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**FIELDS STILL TO CONQUER.**

Within the next few weeks many of the leading ringing associations will hold their annual meeting, and, in addition to the yearly election of officers, will be called upon to make the triennial appointment of representatives to the Central Council; while only two months ahead is the meeting of the Council itself. It will be a time of general stocktaking, and, perhaps, from the statistics, which it is proposed to gather in connection with new elections to the Council, it may be possible soon to get some clue to the real strength of the Exercise. From time to time there is somewhat disquieting news that, in this or that district, ringing is a dying art for want of new blood. On the other hand, there are many places where an optimistic view prevails, for one finds a good sprinkling of young ringers at meetings and reads of the election of useful numbers of new members, such, to quote one instance, as the twenty-two fresh names added to the Sussex County Association at a district meeting a fortnight ago. Judged merely on expressions of opinion, the optimists seem to cancel out the pessimists, but now that the Council has a plan for obtaining reliable statistics it should be possible to gauge much more accurately where the Exercise, as a whole, stands. It is, however, the duty of the individual associations, in their own interests, to examine closely the position in their respective areas.

There are very few parts of England, now, where ringing organisations, to promote the interests of the art and draw together individual companies in a common purpose, have not been in active operation for fifty years or more. Despite all their labours through half a century, however, there remain a vast number of towers unconnected with the associations, either because there are no ringers, or because such ringers as there are have no interests outside their own belfry, if, indeed, they have more than a casual interest inside it. One of the most successful territorial organisations in the country is the Kent County Association, yet the vice-president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) admitted the other day that only half the towers in the county are affiliated. And that, we imagine, is not an unusual state of affairs. The same conditions obtain in many parts of England, and, even if the figures which will presently be available through the Central Council should show that there is no falling off in the aggregate membership of the affiliated societies, it will be no reason for complacency. After fifty years of work, the associations still have fields to conquer, and those societies which are now about to meet to discuss their domestic affairs, might well devote some of their attention to formulating schemes, not only for raising recruits, but for bringing

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into their organisation the towers which remain outside and which, between them, must have a very considerable number of ringers of sorts. Success will not be achieved by waiting for these people to come in of their own accord. It is necessary to go after them; to create interest, to use persuasion and, if possible, get it backed by the influence of the clergy. Why should not a start be made now in every territorial society to take a census in its area of the ringers inside and outside its organisation? It would provide some most useful material as the starting-point of what could be a general campaign, which should supplement the drive for young ringers.

### 'THE RINGING WORLD' NEXT WEEK.

Owing to Good Friday, next week's issue of 'The Ringing World' will be published on Thursday.

All notices and reports intended for insertion must reach 'The Ringing World' Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey, not later than MONDAY next.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING ... ..	...Trebble	HARRY WINGROVE ... ..	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2		†NORMAN H. MANNING ... 8	
HENRY G. MILES ... ..	3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... ..	9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4		JOHN W. WARD ... ..	10
*CHARLES W. OXTLEY ... 5		FRANK E. DARBY ... ..	11
RICHARD A. POST ... ..	6	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...Tenor	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CROYDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D.

*MISS MARY RAWLINGS ...Trebble		†ROYDON DAVIES... ..	6
HARRY E. WILLS ... ..	2	†FRANK E. MITCHELL... ..	7
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 3		†CHARLES POTHECARY ... 8	
†MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 4		FRANK E. DARBY ... ..	9
†ARTHUR W. JONES ... ..	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...Tenor	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Royal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Wills.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... ..	...Trebble	GEORGE POPNELL ... ..	6
EDGAR GUISE ... ..	2	GILBERT PEARCE ... ..	7
ALBERT M. TYLER ... ..	3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... ..	8
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... ..	9
DONALD G. CLIFF ... ..	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ...Tenor	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

A birthday compliment to Nurse Marion Smith, of Usk, Monmouthshire.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*KENNETH MEDHURST ... .. 1	ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... .. 5
*ALLAN HALL ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. ADDELEY ... .. 7
*ALFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 4	FRANK H. MITCHELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY HOVERD.

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

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN POTTER ... .. 1	JOHN WISE ... .. 5
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... .. 7
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 1	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 6
LEWIS BUSH ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First spliced peal by all except conductor and tenor ringer. There were 250 changes of method.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 1	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	CECIL W. PYE ... .. 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 3	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 7
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WALTER FARLEY ... .. 1	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... .. 5
RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... .. 7
*JOHN W. SMITH ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in the method.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED ... .. 1	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLS ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STERRER ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY J. RANZETTA ... .. 1	ROBERT C. HRAZEL ... .. 5
*ERIC J. COE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

H. WALTER SMITH ... .. 1	BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 5
ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 2	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
REGINALD MARTIN ... .. 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 1	FRANK SEIDMORE ... .. 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... .. 1	PERCY W. WITHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM STORY ... .. 2	ROY HURST ... .. 6
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 3	FRANCIS S. BEADMONT ... .. 7
*CHARLES FORPITT ... .. 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

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

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... .. 1	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	FRANK BESLEY ... .. 7
*JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 4	JOHN W. UNWIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Spice, hon. secretary of the Rochester District of the association.

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## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*C. RAYMOND HILL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 5
SIDNEY HARRISON ... .. 2	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 6
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEBENEAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS.  
\* First peal of Major. Specially arranged as a wedding peal for Miss Lucy L. Hunt (captain of Girl Guides) and Mr. John W. Dayman (server) of this church, and on the latter's birthday.

## KIRTlington, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK SHARPE ... .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 5
ERNEST PEARSON ... .. 2	REV. C. E. WIGG ... .. 6
FRANK E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. COLLETT ... .. 4	*CHARLES E. STOCKLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

\* First attempt for peal.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERIC J. COE ... .. Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 3	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal of Superlative.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 2	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 6
W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. 3	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7
†FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of London Surprise. First peal of London Surprise as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. 2	*HARRY PYE ... .. 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to the conductor and also to Mr. Arthur Allen, a ringer, of Ellesmere, Shropshire.

## HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5640 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

MICHAEL ANDERSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 5
*KENNETH ANDERSON ... .. 2	†JACK ROACH ... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 7
THOMAS W. CROWE ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. MOORE.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Triples.

## SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY PARKER ... .. Treble	WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 5
*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 6
THOMAS HIRD ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY OVERTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	*HARRY TEBELWELL ... .. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First peal of Major. A birthday peal for the towerkeeper, Mr. G. Whalley.

## SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEN DAVIES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... .. 2	ALBERT FORD ... .. 6
MRS. B. MILES ... .. 3	RICHARD BENSON ... .. 7
ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 4	SAMUEL MORLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT FORD.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary in the ministry of the Rev. William Chambre Vaughan, Vicar of Loppington, Shrewsbury, a former Vicar of Silverdale.

## BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM McCLEAVE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... .. 5
WALTER MOUNCEY ... .. 2	HARRY ENTWISTLE ... .. 6
*JOHN TOMLINSON ... .. 3	RENNIE HARTLEY ... .. 7
*ALSTON GREENWOOD ... .. 4	FRED BENTLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by HARRY ENTWISTLE.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the bells.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B flat.

RALPH NARBOROUGH... .. Treble	WALTER NICHOLLS ... .. 4
J. ALFRED BARRATT... .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
*FRANK W. BROWN ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Barratt, mother of the ringer of the 2nd, on her 78th birthday.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... Treble	*REGINALD G. PARTRIDGE... 4
*EDWARD C. AUGER ... .. 2	†WILLIAM H. SEABROOK ... 5
*LANCLOU J. MACE ... .. 3	WILLIAM EDNEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. A. EDWARDS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

BURRY PORT, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings).

E. PARMENTER ... .. Treble	G. FRANCIS ... .. 3
J. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	H. REES... .. 4
C. H. HAWKINS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

STUSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

KENNETH G. SMITH ... Treble	RALPH BIRD ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALIC M. GENERY ... .. 5
ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in the method by all, in the county and for the association. Rung in honour of Mothering Sunday.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	*JOHN LUCK ... .. 4
*CYRIL TABERNER ... .. 2	†MAURICE G. TURNER... .. 5
†P. GEORGE GOLDER ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Conducted by M. G. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. ‡ First peal in the method and of Minor.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfeet, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN MCKAY ... .. Treble	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD ... .. 4
WALTER AYRE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 5
*HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Specially rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Vicar and Mrs. Agg-Large.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Treble	RICHARD ATHERTON ... .. 4
THOMAS HILLMAN ... .. 2	ALBERT YATES ... .. 5
*JACK APPLETON ... .. 3	FRED READ ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT YATES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRED STENSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4
JAMES PAGET ... .. 2	*REGINALD J. WALLIS ... 5
CYRIL J. JENNINGS ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. E. M. Barber, who was inducted on the previous Friday.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 23½ cwt.

*VICTOR J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	CYRIL J. GOULD... .. 4
*BRYAN HUDDLESTON... .. 2	ALAN A. HILLIAR ... .. 5
THOMAS HARRIS... .. 3	*FREDERICK W. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by T. HARRIS.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, March 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven complete extents in 20 methods as follows: (1) Willesden and Marple; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV.; (3) Wragby and Baintree; (4) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (5) College Exercise and Morning Star; (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble	HAROLD CHANT ... .. 4
*CYRIL COOK ... .. 2	†THOMAS COLLINGWORTH ... 5
J. THOMAS WHITE ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

\* First peal in 20 methods and first attempt. † First peal of Spliced Minor and first attempt.

RINGWOULD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 30 six-scores of Grandsira (14 different callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

FREDERICK A. RYE ... Treble	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... 3
CHARLES TURNER... .. 2	*WILLIAM TERRY... .. 4
*DOUGLAS G. BROWN ... Tenor	

Conducted by DOUGLAS G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.

**BIRTHDAYS HONOURED.**

In honour of the 72nd birthday of the conductor (Mr. H. Meakin) and the 80th birthday of Mrs. S. Jackson, mother of Messrs. H. and A. E. Jackson, a quarter-peal of Grandsira Caters (1,259 changes) was rung before evening service at St. George's Church, Stockport, on March 12th: T. Simpson 1, H. Jackson 2, P. Laffin 3, A. E. Jackson 4, G. L. Burgess 5, F. Twigg 6, H. Meakin (conductor) 7, A. F. Bailey 8, H. Ashton 9, C. Bell 10.



## WENDOVER, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY C. JONES ... .. Treble	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 2	*WALTER A. LEE... .. 5
WILLIAM J. RANDALL... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

## DANBURY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. Treble	GERALD FROST ... .. 4
ERNEST J. RUNTER ... .. 2	FRANK C. MAY ... .. 5
WILLIAM S. MAY ... .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

## DEANE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REV. FREDK. S. H. MARLE Treble	RONALD F. KINGHAM ... .. 4
*DAVID H. ANSTEY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY... .. 5
DONALD W. NASH ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD W. NASH.

\* First peal in more than one method. First peal in four methods by the rest of the band.

## SOUTHILL, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. Treble	EDMUND WAGSTAFF ... .. 4
STANLEY WALLIS ... .. 2	*ARTHUR HUNT ... .. 5
GEOFFREY MAYES ... .. 3	PERCY TOMPKINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. TOMPKINS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## NEWHEY, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Kent and Oxford, two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and two 720's of Plain Bob.

*SELWYN HOLT DEARDEN ... Treble	HAROLD HAMER... .. 4
*JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. 2	*HARRY BYROM ... .. 5
RICHARD BYROM ... .. 3	*IVAN KAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BYROM.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Byrom.

## POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F. sharp.

*IVAN B. GARDINER ... .. Treble	HARRY FARRER ... .. 4
*JOCELYN B. GARDINER ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 5
ARNOLD WORTH ... .. 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor away from treble.

## DARLINGTON.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE PARK ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 4
*WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
*SAMUEL BRYANT... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung on the occasion of the consecration of Dr. A. T. P. Williams as Bishop of Durham, which ceremony took place in York Minster the same day.

## PERLETHORPE, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN NORRIS... .. Treble	*COLIN EVANS ... .. 4
JOE READER ... .. 2	RICHARD RERCE... .. 5
FREDERICK FLINT ... .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung to welcome Fred Flint back to the district.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## WESTERHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 19, 1939, in Two Hours,

AT 7, WESTWAYS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor, size 15 in C.

*JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 1-2	DEREK M. SHARP... .. 3-4
*GEOFFREY V. MORPHY ... 5-6	

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal of Minor as conductor 'in hand.'

## ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT BIRKBY, DONCASTER ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Mrs. T. C. RYDER ... .. 1-2
 HAROLD CHANT ... .. 5-6 |

ALBERT NASH ... .. 3-4	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 7-8
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Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE OLD PARISH ROOM.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 1-2
 FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 5-6 |

DEREK M. SHARP... .. 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MORPHY... .. 7-8
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Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by D. M. SHARP

## COLCHESTER RINGER 84 NOT OUT.

At St. Peter's, Colchester, on Mothering Sunday, March 19th, a touch of 1,024 Superlative Surprise Major was rung before evening service by G. Boyden 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, R. Cadamy 5, W. Chalk 6, V. Kerridge 7, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 8. This was a birthday compliment to Messrs. F. L. Bumpstead, G. M. Rashbrook and V. Kerridge.

Mr. Bumpstead is the esteemed steeplekeeper at St. Peter's and has just celebrated his 84th birthday. He has been connected with St. Peter's for 47 years and has held the office of steeplekeeper for 43 years. He is a life member of the Essex Association, and has been a College Youth for 55 years, and a member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows for 60 years. Mr. Bumpstead's life has been a triumph over handicap. At the age of twelve he unfortunately lost one of his legs, but he still enjoys good health and takes part regularly in the service ringing.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.**

A very enjoyable joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, March 18th. Ringers were present from Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Benfieldside, Consett, Houghton-le-Spring, Darlington and the local tower.

