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**A ROYAL COMING-OF-AGE**

Collected in this issue of 'The Ringing World' are the peals and quarter-peals rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Princess Elizabeth. Bells perhaps more than any other method express the felicitations of the people, and ringing on April 21st was widespread—far more extensive than indicated by the peals and quarter-peals recorded. Of the 25 peals, these were distributed over 18 counties, extending from Devonshire to Lancashire and from Cardiganshire to Norfolk.

Naturally the civic authorities took an interest in the ringing. At Norwich the Lord Mayor ascended to the ringing chamber of St. Giles-on-the-Hill, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Rae), to greet the ringers, and they remained in the ringing chamber during the opening courses of the peal—Superlative Surprise Major.

Another peal of Superlative was rung in the adjoining county, at Spalding, and this was the first peal in the method by all except the conductor. The spirit of venturing on something new was also displayed at Southport, where a peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung, which was the first peal in the method by all the band.

The finest achievement of the day was in the Cardiganshire village of Llanbadarn Fawr, near Aberystwyth, where four of the band were ringing their first peal. One hour from the end the oil lamp in the ringing chamber went out—not from a lack of oil but from a short wick. Towards the end each ringer saw of the rest of the band as little more than shadows. Many a company would have abandoned the peal under such conditions. Llanbadarn Fawr were worthy representatives of the Principality.

An event of this character is an occasion for veterans. The oldest was Mr. A. H. Snow, who at Littleham, Devon, rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples on his 81st birthday. The stamina of many of our elderly ringers is amazing. To ring for 2 hours and 50 minutes continuously at the age of 81, while in no sense a record, is a feat in which any individual can take a just pride. Of all the bells that were rung, those most familiar to Her Royal Highness were at Windsor Parish Church. Here the peal was on the following Saturday, and was earmarked for a dual purpose—the 24th anniversary of the King and Queen's wedding day and the 21st birthday of Princess Elizabeth.



At Newport, I. of W., at the completion of the quarter-peal, the bells were fired 21 times. Good wishes and every happiness are extended to Her Royal Highness from the many belfries of the land.

### ROYAL PEALS

Rung in honour of the coming of age of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

#### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Apr. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.	
*H. JAMES TURNER ... <i>Treble</i>	†HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
†RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... 2	JOHN S. MASON ... 8
†EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5	†JOHN PINFOLD ... 11
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 6	FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.  
\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

#### WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
CHRIS. WALLATER ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 4	HAROLD SMITH ... 9
†GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5	JOHN LUCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by H. HOWELL.  
\* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells. † 50th peal for the Society.

#### MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.	
HARRY COAST ... <i>Treble</i>	LOUIS HEAD ... 6
ERNEST SPILLER ... 2	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 7
WILLIAM T. GRICE ... 3	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... 8
CAPT. L. MANNERING... 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 9
*GEORGE F. CANTRELL ... 5	*HERBERT J. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.  
\* First peal of Caters.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.	
*SIDNEY D. AINGER ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOSEPH H. BRITAN ... 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... 3	*SYDNEY H. JONES ... 8
GORDON HARRISON ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 9
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5	J. EDWARD WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
\* First peal in the method.

#### NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
RICHARD BOWLER ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD A. ALEY ... 6
KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 2	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
GEORGE PADGETT ... 4	FRANK BRADLEY ... 9
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.	
ALFRED H. WINCH ... <i>Treble</i>	*HARRY CHEESMAN ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 2	*CHARLES SMART ... 7
*JILL BAITTAIN ... 3	†GEORGE A. COOK... 8
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 9
*GORDON P. T. PETERS... 5	ALBERT HARMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by A. HARMAN.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal.

#### NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 10½ lb. in F.	
GEORGE A. SPARKS ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
*CYRIL J. BURNS ... 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal of Surprise.

#### BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 cwt.	
RALPH MAYNE ... <i>Treble</i>	HECTOR A. KNIGHT ... 5
GERALD F. BALL ... 2	E. CHARLES TURNER ... 6
WALTER J. CLOUGH ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
EDWARD J. CLOUGH ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. K. MEASURES.

#### HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 8 cwt.	
MISS E. K. FULTON ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS COLLINS ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	†HENRY D. BUTLER ... 6
*PETER D. BEEDIE ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
FRANK BLONDELL ... 4	FREDK. W. HAZELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. WENBAN.  
\* First peal, age 14. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

#### LITTLEHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
*N. F. D. COLERIDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN QUICK ... 5
BRIAN PIDGEON ... 2	JOHN CARTER ... 6
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3	REG WOODLEY ... 7
JOHN DEEM ... 4	A. H. SNOW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. PIDGEON.  
\* First peal.



