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**THE WORCESTERSHIRE**

'The Ringing World' introduces this week a new feature in the first of a series of articles dealing with the history of the guilds and associations in affiliation with the Central Council. The object is to place on record a summary of the salient features in the life of these component parts of church bellringing in this country. These guilds or associations have more than justified their existence. Through the machinery they have created, not only has a close link been established with the Church authorities, but ringers have by common ties been cemented into one big fellowship. The control of ringing to-day through the guilds working in conjunction with the Central Council is an orderly and organised process; such a state has not been reached without much individual effort, as these articles will reveal.

The privilege of being No. 1 in the series belongs to the Worcestershire and Districts Association. This county is one of the most beautiful in England, with the Malvern Hills rising to 1,395 feet high, the vale of Evesham, famed for its orchards, and the overspill of the Black Country and greater Birmingham spreading its tentacles over the northern part of the county. This incursion of industrialism is told admirably by Francis Brett Young in his books; it stands apart from the old-established industries which have made Worcester famed for its porcelain, Kidderminster its carpets and Redditch for needles.

What has all this to do with ringing? There is an affinity between the industry of an area and the standard of ringing, and it is hoped that one day a member of the Exercise will be found who has specialised in social surveys to give us his conclusions on such a theme. Worcestershire has a good ringing record; change ringing has for years been treated seriously. A peals analysis and points table was in operation for a number of years whereby the ringing standard of various towers was assessed. The Upton-on-Severn band had in those days a big reputation. This old enthusiasm is being recaptured and takes the form of a Surprise band which especially caters for young ringers who desire advanced ringing.

Worcester Cathedral holds a cherished place in the hearts of all members of this association. Apart from being the diocesan centre and close relationship maintained with successive Deans of Worcester, the Cathedral contains two memorials which are of concern

to ringers. In the Cathedral cloisters there is the memorial window to those ringers who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914-18, and in the Cathedral peal of twelve the eighth was the gift of members of the association when it was recast in 1928. Fellowship is a strong factor in this association, as evinced by the annual dinners, and the longevity of its officers is unique. Mr. W. H. Johnson has completed 40 years as hon. treasurer, while the last three hon. general secretaries have wonderful records—John Smith 20 years, James R. Newman 30 years, and J. D. Johnson, the present holder, a modest 10 years not out. The Worcestershire Association can be regarded as one of the great pillars supporting the temple of English ringing.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Oct. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT... <i>Treble</i>	†LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING... 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6	FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman and of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEAL

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*PERCY PAGE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP 6
†DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	†REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 7
†THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 3	†ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 8
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 9
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 5	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. HOLFIELD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 25th peal together. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
JOHN PUMPHREY ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ERIC DURRANT ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 7
GEORGE BAILEY ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
ERNEST J. KING ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 7
*CECIL H. WOOD ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5
EDGAR T. SMITH ... 2	HAROLD SMITH ... 6
AUBREY B. PICKERING ... 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	*HENRY E. GREEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WALTER LEMON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN WHEADON ... 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 6
FRANK E. WALKER ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
†ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD V. JOHNSON... 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 2	*HAROLD F. WOOD ... 6
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 7
HARRY CHEESEMAN ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS HILDA PAVER ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERIC BALDWIN ... 5
†JAMES HODGSON ... 2	†GILBERT JONES ... 6
ERNEST B. BETTS ... 3	*HERBERT HODGSON ... 7
TOM SCOTT ... 4	FRED HODGSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 2	†CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 6
*MARY PEMBERTON ... 3	CLARENCE DOBBIE ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'



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WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

T. BARKER, ex-R.A.O.C. Treble	KENNETH HALL, ex-R.N. 5
S. TUSON, ex-R.A. ... 2	W. K. MARTIN, ex-R.A.F. 6
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE, ex-R.A.F. 3	J. CHARNOCK, ex-Lancs Fus. 7
*E. RAMSBOTTOM (ex-East Lancs 4	A. HATCH, ex-R.E. ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.  
\* First peal 'inside.'

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	CHARLES SHARPLES ... 5
*STANLEY CLIFFORD ... 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 6
EVEREST FORD ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
JOHN JACKSON ... 4	*WILLIAM BLEASDALE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.  
Rung to celebrate the 87th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

BASIL JONES ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	PETER LARLIN ... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 7
ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	JOHN WORTH... ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (56). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Jack Bancroft, a member of the local band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. ... Treble	H. SHUCK ... 5
L. PRESTIDGE ... 2	T. A. TOWNSEND ... 6
W. DAVIES ... 3	J. GOODMAN ... 7
T. GREENHALL ... 4	*H. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (56). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Jack Bancroft, a member of the local band.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Canon E. L. Warren, hon. member of the Worcestershire Association.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,  
**A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt. 17 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS... Treble	TOM PAGE ... 5
JOHN H. HUNT ... 2	*C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Treble	STANLEY SLANEY ... 5
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	*CYRIL WRIGHT ... 6
HAROLD KENT ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.  
\* First peal in the method. First Treble Bob as conductor.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FRANCES A. EDGAR (Lady Margaret Hall) Treble	BETTY SPICE (Somerville) ... 5
*FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. Anne's) ... 2	J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT (Christ Church) ... 6
JULIA M. PRESTON (St. Anne's) ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble) ... 7
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 115).  
Conducted by JEAN A. SOUTHERST.  
\* First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal as conductor.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK CRITTENDEN ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
*LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	*ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
\* First peal in the method.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 22, 1946, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part. ... Treble	WALTER STEVENS ... 5
HARRY PURCHASE ... 2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 6
STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... 3	CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 7
GEORGE SPARKES ... 4	†HARRY COMMINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. J. TARR.  
\* First peal on 'inside' bell. † First peal on eight. First of Triples as conductor.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	*ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
*HERRICK BOWLEY ... 2	HERBERT W. PERKINS... 6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

EWHRST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	NELSON*E. ELLIOTT ... 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
*HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.  
\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*PHILIP WALKER ... ..Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT... 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
*MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
BETTY SPICE ... .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to open the new Bodleian Library.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN ... ..Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	LEONARD TUFFREY ... .. 6
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, QUEENSBURY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ... ..Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 2	DENNIS ROE ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
GORDON BENFIELD ... .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

## BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. Harrison's peal from 'Ropesight.'	
R. A. WILTON ... ..Treble	J. BAGNALL ... .. 5
F. C. LIMB ... .. 2	N. M. NEWBY ... .. 6
S. B. USHER ... .. 3	F. H. CRAWLEY ... .. 7
J. BRACEWELL ... .. 4	J. E. BURLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BURLS.

## BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb

*DAVID H. ANSTEY ...Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 2	*JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 6
HARRY E. BALAA ... 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY... 7
*ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method.

## KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... ..Treble	*JOHN V. LONSBROUGH ... 5
MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method.

## WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALEC MUNDY ... ..Treble	THOMAS HARRIS ... 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	*NORMAN COOMBS ... 6
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 7
*GEORGE HAWKINS ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal in the method. In memoriam J. H. B. Hesse.

## EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... ..Treble	ERIC A. DENCH ... .. 5
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

## SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX ...Treble	CITBERT W. POWELL... 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 2	*PERCIVAL HARDING ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung by officers of the Guild to celebrate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Lester Charles Lunt as Bishop of Salisbury, which took place at the Cathedral on October 23rd.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCLIA,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

J. Thorp's.	
ALAN D. STEEL ... ..Treble	†NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 5
*FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 2	†ARTHUR PEAKE ... .. 6
†WILLIAM F. GIBBON ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
†FREDK. WILSHAW ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Oxford Major. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

## WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
*THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 7
†GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in method away from treble. † 50th peal. First peal in method on the bells.

## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD ... ..Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	†HARVEY J. DAKIN ... 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
*LESLIE B. HODGETTS ... 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal of Stedman.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. LEWIS ...Treble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN... 5
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	*GEORGE AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor. This peal contains 3,392 changes of London and 1,696 of Cambridge with 106 changes of method.

**SCHILDON, CO. DURHAM.**  
**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ROLAND PARK ... .. Treble	JOSEPH WEST ... .. 5
GEORGE W. HUTCHINSON 2	SAMUEL BRYANT ... .. 6
GEORGE W. PEVERELL ... 3	*THOMAS COOKE ... .. 7
GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in the method. A memorial peal for the late Mr. R. B. Robinson, a ringer at this church for over 40 years.

**LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... Treble	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
*GEORGE E. CRISP ... .. 3	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Tenor

Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung on the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. Francis G. Gleaves.

**KNIGHTLEY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN BRIGGS ... .. Treble	ALFRED ASHTON ... .. 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 6
ERNEST RAYNER ... .. 3	ROBERT BOTTOMLEY ... 7
*E. J. TAYLOR ... .. 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

\* First peal.

**BARNET, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 6
*PATRICIA HOLMES ... .. 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method.

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*GEOFFREY F. CARTER ... Treble	PHILIP M. J. GREY... .. 5
THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... .. 6
FREDK. A. BARKER ... .. 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 7
ARTHUR W. J. BITTLER... 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR FREESTON ... .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 5
SYDNEY JESSOP ... .. 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
FRANK DEWEY ... .. 3	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 7
FRANK P. HARWOOD ... 4	HAROLD HARPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HAROLD HARPER.

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

**DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST WILSON ... .. Treble	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES... 5
A. OLIVER LEWIS ... .. 2	RALPH W. SAYERS .. .. 6
FREDK. N. FLUCK ... .. 3	ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4	WALTER H. RAXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal on eight.

**BILLINGSBURST, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Oct. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Treble	HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 5
*ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
CECIL H. WOOD ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 7
JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 4	†ALBERT EMERY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in method. † First peal. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Vicar.

**ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sun., Oct. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 6
ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

**OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... Treble	KATHLEEN PITCHFORTH ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM WARD ... .. 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON 3	DENNIS ROE ... .. 7
HERBERT HEATON ... .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. BENFIELD.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS**

**IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Treble	HORACE O. OVER ... .. 4
MISS E. IRIS ROWLEY ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... 5
HAROLD TURNER ... .. 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

**SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT COOPER ... .. Treble	ERNEST PADGETT ... .. 4
ARTHUR HUDSON ... .. 2	FRANK LAMB ... .. 5
TOM TUNE ... .. 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

**ARKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST COOPER ... .. Treble	*MRS. IRENE SOMERVILLE 4
*MISS NORA HOLMES ... 2	*MISS LAURA MOTTISHAW 5
*MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW 3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. COOPER.

\* First peal in the method.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED WIGMORE ... .. Treble	† HARRY FOLLEN ... .. 4
EDWARD BARKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
* WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 3	* CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

\* 100th peal for the Ely Association. † First peal.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN WALDED ... .. Treble	ROBERT W. PARKER ... .. 4
ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... .. 2	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal on the bells. Rung to welcome a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Mayer, of Lincoln.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

J. EDWARD CLOUGH ... Treble	CECIL E. CARR ... .. 4
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BOSLEY, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, two of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and three of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 5½ cwt.

J. W. L. SLACK ... .. Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... .. 4
A. POTTS ... .. 2	C. W. LAWTON ... .. 5
S. NOBLE ... .. 3	J. WHITTAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. WHITTAKER.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

BERT CHILVERS ... .. Treble	CHARLES V. ORVES ... .. 4
* RONALD A. FRANCIS ... .. 2	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... .. 5
LESLIE FOSTER ... .. 3	ARTHUR COOK ... .. Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by SIDNEY W. ARBON.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Oct. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Consisting of 1,240 Morris' and 40 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

* ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... Treble	* WALTER R. HUGHES ... .. 4
* GEORGE W. HUGHES ... .. 2	* ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 3	* HENRY E. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BOTTERILL.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells since being recast.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... .. 4
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 2	HERBERT GATES ... .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Specially arranged for Ronald H. Dove.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

* MRS. C. W. DENYER ... Treble	ERNEST GARDNER ... .. 4
JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 2	CHARLES NEWMAN ... .. 5
† KENNETH WILLIAMSON ... 3	CHARLES W. DENYER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Fuller.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being ten 120's of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

* DORIS SHEPPARD ... Treble	GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 4
LESLIE BARRY ... .. 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... .. 5
THOMAS WITTS ... .. 3	* PATRICK ALLEN ... .. Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IPPOLYTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

* WALTER PRATT ... .. Treble	* LOUIS RENNACLES ... .. 4
* ALFRED HARRIS ... .. 2	JOHN NORTH ... .. 5
* LIONEL BENNET ... .. 3	BRUCE MCKIE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BRUCE MCKIE.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the rehanging of the bells.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two six-scores each of Stedman and Union, four six-scores each of Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase and Plain Bob, and 14 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN SHATFORD ... .. Treble	MISS M. JEAN LAWRENCE ... 3
BERTRAM F. LUMBERS ... .. 2	LEONARD G. TOSELAND ... .. 4
	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 5

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

First peal in nine methods by all the band.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents differently called. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* EDITH SHARP ... .. Treble	* REGINALD G. ABRAHAM ... .. 4
* VICTOR S. ADAMS ... .. 2	† FREDK. W. MYNARD ... .. 5
† ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG ... 3	REGINALD H. HOWSON Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. HOWSON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First as conductor.

LEAFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being an extent each of St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS W. BOND ... .. Treble	* ALAN CORNISH ... .. 4
CECIL G. CALCUTT ... .. 2	† CECIL BUSTIN ... .. 5
HARRY P. FLOYD ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

**ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), 28 of Grandsire (ten callings), and one Morris' 240. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

\*CHARLES H. WICKENS ... *Treble* | CECIL H. LONGHURST ... 3  
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 | ALBERT E. LAKER ... 4

A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*  
Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Oct. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

\*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6  
WILFRID J. H. HOOTON ... 3-4 | EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 7-8

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

\* First peal on handbells 50th peal as conductor.

**OXFORD.**

**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Sun., Oct. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,*

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

BETTY SPICE (Somerville) ... 1-2 | JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) ... 5-6  
JULIA M. PRESTON (St. Anne's) ... 3-4 | FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. Anne's) ... 7-8

WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. No. 11).

