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THE GENERAL Q-SET LAW AND ITS PROOF

BY B. D. PRICE.

THE term 'Q-set' was given to us by W. H. Thompson in his pamphlet (1886) on Grandsire Triples. In this pamphlet (reproduced in Snowdon's 'Grandsire', 1905, p. 197) he proves the Law for Q-sets of order 5. Dr. Rankin, in his paper on Group Theory (Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc., Vol. 44, Pt. 1, p. 17), proves the Law, but the method of his proof is beyond the reach of most of us.

In order to clarify ideas, we may define a Q-set as follows. A, A', B, B', C, C', etc., as far as N, N', are points in order on a circle. The number of points may be considered as 2n, there being n points A, B, C, etc., separated by the n points A', B', C', etc. Any letters may be supplied between C' and N, and there are not necessarily 28 points in all.

Routes lead to points A, B, C, etc., and away from points A', B', C', etc. The problem of composing a peal is reduced to that of finding one continuous circuit around a number of interlaced Q-sets, where routes lead from the dashed letters A', B', etc., on each Q-set to plain letters A, B, etc., on the same or on different Q-sets.

When a Q-set is in the state 'plain' each letter is linked to its partner—A to A', B to B', etc. When in state 'bob' each is linked to its other partner—N' to A, A' to B, etc. The 'order' of a Q-set is the number of such links (equal to n).

Each Q-set in the extent may be 'plain' or 'bob' at will. If the state of each is fixed, then the aggregate of routes will form a number of 'circuits' (round blocks). The Q-set Law concerns the oddness or evenness (parity) of this number of circuits, as follows:—

'If a single Q-set of odd (even) order is altered in state, the others being fixed in state, the parity of the total number of circuits is not (is) changed.'

There are two complementary parts to the Law—either miss out, or substitute, the words in parentheses. Two important conditions are, firstly, every point must be used (this cuts out arguments about Stedman Triples where all six-ends are not used), and, secondly, every route must have one-way traffic (this disqualifies Treble Bob Minor, where a lead may be used backwards).

The Law may be proved by induction. We assume the Law to be true for all Q-sets up to order n, and then show it to be true for the next order (n+1). Since the Law is obviously true for n=1 or n=2, it must therefore be true for all values of n.

Suppose, therefore, that the Law is true for the Q-set of order n:—
A, A', B, B', C, C' N, N'.

Consider the Q-set of order n+1:—

A—A', B—B', C—C' N—N', X—X'.

It is in the state 'plain.' We proceed to 'bob' it by several steps. First, connect up the letters as follows:—

A'—B, B'—C M'—N, N'—A, X—X'.

The pair X—X' has been left alone. The change otherwise is the same as bobbing a Q-set of order n. Now consider the four letters in order: A, N', X, X'. For the purpose of proof they may be considered as forming a Q-set of order 2. At present they are in the state N'—A, X'—X. Alter the state of this Q-set to X—N', A—X'. The whole situation is now:—

A'—B, B'—C M'—N, N'—X, X'—A,

which is the Q-set of order n+1 in state 'bob.' The bobbing of this Q-set has been carried out in two steps, equivalent to bobbing Q-sets of order n and 2. Since bobbing a Q-set of order 2 changes the parity of the total number of circuits, it will be seen that the Law then follows for Q-sets of order n+1. For example, if n is even, then bobbing the Q-set of order n changes the parity of the number of circuits, but so does altering the Q-set of order 2. Therefore the effect of bobbing the Q-set of order n+1 is not to change the parity. A similar argument holds if n is odd. By application of this argument, starting from n=2 (a case which must be proved by inspection), the Law is proved for any value of n.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	HARRY G. WAYNE ... 8
DOROTHY UDALE ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 9
JILL POOLE ... 4	HERRICK B. ROWLEY ... 10
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus in the method. Rung with fourths place (extending lead) bob. Tenor 25 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 9
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 10
HENRY H. FEARN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells. Albert Walker's 200th peal in this tower. Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES:

JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 8
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... 9
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR FIRTH ... Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
RALPH S. LONG ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 8
*DENNIS HOLLAND ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 9
†PETER E. NORTH ... 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method on ten bells. In memoriam John Henry Bower, who died the previous day, aged 78, for many years a member of the Sheffield Cathedral company.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES:

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	†DONALD R. MARSHALL ... 6
*ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 2	†VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 7
†PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	†ALFRED ASHTON ... 8
†MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	†SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 9
*HARRY DAVISON ... 5	*ALFRED SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (114). Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

† First peal of Treble Bob Royal. In memoriam Canon C. C. Marshall, president, Yorkshire Association, 1912-47. Tenor 25½ cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
DOROTHY UDALE ... 3	HARRY G. WAYNE ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	ALAN JACQUES ... 9
JOHN R. SMITH ... 5	HERRICK B. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Rung with fourths place (extending lead) bob.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 7
PATRICK PRESTON ... 3	*HENRY ROGERS ... 8
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... 9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLLIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First of Caters in the method. In memoriam Thomas Groombridge, jun.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. FISHER ... Treble	†SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	*FRANK L. FISHER ... 7
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... 3	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 8
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 9
†GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	ERNEST W. PYE ... Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Surprise as conductor. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to 10. † 175th peal together.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	*STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 6
*ERNEST J. GOWER ... 2	†CHARLES CLEGG ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 8
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	*VERNON SYKES ... 9
†ERIC BRUNTON ... 5	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First peal of Royal. First peal on 10 as conductor. In memoriam to Mr. Herbert Ludkin.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*DAVID W. BEARD ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 2	†DONALD COOMBS ... 7
†JACK BELCHAM ... 3	†FREDERICK SOUTER ... 8
*HARRY TURNER ... 4	*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 9
†RODERICK W. CROUCHER ... 5	*GERALD FROST ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.



