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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

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ON Whit-Tuesday the Central Council will meet in the ancient city of York. The meeting itself is, in a sense, a summing-up of the work of the past year, when the various committees, whose work, it must be remembered, goes on throughout the year, make their reports to the Council. Too many ringers regard these gatherings as a pleasant holiday for those fortunate enough to attend, but otherwise of little value. Pleasant they are indeed, but it must not be forgotten that very many of the members attend in their own time and at their own expense, for the number of Associations which can subsidise three or four representatives is comparatively small.

There is also a tendency in some quarters to regard the Council as controlled largely by a handful of leading members. If this is so, the fault lies with the delegates themselves. Unfortunately, campanological ability does not necessarily mean administrative ability, so that there are a number of members, excellent ringers though they may be, to whom W. S. Gilbert's line, 'They never would be missed,' might well be applied, for all that they contribute either in debate or in committee. This is not peculiar to the Council of, of course—did not one Member of Parliament sit for fifty years without making a speech?—but it could be remedied if Associations were more discriminating in their choice of representatives. Until then, it is inevitable that the more enthusiastic members will secure most of the limelight.

This year there are a number of matters on which it is to be hoped that a clear lead will be given to the Exercise. One is the use of Singles in Treble Bob methods, on which no decision was reached last year. It was then argued that no pronouncement against such singles had been made, which was perfectly true, simply because the question had never previously arisen. Had it not been for the powerful advocacy of Mr. Harold Cashmore, there is little doubt that the Standing Committee's recommendation against their use would have been accepted.

Secondly, there is the question of Doubles nomenclature. It is said by some that Doubles should be brought into line with methods on other numbers, where the use of an alternative call is regarded as insufficient to justify two different names for what is basically the same method. Against this is the view that it is now too late to interfere with a practice which has been condoned since ringing began. There would be the further difficulty of deciding what to do about existing Doubles records if it were agreed to take the seemingly logical view that there is no reason why Doubles should be specially favoured. Those set up in Oxfordshire in recent years, for example, would need considerable amendment.

Again, it is to be hoped that the committee appointed some years ago to revise the Council's Rules and Decisions will by now have something to report. Certain rules definitely need amendment as soon as possible. For instance, notices of motion must at present be in the hands of the secretary two calendar months before each meeting. Few Associations hold their annual meetings before Easter Monday at the earliest, so that it is impossible for matters brought up at these meetings to go forward to the Council in the same year. Nor, when a new Council is in process of election, can the two signatories often guarantee that they will still be members when it comes up for discussion. Further, some rules are indecisive. It is not right, for example, that certain peals should be excluded from the analysis because they are 'deprecated' or 'deplored.' If such peals are not to be recognised, the rules should say so.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	*HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 9
MISS MARGARET L. TUTT ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 10
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 11
JOHN PINFOLD ... 6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

* 300th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*MISS K. BURCHNALL ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 6
*MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 2	*JAMES W. RATHBY ... 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 3	FREDK. A. SALTER ... 8
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	*ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... 9
*†PETER N. WHITE ... 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
JOHN S. MASON ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Royal. First of Lincolnshire Royal by all and for the Guild.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.

*BERNARD J. SADDINGTON <i>Treble</i>	†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 6
†MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	JOHN KING ... 7
†RAYMOND H. IDLE ... 3	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 8
†SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 4	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 9
PHILIP JONES ... 5	*RONALD C. NOON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* 25th peal together. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First of Royal. § First of Plain Bob Royal. First on 10 bells as conductor.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

*JOAN E. WITHEY ... <i>Treble</i>	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 7
MURIEL REAY ... 3	JOHN BRAGG ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal on 10 bells. A compliment to Hubert Shepherd, who has completed 42 years as a service ringer and 50 years as a chorister at Solihull.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ROKER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;

Granta Variation.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

JOHN A. BROWN ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
ADAM DEAS ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 8
MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	ERNEST WALLACE ... 9
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 5	DENIS A. BAYLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

First peal in the Granta Variation on ten by all except the ringer of 7. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal on the bells since their installation by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ROY COLLIER ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
RICHARD BENSON ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 3	FRED GRUNDY ... 8
ROBERT ALLED ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
JAMES I. WRIGHT ... 5	EDWARD IDDON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WM. HUDSON.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Caters. To celebrate the marriage of Miss Margaret Dorothy Renshaw, daughter of Canon and Mrs. Renshaw, of St. Peter's, South Croydon (a former Vicar), to Wing Comdr. H. D. Clark.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,408 each Cambridge and Superlative, 1,152 London, and 1,120 Bristol, and 117 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

A birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*DOUGLAS CLARKE ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR ROLFE ... 5
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
STANLEY G. ELSEY ... 4	†FREDK. J. ELSEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. TAYLOR.

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,440 each London and Rutland, 768 Bristol and 480 each Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*PHILIP J. COWARD ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of six Spiced. Rung for the festival of Easter.



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

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MISS AUDREY A. TIMMS <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON ... 6
MISS MURIEL REAY ... 3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 7
MISS JOAN E. WITHEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
 * First peal of Major. *Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.*

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*WALTER TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 2	*E. PETER ROCK ... 6
*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	*LESLIE EVANS ... 7
*FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
 * First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method for the Guild. *Tenor 12 cwt.*

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE HOWLETT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 2	*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 6
RICHARD S. PAYNE ... 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 7
C. JACK GIBSON ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
 * First peal of Kent T.B. Major. A birthday compliment to G. Howlett and R. S. Payne. *Tenor 12½ cwt.*

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAZEL CLOSE ... <i>Treble</i>	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
JOHN W. BEST ... 3	HENRY O. BAKER ... 7
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 4	HARRY PYE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
 * First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Francis Xavier,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD KENRICK ... 5
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM DEACON ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 7
*JOHN ASHCROFT ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
 * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
 Ring for the centenary of the church. *Tenor 16 cwt.*

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*ROBERT B. BLOND ... <i>Treble</i>	*EDWARD R. ROBEY ... 5
*HENRY K. WHITE ... 2	*GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 6
*BERTRAM L. J. BROWN ... 3	*HENRY L. BISHOP ... 7
JAMES GORDON ... 4	ALFRED H. WEBB ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.
 * First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
 First peal of Treble Bob by a local band. *Tenor 22 cwt.*