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WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. (6th the observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*LOTTIE PIMM ... .. Treble	LESLIE T. OLIFFE ... .. 5
HARRY P. FLOYD ... .. 2	*GILBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
EDWIN G. MOORE ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 7
THOMAS W. BOND ... .. 4	CECIL BUSTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal on eight bells.

SPALDING, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. ALLEN ... .. Treble	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... .. 5
MARGARET D. TELFORD ... .. 2	CYRIL WANDER ... .. 6
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 7
JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... .. 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. The tenor-man has now circled the tower.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. A. D. BARKER ... Treble	RONALD C. NOON ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 2	TONY R. PRICE ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 3	*F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 7
GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

\* 100th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5
*ERIC T. LEE ... .. 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
NORMAN V. HARDING ... .. 4	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. V. LATHBURY ... Treble	*HERBERT COLCOMBE ... .. 5
HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... .. 2	†GEORGE CURTIS ... .. 6
WM. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	JOHN GILL ... .. 7
CHAS. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 4	WM. SIMMONDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

\* First peal of Bob Major away from treble. † First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WM. H. JOINER ... .. Treble	JOHN A. DOWNING ... .. 5
SYDNEY C. DRIVER ... .. 2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... .. 6
*JOHN E. PENNELLS ... .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 7
WM. ROGERS ... .. 4	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Major.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Ilkerton Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	WM. DEACON ... .. 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 2	THOMAS MARSHALL ... .. 6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... .. 3	JAMES J. JACKSON ... .. 7
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

A. JAMES GLASS ... .. Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 5
WM. J. ROBINSON ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... .. 7
WM. BIRMINGHAM ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Also on the 24th anniversary of the King's and Queen's wedding day.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4
ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 5
MISS D. E. COLEGATE ... .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*KENNETH W. SPAVINS ... Treble	CHARLES W. DENYER ... .. 4
FREDK. H. ALLEN ... .. 2	CHARLES SARGENT ... .. 5
*WILFRED SURRIDGE ... .. 3	EDWARD J. BRAGG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. BRAGG.

\* First peal.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of Morris' Arrangement and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*MISS EIRA PUGH ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. HARRIS ... .. 4
*MISS JOAN H. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	E. PETER ROCK ... .. 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 3	*PETER M. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. P. ROCK.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMANUEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

JAMES LITTLEFAIR ... .. Treble	FRED READ ... .. 4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 5
VICTOR WOODS ... .. 3	ERNEST GOWER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*A. CHARLES PHILPOTT ... Treble	CECIL C. DILNOT ... .. 4
JABEZ WALTER ... .. 2	*BRENDA E. PHILPOTT ... .. 5
SIDNEY WALTER ... .. 3	STANLEY G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. WHITE.

\* First peal.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On April 16th at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, Rev. T. P. Heard 3, A. Painter 4, H. L. Cooke 5, F. J. Lewis, jun. 6, A. Law 7, S. Eastbury 8. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgington. Mr. Edgington was vergier for 36 years at Holy Trinity Church.



HASKETON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

LEWIS J. LAST ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... .. 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... .. 5
†BASIL F. W. OSBORNE... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 7 cwt.

*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4
*JOHN F. BUTLER ... .. 2	†CLIFFORD BARRON ... 5
WM. A. FARMER ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal on a working bell.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

*PHILIP WALKER ... .. Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	*WM. C. PORTER ... .. 8
†JAMES HIGGINS ... .. 3	§WILFRID F. MORETON ... 9
‡MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 4	*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT... 10
§BETTY SPICE ... .. 5	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON... 11
*ALAN R. PINK ... .. 6	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Cambridge Maximus. § First peal of Maximus on tower bells. First peal of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Maximus for the Guild by a resident band, all being service ringers at the Cathedral.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

G. LEONARD HEWITT ... Treble	†F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 6
E. DENNIS POOLE ... .. 2	WALTER LAGO ... .. 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
*HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal in the method. Birthday peal for the coming of age of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY Treble	GEORGE ADES ... .. 6
*MORRIS THOMAS ... .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
ARTHUR GRAVETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 8
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 4	FREDK. PAGE ... .. 9
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5	*ALFRED HOBDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. To Mr. and Mrs. F. Dentry, of Twyford, Berks, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

HEYDOUR, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	ALBERT E. FLATERS ... 5
*ALBERT SCOTT ... .. 2	†BERNARD H. DALTON... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 7
HORACE BENNETT ... .. 4	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*DONALD FRASER ... .. Treble	JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 5
†ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... 2	DAVID H. ANSTEY ... 6
JACK WEAVER ... .. 3	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 7
ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 4	*KENNETH G. SPICER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ARNOLD HILL ... .. Treble	*HARRY MORGAN ... .. 5
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	*FRANK REED ... .. 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 7
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOSEPH WM. COTTON Treble	GEORGE OLIVER ... .. 5
*HAROLD PAILING ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 3	*T. VERVON JENNISON ... 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4	FREDK. A. SALTER ... Tenor

Comp. by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Cond. by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal in the method.

