Johnston, 24, Bedford Street, Hensingham, Whitehaven. 4688

LLANDAFF AND MON. ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Llantwit Major (6), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—F. J. Hannington. 4691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Annual Sleaford (8), Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 Church Room. Names to Mrs. Wray, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, by Jan. 31st. 4695

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—S. Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Diss, on Sat. Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 in Waveney Cafe (opposite Corn Hall) for those who notify by Feb. 1st. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Subscriptions, please.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 4708

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 2. Service 3.45. Tea and business meeting at Duke's Head 4.30. Please notify Mr. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 2nd. 4709

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