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the R.C. Church of St. Marie,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK <i>Treble</i>	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 3	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
 Fastest peal on the bells. A tribute to James H. Haywood, of Treton, who died on Saturday, April 9th. *Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.*

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

LEONARD ROBMELL ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE DOWLING ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	JOHN W. HOBSON ... 6
ALBERT E. SELLERS ... 3	FRED OSGERBY ... 7
PHILIP H. SPECK ... 4	CHARLES BARKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. <i>Tenor 24 cwt.</i>	
WALTER HIGGINS ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT C. LINTERN ... 5
VERA LOOK ... 2	WILLIAM HIGDON ... 6
AUDREY LOOK ... 3	JACK A. LINTERN ... 7
BERYL LOOK ... 4	ALBERT LINTERN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK A. LINTERN.
 First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Priory Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part. <i>Tenor 16 cwt.</i>	
SIDNEY FOSSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	*CLAUD RANDALL, JUN. ... 5
JOHN ROBINSON ... 2	*FREDERICK ADCOCK ... 6
*MISS EVELINE PEET ... 3	CHARLES CARR ... 7
HAROLD PAILING ... 4	CLAUD RANDALL, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES CARR.
 * First peal. First peal on bells after recasting and rehanging by Messrs. Taylor's, Loughborough.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. <i>Tenor 12½ cwt.</i>	
JOHN WHEADON ... <i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
 * 50th peal on the bells and 100th with the conductor.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDNA P. DENVER ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 5
REV. KENNETH C. DAVIS ... 2	EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 6
*G. SYDNEY JOYCE ... 3	PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ... 7
*ERNEST GARDNER ... 4	CHARLES W. DENVER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. W. DENVER.
 * First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells after rededication. To commemorate the first anniversary of the induction of Rev. Davis as Vicar. *Tenor 16½ cwt.*

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN <i>Treble</i>	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2	*SYDNEY H. JONES ... 6
†HAROLD E. HARRISON ... 3	GORDON HARRISON ... 7
ALAN FOSTER ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 13). Conducted by B. G. KEY.
 * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
 First peal in the method for the Guild. *Tenor 28½ cwt.*

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR R. FOWKES ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 4	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
 * First peal of New Cambridge. First peal in the method on the bells. *Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.*

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WALTER ALLMAN Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
*HENRY O. BAKER 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
*JAMES S. WEBB 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (26). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the third. Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ROGER LEIGH Treble	ERIC BRUNTON 5
*DEREK WHITFORD 2	CHARLES CLEGG 6
WILLIAM PROCTOR 3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	ERNEST GOWER Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.
* First peal in the method. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Dodd, on his appointment as Canon of Blackburn Cathedral. Tenor 11 cwt.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
*STANLEY ANDERTON ... Treble	JAMES METCALFE 5
ALBERT E. SANDIFORD ... 2	EDWARD IDDON 6
THOMAS BRATBY 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
ALBERT HEYWOOD 4	*GEORGE OLIVER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.

* First peal To celebrate Princess Elizabeth's birthday.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MARGARET H. BAKER ... Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN 5
ROBERT PALMER 2	REGINALD L. SILLS 6
EDNA M. SILLS 3	E. ST. JOHN HATCHER 7
LUTHER HONESS 4	PETER C. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Major. To celebrate the conductor's brother's 21st birthday and their parents' silver wedding. Tenor 12 cwt.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ROLAND KENDALL Treble	HARRY WILD 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 6
GORDON BENFIELD 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
DONALD R. MARSHALL ... 4	*SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

No. 25 C.C. Collection.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
GEORGE ORMAN Treble	GEORGE BERRY 5
GEORGE PIPE 2	GEORGE SHEMMING 6
GEORGE MOSS 3	GEORGE WATERMAN 7
GEORGE FLEMING 4	GEORGE SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BEEVOY. Conducted by GEORGE SYMONDS.
Rung on St. George's Day.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY PRATT Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
ERNEST BRIGHT 2	RONALD SUCKLING 6
FRANK CLAYDEN 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
*JOHN WARNER 4	HARRY J. MILLATT Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
* First in the method. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
JOHN W. JONES Treble	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 5
REV. R. A. SLUMAN 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 6
ALFRED W. HEATH 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	DONALD G. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated and opened in January last after being recast and augmented from six to eight.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER 5
E. CHARLES TURNER 2	CECIL E. CARR 6
A. JOHN TIMSON 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
RICHARD J. JACKSON 4	HORACE G. GOOSEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

A birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor on her 82nd birthday and the father of the ringer of the third upon reaching the age of 85.

SIX BELL PEALS

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Norwich Surprise and three 720's of Cambridge Surprise.

*REGINALD TOMLINSON ... Treble	*FREDERICK FLINT 4
†ROLAND T. FLINT 2	*ARNOLD HILL 5
*DONALD CHADWICK 3	*HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

GOATHURST, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*ALBERT KNIGHT Treble	*CLIFFORD THOMAS 4
FRANCIS MORRIS 2	CLAUDE TARR 5
HARRY COMMINS 3	*FREDK. PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being (1) Killamarsh, (2) Oswald Double, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) College Exercise, (6) Kingston, Sandal, Landon Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Spliced, (7) Kent.	
*GEORGE E. FOSTER ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
*ARNOLD HILL 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
*DONALD CHADWICK 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in 10 methods. First peal in 10 methods on the bells.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Court and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... Treble	REGINALD L. SILLS 4
*JOHN L. MORRIS 2	*FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 5
*EDNA M. SILLS 3	PETER C. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First of Minor in three methods.

More peals on page 205.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): F. Cuss 1, C. Wood (first quarter) 2, G. Barnes (first away from tenor) 3, F. Read 4, G. Newman 5, T. A. Palmer (cond.) 6, P. Newman 7, W. Liddiard 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce A. Gibbons (first quarter) 1, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 2, Gwen H. Kippin 3, J. S. Pink 4, A. J. W. Hughes 5, F. D. Jennings 6, J. W. Euston 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

BRIGHTON.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Church 1, J. Whitehead 2, A. Humphrey 3, M. Thomas 4, A. Diserens 5, H. Stalham 6, F. Bennett (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8, F. I. Hairs 9, F. Pullman 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1 and 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Spice 1, G. Kite 2, G. Waterman 3, P. Carter (first in the method) 4, C. Cullen 5, I. Emery 6, J. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8.