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EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS Treble	FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 5
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 2	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMINGS ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Daphne J. Johnson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson, to Mr. F. W. D. Martin, of Woodleys, Sale, Cheshire.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., May 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.
*WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN Treble	PERCY NEWTON ... 5
*WALTER AVERY ... 2	*HENRY J. CORRY ... 6
ARTHUR NEWTON ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
FREDERICK WREFOED ... 4	RONALD P. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS...Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5
*ROLAND BENISTON ... 2	*C. WILLIAM HALL ... 6
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 3	LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 7
*PAUL LEA TAYLOR ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal in the method. As a mark of appreciation to Mr. Felix Sutton for 60 years' as a ringer at this Church. Tenor 17 cwt.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
*MISS RHODA HEMMINGS 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 6
JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Dexter's Variation of Brook's. * First peal in the method.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JAMES THORLEY Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER... 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HENRY G. KEELEY Treble	FREDERICK PRECEY ... 5
*ROGER KEELEY ... 2	GEORGE A. WHITEMORE ... 6
*CUTHBERT W. POWELL... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 7
WILLIAM YATES 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CUTHBERT W. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. * 50th peal. Tenor 17 cwt.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
ROLAND BIGGS Treble	GEORGE E. RETTER ... 5
JOHN SALWAY ... 2	ARTHUR HOLWAY ... 6
*WALTER AVERY ... 3	PERCY NEWTON ... 7
ARTHUR NEWTON ... 4	RONALD P. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON

* First peal of Grandsire.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES SKEATS Treble	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... 5
*BETTY SCHOFIELD ... 2	JOHN BAGNALL ... 6
ELIZABETH STUART ... 3	*HERBERT PALMER ... 7
WILFRED BOLTON ... 4	JAMES E. BURLS ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. In memoriam Ernest Swain, late captain of this tower.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.	
G. GORDON BRIGGS ...Treble	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 2	CYRIL WRIGHT ... 6
DENNIS HOLLAND ... 3	STANLEY SLANEY ... 7
GEORGE S. LEE ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

In memoriam J. Henry Bower, a ringer at Sheffield Cathedral for 54 years, who died on May 20th.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

SIDNEY A. PHILBRICK...Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... 5
*MISS JEAN M. FREER... 2	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 6
*ROBERT E. LESTER ... 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major. † First in the method 'inside.'

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.	
EDWARD BARKER Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	WILLIAM GLOVER ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... 7
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

A farewell peal to L. W. Houghton, a ringer at this church.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in F.
EDWARD W. BIFFIN ...Treble	HORACE W. BUTT ... 5
ARTHUR NEWTON ... 2	FREDERICK WREFOED ... 6
WALTER AVERY ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
PERCY NEWTON ... 4	RONALD P. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RICHARD KENDALL ...Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2	ALFRED RUSHTON ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES... 7
HAROLD BURTON ... 4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 24, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

JEFFERY C. BIRT Treble	WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 5
WILFRED G. WILSON ... 2	DEREK R. JUDD ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 3	FREDK. A. FINCH ... 7
ARTHUR JONES ... 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

For the Mission to London.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	CHARLES CLEGG ... 5
*WALTER E. WILKINSON ... 2	†J. PHILLIP NORMAN ... 6
ERNEST J. GOWER ... 3	HARRY ANDERTON ... 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by V. J. C. WOOD.
* First peal (age 14). † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of Isaac T. Rushton (for 58 years a ringer at this church), who this day was elected Mayor of the Borough of Clitheroe. Tenor 18 cwt.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
HERBERT LASKEY ... 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 6
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 3	WALTER J. EORD ... 7
VINCENT R. OVENS ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday. Tenor 19 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

WALLSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.
ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 5
JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
ARTHUR BOTTERELL ... 3	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 4	ALAN ELSMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
In honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY BROUGHTON ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method on 'inside' bell. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... Treble	JOHN W. MEADE ... 5
GEOFFREY K. DODD ... 2	STANLEY E. COOK ... 6
ALWYN E. SMITH ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
OLDSWINFOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN LLOYD ... Treble	SYDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
REGINALD CHANCE ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal of Bristol as conductor. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*REGINALD C. BEALE ... Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 5
MRS. F. S. POWELL ... 2	JOHN T. LOCKE ... 6
FREDERICK WELCH ... 3	JACK W. DREW ... 7
DENNIS R. BEST ... 4	*THOMAS J. HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal on eight bells. The conductor's 25th peal.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*S.M. (S.) STANLEY W. BROWN (3rd Hove) ... Treble	
A.S.M. RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD (1st Willesborough) ... 2	
S.M. HARRY W. BROWN (3rd Hove) ... 3	
†S.M. MICHAEL A. FREWER (25th Brighton) ... 4	
S.M. ROBERT PALMER (1st Wrotham) ... 5	
*S. SCOUT JOHN HILL (2nd Ewell) ... 6	
†BASIL W. WHITE (1st Henfield) ... 7	
A.S.M. PETER N. BOND (2nd Westminster) ... Tenor	

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by PETER N. BOND.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*HERBERT FORDEN ... Treble	*JOHN BOYES ... 5
JOHN SILK ... 2	FRED TERRY ... 6
HORACE S. MORLEY ... 3	EDWARD RICKETT ... 7
STEDMAN H. STEEL ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. A. L. R. East.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD H. BOWLER Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
*WM. H. KINGCOTT ... 2	*A. W. J. APPLETON ... 6
T. MARK WHITE ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
†DAVID BEVERIDGE ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARBARA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	
MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 4
*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 2	FRANCIS MILES ... 5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First of Minor 'inside.' Tenor 7 cwt.

MEREWORTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	
*WILLIAM R. MANSER ... Treble	*TOM SAUNDERS ... 4
†EDNA M. SILLS ... 2	*LUTHER HONESS ... 5
*LEWIS NEWMAN ... 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First in five methods. † First in five methods 'inside.' First in five methods as conductor. Conductor's 25th peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3 six-scores St. Martin's, 6 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, April Day and 15 of Plain Bob.	
PETER K. ALDRIDGE ... Treble	FRANK C. ARNOLD ... 4
BASIL H. HYATT ... 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE ... 5
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO ... 3	ERNEST G. ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
A welcome to Mr. R. Arnold on his return from Egypt.
(Further peals on page 269.)

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Bates (first quarter, age 12) 1, W. Harrison (age 13) 2, G. Taylor (first 'inside,' age 12) 3, R. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, P. Harrison (first quarter, age 13) 6. A birthday compliment to 1 and 2.

BARNET, HERTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Ann Plank (first quarter) 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, A. W. Coles 3, W. Vince 4, C. King 5, G. Herbert 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. P. Cannon (first quarter) 1, W. B. Judd 2, Rev. R. G. Hoare 3, C. J. Champion (first as cond.) 4, A. P. Cannon 5, A. Stovell 6.