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal on ten bells as conductor.

**PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Oct. 21, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT 73, ST. MARY'S ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven variations.

\*FREDK. SOUTER ... 1-2 | EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3-4  
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* First handbell peal.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Oct. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MARGARET'S,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8067 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6  
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4 | \*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8  
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**CAMBRIDGE.**

**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Fri., Oct. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT 12, PARK STREET,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 13 in E.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2 | S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 5-6  
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) ... 3-4 | E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

**CAMBRIDGE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Oct. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,*

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 1-2 | \*JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6  
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3-4 | †STANLEY E. DARMON ... 7-8  
‡EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 9-10

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First ten-bell peal 'in hand.' ‡ First peal on ten bells.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Overtime is the order  
of the day for the  
Peals Analysis Committee.  
Nearly 70 peals appear in this issue, compared  
with 63 in our issue of June 21st, our last big  
number.

Advantage is also taken of the 16 page issue  
to allocate additional space for quarter-peals.  
Additional copies of 'The Ringing World'  
containing a report of a peal or meeting should  
be ordered at the time of sending the commu-  
nication to the Editor.

Mr. Howard Howell, of Wolverhampton, has  
150 peals to his credit.

The limited stock of 'A Great Adventure'  
was exhausted in two days. We are sorry to  
disappoint so many readers.

Topography lesson for those contemplating  
visiting Oatlands Park by train on November  
9th. Turn left at Walton-on-Thames Station,  
10 minutes' walk.

After an unsuccessful peal attempt for the  
golden wedding of Mr. F. Freestone, 1,260  
Stedman Triples were rung at Hornchurch,  
Essex, on October 12th, by J. Cornford 1, A.  
Chaplin 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Armstrong (first  
quarter) 4, J. Groves 5, F. V. Gant 6, S.  
Bailey (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

A new body, the B.T.C.S. (Bellringing-  
Tintinnabulation-Campanology Society), has  
been formed in Kent with the objects of hold-  
ing social hours together in tower and hand-  
bell ringing so that the ordinary meetings of  
the Canterbury District are not interfered  
with. Previous to a meeting of this society on  
October 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor was rung by  
T. W. Robinson 1, Harrison Smith 2, F. Fair-  
beard 3, H. Stringer 4, H. J. Saunders 5, C.  
Turner (conductor) 6.

In the peal at Chilvers Coton, Warwick-  
shire, reported last week, it was only Mar-  
garet Beamish who is eleven. The other two  
first pealers probably wish they had started  
ringing at that age.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

What is the mystery be-  
hind Leafield, Oxfordshire,  
bells, the tenor of which  
was given by Queen Victoria in 1874? For  
72 years this tower has defied those who de-  
light in scoring a first peal on the bells.

Leslie C. Wightman, by his peal of Cam-  
bridge Minor at Elvedon, Suffolk, has rung a  
peal in 100 different towers.

The average age of the hand which rang  
the peal at Otley, Yorks, is 18 years. It was  
rung by the younger members of the Leeds  
area of the Yorkshire Association as a fare-  
well to one of the ringers, William Ward, who  
is joining the R.A.F.

A welcome home peal was rung at Barrow-  
in-Furness on October 25th. The ringers  
honoured were R. A. Wilton, J. Bagnall, F. H.  
Crawley and J. Bracewell, jun.

War memories are recalled by the peal of  
Oxford Treble Bob at Stoke-on-Trent on Oct.  
26th. It was rung as a compliment and fare-  
well to Mr. and Mrs. F. Rose, of Bombay,  
for their kindness to several Stoke ringers  
and other North Staffordshire 'boys' while  
serving in India. Mr. Rose was for a number  
of years a ringer at St. Peter's, Stoke.

According to 'The Shrewsbury Chronicle',  
the peal rung at Wem, Shropshire, on Oct.  
26th, was of 'double knowledge.' When  
Double Norwich has been mastered, 'double  
knowledge' in a ringing sense has been gained.  
Hence the inspiration for the new title!

There was a part for the ringers in the  
choir festival at Chichester Cathedral when  
evensong was sung by 700 voices. Ringing  
took place before and after the service and  
culminated in a quarter-peal of Grandsire  
Triples, in which the following towers were  
represented: Angmering, Bosham, Chichester,  
Felpham, Lyminster and Walberton.

Correction.—The peal at Galleywood, Essex,  
on September 27th, was conducted by William  
J. Barrett. Apology!

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

We publish this week the first of a series of articles dealing with the histories of the associations and guilds in affiliation with the Central Council. We hope that guild secretaries and officials will co-operate to make these articles a useful contribution to the history of church bellringing.

ONE of the oldest of our territorial associations is the Worcestershire and Districts, the inaugural meeting being held at Bromsgrove on Easter Monday, April 10th, 1882. Mr. J. Perks, of Worcester, was elected Master, Mr. H. Wilks (Worcester) secretary and Mr. W. Duffill (Bromsgrove) treasurer. Five days later the first peal was rung for the association, one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Bromsgrove, conducted by Elijah Crump.

At the first annual meeting at Worcester on August 27th, 1887, a fresh start was made with the following officers: Chairman, the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Lord Alwynne Compton); Master, Mr. J. Perks; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. John Smith and P. Owen. It was decided to send a delegate to the Bellringers' Conference at Reading on October 4th that year. The following year affiliation took place to the National Association of Bellringers.

A new Master in Mr. S. Spittle was elected at the annual meeting at Bromsgrove on July 13th, 1885. This year saw the death of Mr. W. Duffill, the first treasurer, and on September 19th Mr. E. Crump was appointed to the post.

In 1886 the association issued its first printed report, which showed that the following towers were affiliated: Bromsgrove, Areley Kings, Brierley Hill, Coodley, Dudley, Hagley, Grimley, Kidderminster, Leigh, Netherton, Wollaston, Wolverley, Worcester and Upton-on-Severn. There were then 71 performing members and 15 honorary. These reports have been published without a break despite the incidence of two major wars. The annual meeting, that year held at Worcester, decided to purchase an illuminated peal book. Only a few special peals have been entered in this book, the complete record of peals being contained in smaller books. Officers elected that year were: President, the Very Rev. Dean Gott; treasurer, Mr. E. Crump; Master, Mr. S. Spittle; secretary, Mr. J. Smith.

In 1887 a decision was taken not to amalgamate with the 'Birmingham Association.' The minutes of 1889 record that Mr. Harvey



ST. JOHN'S, BROMSGROVE  
The birthplace of the Association in 1882.



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL  
The Association's War Memorial is in the Cloisters.

Reeves, editor of 'The Bell News' and a native of Worcester, presented the association with a peal of 24 handbells by Messrs. J. Shaw, Son and Co., of which can be made four peals of 12, five of 10 and six of 8 bells. A condition of the gift was that they should not be used for tune playing, 'a practice in my opinion derogatory to a skilled ringer.'

In 1890 steps were being taken to form the 'Central Council of Ringers,' and Mr. R. E. Grove was appointed to the Provisional Committee. Messrs. J. S. Pritchett and R. E. Grove were appointed representatives on the first Central Council in 1893. In 1897 it was decided to print certificates of membership.