CHARING, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Fowle (first quarter) 1, Fred Shoobridge 2, W. Henniker 3, Gladys Smith 4, P. Good (cond.) 5, Margaret Smith 6. First quarter by a local band for 144 years.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—1,297 Stedman Caters: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, H. Edge 4, R. T. Holding 5, W. Kerr 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, W. Edge 8, T. Lamb 9, E. J. Holloway 10. First of Stedman Caters for 4, 6 and 9.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, W. E. Critchley 2, H. Ashton 3, R. C. Westney 4, C. Toynce 5, L. G. Webb 6, H. Wagstaff 7, J. McCluskey 8. First quarter in the method by a local band.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Brett 1, S. Carnall 2, Miss A. J. Salt 3, P. G. Stockdale 4, M. Denman 5, E. Preston (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 4 and 6.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, H. D. Butler 3, P. D. Beedie 4, C. Wenban (first in the method) 5, H. G. Hart 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

Easter Day Quarter Peals

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): Mrs. E. Ford 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, Mrs. J. Naish 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6. Also for evening service, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Naish 1, J. Naish 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 4, J. Brooks 5, W. J. Gait (cond.) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all the band.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Savage 1, J. T. Dunwoody (cond.) 2, N. Savage 3, B. Armstrong (first quarter, 14) 4, H. Brown 5, R. A. Clouston 6, J. Edgar 7, J. Lewis (first quarter, 14) 8.

HORLEY, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Taylor 1, L. Penfold 2, N. Elliott 3, E. Razzell 4, F. Sadler 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (cond.) 7, W. Hunt 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Biggs 1, Ann Smith (first as cond.) 2, R. Biggs 3, J. Kape 4, R. Blaby 5, E. Timpson 6, P. Newton 7, N. Cornwall 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Peacock (first quarter) 1, C. J. Young 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): J. Collins 1, S. Whiteway 2, Edna M. Sills (cond.) 3, R. L. Sills 4, S. King 5, G. Knowles 6.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, R. Westcott 5, R. Davies 6, J. Evans 7, R. Rees 8. Also in honour of W. Jeffries (local ringer), who was married the previous day.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Stevenson 1, June Henshaw 2, H. Wood (first in method) 3, A. A. Potts 4, W. Gaves 5, H. Farrer 6, G. Farrer 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (120 each of Kennington, Canterbury, April Day, 420 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): C. Shilling 1, G. Rooke 2, P. Neal 3, S. Evans 4, J. Watson (cond.) 5, J. Exeter 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—1,392 Minor (240 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 432 Plain Bob): P. Allen 1, Miss B. Harris 2, W. G. Morris 3, S. Howard 4, T. G. Miller 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of fourth.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mark's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Seville 1, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 2, L. Eyre 3, Miss M. Fielding 4, P. A. Wells 5, Miss A. Seville 6, F. Pritchard 7, E. Casterton 8.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Pearson 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, H. Wyre 3, A. Grice 4, R. Dunn 5, L. Hall 6, G. Swallow (cond.) 7, E. Fletcher 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—Before early Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, T. G. Dennis 2, F. J. Cheal 3, E. Naylor 4, W. J. Walker 5, T. A. Cross 6, Miss P. Duggan tenor cover (first quarter).

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Paul 1, W. R. Paul 2, L. B. Bailion 3, E. G. Bennett 4, A. Botterill (cond.) 5.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Wykes (first quarter) 1, P. Amos (cond.) 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, C. W. Brown 4, C. E. Gilby (first quarter 'inside') 5.

STROUD, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Shepperd 1, G. Latham 2, B. Latham 3, T. Pritchard 4, T. Price 5, R. Thain 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, R. Sharpe 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—1,275 Grandsire Caters: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, G. Townsend 4, H. Bishop (cond.) 5, G. Wells 6, R. Townsend 7, J. Berry 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10. Also for Mr. C. J. Gardiner's 77th birthday.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Bob Doubles: K. Alton 1, T. Tyrell 2, J. Garlick (cond.) 3, S. J. Burt 4, V. Burt 5, W. Gardner 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): B. Flower 1, G. Corner 2, G. M. Hasell (cond.) 3, F. S. Short 4, R. S. Holbrook 5, E. Cottle (first quarter) 6.

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LATE NEWS

Success attended the College Youths band that rang in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral on April 30th. The time was 4 hours 23 minutes. Congratulations to all concerned.

Instr.-Lieut.-Commander R. G. Cross, R.N., is likely to miss his ringing for a period. He is on leave before proceeding overseas.

Mr. Edward Jenkins has rung 150 peals of Cambridge ranging from Minor to Maximus.

The bells of Yateley, Hants, are to be rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The first peal on the bells of St. Andrew's, Roker, was a composition of a Sunderland man, the late Mr. J. W. Parker.

The bells of Great Bromley, Essex, will be heard at the beginning of the Rogation Sunday service to be broadcast in the Home Service at 7.45 p.m. on May 22nd.

Mr. J. Worth informs us that the arrangements for the Suffolk tour are being made by Mr. E. Cawser, of Rotherham, with Mr. J. E. C. Simpson as the 'mainstay' of the ringing. Mr. Worth is just one of the party.

History was made for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association on April 23rd, when two resident Vicars of the Diocese (the Rev. R. A. Sluman and Rev. Ivor J. Richards) took part in the first peal on the bells. After the peal the Vicar of Blaenavon kindly entertained the band to tea. 'The bells are a lovely ring of Taylors,' writes Mr. J. W. Jones.

A copy of Snowden's original edition of 'Standard Methods' (1881) has come into the possession of Mr. Harold Spencer, of Scarborough, who enquires if this is a 'find.' The book is bound in green and brown leather and contains among its advertisements one of 'The Bell News and Ringers Record'—a monthly journal and medium of communication for the Ringing Exercise.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. Horsfield is leaving Macclesfield to the regret of local ringers. When

he came to the town he attended St. Peter's regularly, and, being a ringer of no mean ability, he was sorry to see that the church had no bells. By dint of much persuasion and hard work, he managed to interest the people of the parish in church bells and a light ring of eight was provided.