After tea, a short meeting was presided over by Mr. R. L. Patterson, at which a birthday greetings telegram was despatched from the ringers to Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland.

Mr. R. L. Routledge proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. Anderson thanked the ladies for arranging the tea.—The Rev. E. O. C. Halahan, curate of Chester-le-Street, replied on behalf of the Rector, and Miss Douglas on behalf of the ladies.

The methods rung during the day were Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Duffield, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

The following district meetings are arranged: Northern District, April 1st, at Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Southern District, April 29th, at Shildon; Eastern District, May 6th, at Houghton-le-Spring.

**GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION AT LEATHERHEAD.**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dean, of Leatherhead, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday, having been married at Langrish, Hants, on March 25th, 1889. Mr. Dean has given long service to ringing at Leatherhead and was prominently identified with the Surrey Association, of which he was elected a vice-president at the annual meeting a few weeks ago. For the past two or three years Mr. Dean has been incapacitated from ringing, but his interest is as keen as ever and, being unable to climb the belfry stairs, he sits at home and listens to the ringing. It is unfortunate he is unable to take any further active part in ringing, as he needs only one more peal to complete his double century for the Surrey Association.

An attempt was made for a peal to celebrate the golden wedding, but unfortunately it was lost after 2 hours 25 minutes' ringing. Two quarter-peals have, however, been rung, as follows: A quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): A. C. Otway 1, A. H. Winch 2, W. J. Whiting 3, G. Murriner 4, A. H. Smith 5, C. Smart 6, A. Harman 7, W. G. Newberry (longest length in the method as conductor) 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): W. G. Newberry 1, A. H. Winch (conductor) 2, E. W. Bugden 3, G. Murriner 4, A. Harman 5, A. C. Otway 6, J. Hoyle 7, W. J. Whiting 8, A. H. Smith 9, H. V. Young 10.

**STAFFORD RINGER'S DEATH.**

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. William Harold Jones, deputy head ringer of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, who passed away at his residence, 17, Marsh Street, on March 21st.

The funeral took place on Saturday, when six of his fellow-ringers bore him to the grave.

Mr. Jones, with the exception of his service in the Great War, was a regular member of the Sunday band at St. Mary's for some 25 years and did much to help forward the art of ringing in the district.

His fellow-ringers, as a last tribute of respect to a very loyal comrade, rang with the bells half-muffled touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob before both morning and evening services on Sunday. The Rector, at evening service, referred to the work of Mr. Jones as a ringer, and at the close of the service the organist (Mr. G. P. Matthews) played Chopin's 'Funeral March.'

**JOINING THE R.A.F.**

Mr. G. Thomas, of the band at St. Catherine's, Gorseinon, is entering the R.A.F., and as a farewell to him a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, March 26th, for evening service: E. Dobbins (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Dobbins 2, R. C. Dobbins 3, G. Thomas 4, J. Hanson 5, W. Dobbins 6, A. W. Dobbins (conductor) 7, A. Tew 8. It was also as a birthday compliment to A. W. Dobbins.

**SIXTY-ONE YEARS AT CALVERLEIGH.**

Mr. J. T. Woodley, of Calverleigh, Devon, has been a ringer at the Parish Church for 61 years and, as a compliment to him, on his 71st birthday on Sunday a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, which he conducted, was rung for evening service: F. Green (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hill (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, C. Flew 3, P. Mayne 4, J. T. Woodley 5, E. Greenslade 6.

**APPRECIATION.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed space in your valuable columns to say how much I deeply appreciate the kindness and generosity of members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and friends assembled at the annual dinner of the society recently held? I would also like to thank the Master for his kind thought and the hon. secretary for his kind and welcome letter.

I would also like to thank those who have visited me and expressed their sympathy in tangible form on more than one occasion, including that ever versatile 'young' gentleman from Great Bentley.

W. KEEBLE.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Bristol United Guilds' week of tours by motor-coach, from August 14th to 19th, promises to be of unusual interest. Gloucestershire, Somerset and Dorset will provide the happy hunting ground, and, as at present planned, the tours will cover approximately 800 miles, with ringing at some 35 or 40 towers, and all for a fare of two guineas.

Forty years ago next Monday, on April 3rd, 1899, members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith in 9 hours 24 minutes, under the conductorship of the late William Pye. At the time it was the record length in the method, but it was only six weeks later that the Kidlington peal of 17,024 was rung, conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

To-morrow is the anniversary of one of the earliest 'long peals' on record. On April 1st, 1727, a 10,000 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich.

The Earl Shilton 'Handbell Quartet,' who recently broadcast in an 'Industry Entertains' programme, will be 'on the air' again in the Children's Hour programme, Midland Regional, on Saturday, April 8th. All the quartet are members of the Midland Counties Association.

There will be no practice of the Ancient Society of College Youths until Tuesday, April 11th, when there will be ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, with the usual business meeting at headquarters afterwards.

## GOOD FRIDAY RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read Mr. Story's letter urging muffled ringing on Good Friday. What is the purpose of church bell ringing? Is it not to call people to church and worship, to remind those who go astray and to bring them back, to witness for Jesus Christ to the outside world? If this is correct, I consider Good Friday is one of the most important days of the year when the bells should be rung (muffled or half-muffled), especially at the present time, when the pleasure caterers' voices are often heard above the church and the meaning of Good Friday forgotten. Ringers, do your bit!  
North Shields. JAMES E. SCOTT.

## SURPRISE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer my congratulations to the talented band who recently rang the peal of London 'in hand,' and particularly Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, with whom I have had the pleasure of ringing on a few occasions. W. KEEBLE.

[Mr. Keeble was one of the band, the others being the brothers Pye, who, in 1904, rang the first peal of London Surprise on handbells.—Editor, 'Ringing World.']

## FIRST CIVIL SERVANTS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of London Surprise Major published in 'The Ringing World' of March 24th cannot be claimed to be the first for the Civil Service.

A peal of Kent Treble Major, conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender, was rung at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on January 30th, 1937.

The ringers were all of one branch of the Civil Service—the Post Office.

A peal board has been placed in the tower recording this fact.  
Canterbury. JOHN W. UNWIN.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association was held at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, March 18th, and was attended by some 30 members and friends.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued till 5 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Cook) conducted a short service. He welcomed the association and stated that in spite of complaints from the nearby residents he was always very pleased to have ringers use the bells on a Saturday afternoon.

The District Master (Mr. P. A. Corby) presided at the business meeting, held in the vestry, and stated that arrangements had been made for a combined practice with the local band at St. Luke's, Chelsea (ten bells), on Tuesday, April 18th, at 7.15 p.m. The next district meeting would be held at Streatham on Saturday, May 20th, with ringing at St. Leonard's in the afternoon and at Immanuel in the evening. He urged all members to support both these meetings.