The association's 'Form of Service' dates back to 1899. It was drafted by the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector of Hagley, who was clerical secretary. Mr. Gibbs continued in office until 1904, when the Rev. S. Phillips, of Kidderminster, was elected his successor.

## TWO EARLY STALWARTS.

In these early years the Worcestershire Association owed a great deal to two stalwarts—Messrs. John Smith (secretary) and S. Spittle (Master), who held office for 22 and 20 years respectively. Their resignations were received in the same year, 1905. The new Master was Mr. T. J. Salter and the secretary Mr. J. R. Newman. The appreciation of the valued services to the association of Mr. John Smith found tangible expression in January, 1907, when at Kidderminster he was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of gold. At that meeting Mr. W. H. Johnson was elected treasurer, Mr. H. Mason resigning, and he is still in harness.

The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean, was elected president in 1909, when a committee was appointed to consider the formation of branches. A special general meeting was held at Hartlebury on October 1st, 1910, when this principle was carried by 233 votes to 36. The first branch officers were as follows: Northern: R. Matthews (Master), E. J. Dowler (secretary). Western: W. Page (Master), H. T. Knowles (secretary). Southern: H. Middleton (Master), J. Hemming (secretary).

The association had a new Master in 1912 with the election of Mr. A. E. Parsons, and the Rev. J. F. Hastings was appointed clerical secretary. In 1913 saw the innovation of the Belfry Repair Fund, which in its first 20 years dispersed about £80.

## WAR MEMORIAL.

The sense of indebtedness to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War 1914-18 and also to those who served is to be found in the stained glass memorial window in the Cathedral Cloisters. This was unveiled at the annual meeting on March 28th, 1921, by the Dean and dedicated by Canon Wilson. The names of those killed are in the window and of those who served are on brass plates fixed to the stonework. The number of subscribers was 449 and the cost £177 10s. At this meeting Mr. W. Page was elected Master. He held office until 1924, when he was succeeded by Mr. R. Matthews. In 1926 Mr. J. D. Johnson, who has had such a beneficial influence on the association during the last 20 years, became Master.

The important event in 1928 was the recasting and rehangng of the Cathedral bells. The cost of recasting the 8th bell was defrayed by a grant of £20 from the Belfry Repairs Fund and by subscriptions from members collected by Mr. A. E. Parsons, making a total of £100 6s. 5d. This bell is inscribed, 'The Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association gave me.' The first peal on the new bells, Stedman Cinques, was rung on December 26th that year with the Master as conductor.

The following year the association decided to form a library, and Mr. C. W. Cooper was appointed librarian. This is now a most valuable collection of books on ringing and it is available for members. Mr. R. G. Knowles was elected Master at that meeting.

The jubilee festival at Bromsgrove on April 9th, 1932, was a great occasion. A special report was printed. The dinner held on that occasion became an annual event and has increased in popularity year by year. There was a break during war years, but it was revived in 1945 and held again this year. The Worcestershire Association can thus claim to be the first of the territorial associations to revive these happy reunions.

In 1933 the association had a new Master in Mr. W. Sborn, who held office until 1937, when he was succeeded by the present holder, Mr. S. T. Holt. Mr. J. D. Johnson, who was also Master from 1926-29, became general secretary in 1935 and still holds office. The highest performing membership was reached in 1938 with a total of 510.

#### SOME NOTED PEALS.

Although peal ringing was not very prominent in the early years of the association—there were only six in the first five years—a good record has been maintained. By the end of 1945 the total was 2,589, an average of 41 a year.

Peals of special interest are the following:—  
July 2nd, 1887, at Hanbury, a jubilee peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by G. Hughes, who had only one arm.

In 1904 at St. Helen's Church, Worcester, Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung non-conducted.

September 12th, 1909, at Stone, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung in 2 hours and 17 minutes, conducted by R. Matthews.

December 27th, 1909, a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, 10,176 changes (record); conductor, R. Matthews.

December 26th, 1910, at Clent, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 9,728 changes (record); conductor, R. Matthews.

December 1st, 1912, a peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells by the children of Mr. F. J. Johnson, aged 12, 13 and 10.

May 13th, 1919, at Selly Oak, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was conducted by H. Withers standing outside the tower and ringing a small bell in the ringing chamber when a call was to be made.

Among the first peals ever rung to the credit of the association are Whitbourne Surprise, Hinton Surprise and Pershore Bob Major. Spliced Surprise Major up to eight methods has also been rung by the association.

#### DEDICATION OF WATFORD BELLS

On Sunday, October 27th, during morning service, in the presence of a large congregation, the two new trebles at Watford Parish Church were dedicated by the Bishop of St. Albans.

Particulars of the bells have already appeared in an earlier issue, but the weights were wrongly sent in. They are: Treble, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.; second, 5 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. The many ringers assembled included Mr. Newton, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. The bellfounders have done a splendid job of work in enriching an already grand peal. Watford now has a ten to be proud of.

## University of London Society

### CONCERN OVER STRIKING.

The second annual meeting of the society was held in the ringing chamber of St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, on Monday, October 21st, under the chairmanship of the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Farrington), when 13 ringers attended from the Imperial College (the Royal College of Science, the Royal School of Mines and the City and Guilds College), King's College, University College, Goldsmith's College, the Chelsea Polytechnic and the London School of Economics.

Reports of the Master, secretary and treasurer were adopted. They showed that steady progress had been made and that there was a substantial balance in hand.

The officers elected for the year 1946-47 were: President, Dr. J. L. E. Simpson, Master, P. M. J. Gray; secretary and treasurer, P. R. Blackman; representative on the Universities' Association Committee, P. M. J. Gray; and committee, Miss J. Mattinson, Mr. P. R. Layton and Mr. J. F. Hill.

In addition to the regular practices of the society at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, it is hoped that regular terminal practice meetings at other churches in and around London can be arranged. Members of the society were asked to assist in Sunday service ringing either as a band at churches where there was no regular band or individually where they might help depleted bands.

It was pointed out that one of the main aims of practices ought to be the improvement of striking, for which university ringers had a poor reputation at the moment, but it was also hoped that more quarter-peals could be rung, as it was considered that these proved very good practice in method ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting and for the use of the bells.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### AT ISLINGTON AND HOLLOWAY.

A representative gathering from eleven towers, with visitors from Ewell, Slough and Swindon, were present at the North and East District meeting on October 26th. Entirely new ground was covered by visiting the tower of St. James-the-Apostle, Islington, and good use was made of the bells in the short time available. The Vicar (the Rev. P. T. W. Tranter), himself a ringer, conducted evensong and gave an interesting address by comparing the functions of an alarm clock with one's conscience. In the evening a visit, after a lapse of a few years, was paid to the tower of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, and here, also, the bells were rung to a number of methods, as well as rounds.

The business meeting was short, but embodied the election of Mr. R. K. C. Wilkings (Upper Clapton) as a ringing member, and votes of thanks to the incumbents of both churches and local captains for an enjoyable meeting.

### AT ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON.

Twenty-seven members and friends from Faling, Feltham, Harrow, Heston, Hillingdon and Oxhey attended the South and West District evening meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 28th.

Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), and methods rung or attempted included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal and Spliced Surprise Major. A number of younger members obtained good practice in ten-bell ringing.

The secretary (Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey) thanked the local company for placing their usual weekly practice at the disposal of the association. He also confirmed arrangements for the next monthly meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, on November 30th, and announced that it was hoped to hold another evening meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Tuesday, January 14th.

## Kent County Association

### MAIDSTONE RESHUFFLE OFFICERS.

An interesting feature of the annual meeting of the Maidstone District, which was held on October 19th at Maidstone, was the presence of visitors from all the other five districts of the association. Over fifty members and friends attended, and it was 9 p.m. before the bells of All Saints' had ended their day's ringing in methods up to Cambridge Royal. Evensong at 6 p.m., tea at Herbert's Cafe and a business meeting presided over by Mr. G. H. Spice, general secretary of the association, were other contributions to a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

The election of officers for the coming year involved no change of personnel, for while Mr. C. H. Sone is succeeded as district secretary by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, he now becomes with Mr. G. F. Cantrill a district representative.

It was decided to hold the January quarterly meeting at West Mailing, and a by-meeting jointly at Barming and East Farleigh. E.S.J.H.

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT DISCUSS RECRUITMENT.

Over 70 ringers from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Lewisham, West Wickham, Woolwich, London, Gravesend and Brasted attended the annual meeting of the Lewisham District at Lee on October 26th.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. A. W. Brady-Johnson), who gave an interesting address. Tea in St. Margaret's Hall was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding. One practising and one non-resident ringer were elected members. Crayford was chosen for the meeting to be held on January 25th at the express invitation of Mr. E. Barnett, who was elected into the association at Crayford, January, 1897.

The secretary's report and accounts for the year were adopted. Replies to a questionnaire regarding service ringing were read, and it was agreed to consider ways and means to recruit ringers at those towers where the bells are ringable but are not rung regularly. Members were asked to give thought to this problem in the hope that a workable scheme could be adopted at the January meeting. The secretary was instructed to warn church officers of the dangers of clocking bells where this practice was suspected.

Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected district secretary, and Messrs. J. E. Bailey and P. A. Corby were reappointed as district representatives for the coming year. Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) was elected Ringing Master in succession to Mr. H. E. Audsley, who refused nomination, holding that this office should be circulated annually among the qualified members.

Notices of motion on agenda of annual committee meeting were discussed, and the district representatives obtained the feelings of the members on the points at issue. Members congratulated Mr. G. A. Simmonds, Lee, on the celebration on that day of his 81st birthday.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist, the caterers and local ringers were carried enthusiastically. The Rector replied and closed the meeting, which was followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. The sum of £1 5s. 4d. was collected at the service in aid of the Benevolent and Belfry Repair Funds.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The bad 'go' of the bells was the only blemish on a happy and successful meeting.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Blake 1, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 2, L. Hansell 3, K. Jones 4, R. F. Ewer 5, E. Sprague 6, W. J. Arnold 7, B. E. Cornell 8.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE EDITORIAL POST BAG

## Kent's Sense of Unity

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, in this week's 'Ringing World' must not go unanswered.

It is true that Kent covers a very large area, there might even be a case for the general reorganisation of the Exercise on a diocesan basis, but it is quite untrue to assert that five of the six districts into which the county is divided are parasitic on the remaining one.

It may be that the Lewisham District can claim the most skilled bands of ringers, though probably not without challenge, but I am inclined to think that the two districts where the outlook for ringing is most bright are those of Canterbury and Rochester, for in both of them many youngsters are being imbued with an enthusiasm for our art which augurs well for the future.

As for watertight compartments, I would draw attention to the fact that at the recent meeting of the Maidstone District visiting members of the association were present from all the other five districts.

No, however many hundreds of square miles Kent covers, it has not lost its sense of unity, and friendships between ringers in the county transcend the district boundaries in all directions. I feel sure, therefore, that I am giving voice to the opinion of the vast majority of Kent ringers in dissenting from the views expressed by Mr. Barnett.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

## APRIL DAY DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The question raised by Mr. P. Amos prompts the observation that he, together with a number of five-bell ringers, has little knowledge concerning the nature of the rows in either Grandsire or Plain Bob Doubles.

In Grandsire it is possible to produce the 60 in-course rows in one touch of 60 changes. Assuming that we have the fifth as half-hunt, it is possible at the end of the 60 to introduce what is known as a Single—but is really a Bob-Single, to produce the 60 out-of-course rows or changes to complete the 120. Why a Bob-Single? I would point out that the first two rows of a Bob are produced before the treble makes its backstroke blow at lead. This call can only be used in place of a Bob and not that of a Plain Lead.

A Single in any method changes the course of an even number of bells. A Bob in any method changes the course of an odd number of bells. In Bob Doubles, Singles are not required for the simple reason that they occur automatically at each backstroke lead of the treble, whether a Bob is made or not. Therefore, each lead of a 120 with an odd number—lead No. 1 for instance—contains even or in-course rows. Two bells lying still at the lead end cause the rows in No. 2 lead to become odd or out-of-course.

Now take the Single from Grandsire and use it in Plain Bob instead of the usual Bob. It will be seen that although two bells in Grandsire have their coursing order changed by it, three bells are affected in Bob Doubles. For this reason then, when used in Bob Doubles, it becomes a Bob, and the result is known as April Day. When Single is called in this 'hybrid' method it is usually a sign that an incompetent conductor is taking the line of least resistance to keep a weak band 'on the rails.'

It may interest your readers to know that there are eight ways of calling 120. Besides the usual way of calling any one of the working bells, unaffected in seconds place, calls can be made every lead except when the observation bell is making seconds place. Nine Bobs in 120! It must be borne in mind, however, that if a 120 ends with a call it must start 21354 Grandsire!

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

47, Cedars Avenue, Coupton, Coventry.

## Overseas Ringing

## CONTACTS WITH MIGRANTS.

Dear Sir,—Under the heading, 'Migration again to Australia,' there appeared in the 'Times' of November 2nd the following statement:—

'Two hundred skilled building trade workers, all single men, will form the advance contingent of the legions of migrants who are expected to avail themselves of the chance of migrating to the Commonwealth in the next few years under the Governmental Anglo-Australian scheme. They will leave by the Largs Bay on November 30th, and will be followed early in the new year, as soon as shipping berths are available, by another body of 400 building operatives.'

The article then goes on to say that this is but the beginning of a stream of emigrants to the Commonwealth which is ultimately expected to reach 70,000 a year. As similar schemes for other dominions are in progress of being worked out, it seems probable that the number of migrants from our shores will very soon reach seven figures. The number of change ringers in this country compared to the total population is small. Even so, there is every likelihood of individual ringers availing themselves of these opportunities for a new life in one of the Dominions.

In view of this, I would like to recommend that ringing associations in this country get the names of any who are intending to go and, if possible, the addresses to which they are going. It may be found possible either through personal correspondence or through the columns of 'The Ringing World' (which, I know, finds its way overseas) to put them in touch with ringers and ringing societies already there, and to keep in touch with them and render them assistance (like sending ringing books and treatises) after they are settled.