A farewell quarter of Stedman Triples was rung on April 24th at St. Peter's by W. Stevenson 1, J. Henshaw 2, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 3, F. Horsfield 4, C. W. Lawton 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, H. Brough 8.

Most of the peals rung on April 23rd were to commemorate St. George's Day.

The peal at Southwold, Suffolk, on Easter Monday, was the first on the bells for 9 years and 11 months.

The peal of Plain Bob Royal at Kettering on April 19th was the 40th peal on the bells by Mr. Charles W. Bird.

Mr. A. R. Pargeter writes to us registering his protest at the proposed introduction of 'synthetic bells' at Milton (Hants) Parish Church.

Mr. Percy J. Dawe, who rang the 30½ cwt. tenor of St. George's, Doncaster, on April 23rd, has not rung a peal for 20 years.

Mr. Geoff. W. Seaman, who for the past three years has been a member of the Watford band, has been called up for service in the R.A.F. It had been arranged to ring a farewell quarter of Bob Royal with him as conductor, but the untimely breaking of the clapper joint of the eighth prevented this. A 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by A. Wise 1, C. L. Leman 2, R. G. Bell 3, H. G. Timus 4, W. G. Paul 5, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 6.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

AN INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting was held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Easter Monday, about 120 members being present, representing practically every branch, presided over by Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Master).

The Master in his report said he had attended branch meetings throughout the year in every branch where meetings had been held, and was pleased to see the enthusiasm which existed especially amongst the branch officials, which was a good sign for future activities. He wished especially to thank two branch secretaries, viz., Miss Mary Hilliar (Bristol Rural) and Miss Mary Drew (Wotton-under-Edge), for their excellent returns, which, he pointed out, shows what can be done where everyone co-operates. He also thanked Mr. Cyril Harding (general hon. secretary) and Mr. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer) for their very loyal support to him, and willing assistance in all matters which were dealt with during the past year.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said he regretted to report a fall in performing membership, due to the fact that two branches, viz., Stow-on-the-Wold and Chippenham, had not sent in any returns for 1948; also there was a falling off in the South Forest Branch, due to the branch secretary having to give up owing to poor health; but he felt confident that this state of affairs was only temporary, and that with some new officials who were prepared to put their backs into the work there was little doubt that the position would soon reverse itself. The other branches with enthusiastic officials all had shown an increase in membership.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The treasurer's report was not so bright, as with decreased membership and the increased cost of printing reports, purchasing a new peal book, etc., there was a big drop in the credit balance of the Association funds, and undoubtedly they had to find some means of correcting that position. The balance sheet was adopted.

Some discussion arose as to what could be done to rectify the financial position, and after various suggestions it was decided to continue the issuing of the annual report as hitherto, with some modifications to condense the printed matter into less pages, thereby reducing the cost of producing the report.

Some views were expressed as to the advisability or otherwise of increasing the annual subscription (which had already been raised in 1948 from 1s. 6d. to 8s.), and it was ultimately decided by a resolution which was passed by a large majority to increase the performing members' subscription to 2s. 6d. for adults and 1s. 6d. for juniors up to 18 years of age, and the associate member's fee, which has been 2s. 6d., to be increased to 3s. 6d., both alterations to take effect from 1950. Peal ringing fees to be increased to 6d. per member taking part in a peal, and the hon. peal secretary to receive in future 1s. 6d. per peal for writing up same into the peal book.

The election of officers was a short business, there being no change in the chief officials, viz.: Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), Master; Mr. Cyril Harding (Bristol), hon. secretary; Mr. P. C. Williams (Portishead), hon. treasurer. All the vice-presidents (with the exception of the Rev. N. E. Hope, who has left the diocese) were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Allen, Cronhall, and Mr. F. Skidmore, Bristol.

It was decided to inform the hon. secretary of the Central Council that the Gloucester and Bristol Association's offer to the Council 'That the Council visits Cheltenham in the near future,' still stands.

LOSS TO ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

Mr. Hancock, Bristol, wished put on record the excellent work done in Bristol by Mr. Donald Clift (who is leaving Bristol to take up an appointment in London) in that through his efforts St. Mary Redcliffe (12) had become a tower which was now open for Sunday service ringing, ringing taking place alternately with St. Stephen's (10) on Sunday evenings, also that the tower was now available for practice every week. Mr. F. Skidmore supported this, and said that good progress had been made by local ringers in twelve-bell ringing, as could be seen from the number of local ringers who had scored their first peal of Cinques at Redcliffe.

This concluded the business, when a move was made to church for the annual service, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Williams, vice-president, and the address was given by the Lord Bishop of Bristol. The feature of the service was a surpliced choir of bellringers from Cheltenham, Swindon and Bristol.

After the service the company gathered on the Vicarage lawn for Press photographs, after which they met for tea in the Parish Hall. The meeting was preceded by lunch, and at the tea table the usual speeches were made, and the secretary offered a special welcome to Mr. Harold Poole and family, from Leicester, also visitors from the Salisbury Guild.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of St. Ambrose's for the welcome he had given the Association, also to Mr. A. E. Clarke, organist, who ably led the choir, and to Mrs. Skidmore and her committee of ladies who had carried everything off so well, also to Mr. Baker for having everything ready in the tower, and to Mr. Skidmore for assisting the hon. secretary in making the arrangements, which brought to a close one of the most successful meetings the Gloucester and Bristol has held.

The company were fortunate to be favoured with some excellent change ringing on handbells by Mr. Harold Poole and company, assisted by Wilfrid Williams (Cheltenham) and Miss A. Brown (Bristol), comprising Stedman Triples and Caters, and Cambridge Major; also tune ringing and change ringing by the boys from Swindon, which was greatly appreciated.

DEDICATION

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

As a thanksgiving for victory in the last war, a tenor weighing 10½ cwt. has been provided and the other five bells hung on ball bearings at St. Michael and All Angels', Markfield. The belfry has also been panelled and redecorated and a sound-proof floor under the bells erected. Towards the estimated cost of £500 the sum of £430 has been raised. The contract for the bells was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the new tenor is acknowledged to be a splendid splice.

The dedication was performed by the Rt. Rev. J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester, on April 16th, in the presence of a congregation of some 250 parishioners and ringers. Other clergy present included the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Rev. A. C. Holden, of Oaks-in-Charnwood, and the Rev. C. I. H. Siviter (Rector). After the dedicatory prayers local ringers chimed the bells. The Bishop gave an interesting address.