The proceedings ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, and ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m., methods up to Cambridge and Superlative being rung.

## BISHOP'S VISIT.

At St. Mary's, Chatham, on March 5th, in honour of a visit of the Bishop of Rochester to this church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service: C. E. J. Norris 1, R. Norris 2, F. Padwick 3, V. Jarrett 4, W. Walker 5, H. Springate 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, D. Harfield (first quarter-peal) 8.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—64.**

**ERNEST C. S. TURNER.**

Among the most brilliant of the younger generation of conductors must be placed Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, of Ealing, for, although still in the 'twenties,' he has to his credit a number of notable achievements, not least among them the peals of Spliced Surprise Major, reaching up to nine methods, several of which he has composed as well as conducted.

Mr. Turner was born on May 23rd, 1910, and while still at school was introduced to ringing by his friend, Wilfred Wilson, who was then one of a band receiving instruction from Mr. J. A. Trollope. The two youths lost no opportunity of ringing in neighbouring towers, and on most evenings cycled to churches in West Middlesex for practice. Although he only began to ring in March, 1927, Mr. Turner rang his first peal in the following October, this being seven extents of Bob Minor on handbells at Ealing. His first tower-bell peal was Bob Major on December 20th, 1927, at Willesden, where the encouragement Mr. Turner's enthusiasm has received from the Willesden band, under the leadership of Mr. H. Kilby, has enabled him to take part in and frequently conduct a large portion of his peals, especially those in the more advanced methods.

Six weeks before Mr. Turner rang his first tower-bell peal, however, he conducted a handbell peal of Bob Major. Mr. Turner is one of those gifted conductors who can call anything from any bell, and all the most difficult things he has done have been called from a working bell, including the ten Spliced Surprise Major peals in 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 methods. Among some of his other interesting performances he conducted the first and, at present, only peal of Isleworth Bob Royal, and what was probably the first peal of Double Court Triples. He called an 'Ernest' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Galleywood, Essex, in 1934, and rang in the first peals of Ealing and Pinner Surprise Major. He also took part in a peal of Minor at Deeping St. James, Lincolnshire, in which 28 Surprise methods were spliced into seven extents.

Mr. Turner has rung 213 peals altogether, 189 on tower bells and 24 on handbells. Of these he has conducted 75 on tower bells and 12 'in hand,' while the church bell peals have been rung in 79 towers in 20 counties of England, Wales and Ireland. One hundred and forty-five of the peals have been rung for the Middlesex County Association, in which he was Ringing Master of the South and West District from 1933 to 1937. Mr. Turner's mathematical and professional training has given him a great command of figures, and it is only natural that, intimately associated with Mr. J. A. Trollope, he should have developed an extensive knowledge of composition. In this field he has already rendered great service as a member of the Methods Committee of the Central Council, having been elected as an honorary member of this body in 1934.



**MR. ERNEST C. S. TURNER.**

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**CENTRAL BRANCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASED.**

A very successful meeting of the Central Branch of Ely Diocesan Association was held at Wilburton on Saturday week, when members were present from Cambridge, Chatteris, Ening, Fulbourn, Sawston, Swasey, Trumpington, Haddenham and the local tower. Mr. S. Shipp welcomed the visitors to the church on behalf of the Wilburton ringers. The ringing was of high standard, some very good London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise being rung, as well as methods down to Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. Twenty-one sat down to tea at the Royal Oak, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. S. Vale).

Over was selected for the next meeting, and Cottenham for the ensuing quarterly meeting.

The new Vicar of Wilburton was made an honorary member of the association, and it is pleasing to note the branch membership is larger than last year.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, who suitably replied, and to Mr. H. Sharpe for having the bells in readiness.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**CHOBHAM'S ANCIENT BELLS.**

**The Pride of the Parishioners.**

A very successful meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Chobham on Saturday, at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Robinson). A few months ago the bells at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence were rehung and placed on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and a great improvement was thus effected, but of the bells themselves the less said the better, except that they are of venerable age and the pride of the parishioners, who readily subscribed to their restoration. No fewer than five of the eight are scheduled for preservation on account of their antiquity, and even if the Chobham people themselves desired to improve the bells, which they do not, it would be impossible without providing at least five new bells.

The sixth is a pre-Reformation bell, cast by William Culverden, brazier, of London, who died in 1522, and is dedicated to St. Margaret. The fifth and seventh are bells dated 1597, cast by Richard Eldridge, and the tenor came from the same foundry at Wokingham in 1610. The fourth is dated 1684. Chobham has thus good reason to be proud of the antiquity of its bells.

Last Saturday's meeting was attended by nearly 40 ringers, but most of the touches rung were of the 'educational' variety, although the methods included Cambridge, and in this way much good work was done. What was equally gratifying was the fact that the majority of the Chobham ringers joined the Diocesan Guild for the first time and they were given a specially warm welcome by guild officials. The Vicar was also elected an honorary member.

Prior to the tea and meeting, service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the curate. The Vicar presided at the organ and gave an address, in which he welcomed the Guild to Chobham. Going on to speak of the place which bells took in the life of the parish, he said that in Chobham the bells were rung muffled on Good Friday, and he added that the bells were very dear to the hearts of the people in the village. When it was necessary to restore them there was a wonderful response and he had never known money come in easier for any church scheme. Moreover, it came in largely from people who could give only small amounts, and while the bells were silent they were greatly missed in the life of the place.

Proceeding, the Vicar spoke of the qualities demanded by bell-ringing. There was, he said, no better illustration of team work than that done by a band of ringers, and the work was one of self-effacement in which the individual had to subordinate himself to the interests of all. He spoke of ringing as a valuable piece of regular church work and referred with gratitude to the conscientious work of his own band. They wanted the traditions of their church towers maintained, he added, for deep down in their hearts men knew that the bells stood for the union between God and man.

At the close of the meeting Mr. R. Whittington inquired the nature of the ringing at Chobham on Good Fridays, and was informed that it was now half-muffled before the services. Formerly it was full muffled, with the tenor open at backstroke. It was a very old custom, and the Vicar said there was no question that it added to the solemnity of the day and at least made people think. That was important when there was a growing tendency to convert the most solemn day in all the Christian year into a public holiday.

**MORE HONORARY MEMBERS ELECTED.**

A successful meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Worplesdon on Saturday, March 18th, when over 40 members and visitors attended. The gathering included the general secretary of the Guild (Mr. G. Grover) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham district secretary). An apology for absence was received from the Guild Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse).

The local band had had the belfry renovated for the occasion, and its spick and span appearance was the subject of many favourable comments.

The Rector (the Rev. G. J. Chitty) conducted the service, and at the commencement of his interesting and topical address said he had been given a friendly warning not to preach about bell-ringing. In any case, he did not believe that it was always policy to 'enlarge on the occasion.'