All kinds of ways of assisting 'colonies of ringers' abroad may be found as time goes on. But at this stage the paramount need would seem to be to make and keep contact.—Yours truly,

ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN.

Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

## SIXTY-SIX YEARS A RINGER

At Feniton, Devon, on October 26th, in conjunction with the monthly practice of the East Devon Branch, a shield was dedicated in the ringing chamber by the Vicar, the Rev. Iden Hart, to commemorate 66 years' service as a ringer by Mr. J. Chown, who, until compelled by ill-health to give up, was captain of the Feniton band.

Ringling was from 2.30 to 4 p.m., when a short service conducted by the Vicar was held, the lesson being read by the Rev. — Chappell (Vicar of Escot), the address being given by the Rev. G. Ayre (Vicar of Payhembury), who referred to Mr. Chown's loyalty to the Church as a ringer as well as in many other ways. After the blessing the Vicar proceeded to the ringing chamber with the shield, which he hung on the wall and dedicated. A few rounds were rung on the bells by four members of the local band, assisted by Mr. J. Wheaton, of Buckereil (a life-long friend of Mr. Chown's), and Mr. F. Myers, of the Plymouth Branch.

Tea was served in the Victory Hall, at which the Vicar presided, when again reference was made to Mr. Chown's good work for the church. This was responded to by Mr. F. M. Gibbons, who referred to Mr. Chown—in private life a carpenter—as a very good workman and one who always gave of his best. Miss Chown replied on behalf of her father, who was unable to be present on account of ill-health. J.A.

## Ilkley Memorial Tablet

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—I am surprised to note Mr. E. H. Rayner's objection to the decision of the Yorkshire Association (of which he is a member) to erect a tablet in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Ilkley, recording an officers' peal rung there on November 3rd, 1945, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the association by the late Jasper W. Snowdon of that town. It was precisely because of the late Jasper W. Snowdon's close connection with that tower that it was chosen as the venue for the commemoration peal, from which it is obvious that it conforms to the requirements specified by Mr. Rayner himself.

I wish to make it clear that the proposal originated from a lay member at the annual general meeting held at Leeds on May 4th (at which Mr. Rayner was present), but he voiced no objection then or subsequently. He was aware that the matter was referred back for consideration and settlement at the next general meeting in accordance with rule, in view of the fact that financial issues were involved. He was further aware that the meeting in question, of which due notice was given, was to take place at Ripon on Sept. 28th; but he neither attended this meeting, nor did he send in his objection in writing—the appropriate and obvious quarter to send it. I respectfully submit, therefore, that his action in voicing his so-called objection through the ringing Press, instead of through his association in the first place, is a breach of the allegiance he, and for that matter every member, owes to their respective organisation.

I am not entering into the merits or demerits of purposes for which peal boards should or should not be erected, which is, of course, purely a matter of opinion. It is my duty, however, to reaffirm that in this case it was the unanimous opinion of the Yorkshire Association that the peal should be commemorated by means of a suitable board or tablet, and to make clear at the same time that the decision taken does not even impinge upon Mr. Rayner's expressed opinion.

My point is, and I am sure I shall have the backing of every loyal member of any and every association, that the associations themselves are the competent authorities to transact their own domestic business, and the accepted rule is for the minority to loyally abide by the decisions taken by the majority. The Ripon meeting, where the decision in question was taken, was attended by more than 80 members, representative of all the districts, and not one voted against the proposal. I am, however, taking note of Mr. Rayner's so-called objection, and also the irregular manner in which it was made.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS, General Sec.

## THE TRIO OF EDWINS

Dear Sir,—It was news to me to read in 'Belfry Gossip' that I was known in the trio of Edwins as 'Long Teddy,' and I am afraid your correspondent has indulged in some 'wishful thinking.'

For the first 30 years of my ringing life my father and I were known as 'Old and Young Teddy' respectively, and when my son took to ringing as a small boy, to distinguish him from his grandfather and myself he was described as 'Little Teddy.'—Yours,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, F. W. Burnett 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, H. A. Nobes 4, E. A. Jurd 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN****PRESENTATION TO MR. J. H. ENGLAND.**

Secretary of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association for 16 years, Mr. J. H. England, South Normanton, has resigned through pressure of other duties. Appreciation of his services was expressed at a meeting at South Normanton on October 26th, when he was presented with an electric clock, suitably inscribed.

The gift was over-subscribed and the executive decided to hand over to Mr. England the balance in cash with the request that he would buy a suitable gift for his wife, whose work and interest is well known in the association and in South Normanton.

The Rev. T. H. Evans (Rector of South Normanton) presided, and was supported by Mr. J. E. Hobbs, Watnall (president of the association), Messrs. Wilson Dobb, Silston (vice-president), Mr. J. W. Price, Clay Cross (secretary), Mr. C. M. Heathcote, Sutton-in-Ashfield (treasurer), Miss M. Hudson, Clay Cross (Ringing Master), Mr. H. Doughty, South Normanton (auditor), Mr. J. Bleby, Mr. T. Jennings, Mr. T. Radford (members of the executive), together with Mr. H. Draycott, Tibshelf, who has been a member of the association for over 50 years.

Towers represented were Alfreton, Anit, Hucknall, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Demby, Heath, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Silston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Tibshelf, Watnall, together with the local ringers. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor.

The Rector welcomed the visitors to South Normanton and referred to the invaluable service of Mr. England both to the Church and the association.

Mr. Hobbs, in making the presentation, said that Mr. England's tact and knowledge of ringing had been an embellishment to the office of secretary and he himself was an ornament to the Church. Mr. J. H. Paice supported Mr. Hobbs' remarks.

Acknowledging the gift, Mr. England said that they had not come to the parting of the ways, but he had to resign through pressure of his duties connected with his work. When he took office the association was in low water, but with the help of Mr. Wilson Dobb and other loyal ringers had pulled the association round. It was not easy to keep an organisation going in a colliery district where for a number of years the miners had been hard at work all week; it was only natural that they could not get to meetings.

Mr. England went on to say that he had been ambitious for the association and for himself, but his personal ambition had been cut short through an accident at work. In early days the association had suffered from a rule since amended which laid down that only five and six-bell towers should be admitted. This meant that ambitious ringers had to move out of their sphere and join associations which catered for eight-bell ringers. He had tried during his term of office to keep before the ringers the objects of the association, and he reminded the gathering that the bells of the church were dedicated to the glory of God; therefore, he disagreed with those who suggested that peal ringing was the final goal.

Mr. England also paid tribute to the late Mr. William Scott, and Mr. H. Draycott, who was with them that evening, and to the clergy for their interest and support.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and the ladies who provided tea.

**ILKESTON, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1264 Bob Major: Miss D. Templeman 1, C. J. Baker 2, J. F. George 3, E. Fletcher 4, F. W. Shaw 5, A. Ward 6, H. Beardsley 7, E. F. Gobe (conductor) 8. Rung half-muffled by Mr. F. C. Humphreys (ex-churchwarden). First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 7.