Ladies of the church entertained the ringers to tea in the Schoolroom. The six bells were raised in peal by local ringers under Mr. Redvers Elkington, of Anstey, who took charge of the ringing.

The Groby ringers rang the first touch of Oxford Treble Bob and other methods rung included, Chester, Beverley, Cambridge, Grand-sire and London.

Irish Association

WATERFORD REVISITED.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Waterford on Easter Monday and was attended by 70 members, who travelled by various means, rail, bus and car. There was even a Rolls-Royce which brought the Bray ringers.

The striking competition for the Murphy Cup was competed for on the Cathedral bells by the winners of the Southern District Cup, St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, and Christ Church, Bray, respectively. The judges—the Rev. G. H. McKinley, M.A., Messrs. W. Pratt and H. T. McKiernan—awarded the cup to the Limerick team, who recorded only twelve faults as against 24 for Bray.

The members sat down to lunch in the Bishop Fry's School, which was presided over by the Dean of Waterford.

The president, Mr. William Pratt, was in the chair for the business meeting, when those present stood as a mark of respect to the memory of those members who passed away during 1948, viz., H. Chapman (N.R.L.M.), T. Glenn (Coleraine) and W. J. McCarthy (Holywood).

The annual report, presented by Mr. F. E. Dukes, stated that the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, St. Thomas', Belfast, and Carrickfergus were broadcast during the year. Twenty-nine peals were rung and the number of ringers who scored peals was 22 and those who rang their first peal six.

Mr. Dukes drew the attention of the members to the reference to the safety and attention to bells. He said that in his researches on Irish bells he had come across some bells which were in a dangerous condition and had drawn the attention of the authorities to same. He was supported by the chairman, who said it was the duty of ringers to draw the attention of those in charge to any cases of defective bells and fittings.

The Attendance Challenge Shield was presented to Mr. R. Corson for Christ Church, Bray, who had 100 per cent. attendances in 1948. The chairman commented on the Ballymodan, Co. Cork, team's achievement in again coming second with a record of 99.52 per cent.

The Murphy Cup was presented to Miss Dorothy McCormick, for the Limerick team, amidst an enthusiastic reception.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. William Pratt (Holywood); vice-presidents, the Rev. F. J. Mitchell (Ballymena), G. E. Jones (Kilkenny), S. J. Evans (Arklow); Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (Dublin); librarian, Mr. T. McMorran (Dublin); general hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk.

This is the last annual general meeting of the Association. In future an annual ringers' festival is to be held in Dublin, being the most central meeting place. The business meeting will be confined to the Executive Committee. On this day the Murphy Cup competition final is to be held, and perhaps something of a social nature will be arranged also.

Under the present arrangement each district holds an annual meeting.

Good use was made of the Cathedral bells from an early hour until very late in the evening, when Plain Bob and Grandsire methods were rung by members of the various societies.

It is interesting to record that the first peal ever rung in Ireland was rung on the Waterford Cathedral bells by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1872, being Holt's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples. One of this band, C. Lee, remained in Waterford to teach the new local team, and in the following year called Holt's Ten-part peal with seven Irishmen in the band. All were members of the 'Youths,' there being no Irish Association until 1898.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOT AN ENGLISH COUNTY

Dear Sir,—If Monmouthshire is an English county, can Mr. Barnett explain why such names as Llanfrechfa, Pontnewynydd, Llanfangel Ystern Llewern or Ynysddu occur, to mention but a few of many dozens? Or why its churches are dedicated to such saints as St. Tello, St. Hierom and St. Cadoc? Monmouthshire is part of the Church in Wales, and when the Welsh Church was disestablished and disendowed it suffered the same fate.

In nearly all parliamentary legislation it is included with Wales. It has the same licensing laws regarding Sunday closing, comes under the Welsh Board of Education. In rugby football it is affiliated to the Welsh Rugby Union, in soccer it is affiliated to the Welsh F.A. It is Welsh in character. It may be considered by some to belong to England, but it is certainly not an English county.—Yours faithfully,
Cardiff. P. J. HANNINGTON.

POSITION OF NEWPORT

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett's remarks on the recent peals of Cinques and Maximus at Newport, that 'England claims Monmouth,' are such that will evoke protest from any patriotic Welshman.

Mr. Barnet has raised a point which is very debatable and on which I do not propose to waste any time. However, I would point out that the county of Monmouth, or, as I prefer to call it, 'Gwent,' is, for purposes ecclesiastical, part of the Church in Wales.

Therefore, the two performances in question were performed in a place which is legally accepted as a part of Wales, and it is on this that the claims are based.—Yours sincerely,
D. G. CLIFT.

Usk, Mon.

WEIGHT OF TENORS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Amos' epistle on weight of tenors, when I ring a peal in a tower my question is, what is weight of tenor (not always correct)? On looking through the reports of the Peterborough Guild it is noticed that St. Mary's, Peterborough, is given several times as 10 cwt., Yaxley 20 cwt.—1 ton. When I quoted 44in.—16 cwt., 43in.—15 cwt., it was from a table of weights of tenors. Perhaps Mr. Amos has a formula of measurements better than our famous bell founders.

When I was admitted a member of the (Ely) Bishop's Advisory Committee some 20 years ago it was for my knowledge of designs, specifications and the care of church bells. It is from this experience that I gained some authority regarding bells. Mr. Amos states he has rung these heavy bells. Does he mean he has pulled the ropes attached to these tenors? Once at a meeting the district ringing master called Mr. Amos off the box to allow someone to ring the tenor, and, strange as it may now be, I was asked to ring the bell. A good touch of London Surprise Major was then rung. Now, Mr. Amos, put your thinking cap on. It is among the group you mention. Yes, I have rung in nearly all of them; they are among my 999.—Yours faithfully, FRANK WARRINGTON.

P.S.—I have visited over 1,000 towers, but have not rung in all of them.—F. W.

2nd AS DOMINATING BELL

Dear Sir,—Are there any rules and regulations with regard to the use of the second as the dominating bell in Plain Bob Minor? It provides a greater variety when the band are only able to ring one method and also enables a learner to master plain hunting on a bell he or she can ring easily.—Yours sincerely,
H. T. ROOKE.

Warsop, Notts.