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Cambridge and 1,632 Superlative, with 103 changes of method, and contained all the positions of each method and is the first rung with these qualities.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

Thurstans' One-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD H. BOWLER Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... .. 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 2	FREDK. A. FINCH ... .. 6
DEREK R. JUDD ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
WM. J. PAICE ... .. 4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

A welcome home to the Rev. E. H. M. Gibbon.



BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS O. MARTIN ... .. 2	HERBERT GATES ... .. 5
*MRS. E. SAVOURY ... .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3	WM. J. PUDDIFOOT ... .. 7
EDWIN J. UPTON ... .. 4	WM. C. HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. C. HUGHES.  
\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ... .. 2	CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 2	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.  
\* First peal of Bristol.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung to commemorate Anzac Day.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ... .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... .. 5
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 2	DENIS ROE ... .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ... .. 2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
HENRY R. PARKINSON ... .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... .. 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

To commemorate the completion of 40 years' service as Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, by the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., president of the Yorkshire Association.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... .. 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 5
PATRICIA HOLMES ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 7
WALTER AYRE ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Pitstow's Transposition.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 2	*ALAN W. HARTLEY ... .. 5
HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 2	*ROBERT L. BUTTERFIELD ... .. 6
BERNARD MOODY ... .. 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 7
*GEORGE W. DYSON ... .. 4	HARRY NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. A compliment to Canon C. C. Marshall on his 40 years' incumbency of St. Chad's, Headingley.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 4	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.  
Rung on the 24th wedding anniversary of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Pitstow's Variation of Haley's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RAYMOND P. WOOD ... .. 2	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... .. 5
*FREDERICK H. MEETEN ... .. 2	HENRY COLLEY ... .. 6
ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... .. 7
HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 4	STANLEY G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT ... .. 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... .. 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER ... .. 7
FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... .. 4	HARRY HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

CONGRESSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 2	*DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... .. 6
THOMAS S. HARRIS ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

JAMES MARSH ... .. 2	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. 2	*FRED ALLMOND ... .. 6
JAMES TAYLOR ... .. 3	*WM. PILKINGTON ... .. 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (improved variation of 285).  
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Pilkington.

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On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD C. LANKESTER ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

*MISS DOREEN WILDE ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5
†MISS F. M. LAFLIN ... 2	CHARLES E. TOMLINSON ... 6
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 3	TOM WILDE ... 7
†MISS MARY ELKINS ... 4	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES WILDE. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.  
\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. † First peal of  
Treble Bob Major. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr.  
H. T. G. Lee, churchwarden at the time the bells were restored in 1920.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES HIGGINS ... 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
PHILIP WALKER ... 3	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 7
MRS. R. J. COLLETT ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

## SIX BELL PEALS

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

'ARTHUR SNAPE ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
ALLAN A. POTTS ... 2	C. W. LAWTON ... 5
BASIL JONES ... 3	J. W. WHITTAKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.

\* First peal.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Apr. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent  
Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain  
Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4
*BERNARD O. MANN ... 2	PHILIP BARNES ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First peal of seven methods 'inside.' G. L. A. Lunn has now  
circled the tower.

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Court, Double Court,  
Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge  
Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT R. WOODS ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

First peal on the bells since being augmented from five to six. A  
birthday compliment to Canon Stancliffe (Vicar), also to the wife of  
the ringer of the 3rd.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Oxford  
Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and  
Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*MISS MARY JAYCOCK ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 4
*MISS PAT HOLMES ... 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	†GEORGE GILBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. A 13th birthday compliment to  
Mary Jaycock.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

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

R. CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	J. POUNDS ... 4
J. TAYLOR ... 2	C. ACKERS ... 5
W. CARE ... 3	A. MAWDSLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

In memoriam Cuthbert L. B. H. Blundell, patron of the church,  
who was buried the same day.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob,  
two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILFRED BOOTH ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK H. HICKS ... 4
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* 150th peal. The conductor's 150th tower for a peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford, Overton, London Scholars' Pleasure and  
two 720's each of Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERIC SIMPSON ... <i>Treble</i>	†BASIL JONES ... 4
†MISS YVONNE BOTHAM ... 2	ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 18 extents of Grandsire (10 callings) and 12 extents each of St.  
Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. R. F. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER KINDRED ... 4
†ARTHUR W. BIRD ... 2	†KENNETH L. BROWN ... 5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ... 3	*RONALD F. TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.