BRISTOL.—On May 18th at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joanna Chase (first quarter) 1, Mary Bliss (first of Triples) 2, Mary Kennelly 3, Dorothy Richardson 4, Pamela Woolley (first of Grandsire Triples) 5, Norman Purnell 6, Christopher Brown (first as conductor) 7, Ivor Trueman 8. Rung by the University of Bristol Society to celebrate the birth of a son for the conductor.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Broadhurst 1, R. Collins 2, R. Bakke 3, J. Summers 4, J. J. Wheaton (cond.) 5, F. H. Parr 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4. First quarter on the bells since restoration.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. N. Bond 1, A. Cutler 2, S. Hoare 3, T. J. Clark 4, F. W. Brinklow 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, H. G. Cashmore 7, J. E. Rootes 8. In memoriam Eric B. Hartley.

CROWLAND, Lincs.—On May 14th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, 720 Oxford T.B., and 720 Kent T.B.: R. Strickland 1, W. A. Smedley 2, W. Duffy 3, M. Brown 4, A. A. Pepper 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. T. Richards 1, R. Colman 2, J. Henson 3, E. Webber 4, C. W. J. Lock (cond.) 5, E. Colman 6. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

QUARTER PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, D. Chapman (first quarter) 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, H. Ashton 6, E. Dalinwater (cond.) 7, P. J. Dawe 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bore 1, T. Beaumont 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, E. J. Blight 4, C. E. J. Norris 5, R. Skinner 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, O. Davis 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. A. Warwick (first quarter) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, P. D. Beedie 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

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

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Meadows 1, A. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. E. Wright 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, S. Penfold 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On May 11th at St. Mary's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Whiting (first of Major) 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, G. Nichols 3, J. W. C. Blythe 4, F. Warrington 5, R. F. Baker (first of Major) 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, S. Gilbert (first of Major as conductor) 8.

LONDON.—On May 8th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Wenban 1, G. Parsons 2, A. Bone 3, A. E. Hoare 4, O. Wenban (first Treble Bob) 5, A. C. Wenban (first of Major) 6, R. E. W. Wenban (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Warner 1, A. H. Pulling 2, H. Goakes 3, C. Woods 4, W. H. Waldron 5, W. Rowe (cond.) 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On May 1st at St. Peter's, 1,320 Kent T.B. Royal: H. J. Frost 1, Miss O. Martin (first in method on ten) 2, B. C. Johnson 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Miss A. Bailey (first of Royal in method) 5, H. G. Mason 6, P. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, T. J. Southam 9, C. F. Sayer (cond.) 10.

SHREWSBURY.—On May 15th, at St. Chad's, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. A. Carter 1, A. E. Reeves 2, W. C. Brookes 3, J. H. Evans 4, R. R. Pole 5, W. A. Farmer 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, W. G. Jones 8, C. A. Barron (cond.) 9, F. G. Beddow 10. First of Caters 1, 9 and 10.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT'S, NORFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,260 Bob Triples: J. Cook 1, J. Fox 2, R. Reed 3, S. Elsey 4, C. Cousins 5, E. Barker 6, E. Mastin (cond.) 7, W. Rose 6. First in the method by all except 4 and 7.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, Annie Potter 2, R. Scott 3, B. Welsby 4, R. Collier 5, F. Grundy 6, J. Boyer 7, A. Burton 8. In memoriam Joseph Potter, a former ringer.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On May 8th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (552 Oxford, 720 Kent): Miss D. Marshall (first of Treble Bob) 1, R. T. Flint 2, R. Tomlinson 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Duffield 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, Miss M. Whitlock 3, S. Haw 4, W. Jarvis 5, H. Piggins 6, F. Moyes 7, W. Storey 8, H. Means (cond.) 9, W. Freeman 10. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Royal.

YARNTON, OXON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods (Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old Doubles, Union, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Blaise, Antelope), Grandsire: L. Poulton 1, W. Durham 2, Miss Jean Charlott 3, H. P. Floyd (cond.) 4, J. Green 5, G. Brown 6. First quarter-peal in 11 methods by all the band except the conductor.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. Frank Bennett has achieved his ambition. He has rung a peal in all the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers in Kent—but Meopham, Kent, has just been augmented from 6 to 8.

Stepney bells may not be rung until further notice. The tower is badly cracked and the diocesan surveyor is seeking further opinion.

The peal at Seavington, Somerset, on May 29th, was rung for the reopening of the church after redecoration.

The Misses K. and G. Burchnall and Mr. Harold Denman rang their 80th peal together at Rampton, Notts, on May 28th.

Mr. Albert H. Ward rang his previous peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' to that recorded this week in 1916.

The peal of Stedman at Alphington, Devon, was the first on the bells since their restoration in 1939.

Congratulations to George Pipe, who has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. His peal of Royal was the first on the augmented ring at Grundisburgh.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, has unfortunately been suffering from an attack of jaundice, but Mrs. Hazelden reports that he is now a little better.

Lancashire's ringing Mayor, Mr. Isaac T. Rushton, of Clitheroe, has in past years been largely responsible for keeping the bells of his church going. Although not a very proficient ringer, he is held in high esteem by the local band, who are proud of the honour conferred on him.

Regarding the peal of Lindsey Surprise Maximus, Mr. Nolan Golden writes: My association with the method merely consists of naming it. Mr. Shirley Burton produced the method as an extension of Lincolnshire without knowledge of the Rev. H. L. James's publication of the (possibly) true extension in 1922.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Contact has been made with Mr. Lancefield, who recently arrived in New Zealand, writes G. N. Sloan, of Christchurch, New Zealand. Although Mr. Lancefield is in the North Island at present, says Mr. Sloan, he hopes to visit and ring at Christchurch Cathedral in the South Island some time in August. Mr. Sloan also gives news of Miss Ruth Donnelly, of St. Jude's, Sydney, Australia, who is staying in New Zealand for 12 months. She was the first lady ringer to conduct change ringing for the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers. On behalf of the society, Mr. Sloan sends greeting to all ringers in this country.

Captain of Winchester Cathedral ringers, Mr. Andrews has completed 50 years in that office. It would be fitting, write Mr. T. R. West, of Crabwood, Sparsholt, Winchester, if a tablet was fixed in the tower to commemorate such an achievement, and he asks whether any readers have suggestions to make as to what is usual on such occasions.

The ring of six (tenor about 14 cwt.) of Dittisham Church, Devon, has found its way to the Croydon foundry. Nos. 3, 4 and 5, which are cracked, are to be recast. The ring is to be rehung in a new frame and fittings.

Picturesque churches in Hants and Berks were visited by St. Mary's, Ealing, for their annual outing. These included Thatcham, Andover, Whitchurch, Highclere, Newbury and Hagbourne. Mr. A. Mark Stacey made the arrangements for a perfect day's outing.