**PEALS AND THEIR STANDARD**

Sir,—If ringers wish to ring lengths of 5,000 and upwards and can do so without making themselves a nuisance, by all means let them. But many will be inclined to agree with Messrs. Rigby and Cashmore when they say that in most cases this is far too much to inflict on a long suffering public, and with the latter when he says that in most cases these peals are not worth recording.

Certainly it is well to record peals of outstanding merit or interest, but one wonders what the historian of the future will think when he has to plough through such masses of commonplace stuff to get at what he really wants.

But when Mr. Cashmore suggests that the minimum be increased to 7,000, one is inclined to disagree. Probably almost as many would 'have a go' at this longer length, and although fewer might be successful, it would in no wise mitigate the 'nuisance' situation. Ought not the policy to be in the direction of shorter lengths, but a very much higher standard?

It may not be a very safe comparison, but if in a band of musicians one man blows his trumpet half a beat out a few times, their reputation would be gone, whereas in ringing, striking, which may be so poor as to make the touch or peal strictly speaking untrue, is recorded equally with that of the highest class.

Just how this higher standard is to be attained or proved is not quite so easy. One way might be a return to competitive ringing shorn of its old-time abuses, or, on the other hand, it should not be beyond the wit of man nowadays to devise a not too expensive machine which would record the quality of the striking and which might be owned, say, by an association and loaned to those who wish to qualify as being in the front rank. The method rung could be, as now, left to the honesty of those taking part. Also it would give to those who are unable, for physical reasons, to stand for three hours or more an added interest in their ringing.—

Yours faithfully,  
W. J. ELDRED.

King's Lynn.

**LADIES' GUILD****LEICESTER BRANCH GAIN TEN MEMBERS.**

A company of approximately 45 ringers and friends were present at a meeting of the Leicester Branch of the Ladies' Guild, held at Chlivers Coton on October 26th. Ringers attended from Allesley, Anstey, Castle Bromwich, Chlivers Coton, Coleshill, Coventry, Desford, Ibstock, Keresley, Leamington, Leicester, Meriden, Northampton, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Oxford, Rugby and Wolverhampton.

Methods rung included Stedman Doubles and Triples, Grandsire Triples, Wellington Court Major, Gainsborough Little Bob, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Duffield Major, Double and Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Spiced Bristol, London and Cambridge Surprise Major and rounds for the learners.

A service was conducted by Capt. Willett, of the Church Army, in the absence of the Vicar, and this was followed by a delightful tea arranged by the local ringers.

Before the business meeting commenced, congratulations were extended by the vice-president (Miss I. B. Thompson) to Margaret Beamish on her achievement of ringing the second to a peal of Grandsire Triples at the age of 11 years. Also votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies who had provided the tea. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sibley some time in December. Ten new members and two honorary members were elected.

A most enjoyable day closed with some light refreshments and handbell ringing in the Parish Hall.

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS****MEETING AT NEWTON ABBOT.**

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a quarterly meeting at Highweek, Newton Abbot, on November 2nd, which was attended by members and friends from Exeter, Kenn, Teignmouth (St. James'), Newton Abbot, Paignton, Collaton, Dartmouth, Ashburton, Totnes, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth. The president and general secretary were also present.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. A. Durling), assisted by Preb. E. V. Cox, the Rector giving an excellent address.

After tea at Thomas' Restaurant, the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman), who was supported by the president, Mr. A. L. Bennett (branch secretary) and the Rev. J. A. Durling. Arising from a letter received by the secretary concerning a possible memorial to the late Mr. C. R. Walker, a sub-committee consisting of the branch chairman, branch secretary, the Rev. J. A. Durling and Messrs. C. F. Austin and B. H. Cooper were appointed to go into the question and report at the next meeting. The following were elected associate members of the branch: Messrs. R. Drenan, W. Harvey and G. Uglow, of Totnes, and F. Turner, of Ashburton.

Resolved that the following meetings be held in 1947, subject to the necessary permission being obtained: Teignmouth on February 8th, Totnes on April 26th, Ipplepen on July 20th, and Bishopsteignton on November 1st.

Among matters discussed were the Instruction Fund and the secretary's expenses, and it was decided to have collections at all services for the Instruction Fund, commencing at the annual meeting. Hearty votes of thanks were proposed by the president to the Rector, to Mr. B. H. Cooper (the organist), and to the branch secretary for the arrangements. Ringing again took place in the evening, the methods rung throughout the day being Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Major. A.L.B.

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD****DISTRICT SECRETARY LEAVING.**

Three months' notice that he was unable to seek re-election owing to his removal from the district was given by Mr. R. J. Stone, secretary of the Portsmouth District, at the meeting at Soberton on October 26th. Some 41 members attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Godefrey), tea was served at the Station Hotel, Droxford, and at the business meeting two honorary and seven ringing members were elected. The annual meeting has been fixed for January 18th at Fareham. Methods extended from rounds to Superlative.

**ROYAL VISIT TO LEICESTER**

To mark the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Leicester, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin on Oct. 30th. Details of the peal, which was conducted by Harold J. Poole, will appear in our next issue.

At St. Margaret's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung by Mavis Whitehead 1, C. Raymond Hill 2, Edward R. Whitehead 3, Thomas H. Bent 4, Josiah Morris 5, John Bramley 6, Walter Tanser 7, Ernest Morris (composer and conductor) 8, Walter P. Whitehead 9, Edwin Catell tenor.

**MR. KEEBLE'S THANKS**

Dear Sir,—Mr. Keeble has asked me through 'The Ringing World' to thank Messrs. H. Chapman, D. Vincent and H. Pratt, and especially J. Euston, for kind letters sent to him, and sends his kind regards to all ringers.—Yours truly,  
J. C. NEWMAN.

London Road, Feering, Essex.



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### BIRTH

**HARDMAN.**—On October 20th, 1946, to Bertha (nee Reeve), wife of A. E. Hardman, of St. Matthew's, Ipswich, a son (Ernest William).

### MARRIAGE

**BELTON—FREEMAN.** — At St. Mary's, Barwell, Leics, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, 1946, between Thomas Clifford Belton, of Barwell, and Cicely Mary Freeman, of Birstall, Leics, by Canon H. V. Williams, S.C.F., T.D., Rector of Barwell. Residence: Arden Cottage, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leics.

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**REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—Sat., Nov. 9th, at St. Wystan's (8). Open practice 3-6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Next meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Weybridge (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Nomination of district officers for 1947 at this meeting.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided at the Caldrees Manor.—H. L. Martin.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.** — Tewkesbury Branch. — Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Nov. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, Willow Cafe.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.** — Saturday, Nov. 9th, St. Mary's, Putney Bridge (8), 3 p.m. Tea, Bishop's Park Pavilion 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. All Saints', Fulham (10), 7-8 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting, North Wingfield, Nov. 9th. Tea will be provided. Bells ready 3 p.m.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Leigh (6), Nov. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea at Bat and Ball, 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.** — Biggleswade District.—Short notice of meeting.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Wellington (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pritchard, The Glen, Station Road, Hadley, by Tuesday, the 12th.—E. D. Poole.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.**—Quarterly, Ebbw Vale (8), Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service at 4. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting is at Miles Platting on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Alsager (8 bells), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who send word by the 12th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Eastham (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, Acting Hon. Sec.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Groby, dedication of peal boards, Saturday, November 16th. Service 5.45 p.m. All welcome. Ringing after service for visitors.—V. Geary.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Ringing practice at St. Thomas', Exeter, Kent and Stedman, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Cathedral 6.30 to 8.—F. C. Smale.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Buckden, Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Wraxall 4 o'clock, Saturday, Nov. 16th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Newbury Branch. — Annual, Newbury (10), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service

4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Curtis, 2, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, by Wednesday, Nov. 13th.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.**—Pleas'ey, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. C. Rogers, Ventnor, Buttery Lane, Skegby, near Mansfield, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th.