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

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANCIS R. DEACON ... <i>Treble</i>	T. KELHAM DEACON ... 4
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
*NORMAN STATHAM ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on these bells. In  
memoriam the Hon. Maud Russell.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Seven different extents.

*G. ARNOLD PATRICK ... <i>Treble</i>	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4
PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... .. 2	JOSEPH HULSE ... .. 5
WALTER G. SOAR ... .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents.

A. MITCHELL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*G. R. HINER ... .. 4	Tenor 12½ cwt.
F. S. WILSON ... .. 2	F. PICKERING ... .. 5	
E. PAMMENTER ... .. 3	H. MORTEMORE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

\* First peal. A farewell to the Rector, Canon F. G. Scovell, M.A., after 32 years at Rawmarsh.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT BRYHER, LONDON ROAD,

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

DAVID VINCENT ... .. 1-2	MARGARET L. TUTT ... .. 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3-4	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

JILL POOLE ... .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8
*CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 9-10
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Conductor's 100th peal of Stedman on handbells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Apr. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 1, MARSTON STREET,

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

Being 4 six-scores of Stedman, 6 of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.

*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 1-2	*HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 3-4
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

\* First peal in three methods on handbells. † First peal on handbells. First peal as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2	†JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	†JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7-8

\*†JOHN WALDEN ... .. 9-10

Composed by J. H. R. FREEBORN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † 50th peal together. ‡ First ten-bell peal 'in hand.' The first peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' for the Guild by a resident band and by all except the conductor.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor size 13 in E.

*MRS. R. G. CROSS ... .. 1-2	†FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4
†R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First handbell peal of Minor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

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

OLAVE BROYD ... .. 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... .. 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (384). Conducted by E. W. PYE.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Selected as the method  
for the first peal together  
as man and wife, Mr. and  
Mrs. P. A. Corby rang 'spliced' London,  
Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative.

The peal rung at Ashby Folville on April  
16th was a birthday compliment to R. H.  
Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, who was 81 on  
the 12th.

Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the York-  
shire Association, has completed 40 years as  
Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds. Con-  
gratulatory peals were rung at St. Chad's and  
Pontefract.

Through a rope breaking half-way, Bolton  
(Lancs) ringers lost their peal of Spliced Kent  
and Oxford Treble Bob Major in honour of  
Princess Elizabeth's birthday.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's,  
Brighton, on April 25th, was noteworthy for  
the reappearance of a number of veterans.  
Arthur Gravett's last peal here was in 1923,  
and William C. Hart (brother of Keith Hart)  
rang his last peal 15 years ago. Frank Bennett  
at 78, states our reporter, is still as competent  
as ever.

Mr. Josiah Nichols, now 81, has retired  
from the post of foreman of All Saints', Leigh-  
ton Buzzard, after holding the appointment  
for the greater part of his ringing career of  
54 years. In appreciation of his long service  
he has been elected hon. foreman. Ringing  
friends will wish him a happy retirement.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and  
Mrs. H. Goodger, of Tilehurst, Berks. Mr.  
Goodger has been 60 years a ringer at St.  
Michael's, Tilehurst, and for 40 years was fore-  
man of the tower. Participating in the con-  
gratulatory quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples  
on April 20th were Mrs. W. Lewington (first  
quarter of Grandsire Triples as conductor), W.  
Marsh, H. Goodger, H. Hunt, J. Marsh, E.  
Langley, C. Watts and D. Sellar.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

In honour of his 80th  
birthday, W. T. Elson  
called 1,259 Grandsire  
Caters (his own composition) at All Saints',  
Fulham, on April 26th. The company was  
J. E. Chilcott 1, Mrs. E. Deal 2, W. Langdon  
3, J. F. Smallwood 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. B.  
Sansom 6, W. T. Elson 7, H. Langdon 8, J.  
Phillips 9, W. J. Paice 10.

Mr. Francis R. Deacon has circled the tower  
at Kirkby Mallory, Leicestershire.

Correction.—The ringer of the 5th at Worth,  
Sussex, was Albert E. Laker and not Lake as  
published in our last issue.