St. Margaret's, Leicester, went to Norwich for their outing and received a kind welcome from Mr. Nolan Golden and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. The youngsters acquitted themselves well at St. Peter Mancroft, a boy of 16 ringing the tenor to Cinques. Ringing also took place at King's Lynn and Wisbech.

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Salisbury Guild Festival

'A LEAD TO THE COUNTRY,' SAYS the MASTER.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, Lyme Regis, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, told the 220 ringers from all parts of the diocese who gathered at Dorchester on May 21st, for their annual festival, that the Guild was giving a lead to the country in maintaining the ringing for Sunday services. 'It is the chief object of our Guild,' he said, 'and I am sure that individual ringers will uphold that tradition.'

During the day touches were rung at all the towers in the district by visiting ringers—on the bells of St. Mary's at Piddletown—the bells that were broadcast on 'V.E.' day—on Martinstown's new memorial ring, at the two Dorchester towers, Wyke Regis, Abbotsbury, Upwey, Bradford Peverell, Stratton, Charnminster and Blandford.

The annual meeting was held at the Old Spirehall, Dorchester, when the Master congratulated St. Paul's, Salisbury, on having completed the restoration of their bells and augmenting their ring to eight. He also commended St. George's, Fordington, on the progress made with their restoration fund.

During the year the Guild had suffered a great loss by the death of their Bishop, who in the short time he had been in the diocese had made himself known to many ringers. A message of welcome was sent from the meeting to the Bishop-designate, the Right Rev. W. L. Anderson, Bishop of Portsmouth.

Reviewing the year's ringing the Master said, 'I congratulate so many bands of ringers, young and old, in the diocese for the success they have had and the progress they have made. There is every sign of this Diocesan Guild becoming stronger, and giving a lead to the country in the matter of change ringing.'

RESTORATION GRANTS.

Mr. E. Macdonald (Poole) said Cranborne had already raised £570 towards the total needed of £1,400 for the restoration of that tower. 'It is a big job for a small village,' he said.

The Guild voted five guineas towards this and three guineas to North Bradley's fund for providing two new trebles. A similar sum was also voted to two other restoration schemes—Donhead St. Mary and Wool, where £1,000 had to be spent on the tower.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, of Kington Magna, was re-elected secretary and all other officials were reappointed. Mr. W. Chalk, of the Salisbury Branch, was elected an hon. life member in recognition of long and meritorious service to the Guild.

The Guild office was sung at St. Peter's Church, being conducted by the Master and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby (chairman of Dorchester Branch). A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by ringers from Lyme Regis.

The address was given by the Archdeacon of Dorset (the Ven. L. Addison), himself a ringer, who appealed to all clergy to take an active interest in their bells. 'I often tell my clergy it is one of their jobs,' he said. 'They know all about their church organisation but sometimes know little about their belfries, but the belfry is the place where the message goes out to the world.'

CALNE, WILTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Maundrell 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, H. Parsons 3, W. Hacker 4, R. Saye 5, F. Walker 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Burry 8.

STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. Sturgess (first quarter) 1, L. B. Baillon 2, E. Nobles (cond.) 3, W. R. Hammons 4, E. G. Bennett 5.

LEICESTER RINGERS VISIT SOMERSET

Some Heavy Bell Experience

In beautiful weather and in defiance of superstition a party set off from Leicester on May 13th for Somerset. The week-end trip had been arranged by Cecil Knight, the Leicester Cathedral steeplekeeper, in conjunction with the Somerset 'man on the spot,' Joe Dyke. A special bus had been chartered for the occasion.

The party was incomplete upon leaving Leicester, but included C. Knight, H. Wayne, H. J. Poole and F. H. Dexter (Leicester Cathedral), K. Roe and the Carter brothers, with 'uncle' and 'young Dick' (Wigston Magna), P. L. Taylor, L. Stevens and J. R. Smith (Loughborough), J. F. Milner (Southwell), A. Jacques (Woodhouse Eaves), E. C. Turner (Burbage), W. A. Wood (Croft), A. Rowley (Ibstock), E. Beardsmore (Ashby-de-la-Zouch) and A. H. Pulling (Guildford). At Rugby they were joined by W. Vann, A. Barlow, R. W. Gibbons, and also W. Stote (Coventry); at Banbury by G. Care and R. Noon (Northants), F. Case and W. Yates (Wicken), whilst Mark White was picked up at Bath.

We arrived at Glastonbury about half-past eleven, and there we found Bert Perkins, the Somerset farmer and former secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. We were accommodated at three adjacent hotels, The Crown, The George and The Lamb.

On Saturday morning the Leicester-cum-Somerset farmer, bursting with geographical knowledge of the district, acted as guide. Although he missed a dodge which put about three miles on the journey, we eventually landed at Evercreech and there found Joe Dyke awaiting us. The ringing included Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal on this fine new ring of ten and was a gentle breaking-in for the heavier bells to come.

The next call was at Ditchat, a grand ring of eight, where the four standard Surprise methods and Stedman Triples were rung. We were received by Albert Linton, who was afterwards congratulated on his enthusiastic maintenance and pride in the belfry and bells. A grand luncheon was served at the local Manor House Inn. These Somerset folk sure know how to keep a man quiet about mid-day.

TRUNCHEON PAPER KNIFE

After lunch the opportunity was taken of expressing personally to brother Joe very grateful thanks for arranging things on the spot, and as a memento Harold Poole presented him with a wooden paper knife, inscribed on the ebony handle 'Joe T. Dyke, May, 1949.' This was made personally by Cecil Knight, and some of the wood used was part of a policeman's broken truncheon.

Cecil Knight, for his part in the show, was presented with a fountain pen.

Our resident guide now piloted us, and the Somerset countryside was indeed seen at its best. The ringing at Sherborne Abbey included Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Stedman. Everyone 'had a go, Joe,' on the heavy eight and were delighted with the experience. We were pleased to meet the local ringers, Messrs. W. H. Pope, Arthur Reed (Taunton) and Tom Setter (Yeovil). Although a little late arriving at Yeovil, everyone enjoyed a short ring there.

After tea, our next thrill was to hear Queen Camel six raised in peal by Fred Reeves and his band of merry men. It was a grand effort, for which—we learned afterwards—the band had had a special briefing from Fred. One or two took the opportunity of turning in the tenor, and after ringing we

adjourned to nearby licensed premises for a social hour or so.

Upon our return to Glastonbury we found jubilation at great height. The locals were celebrating a cup triumph at football. Hush! a consolation prize for the Leicester chaps. A grand supper awaited us and, although Charlie was not in the chair this time, he kept the party well amused.