At the business meeting, which followed tea in the Church Hall, the Rector presided, and, amid applause, was elected a life member of the Guild. Mr. H. Rance, of Worplesdon, also received a special cheer for having recruited four honorary members.

The following were the new members elected: Honorary members, Messrs. W. V. Moore and S. J. E. Davy (Bramley), the Misses E. and W. A. Thompson, Mr. H. G. Rance and Sir L. E. Halsey, K.B.E. (Worplesdon); ringing members, Messrs. F. Priddle, H. Steer, C. Steele and G. Whittle (Godalming).

The announcement that through the efforts of the general secretary the Guild would shortly have a strong representation at Sherborne was greeted with enthusiasm. It was decided to hold a meeting at that tower during the summer.

The general secretary proposed the usual votes of thanks, and said that although these formal expressions of gratitude tended to become stereotyped, they were none the less sincere.

Mr. O. E. Smith, the District Ringing Master, had a busy afternoon and evening catering for learner and expert.

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. J. R. Mackman, handbell ringing, under his direction, was enjoyed by a number of members.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### THE FUTURE OF CHANGE RINGING.

A very successful meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Acton and was attended by over 60 ringers, together with most of the association's principal officers.

The special service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. Gough), and the lesson was read by Vice-President J. A. Trollope. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the chancel by Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, G. W. Fletcher, J. Herbert and J. Thomas.

The Rector, welcoming the change ringers as old friends, to whom he had spoken in his garden during the summer, assured them of his high appreciation of the service they gave, not only to his church, but to churches throughout Middlesex. The nation had a silent service guarding its coasts, but the bellringers were the unseen service of the Church. They represented one of the remaining crafts that used to be so largely associated with the social life of the world and of the Church.

The Rector went on to refer to the deadening effect of the decline, especially in an age of machinery, in the aids to religious feeling that used to abound on all sides in symbolism and other forms of appeal to our spiritual nature. Unless people went into a church they hardly ever now came into contact with the outward and visible signs of religion. Change ringers were the guardians and stewards of an important form of symbolism, that of appealing sound, one of the very few forms of symbolism left to remind the passer-by of the things of God, life and death, and the great hereafter.

### CO-OPERATION BETWEEN RINGERS AND CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

At tea, served in the Parish Hall by women parochial workers, Preb. W. P. Cole-Shane, of Twickenham (president of the association), was in the chair, and moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for his much appreciated church service, kindness and good fellowship.

Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), supporting the vote of thanks, said that church bellringers inherited two great traditions. According to an old Latin writer, they sounded the trumpets of the Heavenly King, and they were also churchworkers. Change ringing was one of the finest sports ever invented. They could not make any gift worthy of the service of the Church unless they loved it for its own sake.

The future of change ringing depended upon how far they could keep in touch with the Church authorities and co-operate with them, and how far those authorities could co-operate with the ringers. The Church authorities formerly did not trouble so much as they ought to have done about the bellringers, who were not always recruited from the right people.

During his 50 years' experience, the improvement in the status of ringers and in the co-operation with the Church had enormously increased, and that was due to associations like theirs. Let them cultivate co-operation between themselves as ringers and co-operation with the Church authorities (applause).

Mr. C. T. Coles (general secretary) said that as the facilities for ringing were not so great as they used to be, co-operation was all the more essential.

Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (secretary for the South-West District) said they were always sure of a warm welcome in Acton.

The vote of thanks to the Rector was carried with acclamation, and the Rector, in turn, called for a hearty round of applause for the lady helpers at the tea.

Stedman Caters were rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Messrs. J. Thomas, E. C. S. Turner and J. A. Trollope. Further ringing on the tower bells took place afterwards.

### 'OLD BRIGADE' AND YOUNG MEMBERS AT FINCHLEY.

An enjoyable meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing, which commenced directly after 3 p.m., included rounds for the beginners and methods ranging up to Surprise Minor. The method chosen for particular attention, Double Court Bob Minor, was rung by several of the company, some ringing a course for the first time.

A short service was held, at which the Rev. Gawne officiated, the theme of his address being that ringers and other churchworkers should always remember the high calling of their duties.

Tea was served to a party numbering nearly 40, and including the Rev. Gawne, who appreciated his first experience of being amongst a company of ringers.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. A. S. Roberts was elected to the chair, in the rare absence of the vice-president, Mr. G. W. Fletcher. A reference was made to the death of a foundation member, Mr. J. Sumpter, of Barnet, those present standing in silence for a few moments.

Two elections were confirmed and three new members were elected. Harrow Weald was chosen for the place of the next meeting, on Saturday, May 20th.

Regret was expressed at the absence of the Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays), who was indisposed.

Further ringing took place, and a gratifying feature of the meeting was the attendance of the 'old brigade,' supported by several young members, which gave encouragement to the newly-elected Ringing Master and secretary, Messrs. A. Culler and T. J. Lock respectively.

## ANOTHER NEW MAJOR PLAN.

### EXTENDED STEDMAN.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the two methods on a new plan in your issue of March 17th, Checkendon and Northrepps Major, and I congratulate Mr. Nolan Golden and his colleagues upon their achievement.

As I have a new plan for producing Stedman extended to eight bells, it may interest your readers to give a lead here:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Bob
2 1 3 5 4 6 8 7	1 5 3 8 2 7 6 4
2 3 1 5 6 4 7 8	1 5 8 3 7 2 4 6
3 2 5 1 6 7 4 8	
2 3 5 6 1 7 8 4	Single
2 5 3 6 7 1 4 8	1 5 3 8 2 7 6 4
5 2 3 7 6 1 8 4	
5 3 2 7 1 6 4 8	1 5 3 8 7 2 4 6
3 5 2 1 7 6 8 4	
5 3 1 2 7 8 6 4	
5 1 3 2 8 7 4 6	
1 5 3 8 2 7 6 4	

1 3 5 8 7 2 4 6

It will be seen that the method is a combination of Plain and Stedman Principles. The treble in a plain hunt from lead to 6th's place and back to lead, the other seven working bells doing Stedman, alternately quick and slow, with 7-8 up and down double dodge between, plus 2 intermediate sixes between last 3rd's and 7-8 up, and also between 7-8 down and firsts 3rd's (in slow). By this extra work it will be found that all changes are triple changes, with not more than two blows in any one place. The work of the seven inside bells is divided into sixes, as in Stedman, but the method treated as a plain method for all other purposes. There are 12 changes to a (treble) lead, 84 to a course, and the method can be extended to Royal and Maximus.

F. E. PITMAN.

Bromley

### ENGLISH RINGER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

#### TOUCHES RUNG AT MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL.

Mr. C. H. Walker, tower secretary at St. Mary's, Lewisham, has just returned from a visit to Australia and New Zealand, where he spent a most enjoyable time and took part in ringing both in Sydney and Melbourne. In the latter city particularly he was able to spend some time with the ringers, for he delayed his departure a fortnight and was thus able to ring at St. Paul's Cathedral on two Sundays and on the practice night.