Miss Doreen Wilde rang her first peal with  
her father, Mr. Tom Wilde, at Hyde, Cheshire,  
on April 26th. The composition of Kent Treble  
Bob was by her great-grandfather.

Kington Magna, Dorset, was one of the many  
villages which rang the bells in honour of  
Princess Elizabeth's birthday. Quite a classical  
team of ringers was present, representing  
Marlborough, Eton, Winchester, Bath College  
and Gillingham Grammar School.

Is it in order to ring bells for service before  
dedication? is a reader's query. We should  
say emphatically 'No.' Bells are, we believe,  
included in the ornaments of the church, such  
as organs, vestments, lecterns, and these would  
not be used in worship before dedication.

There is a good story behind the peal of  
Pudsey Royal rung at Loughborough and re-  
ported last week. Following a car breakdown  
a taxi was hired for five of the band and the 11  
miles from Leicester to Loughborough covered  
in record time. One of the company, on seeing  
the speedometer at 70, shut his eyes, felt queer  
and looked it! The Railway Company, un-  
aware of the important passengers, cancelled  
the last train. Fortunately a late bus had not  
gone, and with the aid of a taxi at the  
Leicester end, all the party arrived safely  
home.

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# CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## 50th Annual Meeting

The third session of the nineteenth Council (50th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, 1947, in the Guildhall, Exeter (by kind permission of the Mayor), at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 or as may be decided.

### AGENDA.

- Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.  
 Apologies for absence.  
 Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 11).  
 1. Election of honorary members. There are three vacancies.  
 2. Loss of members through death.  
 3. Minutes of last meeting.  
 4. Report of the hon. librarian.  
 5. Statement of the General Accounts.  
 6. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees — Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes.  
 7. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the reports of the following committees.  
 To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.  
 To alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.  
 (a) Standing Committee.  
 (b) Peal Collection.  
 (c) Methods.  
 (d) Peal Analysis.  
 (e) Records.  
 (f) Towers and Belfries.  
 (g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.  
 (h) Peal Boards.  
 (j) Biographies.  
 (k) 'Ringing World.'

### MOTIONS.

8. That the rules of the Central Council be revised especially those governing the ringing of peals.  
 Proposed by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.  
 Seconded by Mr. George Pullinger.  
 9. To fix the place of the next meeting.  
 10. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.  
 The White House, Caister-on-Sea,  
 Great Yarmouth.

### MINUTES OF THE NORWICH MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 11th, 1946.

Minutes of the Second Session of the Nineteenth Council (49th Annual Meeting), held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Norwich, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1946.

The members were welcomed to Norwich by the Lord Mayor, Alderman S. A. Bailey, and the Lord Bishop of Norwich. The Council's thanks were expressed by the President, and the meeting opened with prayers offered by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

### PRESENT:—

- Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. A. B. Peck.  
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.  
 Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.  
 Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.  
 Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale, Mr. W. C. Wakley.  
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. H. Barber.  
 East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Mr. C. Evans.  
 Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN MEETING

Headquarters: Great Western Hotel, Exeter.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 24th.**

Ladies' Guild meeting, Broadclyst, 2.30 p.m. Council members welcome. Tea (1s. 6d.) for all who notify Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, by May 20th.

### WHIT SUNDAY.

Ringings.—Cathedral (12), 6.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.; St. Thomas' (8), 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.; St. David's (8), 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.; Heavitree (8), 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### WHIT MONDAY.

Tour of Cathedral conducted by Archdeacon Thompson, 10.30 a.m.

Annual meeting, Devon Guild, Torquay. Woodbury bells will be available during the afternoon, and all visitors are invited to tea with Mr. and Mrs. H. Stokes (son-in-law and daughter of Mr. A. A. Hughes). Names must be sent to Mrs. Fletcher (address above) by May 20th.

Meeting Standing Committee 6.30 p.m. All City bells (except St. Thomas') available from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

### WHIT TUESDAY.

Holy Communion, Cathedral, 7.45 a.m. Council meeting, 11 a.m., Guildhall. Members are asked to be in their places by 10.50. Reception of the Council by the Mayor. The Lord Bishop of Exeter will also attend.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers invite all members of the Council to tea at St. David's Institute at 5.30 p.m. All City bells are available from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. T. Waite.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore.

Kent County Association.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Fern, Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. R. A. Post.

Oxford Society.—Mr. W. F. Judge.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. E. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. W. C. West, Mr. G. H. Harding.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. G. W. Steere.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

Suffolk Guild.—Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. U. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippets.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Rev. A. S. Roberts.