TRAPEZE ACT.

Sunday morning found us on our way to Wells Cathedral, where Mr. D. Loxton met us. We really started off here out of step, for when the treble man started, after due and sufficient warning, the front nine rolled round only to see the tenor man 'Mark' time and do a flying trapeze act on the rope with the balance in favour of the bell. The ringing here was limited to rounds, Stedman Caters and three leads of treble-ten.

After great activity on the part of our camera men, we boarded the bus for Cheddar, and in the brilliant sunshine had a glorious view of the famous gorge. A visit to the caves proved of great interest, and then on we went to Wrington for lunch. We dined at the Bell at Wrington, and what a delightful meal. The eagerness of one youngster to get to the tower was such that he left half his lunch—a sure qualification for the peal madmen or tower snatchers' brigade.

Tea had been arranged at the Grosvenor Hotel, Bristol, but as we arrived half an hour before schedule the manager very kindly placed the lounge at our disposal. After tea we said good-bye to Bert Perkins. It is reported that the cows were holding their week-end milk pending his return.

For the evening service at St. Stephen's Church the ringing included Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal and a course of Bristol Surprise Major, and after this some went to the service at St. Mary Redcliffe. Following the service the congregation left to the accompaniment of a fine touch on the twelve.

By Monday morning, one of the superstitious clan had realised that our programme named 13 towers, and by a bit of early morning 'ferreting' he had obtained permission to ring on the six at St. Cuthbert's, Glastonbury, to make it fourteen.

Our next tower was Wedmore, where Ernest Morgan was waiting for us. The Vicar also came into the belfry to extend a personal welcome, which was fully appreciated. After the usual brief period of ringing on the beautiful ring of eight, we journeyed through delightful countryside to Burnham-on-Sea, where we met and were grateful to Mr. Mitchell, who had snatched a few minutes from duty to admit us to the belfry.

Congresbury was our next stop, and we were welcomed by Mr. Fisher. We were rather surprised to learn that this ring of eight had not been lowered since the lifting of the ringing ban. 'I don't blame 'em,' commented someone upon appreciating the weight of them. After a warning of 'Steady, boys,' a good course of Bristol Surprise was rung, and the bells did sound really grand.

Our last call was at Long Ashton, and here the visitors showed great interest in the handbell attachment for silent ringing. George Yeo—the grand old local ringer, whose enthusiasm increases with his age—was there to meet us.

We arrived at Leicester about half-past ten after a wonderful week-end. Our thanks are due to the incumbents, the local ringers, the caterers and everyone else who assisted in any way to make the visit such a success, and we duly tender them.

H. J. P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SURPRISE MINOR METHODS PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Relfe's mention of the peal in 32 Surprise Minor methods, which the Lamberhurst band rang many years ago, thus setting the record for the greatest number of Surprise Minor methods to be rung in seven 'true' extents, has recalled to mind the speed and ease with which this band mastered one of the extents which alone kept us from ringing the peal at Leytonstone. Had we known of the first extent, rung in the peal at Frampton, on April 30th, conducted by John R. Young, we should have been after a 34-method peal. I thought that 32 methods was the limit.

I wonder if Mr. Young will share the 720 mentioned, i.e., methods 1, 6, 5, 3, 4, 2 of the collection, with us, by publishing the figures of the extent? I am sure Mr. Relfe would reciprocate by publishing the extent which splices methods 44 and 46 with Allendale and Westminster, thus making possible the 34-method peal. It is a shame that Frampton did not ring the 34. This extent (Chester, Mundon, Newcastle, Alnwick, Morpeth and Canterbury) is the fourth one of six methods (Surprise) of which I have heard, and was missed by the late A. G. Driver in his researches.—Yours faithfully,

G. L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWERS IN THE COUNTY

Dear Sir,—Your leader in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' makes certain reference to the annual report of the Yorkshire Association which should not be allowed to pass without comment if a misunderstanding is to be avoided.

Pre-war reports of the Yorkshire Association contained a full list (so far as could be ascertained) of towers in the county possessing six or more bells, and several of those with five bells, whether the towers concerned were affiliated to the Association or not. The paper shortage was responsible for many of the regular features of the report having to be suspended during the war, amongst them the list of unaffiliated towers.

At the last meeting of the General Committee the possibility of restoring the report to its former comprehensive form was considered and, in the hope that the extra cost entailed would not be prohibitive, the items concerned are being brought up to date and prepared for publication.

If your correspondent has information which the officials of the Yorkshire Association do not possess I am sure the General Committee will be pleased to have it.—Yours,

WM. BARTON,

Hon. Peal Sec., Yorkshire Assn.

IN DEFENCE OF J. J. PARKER

Dear Sir,—My letter in your issue of May 13th was not intended to cause annoyance to Mr. Cashmore nor to discredit his achievements in regard to Spliced Surprise compositions.

The point I wished to make was that the late Joseph W. Parker was the first person to compose a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major in which all the bells did the whole of the work of each method. Mr. Cashmore concurs with this claim in the penultimate paragraph of his letter in your issue dated May 27th.

Finally, may I assure Mr. Cashmore that neither my memory nor ability to understand English in any form is defective.—Yours sincerely,

F. AINSLEY.

Grangetown, Sunderland.

UPKEEP OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have decided to venture an opinion in favour of the unpopular side of the recent correspondence on the subject of the desirability of payment of some small fee towards the expense of upkeep of bells, ropes and fittings by bands of visiting peal ringers.

It is doubtful whether, if the hat were passed round among the audience—willing or unwilling—any large donations would be dropped in it, but in the end it is just those people who are expected to contribute to schemes of rehanging or augmenting or even buying new ropes for their church. In small country parishes this may mean putting off the evil day and perhaps allowing the bells to become unringable. We do not any of us mind paying a few shillings for our pet amusements, pictures, dances, dogs, whist drives or what you will. Why, then, this parsimony about a fee of 6d. or even 1s. per head for the pleasure we get out of a peal on some fresh ring of bells?

In the good (or bad) old days, when many of our fraternity earned only small wages and salaries, there was some excuse, but it is hardly fair to carry on to the present day what is really no more than a sort of party prejudice against fees for peals.

Undoubtedly well-struck peals by expert bands do set a standard for the local band to emulate, but that is not the primary or secondary or any other kind of reason why we go out for peals, is it? Anyway, it is not my reason. I go because I enjoy the ringing, hearing a fresh ring, meeting other ringers and the little friendly inquest over a pint at the end, and just one more entry in the peal book.