He received a great welcome from the ringers and brought back with him warm greetings to the members of the English party who toured the Commonwealth in 1934. Unfortunately, Mr. A. A. Savage, who formerly as secretary of St. Paul's Society did so much towards the success of the English tour, is at present doing no ringing, but in Sydney Mr. Walker found Mr. R. H. MacDonald, 'father' of the band at the R.C. Basilica and now approaching, if not already past, the age of 80, 'very much alive.' Mr. Walker's visit to Sydney was brief and in the short time available he was only able to ring Doubles at St. Mark's, Darling Point.

In Melbourne, however, he was able to take part in Grandsire Triples and Caters at the Cathedral on three occasions, and it is interesting to learn that a 504 of Triples rung on practice night was called by Mr. James Murray, who conducted the first peal ever rung in Australia, a peal of Grandsire at St. Philip's, Sydney, in 1890. This touch of 504 was rung by A. Reeder 1, W. Waghorn 2, J. Murray 3, J. Spencer 4, H. Ross 5, C. H. Walker 6, P. Boughton 7, T. Trotter 8. For morning service on Sunday, January 22nd, 270 Grandsire Caters was rung after a quarter-peal had been lost near the end.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully rung, called by John Spencer: A. Reeder 1, W. Preston 2, J. Murray 3, F. Boughton 4, H. Ross 5, C. H. Walker 6, J. Spencer 7, T. Trotter 8. On the following Sunday morning 504 Grandsire Caters was brought round by A. Reeder 1, G. Wheeler 2, W. H. Waghorn 3, W. Preston 4, J. Murray 5, J. Spencer (conductor) 6, H. Ross 7, C. H. Walker 8, T. Trotter 9, E. Knott 10.

Of the above ringers, Messrs. Murray, Spencer, Boughton and Knott took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques, with the English ringers on Armistice Day, 1934.

### PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from page 207.)

Forty-two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung on the five bells at Burry Port, Carmarthenshire, on March 18th, are believed to be the first peal rung in the tower.

Mr. Pat Cannon rang his 60th peal as conductor when he called a peal of Double Norwich at Wilby, Suffolk, on Sunday week. He has now 'turned in' 80 different tenors to peals.

He made as sure as possible of the Wilby job (and we don't blame him). All the rest of the band were Surprise Maximus ringers.

After this peal the band went on to the neighbouring tower of Stradbroke and rang a course of Superlative for evensong. These bells, it was found, go very badly. The last peal on them was rung in 1903. We hope there will not be another one until they have been restored. The tenor is 24 cwt.

**PEAL NOTES.**

**LADY'S FINE PERFORMANCE.**

Miss Hilda Snowden, of Halstead, Essex, has more than once shown her ability at the 'heavy end,' but nothing she has done in this way has, we think, equalled her performance on Saturday, when she rang the 2½ cwt. tenor at Dunmow to a peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

When it is remembered that there is a draught of 70 feet of rope at this tower and that Miss Snowden had never previously even struck the bell in rounds, the feat is all the more noteworthy. The peal was an excellent one, and we are not surprised to learn that Miss Snowden received the hearty congratulations of the other members of the band upon her performance.

It was a fitting celebration of her birthday, for which the peal was arranged, and associated with it also is a compliment to Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, whose birthday was on Monday.

On her birthday last year Miss Snowden rang the 18½ cwt. tenor at Bocking to a peal of Double Norwich Major.

To celebrate the birthday of Mr. G. H. Spice, hon. secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Tunstall, Kent, on Saturday. Although Mr. Spice did not himself take part in the peal, the family was well represented by his father and his son.

The composition of the peal was from 'The Clavis,' by an unknown author, although it is now thought to have been the work of Robert Baldwin, the author of Union Triples. It was the first peal of Major rung, the Union Scholars ringing it at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on December 27th, 1718.

One of the most remarkable things about this composition is that, although it was not until 50 years later that the necessity of proving the inferior rows of the leads in Treble Bob was discovered, the peal is true. The calling is 4B, 2W, 2R, four times repeated.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Kirtlington, Oxon, on Saturday, was arranged to enable the eight officers of the Oxford Guild (who opened the bells after rehanging by John Taylor and Co.) to ring the first peal on them since the restoration. The treble and 7th were recast, the former by the efforts of Mr. F. Sharp, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and an inscription on the new bell records the fact.

At the conclusion of a good peal the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Bennett) and several local ringers congratulated the band, and the Vicar said it was a most auspicious day for the peal. Not only was it Lady Day, but a sale of work in the village had resulted in getting quite enough money to pay off all liabilities incurred by the restoration of the bells.

The ministerial golden jubilee of the Rev. W. C. Vaughan, Vicar of Loppington, Shrewsbury, was celebrated at Silverdale, Staffordshire, where he was formerly Vicar, by a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday.

**CHESTER GUILD'S GOOD DAY.**

Mr. Richard T. Holding, of Crewe, rang his 200th peal and Mr. G. H. Crawley his 100th for the Chester Guild when they took part in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sandbach, Cheshire, on Saturday.

Another peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung for the Chester Guild on the same day at Alsager, and another Crewe ringer, Mr. H. F. Holding, scored his 150th peal. It was a birthday peal for the Alsager towerkeeper, Mr. G. Whalley, who kindly had the bells ready for the visitors.

Actually the Cheshire Guild did well on Saturday, with two peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, a peal of Stedman Triples at Gresford and a peal of Bob Minor at Poynton.

Meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Saturday, 'hard hearted' Arthur wanted to turn it into a practice for Cambridge Major, but 'kind-hearted' Arthur suggested a peal of Plain Major—something we can ring well, better than scratching about on something we can't. Besides being a wedding peal for two prominent churchworkers and a birthday compliment to the bridegroom (Mr. J. W. Dayman), it also coincided with



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the birthday of Mrs. A. Cattell (our Edie), so naturally there were plenty of compliments flying about. It was the first peal of Major on St. Margaret's heavy eight.

Messrs. J. W. Jones, of Newport, and Donald G. Clift, of Bristol, rang their thirtieth peal together when they took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday. It is interesting to note, in this connection, that Mr. Jones taught Mr. Clift's father change ringing practically 40 years ago.

Mr. Barnabas G. Key rang his 100th peal on March 20th, when he took part in a peal of Minor at Aldridge, Staffordshire.

A peal of Minor, which included one 720 in which Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were combined, was rung at Newhey, Lancashire, on Saturday, for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Byrom.

Mr. Frank H. Mitchell rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bexley, Kent, on March 10th. It was his first peal for 30 years, his last having been at Appledore, Kent. We congratulate him and hope it will not be as long before he rings his next peal. The three ringers who scored their first peal are also to be congratulated on the way they rang both their bells and the method. They learned to handle a bell only ten months ago, and Mr. H. A. Holden deserves great credit on the building of a fine young band.