P.S.—The following was rung at Warsop on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chadwick 1, Miss J. Haynes (first quarter, hunt bell) 2, R. Tomlinson 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

HOLY SATURDAY

Dear Sir,—In the concluding paragraph of your leading article this week, referring to the ringing of bells in Lent and Holy Week, you suggest that the question is complicated by the fact that a large number of marriages take place on the Saturday before Easter. This unfortunate custom, which grew out of war conditions, and which is forbidden by the Canons, certainly ought not to be encouraged by ringers, who are supposed to be upholders of the customs and discipline of the Church. If people have to get married on Holy Saturday, which, by the way is not 'Easter Saturday' as the B.B.C. seems to think, they should do so in the quietest possible way, and certainly the bells should not be rung.

Bells, as you so often point out, do not exist primarily for brightening social functions or for our private enjoyment, but for the glory of God. It is for the glory of God and in reverence to our Lord's Passion that the crosses and pictures in our churches are veiled during Passiontide, and similarly Christian feeling demands that the bells should be silent during that sacred season. The ringing of a peal on Good Friday, even if the bells are muffled, seems to indicate a total misunderstanding of the Christian approach to the Cross.—Yours,

A. J. HOOK (Rev.), Master,
Bath and Wel's Diocesan Association.

ANOTHER FOR MARGARET

Dear Sir,—May I add my tribute of praise and congratulation to Margaret Beamish in being the youngest person to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus? More so, as she stood in this peal at the last moment, having had no previous experience of ringing any Maximus, and proved a most efficient substitute and struck her bell perfectly throughout the peal.

This promising young lady has already rung a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells before her 13th birthday, and I am proud to have taken part in both these twelve-bell peals with such a talented young ringer.

Birmingham. ALBERT WALKER.

LONDON SURPRISE MINOR & MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Round Blocks prove that London Surprise Major is a perfect extension of London Surprise Minor, and those who keep their 'Ringing Worlds' have only to turn up the issue of July 16th, 1926, to find mathematical proof of this assertion.—Yours faithfully,
Brighton. GEORGE BAKER.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

For their April meeting the Society met at Patrington, the 43 members attending including Mr. G. Dobbs, of South Killingholme, who took four hours to reach the village, although he could see the spire from his home.

Patrington bells had recently been increased to eight and some good ringing was accomplished. The Rector conducted the service and handbells were introduced during the singing of Psalm 150.

An excellent tea was provided, and Mr. G. F. Williams was in the chair at the business meeting. The May meeting will be at Nunburnholme and the June meeting at Sutton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Carlton on April 23rd, and was attended by 35 ringers from various towers. After service, conducted by the Rev. S. A. Taylor, curate, in the absence of the Vicar, Canon Pascoe, owing to illness, an excellent tea was provided, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox. Escrick was selected as the place of the annual meeting in June. The usual votes of thanks were passed and a collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 11s. 3d. Carlton and Snaith bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

Ely Diocesan Association

PEAL BOOKING FEE INTRODUCED.

A large company of ringers assembled at St. Neots on Easter Monday for the annual general meeting.

The bells of Eynesbury and Great Staughton were available, in addition to those of St. Neots, and a variety of methods up to London Surprise were rung during the day.

A party of ringers from the Wisbech district, travelling to St. Neots by bus, made good use of the bells of All Saints' and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, during the morning.

The service was held in St. Neots Church at 4.15, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Galey), whose son, a ringer, presided at the organ. Tea was provided at Pratt's Restaurant for a total of 72.

At the business meeting, which was held in the Church Hall, the Vicar presided. The secretary spoke of the large increase in the number of peals rung during the past year, with special emphasis on the cost of printing the annual report. To meet this cost the committee had recommended that a peal booking fee of 6d. should be levied on each ringer taking part in Association peals. A resolution to this effect was carried by a large majority, an amendment that subscriptions should be increased being defeated. It was agreed that the rules should be redrafted to bring them in line with modern conditions and practices.

Officers re-elected were: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Cousins; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis; peal secretary, Mr. M. J. Thurmott. The Diocesan Committee was re-elected, with Mr. A. Rolfe in place of the Rev. J. P. Pelloe.

It was decided to transfer the two eight-bell towers of Whittlesey from the Ely to the Hunts District, and that the next annual general meeting should be held there.

The Vicar was thanked for taking the service, for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting.

Thanks were also expressed to the incumbents of Eynesbury and Great Staughton for their co-operation.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BOWDON, STOCKPORT AND MOTTRAM BRANCH.

The spring meeting was held at Burbage, Buxton, on April 23rd, when some 40 members and friends enjoyed a beautiful spring day in the fine setting of this Derbyshire spa. Ringing was enjoyed on the six bells from early in the afternoon until the service in church, conducted by the Vicar.

In his address the Vicar referred to the psychological effect of bells on the hearer and asked those present to consider how many crimes had been prevented by the sound of bells. He said it was strange but true that many people who have never been inside a church for years and who deny having any religious feeling, nevertheless do not find the bells a nuisance but rather a good influence. He said he felt that the half empty churches of to-day were better than the full churches of the Edwardian era when people went to church because it was fashionable and failure to attend would have an effect on their social position or employment. Then they had quantity without quality, to-day there is quality but not quantity.

At the business meeting after tea the news of the death of Mr. G. E. Shaw, of Staley, was received with regret. A discussion took place on various items which are to be raised at the Guild annual festival. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens, the organist and the choir, the local ringers and the ladies who had so carefully attended to wants of the ringers.

Further ringing took place after the meeting until a late hour, the ringing ranging from rounds for the learners to Spliced Treble Bob Minor for the experts.

LUPPIT, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being three extents each of Cambridge and Kent and one of Oxford.
Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL BOARD Treble	CYRIL DEEM 4
JOHN CARTER 2	BRIAN PIDGEON 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN PIDGEON.

WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE...Treble	*GEORGE E. MOISEY	4
HARRY RICHARDSON ... 2	*EDWARD BRIGGS	5
*LESLIE WITTEN 3	ARTHUR GIBBS	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

* First peal.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

WALTER SPARROW Treble	G. WILLIAM MORRIS 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being seven different extents.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	LEONARD W. GILES 4
*CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM... 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY... .. 5
MRS. EDITH BASSETT ... 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.