Will some other bell bangers come out and join me in my attempt to be fair to all?—Yours sincerely, 'ANOTHER SNATCHER.'

'BICKERING'

From malice and uncharitableness, good Lord deliver us.

Dear Sir,—We as ringers are usually churchmen and occasionally hear the above words, but it seems they fall on deaf ears in a lot of instances.

I like to think of all us ringers as brothers and sisters in the art, but am very often pained when I hear harsh words spoken of a friend ringer and to a greater extent when those words are transcribed into print.

When I lived in London I found much jealousy, spite and backbiting to such a degree that it was damaging to the cause of ringing.

Certainly we have our likes and dislikes and our opinions of each other, but for the sake of ringing and good friendship I would like to see a few tongues curbed. Every ringer, whatever his standard of method or striking, is of great value these days.

Let us speak only of the good points of our brothers and sisters and say nothing, or as little as we can, of their failings.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh.

A LEICESTER GUILD WORTHY

To mark the service of Mr. Felix Sutton, who has been a bellringer at Kegworth, Leicestershire, for 60 years, eight members of the Loughborough Branch of the Leicester Diocesan Guild visited the church on May 21st and rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The ringing was quite worthy of the occasion, and both Mr. and Mrs. Sutton expressed their great delight that the attempt had proved successful.

After the peal the ringers adjourned to the Schoolroom, where the Rector, on behalf of local parishioners, presented Mr. Sutton with a silver inksand, in the shape of a bell, as a token of their appreciation of his long service for the church. The party then sat down to an excellent tea, which was provided through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Sutton.

OBITUARY

MR. W. THOMAS.

By the passing of Mr. Walter Thomas on May 23rd, the Chester Diocesan Guild has lost one of its oldest members, for he enrolled almost 60 years ago and had been in continuous membership ever since. Mr. Thomas spent his early ringing days at Pulford, where there was a light ring of six—later augmented to eight—and a band of change ringers much more advanced than the average village bands of those days.

In 1908 he moved to Saighton in the parish of Bruera, where the church possessed but one bell. Undaunted, he attached himself to the tower at Christleton, four miles away, and here he was able to follow the art which held for him a lifelong interest. As a ringer he was reliable, steady and an excellent striker, and had taken part in some 120 peals in a variety of methods, while on many occasions he had joined in ringing tours in various parts of the country.

Many of his fellow-ringers were among the large company present when he was laid to rest in the shadow of the ancient church of Bruera. The Rector spoke of his sterling qualities as a churchman and ringer, of his happy disposition and of the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. In the brilliant spring sunshine four members of the Guild bore him to the grave, and while the last prayers were said the whole congregation stood in the green churchyard in silent homage to a great gentleman.

On the following Sunday evening a quarter-peal with bells half muffled was rung to his memory at Christleton Church. J. W. C.

MEMORIAL TO LATE MR. W. BIBBY

A meeting of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Frodsham on Saturday, May 28th, at which a memorial was dedicated to the memory of the late William Bibby, for many years the leading ringer and sometime churchwarden at the church. The memorial takes the form of an alteration to the oak screen at the west end of the church and the provision of two churchwarden's seats in oak, the cost of which has not yet been defrayed. A number of ringing friends of the late Mr. William Bibby, when the matter was first proposed, expressed their desire to assist. I shall be pleased to receive any donations they wish to make.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, Cheshire.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.

PRESIDENT'S GIFT.

A large number of ringers and friends assembled at Whitley Bay on Saturday, May 28th, for the half-yearly meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Favoured with beautiful weather, several ringers combined business with pleasure by bringing with them their wives and families to this popular holiday resort.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Whitley Bay, Rev. F. R. Hedley, assisted by Rev. T. Christy.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the president, Mr. W. N. Park, referred to the passing to higher service of the immediate past president, Mr. R. L. Patterson, who had been a member of the Association for 50 years. The company stood as a mark of respect.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to which the Vicar suitably replied. Mr. W. E. Robinson thanked the ladies and local helpers for preparing such an excellent tea. Miss Fidell replied.

The president kindly presented to the Association a gavel and case, and the secretary (Mr. J. A. Brown) acknowledged this gift on behalf of the members.

ILSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 Oxford Bob and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
 EDWARD COX Treble | RONALD RUSSELL 4
 GEOFFREY GEARY 2 | PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
 GEORGE SLAUGHTER 3 | JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

LOCKERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 *NORMAN SMITH Treble | JACK MUSSELL 4
 JEAN M. BROWN 2 | FRANK L. HARRIS 5
 RONALD N. MARLOW 3 | LESLIE A. PAGE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal.

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 extents of Kent and 3 of Oxford, rung alternately.

JOHN THOMAS Treble | FREDERICK G. NURDEN 4
 ROBERT G. FREEMAN 2 | FRANCIS MILES 5
 MRS. J. THOMAS 3 | EDWIN T. NEWBURY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARPFORD, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Bob Minor, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.
 MICHAEL BOARD Treble | JOHN CARTER 4
 BRIAN PIDGEON 2 | CYRIL DEEM 5
 SIDNEY SKINNER 3 | JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First peal in 7 Minor methods by all and for Aylesbeare Deanery.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. H. Law James' Arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.
 C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble | *ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 4
 *RONALD J. SHARP ... 2 | *ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
 *LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of London Minor.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
 CHRISTOPHER R. PACKER Treble | GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN 4
 EDNA M. SILLS 2 | REGINALD L. SILLS ... 5
 JOHN L. MORRIS 3 | FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

A 16th birthday compliment to Edna M. Sils.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt.
 WILLIAM BRETT Treble | *ERNEST PRESTON 4
 MISS K. BURCHNALL 2 | *FRANK LAMB 5
 MISS G. BURCHNALL 3 | HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal in five methods. A birthday peal for Mr. W. Brett and Mr. A. Crawford.

CREATON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
 *L. GEORGE WYKES ... Treble | C. WILLIAM BROWN ... 3
 PERCY AMOS 2 | ARTHUR MILLWARD ... 4
 ERNEST G. ORLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since 1926.

HIGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and six of Plain Bob, six different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.
 *PETER F. BORES ... Treble | +CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 4
 +ERIC NAYLOR 2 | +CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 5
 VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3 | +WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. + First peal in two methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
 ALBERT H. WARD 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG 7-8
 ROY C. HURST 9-10

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

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
 A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6
 JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. PATTERSON ... 7-8
 Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
 First peal in method on handbells by all the band, for Association and in Ireland. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST 7-8
 Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ROY C. HURST.
 First peal as conductor. Tenor size 17 in A.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.
 ARTHUR V. DAVIS 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD 5-6
 DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 7-8
 Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,248 Little Bob, 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,344 Double Bob and 960 Reverse Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.
 WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST 7-8
 Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
 First peal of Spliced Major in four methods by all and first for the Guild 'in hand.'