The Vicar of Deane, Hants (the Rev. F. S. H. Marle) took part in a peal of Minor on the bells of his own church on Saturday and scored his first peal in four methods, as did all the rest of the band. Indeed, the Vicar had not previously rung a peal in more than one method.

**FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR AT 76.**

Mr. William Story, J.P., of Newcastle, took part in a peal of Bob Major at Poole, Dorset, on Saturday. He celebrated his 79th birthday a few weeks ago. Another veteran who rang in the peal was Mr. Charles Forfitt, of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, who is in his 77th year. Although Mr. Forfitt has rung many peals, this was his first of Major. The band wish to express their thanks to Mr. Townsend for preparing the bells and Mr. J. I. Davis for assisting and turning up as 'ninth' man.

The first peal on the light ring of five at Ringwould, Kent—the tenor is less than six cwt.—was rung on March 24th. It was attended by more than usual good fortune, for the rope on the third broke as the bell was being lowered after the peal.

Seven 720's of Bourne Surprise Minor were rung in a peal at Stisted, Essex, on March 19th, in honour of Mothering Sunday. It is the first time a peal had been rung exclusively in this method in the county and for the Essex Association, as well as by all the band.

All those who rang a peal of Bob Minor at Rishton, Lancs, on March 21st, are service ringers at the Parish Church. It was Mr. Richard Balderstone's 75th peal and Mr. Albert Yates' first peal as conductor.

A peal of Minor was rung on the front six bells at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on March 16th, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Barratt, mother of one of the ringers, on her 78th birthday. It was Mr. Frank Bradley's 100th peal for the Midland Counties Association.

**250 CHANGES OF METHOD.**

The peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob Major at Downham Market on Sunday week contained the 120 course ends with the tenors together, in exactly 5,000 changes. It was composed and conducted by Mr. Nolan Golden, and, with 250 changes of method, the peal contained 400 calls.

The peal at Hartlebury, Worcestershire, on March 18th, was arranged for Messrs. Farley, Whitmore, Smith and Handley, of Stourbridge and Wollaston. It was to have been Stedman Triples, but, alas! it was not a Stedman day. After two abortive attempts, Oxford Bob was substituted, and a composition (Parker's No. 13) was taken from stock and dusted. Messrs. Farley, Smith and Handley rang their first peal in the method, while Mr. Whitmore resumed acquaintance with a method he had not rung for very many years. By a happy coincidence this peal attempt was rung on Mothering Sunday.

To ring a peal in 20 Treble Bob methods in the first attempt for a 'spliced' peal is no mean achievement, and Mr. Tom Cullingworth, of the Barnsley Society, will be congratulated upon his success. The peal was rung at Felkirk on March 23rd.

The golden jubilee of the bells at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, Lancs, was celebrated on Sunday with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The peal of Minor at Perlethorpe, Notts, on Saturday, was rung to welcome back to the district Mr. Fred Flint, who had been away and out of ringing for two years.

In connection with the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Darlington rung in honour of the consecration of the new Bishop of Durham, it is interesting to note that Mr. G. W. Park has now rung the treble in this tower to a peal for the first time, despite the fact that he has rung here upwards of 48 years and has taken part in every peal rung on the bells, which number over forty. Mr. W. H. Thomas, of Bristol, and Mr. S. Bryant, of Shildon, took part in the peal, which was rung on Saturday.

By taking part in a peal of Bob Minor on handbells at Westerham on Sunday week, John Weller and Geoffrey Murphy have now rung and Derek Sharp has conducted peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus 'in hand.' John Weller began with Maximus and worked downwards, thus reversing the usual process.

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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DIVISION ELECTS 22 NEW MEMBERS.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 18th, when members attended from Battle, Hastings (Blacklands, St. Clement's and All Saints'), Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Heathfield, Rolhefield, Hailsham, Waldron, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's, Christ Church and St. Mary's). Mr. Piper (Eastbourne) was also present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon F. P. Hughes), who gave an interesting address and remarked how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Eastbourne.

The Master of the association (Mr. H. R. Butcher) presided at the tea and business meeting which followed. The whole of the outgoing officers were re-elected, and 22 new members were elected from St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Heathfield, Blacklands, Hastings and Waldron. It was with great pleasure that the secretary announced that Waldron tower wished to be affiliated.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Master for presiding at the tea, and to Mr. Piper for bearing part of the cost of the tea.

The ringers afterwards went to St. Saviour's for further ringing.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****NEW BRISTOL RURAL BRANCH CHAIRMAN.**

A quarterly meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Almondsbury on Saturday. About 50 ringers attended from Henbury, Mangotsfield, Stapleton, St. Ambrose, Coalpit Heath, Westerleigh and Westbury-on-Trym. The bells at Almondsbury are a very nice ring of eight and were well employed during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Mayall), who gave the visitors a brief outline of the interesting history of the church.

At the meeting, held after tea at the Monmouth Cafe, Mr. Gould, of Henbury, temporarily presided.

Mr. C. Harding, of Henbury, was then unanimously elected chairman of the branch for the ensuing nine months, and, on taking the chair, thanked the members for electing him. He said it would be his aim to see that all the ringers who attended the meetings had a fair share of the ringing; to create interest and comradeship and in this way to promote the art of change ringing.

A resolution was carried that a peal be attempted for the branch each quarter, those members wishing to take part to send their names, and the method they wish to ring, to the chairman, who will make arrangements as to time, place etc. It was thought this would create interest amongst the younger members.

Thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. G. Capewell for having everything in readiness, were passed.

The tower was again visited and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were brought round before the successful and pleasant meeting came to an end.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****VICE-PRESIDENT'S 80th BIRTHDAY.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Goole on Saturday, March 18th, and was attended by about 30 ringers from Beverley Minster, Far Headingley, Burley (Leeds), Hemingbrough, Hessele, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet and the local company. The Vicar of Goole (the Rev. Canon Knightall) conducted the service, and the preacher was the Rev. E. Casledine, Vicar of Thorne. After tea, in Hackforth's Cafe near the church, the Vicar presided over the business meeting, and the retiring officers, Messrs. F. Cryer (vice-president) and A. Walker, C. Hill and A. E. Sellers (committeemen), were all re-elected for a period of three years.

The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Cryer, the vice-president, congratulating him on his reaching his 80th birthday on March 13th, and expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to his usual good health. Mr. Cryer was absent from the meeting owing to an attack of 'flu.'

Mr. Hill proposed, and Mr. Meadley seconded, that a suggestion be brought before the General Committee that a Deputy Ringing Master be appointed to each district.

In replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar welcomed the association to Goole, and said he would be pleased to see the members at Goole at any time. On the motion of Mr. R. Owen, seconded by Mr. A. H. Fox, a vote of thanks was accorded to the local company, and Mr. C. Hill replied welcoming the members.

The members learned with deep regret, through 'The Ringing World,' of the death of Mr. W. Pountain, of York Minster, and after the company had stood in silence to his memory, the secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to the relatives.