Universities' Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Miss L. K. Bowling, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. F. Smalwood, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. E. A. Young.

### SUMMARY.

	Associations.	Present.	Absent.
Wholly represented	22	52	—
Partially represented	17	38	26
Not represented	13	—	23
		52	90
Hon. Members	16	10	6
		100	55

## REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Council consisted of 52 affiliated Societies entitled to representation of 139 members. Of these Societies 23 were entitled to four members, 4 to three members, 10 to two members, and 15 to one member, an increase of four in the Associations affiliated.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Mr. F. Colclough (Dudley and District), Mr. W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle), the Rev. E. G. Benson and Mr. L. Evans (Hereford), Mr. C. W. Woolley (Hertford), Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (Kent), Miss E. Steel (Ladies), Mr. J. A. Freeman (Lincoln), Mr. T. H. Taffender (London County), Mr. A. Thompson (North Staffordshire), Mr. A. E. Lock (Oxford Diocesan), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University), Mr. H. Baxter and Mr. G. S. Valentine (Peterborough), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (St. Martin's), Mr. J. T. Godwin (Salisbury), Mr. H. Knight and Mr. C. Wall-later (Stafford Archdeaconry), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth), Mr. G. E. Debenham, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. A. Walker (hon. members).

## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule 11 the following new members were presented: Mr. S. G. Coles and Mr. H. J. Sanger (Bath and Wells), Mr. H. Harding and Mr. A. C. Sinfield (Bedford), Mr. A. L. Bennett (Devon), Mr. C. Evans (East Derby and Notts), Mr. F. B. Lufkin (Essex), Mr. F. G. Waite (Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. A. E. Rowley (Leicester), Mr. H. W. Rogers and Mrs. O. L. Rogers (London County), Mr. T. J. Lock (Middlesex), Mr. J. W. Cotton (Midland Counties), Mr. W. C. Duffield (Norwich), Mr. W. F. Judge (Oxford Society), Mr. G. H. Harding (Salisbury), Mr. G. L. Hewitt (Shropshire), Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. (Southwell Diocesan), Mr. C. W. Pipe (Suffolk), Mr. F. E. Collins (Surrey), Mr. A. Hoare (Swansea and Brecon), the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Truro), the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Winchester and Portsmouth), Miss L. K. Bowling (hon. member).



**ELECTION OF HON. AUDITOR.**

It was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. P. Crook, and resolved that Mr. E. C. S. Turner be appointed hon. auditor for the remainder of the triennial session to act jointly with Mr. A. A. Hughes, the vacancy arising through the death of Mr. C. T. Coles.

**ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS.**

The following were elected: Mr. C. H. Kippin, proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. G. Pullinger, and Mr. W. M. Rowe, of New South Wales, Australia, proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

**LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.**

The deaths of the following seven past members were reported by the President and a silent tribute to their memory was paid: Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, Mr. E. W. Marsh, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. J. T. Rickman, Mr. F. W. Romaine, Mr. C. L. Routledge.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

On the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on May 24th, 1946, pages 239-240, were taken as read and approved.

**REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN.**

The Hon. Librarian's report was read by the Hon. Secretary and showed a steady demand for publications and a need for reprinting of the several books, etc., now out of print. The sales amounted to £27 11s. 9d., less expenses £4 17s. The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and thanks were accorded to Mr. G. P. Elphick for the gift to the library of 'Sussex Bell Frames.'

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

The accounts, showing gross income of £44 16s., and balance from publications account of £22 14s. 9d., less expenses of £22 12s. 2d., with a final balance of £303 9s. 11d., were presented by the Hon. Treasurer, and on his motion, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton, were adopted subject to audit. On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, it was decided to repay to associations the sums advanced to finance the printing of the Surprise Book.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.**

Mr. E. A. Young reported that the machine was still intact in its packing case after return from Wales. The report was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and adopted.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

A formal report that recommendations would be placed before the Council was adopted on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

**REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.**

The committee reported that it was revising the collection of compositions submitted to the Council at the 1939 meeting, particularly regarding Spliced Surprise, and it was proposed to augment the collection to 100 pages at least, including compositions in Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob and Little Bob Major, Double Norwich and Treble Bob, the four Standard Surprise Major Methods, and Spliced Surprise up to four standard methods.

The committee also reported that it had exercised the power of co-option granted in 1945, by co-opting Mr. C. W. Woolley.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. G. Cashmore, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton.

**REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.**

Mr. E. C. S. Turner presented a verbal report chiefly in respect of the Surprise book. In reply to enquiries as to its contents, the committee stated that the book was primarily one of the best Major Methods, and that if there were a sufficient demand the committee would produce a book devoted to Royal and Maximus.

The report was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and adopted.

**REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.**

Mr. C. Dean presented the report, printing of which had been delayed owing to lack of space in 'The Ringing World.' The committee requested direction as to whether a peal of Grandsire Caters rung without a cover (there being only nine bells in the tower) should be included in the analysis and recognised as a peal. On the proposal of Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, the secretary was instructed to write to the Society drawing attention to the rule governing a nine-bell peal.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson.

**REVISION OF DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL.**

Arising out of the discussion regarding this peal, the Standing Committee recommended that the Decisions of the Council be brought up to date, and on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, the officers of the Council were asked to undertake this work.

**REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.**

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher reported that no new methods or progressive lengths had been reported to the committee, and asked for particulars of new methods rung in the present year to be sent direct to the secretary of the Council. The final typing and binding of the records was in hand.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

**REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.**

A verbal report was presented by Mr. E. H. Lewis that the committee had been consulted in 15 to 20 cases and had given advice. Regret was expressed that the work of hanging the bells at Liverpool Cathedral was at a standstill owing to difficulties regarding building licences.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and it was agreed that the following be addressed to the Ministry of Works:—

'The Council heard with great regret a report from Mr. Newton that the hanging of the bells at Liverpool Cathedral was held up indefinitely owing to the refusal by the Ministry of Works to grant a licence for putting the roof on the tower, in spite of the fact that the structural members are already fabricated.'

**REPORT OF LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.**

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the committee's report (see 'Ringing World,' June 21st, page 287), which was seconded by Mr. J. E. Spice and adopted.

Arising out of the report on broadcasting, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow asked for assistance from the committee to enable him to reply to a letter received from the Religious Broadcasting Assistant Midland Region.

**REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.**

The committee report (see 'Ringing World,' June 21st, page 288) was presented by Mr. W. G. Wilson. The committee had decided to appoint district representatives as authorised by the Council in 1939, and appealed for offers of help from any person willing to assist in the task of collecting particulars.

The report was seconded by Mr. W. Ayre and adopted.

**REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.**

Mr. A. C. Hazelden reported that the collection of information was proceeding and appealed for more assistance from members. The committee acknowledged the advice given by Mr. Viggers, of Aldershot. The report was seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and adopted.

**REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE.**

The accounts for the year to 30th September, 1945, were presented, subject to audit, on behalf of the committee by the Hon. Secretary.

The results showed income of £1,743 13s. 8d., less expenses of £1,395 12s. 2d., a net profit of £348 1s. 6d. Assets amounted to £1,611 3s. 9d. and liabilities £564 8s. 10d. The balance on capital account being £1,046 14s. 11d.

On the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, the accounts were adopted; and on the motion of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, it was agreed that a copy be sent to each affiliated association.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.**

On the motion of the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, seconded by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the sum of £200 was voted to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher for their work.

**ALTERATIONS TO RULES.**

The Hon. Secretary reported that owing to the death of Mr. C. T. Coles, no motion was before the Council, although notice of motion was given last year.

**AS TO COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.**

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, seconded by Mr. F. Nolan Golden, was lost:—

'That in future all publications issued by the Central Council have the compositions in them printed correctly, i.e., with the notation in front of the resulting course-end.'

**AS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

The following motion, proposed by Mr. G. W. Steere, seconded by Mr. G. H. Cross, was, after discussion, not proceeded with, a resolution to pass to the next business being moved by Mr. C. Dean, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake:—

'That for some time past the contents of "The Ringing World" have not been conducive to the fostering of our art, especially among the younger generation of ringers. In their interests it is suggested that more space be made available for current affairs by the exclusion of irrelevant matter, by setting the leader in smaller type; also the notice of officials of the paper could be condensed or only inserted in alternate weeks.'

**PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.**

On the invitation of Mr. F. C. Smale, and on his proposal seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, Exeter was chosen for the next meeting.

**VOTES OF THANKS.**

On the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. G. Pullinger, supported by Mr. J. E. Spice, thanks were accorded to the Lord Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber and his welcome, the Town Clerk for arrangements, the Lord Bishop of Norwich, the Rev. St. J. Heard, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and the Norwich Diocesan Association for hospitality and arrangements, Mr. F. Nolan Golden for peal arrangements, all incumbents and tower-keepers for ringing arrangements.