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT MEROK, 3, CARLTON TERRACE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT W. BOND 1-2 | R. GORDON CROSS 5-6
 FREDERICK PAGE 3-4 | MRS. R. G. CROSS 7-8
 Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
 A farewell peal to the conductor. Tenor size 13 in E.

All Saints', High Wycombe

AN INTERESTING CENTURY.

Often one hears of an individual ringer having scored 100 peals; this time it is a tower. In 1711 the first octave of bells was installed (tenor 29 cwt.), cast from a previous six by the Whitechapel Foundry. The only peal on this eight was of Bob Triples by the Union Scholars in 1751, conducted by the celebrated John Holt.

The bells were increased to ten in 1788 by the addition of two bells by Briant, of Hertford, and on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1792, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the College Youths, the only performance on this ten.

In 1802 the tenor disappeared with the recasting of several other bells and the pitch of the bells raised with a tenor bell 23 cwt. in E flat. The two 1788 bells became 2 and 3 with a new treble. The reconstructed ring of ten was hung on the old 1711 frame. The year 1909 brought a great work of restoration and augmentation with a larger tenor and an additional treble. With some recasting came the present ring of 12 and the pitch of the bells was restored to its original 1711 status. From All Saints' Day, 1909, to the present, 1949, some 39½ years, 85 peals have been rung, bringing the score to 100. The analysis of the 100 peals rung is as follows:—

Stedman Cinques 39, Stedman Caters 30, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Cinques 1, Grandsire Caters 4, Grandsire Triples 10; Cambridge, Maximus 2, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 3, Plain Bob Maximus 2, Plain Bob Royal 2, Plain Bob Major 1, Plain Bob Triples 1, Double Norwich C.B. Major 1, Erin Caters 1.

Conductors.—*F. Hayes 49, *G. F. Williams 9, C. T. Coles 8, W. Pye 6, *E. R. Coles 5, J. Evans 3, G. Cross 2, J. C. Truss 2, F. Bennett, *R. Coles, H. N. Davis, J. E. Davis, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Holt (1751), W. F. Judge, J. Povey (1792), H. Passmore, G. R. Pye, Rev. F. E. Robinson, *A. W. Tubbs, J. W. Washbrook, A. Walker, *J. W. Wilkins, *Miss Doreen Coker one each. * Local conductor.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District at St. George's Church, Dublin, on May 21st, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. Dan Kennedy (Dublin); treasurer, Mr. J. F. Fennell (Bray); secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes (Jenkinson).

A cup, to be named 'Gabriel Lindoff Cup,' is to be purchased for competition amongst the towers of the District in the preliminary round of the Murphy Cup competition. The winners will challenge the winners of Northern and Southern Districts for the right to hold the Murphy Cup.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Nunburnholme, one of Yorkshire's most beautiful villages, with its lovely Norman church containing a splendid ring of six by Taylor's, was visited by the society in May.

The Rector (the Rev. E. W. French) conducted the Guild's service, and during the singing of Psalm 150 handbells were rung by Messrs. G. Williams, L. Rodmell, G. Speak and C. Baker. A first-rate tea was provided.

Mr. G. F. Williams presided at the business meeting, when the members stood in silence as a tribute to the late president of the Yorkshire Association (Canon C. C. Marshall).

The next meeting was fixed for Sutton-on-Hull on June 11th, and the annual at Beverley Minster on July 9th.

Acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Rector said the meeting had been a happy reunion with a number of former members of his church at Cottingham and also of Market Weighton.

Mr. E. Dove and Mr. J. J. Tune were elected members. Eighteen towers were represented, and ringing concluded with 240 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OUTINGS

ODIHAM RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE.

On May 21st, favoured with glorious sunshine, the ringers of Oldham Parish Church paid a visit to Yorkshire, calling at Huddersfield, and enjoyed a ring on the fine twelve. From thence to Birstall, a church in a very pretty setting with equally good bells. Lunch was at Leeds and followed by ringing there. Fortunately we had a few 'heavy' enthusiasts.

After leaving Leeds, we had a run through some very pretty countryside to Guiseley, where quite a thrill awaited us. A visiting choir had come to be recorded in this lovely old church, and we had the offer also to have recordings made. Needless to say, the opportunity was seized and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung for the one side and a plain course of Stedman Triples for the other side. We had tea at Bradford and heard the peal at the Cathedral being rung. Marsden was our last call for the day, and once more we toiled up what must now be adding up to many hundreds of steps to a very fine ring of eight. J. D. F.

WESTHOUGHTON VISIT THE LAKES.

The Westhoughton ringers were fortunate in having a day of brilliant sunning for their outing to Kendal and Bowness on May 7th. Leaving Westhoughton at 7 a.m., they were joined on the way by friends from Horwich, Adlington, Standish, Leyland and Whittle-le-Woods. The first stop for ringing was at Clitheroe, an old town with a castle at the foot of Pendle Hill. The road there led through that lovely rural part of Lancashire so little known outside the county, and there were extensive views of Pendle Hill, the home of the Lancashire Witches. Clitheroe possesses a fine ring of eight bells, and no time was lost in putting them to use.

The road now climbed steeply to the hills. The bright greens of the trees and pastures in the valley were changed for the more subdued hues of the bare moors, on which sheep roamed with their lambs. The party entered the Trough of Bowland—another beauty spot. From the fells above Lancaster there was a fine view of the Fylde, Morecambe Bay and the hills behind Barrow.

The next stop was at Kendal, where Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung. There was also plenty for all to see and do at Bowness on Lake Windermere. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung there. Everyone thought that this was the end of the day's ringing, but on the way back Milnthorpe bells were heard. It was practice night. The visitors were made welcome and rang various methods.

5,056 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

By GEORGE H. CROSS.

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3572468	—	—	—	—	—	—
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36245	—	—	—	—	—	2
64235	—	—	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	—	3
23564	—	—	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—	—	2
26354	—	—	—	—	—	3
53426	—	—	S	—	—	—
43256	—	—	—	—	—	2
35246	—	—	—	—	—	3
54236	—	—	—	—	—	—
32456	—	—	—	—	—	—

Repeat once.