The hope was expressed that Mr. G. Horner, of York Minster, would soon be fully recovered from his illness.

Eastington was selected as the next place of meeting in June.

The methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting of this division will be held at Stisted on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Please send card for tea to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, Essex.—C. W. Cook, Newton, Cambridge.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Benwell (bells 6) on Saturday, April 1st, at 3 p.m. These bells have just been rehung, so please give the Benwell chaps a good restart.—Jack Roach, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at South Anston Church (bells 8) on Saturday, April 1st. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Alresford on Saturday, April 1st next. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—W. G. Goodchild, Hon. Dis. Sec., 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Cophull, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 9d. each, for which please notify Mr. J. Blackburn, 38, Park Road, Cophull, near Chorley. Special invitation to friends from Preston Branch. — S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on April 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, to-morrow, Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Milnrow, to-morrow, Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—I. Kay, Sec.

**MORECAMBE, LANCS.**—The new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn on Sunday, April 2nd, at the 10.30 service.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, April 2nd, 10 a.m. Practice, St. Clement Danes, April 24th, at 6.45, followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., and St. Mary Lambeth, May 2nd, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**WILLINGDON, EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—Dedication of new treble, completing ring of six, by the Vicar at morning service on Sunday, April 2nd. The work has been done by Gillett and Johnston.

**BRONLLYS, TALGARTH, BRECONS.**—Reopening of the bells on Saturday, April 8th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. Notification to the Vicar for tea, which will be supplied at a nominal charge. The five bells restored and a new treble added to make six by John Taylor and Co.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Co-operative Street, Horbury, by Wednesday, April 5th. This is specially arranged to honour two of the local company, who have been regular service ringers at this tower for 50 years. A good attendance is hoped for, and all will be welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLANDS.**—Ringing arrangements for Easter Sunday: St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, morning 10 o'clock; St. Martin-in-the-Fields at 5 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 10th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles, St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints available from 10.30 a.m. Service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. E. William Blyth, Rector of Northrepps. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) at The Castle Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Kindly notify attendance at luncheon.—F. Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Awliscombe, near Honiton, on Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30; also Ottery St. Mary (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Parish Room, 5.15 p.m. All are welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 59th annual general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday, April 10th. Committee meeting in St. John's Hall at 11.15 a.m. Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist at noon. Address by the Vicar of Erith (Rev. R. W. Thornhill, M.A.). Luncheon in St. John's Hall at 1 p.m. (free to practising members, 2s. 6d. others). His Worship the Mayor of Erith (Rev. J. W. Wilkinson) will preside. Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives (4). A new rule to be submitted. All applications for luncheon tickets, accompanied by stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by Tuesday, April 4th, otherwise too late.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The following towers will be open for ringing on the occasion of the annual general meeting at Erith on Easter Monday: Bexley (8), 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Crayford (8), 10 to 11.15 a.m.; Dartford (8), 10 to 11.15 a.m.; Erith (St. John's) (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Erith (Christ Church) (8), 10 to 11.45 a.m.; Sidcup (6), 10 to 11.15 a.m. These towers will also be open after the meeting for further ringing.—F. M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, at Burton-on-Trent. Bells open: St. Paul's (10) from 10 a.m.; Rolleston-on-Dove (8), 11.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3.30; Winshill (6), 11 to 12 a.m., 1.30 to 4 p.m. Subject to weddings and funerals. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 prompt, followed by general meeting in St. Paul's Institute. Tickets for tea, members 1s. 9d., visitors 2s., to be obtained not later than Apr. 5th from J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent. Owing to catering difficulties, please note, those without tickets must fend for themselves.—Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at HERTFORD, on EASTER MONDAY. Ringing from 2 p.m. at All Saints (10 bells), St. Andrew's (8), Bengoe (8). Hertingfordbury (5) 1.30 to 3 p.m. Service in St. Andrew's Church 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Andrew's, 5 p.m., price 2s., followed by business meeting. Ringing at the three Hertford churches up to 9 p.m. It will help the caterer if your intentions can be sent to the secretary not later than April 6th. Thank you.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 10th. Service at St. Mary-the-Great, 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea at King's Parade Cafe. Bells available: St. Mary's (12), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3.30, and in the evening; St. Benet's (6), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3.30 p.m., and at 7 p.m.; Roman Catholic (8), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton (6), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ringing at Trumpington on application to me.—Kitty Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 10th. General business meeting in the College Hall at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Special preacher: The Rev. J. R. Bamber, Vicar of Wollaston. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m., for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1-2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), and St. Nicholas (6). St. Swithun (6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. only). Central Committee meeting in St. Albans at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Albans' Church Room, Fish Street, between 12 noon and 1 p.m. Members are particularly asked to note that St. Helen's Church House will not be available as in previous years.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Easter Monday next. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ripley on Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at the Co-operative Cafe, followed by annual meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. F. Hill, 5, Argyll Road, Ripley, by Wednesday, April 5th, certain?—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Stroud, Glos, on Easter Monday, April 10th. Arrangements: Stroud bells (10) available from 1 p.m. Service 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Church Institute 3.15 p.m. Tea at Premier Cafe, King Street (1s. per person), 5.15 p.m. (approximately). Painswick bells (12) available from 6.45 p.m., Stonehouse bells (6) 6.30 p.m. Half-hourly service of buses from Stonehouse to Stroud. Please notify me with regard to tea by April 6th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Secretary, 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells available: St. Mary's, Ewell, 11 a.m. to 12.30; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Christ Church, Epsom, 3.30 to 4.55, and again in the evening. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m., followed by tea at Christ Church Hall at 1s. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, April 5th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at North Rauceby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Tea will be provided free of charge by the Vicar to all who notify him at The Vicarage, Rauceby, near Sleaford, by Thursday previous.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on April 15th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and service 4.30, both at St. Mary-le-Tower. Address by Rev. Basil Eden, of Bredfield. Tea at 5.15 in Co-operative Hall, followed by meeting. The following bells will be available for ringing: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6), Sproughton (6), Bramford (6), St. Lawrence (5).—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church (R.C.), Chorley (8 bells), on Saturday, April 15th. Tower open for ringing 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The second annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on Saturday, April 15th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d each, can be obtained from Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs. Hanley Tower (10 bells) will be available from 3.30 p.m.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Tackley on Saturday, April 15th next. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please inform me on Wednesday, April 12th, first post.—W. Evetts, Sec., Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Monday, April 10th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**SOMERLEYTON, NEAR LOWESTOFT.**—The ring of six bells, rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, April 16th, at 3 p.m.

**ST. GILES - IN - THE - WOOD, TORRINGTON, DEVON.**—The ring of six bells, restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, April 19th, at 7 p.m.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 22nd. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Gen. Sec.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS (8 bells), Saturday, April 29th.**

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—No ringing at the Borough during Holy Week, so the next practice will be on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7.30. We want a bumper attendance on that date.—I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec

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