* First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Relfe on their wedding anniversary.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford, Cambridge Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 4
RONALD G. BUGG 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
GEORGE W. PIPE 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;Being 36 six-scores, 10 callings, and three 240's, Morris' arrangement.
Tenor 19 cwt.

E. R. NORTON Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 4
*R. H. BRICE 2	*G. K. WESTLAKE 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	H. A. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WALTER G. SOAR Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
*SIDNEY H. JONES 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
HAROLD TAYLOR 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Minor on the bells and for the Guild.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 1,440 each Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. with 2,160 of Kent T.B.
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

DEREK SANDERSON ... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 4
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
STANLEY GILBERT 3	HERBERT FIELDS 6

R. FRANK BAKER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

In memoriam to John Perkins, 83 years, interred this day.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Seven different extents.
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH Treble	†FRANK C. ARNOLD 4
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 5
*JAMES ROUT 3	WILFRID G. SAUNDERS... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

* First peal. † First 'inside' Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First in the method 'in hand' for the Association.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;Being 42 extents, four callings.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*MISS A. C. DUKES 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
*MISS JOAN M. ROWE 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First in method. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Olive Bell, a member of local team.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Apr. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

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

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being seven extents.
Tenor size 14 in D.

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

The first extent was non-conducted, and then each ringer conducted two extents.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT 37, WARKWORTH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS A. STOCKDALE (Girl.) 1-2	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 5-6
E. J. LINDLEY (Trin.) ... 3-4	P. M. FREEMAN (Jesus) ... 7-8
B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.)... 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

RECORD MEETING OF EAST DEVON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Sidbury on Easter Monday, attended by just on 100 ringers, friends and visitors, including that old veteran, Mr. J. Morris, of Leicester, and the Rev. C. C. Cox. The Rev. H. Taylor (Sidbury), who was elected chairman of the branch, said he hoped something would be done to increase the interchange of visits between the various towers. The meeting resolved to arrange some visits during the year. Election of several new members took place, including Allan Mingo, aged 13, of Sidmouth.

In his report the hon. secretary said the branch had paid its way during the year, and now had a slightly increased balance of £30 16s. 3d. Certificates were presented by the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, to seven members. Officers elected included Mr. J. C. Woodley, vice chairman; Mr. J. Arbury, Ottery St. Mary, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. Turner, Ottery St. Mary, Ringing Master.

It was decided (subject to consent) that meetings be held at Buckereil in September, Upottery next January, and Ottery St. Mary next Easter. Ringers will find peals of reconditioned bells at each of these towers. J. A.

MEETING AT BUCKFASTLEIGH.

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Buckfastleigh on April 23rd, which was attended by members and friends from Salisbury, Exmouth, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Dartmouth, Ashburton and Buckfastleigh.

The bells were kept going to Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples during the afternoon, this being followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Timms).

After tea at Hunt's Cafe the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley (branch chairman) presiding. Correspondence was also read on the recent question of broadcasting of church bells. Five non-resident members and one associate member were elected.

The secretary announced the following meetings (subject to the necessary permission): Joint meeting with the South-West Branch, Buckfast Abbey, June 25th; quarterly meeting, Brixham, July 23rd. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the organist concluded the business.

BOLSOVER BELLS

After a period of approximately fifty years of very regular ringing with few major difficulties, it has become increasingly obvious that our well-loved ring of bells is in urgent need of attention, and following a very careful examination by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, we have been advised that the bells should be relung on modern ball bearings and the fittings completely overhauled.

An order has been placed for the work to be put in hand as soon as possible, and as it is estimated that the total cost will be something over £300, it is felt that many friends who have at various times enjoyed ringing the bells may wish to contribute towards the cost of the renovation.

It is intended to dedicate the whole scheme to the memory of four former members of the Bolsover company who gave valuable service to the tower over a long number of years, and a plate will be placed in the belfry to record their names, viz., John Flint, Charles Mason, Jesse T. Moss, Remalial Coupe.

It is hoped that there will be a generous response to our appeal for subscriptions, which should be sent to A. B. Cooper, Secretary to the Fund, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM WOODHEAD.

The death of 'Bill' Woodhead severs the last link with the old Leeds Parish Church company. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1889 and had rung 82 peals for the Association.

Learning to handle a bell at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, he subsequently became attached to the Parish Church and took part in all in 14 peals in the tower. His last peal—Grandsire Caters—was at Bradford Cathedral in 1945, and it is believed that he had rung about 150 peals altogether.

By a coincidence the 'local' peal of Grandsire Triples at Leeds Parish Church on Nov. 18th, rung in honour of the birth of Prince Charles, took place on his 80th birthday.

Early this year he had a stroke, from which he never recovered, and he passed away peacefully on April 10th.

MR. W. JONES.

The many friends of Mr. W. Jones, late verger, bellringer and tower master at Wrexham Parish Church, will regret to hear of his death, which occurred on April 25th, at the age of 83. Mr. Jones was verger and bellringer at Wrexham for over 50 years and was greatly respected by all. A member of the North Wales Association, he had rung at all the towers in North Wales. He will be greatly missed by his brother ringers at Wrexham.

The funeral service took place on April 29th at the Wrexham Parish Church, the Vicar of Wrexham conducting. The bearers were the Wrexham ringers, who rang the handbells at the graveside and also the tower bells muffled afterwards, assisted by Mr. T. R. Griffith, Gresford. A. L.

QUARTER PEALS

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. H. Green 1, R. Keeley 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. A. Mitchell 1, F. A. Cluett 2, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 3, J. Burles 4, R. A. Munn 5, H. Argent 6, F. M. Mitchell (cond.) 7, W. Gorringe 8.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—On April 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Woodcock (first quarter) 1, Dulcie Robinson 2, C. Wand 3, M. Bennett 4, D. R. Whittom 5, C. H. Whittom (cond.) 6.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hodge 1, W. J. Parker (cond.) 2, C. Fennell 3, L. Paice 4, R. Elliott 5, W. Collins 6. In memoriam to Mr. G. Payne.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Leeves 1, E. Eade 2, M. A. Causley (first in method) 3, F. Miles 4, Jean Durrant 5, P. Ostley 6, F. Weller (cond.) 7, J. Baker (first quarter) 8. For the wedding of Miss Nancy Coleman, a member of the local band.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Short 1, A. Hunter 2, J. Waller 3, A. V. Coates 4, G. White 5, H. Waters (first 'inside') 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, C. Tindale 8.