Contains Queens, Whittington, Tittums and all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6. (4 leads in 1st course, 4 leads in 4th course of each part.)

First rung at Crayford on March 12th, 1949.

NOTICES

The charge for an 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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. L. Stilwell will be Knaith, Spencer's Place, Horsham, Sussex, from June 11th. 5357

MISCELLANEOUS

CHISLEHURST (St. Nicholas).—The secretary is now Mr. R. W. Dent in place of Mr. C. P. Suddards. Mr. Dent's address is 173, Green Lane, Chislehurst, Kent. 5353

NORTON-IN-HALES, SHROPSHIRE (8).—Ringers on outings welcomed. Bells go well; new ropes. Call at Rectory or on Archie Harrison (captain), 58, Pear Tree Cottage, Norton-in-Hales, near Market Drayton. 5347

WANTED, for new band just getting under way, two second-hand BELL ROPES, 60ft. long, for 5-7 cwt. bells. Could any tower make gift of same? Expenses paid.—Hunt, New Lodge, Mapledurham, Reading, Berks. 5378

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

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.

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

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

MEETINGS

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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Inswich District.—Meeting, Henley (8), June 11th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food and dry tea.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 5311

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, June 11th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—G. C. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5310

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 11th. Holy Trinity bells (8) available 2 p.m. Ringers of both sexes welcome.—V. Ambrose. 5316

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, June 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea to those who notify Miss Durrant, The Mount, Coopers Green, Uckfield.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5339

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Mary's, Lewisham, 3 to 5. Tea 5 to 5.55 (own arrangement). Business, St. Margaret's, Lee, Crypt, 6 to 6.20. Service and ringing at St. Margaret's, Lee, to 8. (Blackheath S.R. Bus No. 54, 108, 89.) Further information ring Batt. 3946.—A. F. Udall. 5314

MARLBURY, SOMERSET.—Special ringers' service, June 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 5312

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring on June 11th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock.—H. S. Baines. 5332

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Sutton (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5331

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Midgham (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5327

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5341

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), June 11th. Tea 4.30 at the Old Brew House. Names to Mr. W. Kitchenside, South Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett. 5342

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practise Checkendon (6), June 11th, 6 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5375

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Great Carlton (near Louth) on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Moody, Dis. Sec. 5319

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual, Chipping Norton (8), June 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by June 14th.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 5350

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Escrick (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Service in church 4.15. Tea, 3s. each, in Institute at 5 o'clock for all notifying me by Wednesday, June 15th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., when subscriptions are due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 5343

DUDLEY GUILD.—Meeting Pensnett, Sat., June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea June 14th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 5350

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting arranged for Frensham on June 18th is now transferred to Farnborough. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 5351

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bisley (8), June 18th, 3. Names for tea (small charge) by June 14th.—S. T. Price, Bridge Cottage, High Street, Stonehouse. 5348

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Sat., June 18th. Bells 3. Tea at 5; bring own food. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers are welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5349

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, June 18th. Tea will be provided by the Rector for those who send names to me not later than Wednesday, June 15th.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 5359

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

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western.—Meeting at Queensbury (8), June 18th. Tea, apply C. Ellison, 9, Hazeldene Avenue, Queensbury, before June 15th.—Wm. Ambler, Dis. Sec. 5356

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, June 18th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5; bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 5354

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston (6), June 18th. Tea provided for those notifying by 14th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5367

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Dartford, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. R. G. Rayfield, 86, Hedge Place Road, Horns-cross, Greenhithe, Kent, by June 15th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5326

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Hythe, June 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5334

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Thurcaston (8), Sat., June 18th. Bells 3. Tea (2s.) 4.30, at King William IV. Names must be received by Tuesday, June 14th.—W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 5369

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—70th anniversary meeting, Basingstoke, Sat., June 18th. Bells available from 12 o'clock (noon): Basingstoke, St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), Overton (8), Deane (6), Oakley (6), and Sherborne St. John (6). Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Cottage at 5 p.m., only for those who inform Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, by Tuesday, June 14th.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5360

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Milton Abbey, June 18th. Bells (8) 3.0. Service 4, tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by June 13th at the latest.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5363

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting Berkswell, Sat., June 18th. Names for tea to L. R. Callow, 4, Whicote Avenue, Meriden, near Coventry.—F. Pervin, Dis. Sec. 5366

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

NORTH BRADLEY, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS. are holding a fete on Saturday, June 18th, commencing 3 p.m., to provide funds for two trebles. Bells (6) available at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 5379

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Westonzoyle, Sat., June 18th, 6.30-9 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5376

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Easton-in-Gordano June 18th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5380

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury on Sat., June 18th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.45. Tea provided for those who notify me by June 15th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 5381

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting Bosham (6), June 18th, 3. Names for tea by 15th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 5382

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting Appleby Magna, June 18th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea W. Miller, St. Michael's Terrace, Appleby Magna, Burton-on-Trent, by June 16th. 5371

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Cogenhoe (6), June 18th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 5377

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Sat., June 18th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 5384

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Combined practice meeting at Kendal Parish Church on Sat., June 18th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to L. Townley, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, Westmorland, by Wednesday, June 15th.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Branch Secs. 5385

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Kinver, Sat., June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Woden Cafe 5.15, followed by business meeting. Tea only for those who advise Mr. J. A. Jones, 53, Enville Road, Kinver, by Thursday, June 16th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 5383

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., June 25th, Essenden (6), 3. Tea 4.45, at Peartree Tea Rooms. Bus service No. 341, between St. Albans and Hertford, or No. 342 between Hertford and Barnet (leaves Hertford P.O. 27 minutes past each hour, and New Barnet Station 31 minutes past each hour).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5355

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

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

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

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

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Northern and Western Districts, Saturday, June 25th, St. Oswin's, Wylam-on-Tyne. Names for tea by June 18th to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road. 5346

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

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

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

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

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The summer ringing week will be held at Exeter from August 13th-20th. Those hoping to attend are invited to write to me as soon as possible.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5324

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

QUARTER PEALS

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's on May 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Baxter 1, Betty Spice 2, H. Parker 3, C. Reed 4, S. Foskett 5, L. Keep (first 'inside') 6, N. Inskip 7, F. Warrington 8.

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EWELL, SURREY.—On May 14th, 1,936 Plain Bob Major: Josie Milborrow 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, Patricia Smee 3, J. E. Beams (first of Major 'inside') 4, R. Spittle 5, J. Hill 6, F. Oakshott 7, C. W. Munday 8. First in method 1, 5, 6.

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