**WORCESTERSHIRE.**—Northern District.—Meeting Halesowen, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea, Central Cafe, 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

**PEAK SOCIETY.** — Meeting at Tideswell (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Angmering, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 14th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—The meeting proposed for Kingston on Nov. 16th has been postponed.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec.

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Luton (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Wednesday, Nov. 13th.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th, Bedworth, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names, please, by 13th latest.—H. G. Summers.

**LEICESTER GUILD.** — Market Harborough District.—Great Bowden (5) 3-5, Market Harborough (8), 6 to 8, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tea at Cadenza Cafe 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 11th, to F. Wallington, 106, St. Mary Road, Market Harborough.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.** — North Notts Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Tuxford (6). Names for tea by the 13th to W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford.—H. Denman.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral on Nov. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. All those who wish tea please inform Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—H. Parkinson, Branch. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Drighlington, Leeds, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Barron, West House, 40, West Street, Drighlington, before Tuesday, Nov. 19th. All welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—309th anniversary luncheon, Bridge House Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. Numbers strictly limited to 150. Names with remittance by Nov. 17th.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**ELY ASSN.**—Ely District.—Swavesey (6), Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3-9 p.m. No service. Tea, White Horse, 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at Gospel Oak, N.W.5, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 4.30 to 5 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 followed by tea. Names to Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, N.W.5, by Nov. 20th. Also available: Highgate (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and Hampstead (10) from 4 to 5 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. St. John's bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Andrew's bells from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea in St. John's Hall 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey and A. D. Barker, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**KENT ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Saturday, Nov. 30th, Barming (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. East Farleigh (6) after tea. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Sprotborough 2.30 p.m., Nov. 30th. Service 4 p.m.

Tea (free of charge) 4.30. Names not later than Nov. 19th to E. Short, Kathlyn, Melton Road, Spotborough.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Deddington (8), tenor 17 cwt. The Lord Bishop of Oxford will dedicate two new treble bells (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hung by Messrs. R. White and Son). All welcome. Tea 4 p.m. for those who notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, before Dec. 10th.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Practices are held during the term at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, on Monday evenings at 6.15. Visitors are welcome.—P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec.

#### SUFFOLK GUILD

Youth was well represented among the 19 ringers who attended the meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Haverhill on October 26th. Towers represented were Chevington, Whepstead, Clare, Stoke-by-Clare, Sudbury, Great Cornard, Rushmere, Haverhill and Fulbourn. The Vicar presided at the business meeting when three new members and one probationer were elected. Bures St. Mary was chosen as next place of meeting.

The younger members had their first taste of tower bell ringing in rounds and call changes, while a variety of methods from Stedman Doubles up to Cambridge were rung. A resolution in support of the Guild's Restoration Fund was commended.

#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Very enjoyable was the meeting of the South-Eastern District at Boreham on October 19th, when 48 members and friends were present. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. J. Hoase) conducted the service, tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. A. Everett and Mrs. Edwards.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and a warm welcome was extended to all the visitors by the District Master (Mr. H. Mansfield), and thanks on their behalf were expressed by Mr. C. Ellis (Harwich).

Misses J. and E. Coker, of Maldon, were elected from probationer to ringing members, and Miss M. Shadrock, of Springfield, was elected a ringing member. The election of Mr. A. W. Church, of Boreham, prior to a peal was confirmed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Danbury on December 7th.

The hon. secretary thanked the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and for conducting the service, Miss Thomas for playing the organ and Mr. A. Everett for making tea arrangements.

Towers represented were Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Burnham, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Great Waltham, Brentwood, Harwich, Witham, Bocking and Newmarket.

Mr. P. A. Corby rang his 50th peal this year on October 16th. There is no telling what might be accomplished in the remaining seven weeks!

#### A NEW RING FOR THE GUILDFORD DIOCESE

On November 1st, by invitation of the Rector (the Rev. S. Hide), ringers from Guildford, Godalming, Haslemere, Cranleigh and Dunsfold met at Hascombe Church, where the old five bells have been recast and rehung, making a peal of five, the work having been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The tenor weighs only approximately 4 cwt., and the treble is most likely the lightest bell that many present had ever rung. Although so light they are beautiful both to ring and to hear, and Hascombe is indeed to be congratulated on possessing such a musical ring.

Ringings were done by all present who could handle the bells, and there was a promising audience of ringers-to-be. Rounds and some 120's of Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

After ringing the party adjourned in full campanological style for refreshment, where our kind host entertained us. A.W.J.A.

#### A TRIP TO DEVON

Five members of the Hughenden belfry left High Wycombe Station on Oct. 26th for Heavitree. With the kindly assistance of three local ringers an attempt was made for Stedman on this glorious ring of eight. After an hour and a half's good ringing, however, the principal object of the trip ended in failure.

The next objective was Chulmleigh, but on arrival at Exeter Station the last train had just gone. With the aid of two taxis the train was caught at the next station, leaving the party not only breathless but tickless. At Chulmleigh, the home town of two of the company, Percy and Arthur Newton, we were entertained by Mr. H. Newton, who is also a ringer.

There was service ringing at Chulmleigh next day. Only 'stone' is rung here, and as five change ringers could not ring eight bells, we took part in it. Chawleigh and Lapford were on the programme for Sunday afternoon, and Grandsire and Stedman, interspersed with touches on the handbells, were rung at both towers. Back to Chulmleigh for the night, and with regret on Monday morning we left for Exeter, taking a look round the Cathedral and much damaged city before catching the train home. The handbells were in use during the journey to the considerable pleasure of our fellow travellers. Our thanks to Mr. P. Newton for making the necessary arrangements and to his parents. A.G.J.

#### OBITUARY

##### MR. RALPH WOOD.

Mr. Ralph Wood, who died on October 17th, aged 76, was a ringer at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

In his memory a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes, was rung on October 22nd by Miss D. Wacey 1, W. Prior 2, E. Garbett 3, W. T. Prior 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, H. Bull 6, H. M. White 7, T. Ward 8.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Shepperd 1, B. Latham 2, T. Witts (conductor) 3, Mr. Thrift (Chelmsford) 4, W. Dean 5, R. Sharpe 6.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Oct. 13th a quarter-peal of Doubles, including Stedman, Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire: D. Sankey (aged 15) 1, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 2, A. Patrick 3, J. Kumbly 4, P. W. Grice 5, D. Yates (aged 15) 6.

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