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Meeting at Whittlesford, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5200

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Sun Hotel, but only for those who notify Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, by Tuesday, May 24th.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 5201

NOTICES

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

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

RETURN THANKS

THE LATE JOSEPH HERBERT.—Mrs. J. Herbert wishes to thank, through the courtesy of these columns, those friends, too numerous to thank individually, who have sent messages of condolence on the death of her husband. 5180

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Borders of Exmoor, HOLLAM, DULVERTON, SOMERSET, for ideal spring or summer holidays. Good food, own produce. Fishing, shooting. Excellent train and bus services. Terms 6½ gns. per week. 5202

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. E. W. Pye is now Victoria Villas, Alexandra Road, Sible Hedingham, Essex. 5161

MISCELLANEOUS

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

PEAL TABLETS in Stone, Slate or Marble. Ecclesiastical Masonry to Architect's design. Commissions accepted by Trevor M. Roderick (Guild of Memorial Craftsmen), c/o The Masonry Yards, Port Talbot, Glam. 3749

ISLE OF WIGHT.—Ringer on holiday from June 4th to June 18th desires details of practices and Sunday ringing. Write James H. Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, near Sleaford, Lincs. 5169

LOUGHTON, ESSEX, ST. JOHN'S.—Until further notice the practice night will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. Ringing on Sunday for service first and third Sundays at 6 p.m. Ringers welcome.—E. A. Bacon. 5199

PUBLICATIONS

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

'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

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

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

MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Pinhoe, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5177

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (13) 3 to 8. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names to Mr. J. Carter, 6, Gosford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.—E. Walker. 5101

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ealing, May 7th. Bells, Christ Church, 3 to 4.30 and evening; St. Mary's, 3 to 4 and evening; St. Stephen's, 3 to 4. Service, Christ Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 5098

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division.—Meeting at Great Wakering (6), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from Victoria Circus, Southend. Essentially a meeting for beginners. Everybody welcome. 5106

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford, Saturday, May 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon. St. Nicolas' afternoon and evening. Service, Cathedral Church, 4.15. Tea and business meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 5 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clondon, Surrey. 5108

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Dunnrow (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunnrow. 5128

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Seavington, Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Sec. 5134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5154

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Grundisburgh, May 7th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring food.—C. W. Pipe. 5147

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at Barrow. Bells 3 p.m. Free tea.—W. Pye, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5162

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Over (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5141

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, The Green, Lower Heyford, Northants, by Saturday, May 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5142

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch (6), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bradwell-on-Sea (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 5071

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Hemel Hempstead bells (8) from 11 to 12 noon. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—Miss J. Mattison and Mr. L. S. Baines, Secs. 5139

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hunsdon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss Chitty, Hunsdon, near Ware, by Wednesday, May 11th. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 5139

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting at Kingsbury Episcopi, Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock. 5143

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Castle Eaton (6), May 14th. Bring own food.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 5166

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge (8), May 14th. Names for tea to E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Names for summer outing (July 16th) by this meeting.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5153

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, May 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 (Archdeacon of Derby). Tea 5. St. Paul's Institute, followed by general meeting. Names for tea by 12th to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 5155

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Godmanchester, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5165

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Samlesbury, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 5170

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield, May 14th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. C. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5168

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5172

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—King's Norton (8), May 14th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ilston (6) afterwards. Notify by May 10th L. W. Allen, Gt. Glenn. 5170

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Tideswell (8), Saturday, May 14th, 3 p.m. Cafes nearby.—Miss D. J. Dunn, District Sec., Darley Dale. 5175

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Yew Tree for those who notify Wm. Platt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk, by May 10th.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 5192

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham St. Mary's, May 14th. Bells (12) at 3. Unveiling peal board by Rev. St. John Smith at 6. Meeting after. All ringers invited. Names for tea to undersigned at 4, Eric Street, Oldham.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 5193

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness, by Wednesday, May 11th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5194

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hoylandswaine, Saturday, May 14th, 2.30. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than May 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5195

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Brotherton's (R.C.) Chapel, Rainhill, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 6 p.m. Owing to catering difficulties names for tea must be sent before Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. H. Ashton, 367, Walkers Lane, Rainhill. Crosville bus (Service 119) to Rainhill, Stoops and Warrington passes the chapel.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5196

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Nunburnholme, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) in school. Bus from Market Weighton 2.30 (2s. 6d.). Notify F. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Market Weighton, by Wednesday morning. Bus leaves Hull for Market Weighton 1.30.—A. E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 5160

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, May 14th.—(Mrs.) A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 5179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Hunton (6), May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 5146

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Great Hale, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me before Monday, May 8th.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., Kesteven Street, Sleaford. 5158

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6 bells), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec. 5197

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, May 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5181

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5183

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henley, May 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Service 6.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5184

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Wolvercote, Oxford, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by May 11th. 5185

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special meeting, May 14th, Newlton St. Lo, near Bath. Address by Lord Bishop of Diocese. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify Rector for tea by 12th. 5186

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Morton, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 5187

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, East Farndon, Saturday, May 14th. Special bus will call at Long Buckby 2.30, East Haddon 2.35 p.m., Spratton 2.45. Names for tea and bus seats to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, before May 10th. 5188

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5189

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Seaton, May 14th, practice 3 p.m., and Shute at 6.30 p.m.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 5190

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, May 14th. Tea only for those who notify Mr. J. Stevenson, Eastville, Everton, near Doncaster, by May 10th.—H. Denman. 5191

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Andover (8), May 14th, 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.—J. A. Hill. 5203

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey, Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify by Tuesday, 17th, A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 5171

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alderton (6), May 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names required by May 16th. Bus times on request. All ringers welcome.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 5164

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Elston (6), May 21st, 2.30. Bring own food and sugar. Splendid bus service—short walk from Newark-Nottingham main road. Also local buses.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 5182

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Special general meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Blow, 1, Edgar Road, Sanderstead, by Wednesday, May 25th. It is particularly hoped that every effort will be made to attend this meeting in view of the importance of the business on the agenda.—C. de Ste C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 5178

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LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, June 25th. Further particulars later.—H. G. Snowden. 5167

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