The President also expressed the Council's thanks to the Rev. J. Waddington for the use of the vestry at St. Peter Mancroft.

A vote of thanks to the president, proposed by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, terminated the meeting.

**A PASSING TRIBUTE**

Dear Sir,—At the service at the Cenotaph held annually in memory of the dead, the silence is broken by the sound of the bugles, which is very impressive, and I should like to suggest that at meetings of bellringers at which announcement of the passing of members is made and the company present stand in silence that it is broken by the sound of bells. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells would be very appropriate and impressive and full of meaning.

I was at Canterbury on Easter Monday when the names of those members who had passed away during the year were announced and 300 ringers and friends stood in silence, and I thought what a splendid finish it would have been to hear the sound of the bells break the silence.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain,  
St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.



## Suffolk Guild

### RESTORATION FUND APPROVED.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held on Easter Monday at Ipswich, attracted ringers from several counties when upwards of 100 ringers rang at the five churches. Divine service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower, conducted by the Rev. H. Drake, and assisted by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, the Rev. W. H. Trickett, and the Rev. F. Tucker-Harvey, who gave a short address.

A company of nearly 70 sat down to luncheon and among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayne and son John, Mr. Ernest W. Pye and Miss Olave Broyd, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, Mr. E. Jennings, Miss H. Snowden, Messrs. J. W. Ward, F. Dench, G. Dodds and F. Clayton.

At the business meeting which followed apologies for the absence of the Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, who was still in the Borough General Hospital, and Messrs. F. C. Lambert and Robert Brundle were read by the secretary.

In proposing the creation of a Guild Restoration Fund, Mr. C. W. Pipe said the matter had been before several general meetings and at the committee meeting earlier in the day. When put to the vote the motion was passed unanimously.

While thanking the Guild for their messages of condolence in the loss of his mother, Mr. Ernest W. Pye said he was glad a restoration fund had been agreed upon, and when it was under way he would be pleased to make a donation of £50 towards the object. Mr. Pye was thanked amid cheers and applause.

The officers of the Guild for 1947 were elected as follows: Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe; clerical secretary, the Rev. W. H. Trickett; Central Council representatives, the Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. J. Sedgley and Mr. C. W. Pipe; committee, Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Messrs. W. J. G. Brown, L. C. Wightman, O. G. Barnard, A. Gillings, F. L. Fisher and E. Ellenger.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

### MEETING AT YATTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery, held at Yatton on April 19th, was attended by ringers from Bristol (St. Ambrose's, St. Philip's and St. Stephen's), Abbots Leigh, Clevedon, Kewstoke, Long Ashton, Swainswick, Ubley, Wrington and the local tower.

Ringing was followed by service and tea. The Vicar of Yatton, the Rev. G. A. Beechey, who conducted the service, was invited by the branch chairman (Mr. H. W. Knight) to preside at the business meeting. Chew Magna was chosen as the venue of the next quarterly meeting, with intermediate practices at Clapton-in-Gordano and Kingston Seymour.

The secretary (Mr. P. G. Yeo) recalled that at the annual meeting of the Association held at Minehead in 1946, it was decided to increase the individual subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. All towers affiliated in the branch had paid the new rate without question, with the exception of Nailsea, and the ringers there had remitted a shilling a head, and refused to pay any more. This action was regretted, and it was resolved that the secretary should write the tower correspondent at Nailsea, inviting the members to pay the balance of their subscriptions, failing which the only alternative would be to refund the instalments paid and lapse the members. As Nailsea is the most progressive six-bell tower in the Deanery and a valued member for many years, it was sincerely hoped this course would not be necessary.

The Vicar of Yatton welcomed the branch to his parish, the first visit since his induction, and said they all knew that a fund had been opened to raise £2,000 to recast and rehang the bells, which did not go at all well. The Rev. Beechey recalled that he came from the well-known bell-casting family of Purdue. A collection was taken at the meeting towards the Yatton bell fund.

## WITH THE CLERICAL GUILD

### RINGING WEEK AT BURFORD.

The annual ringing 'week' of the Guild of Clerical Ringers was held with Burford, Oxon, as the centre, from April 21st to 24th. A more delightful spot from the point of view of scenery—and peace and quiet until we got to work—could not have been chosen. The programme started—wisely—with dinner on Monday, followed by ringing on a fine eight, tenor 19 cwt., in the central tower of the magnificent church of Burford.

Next morning we started in earnest, with a tour, including Great Rissington, with a fine six by Rudhall. It is, as all ringers know, the usual thing for each member of the band to know where he is going next; it is not, perhaps, so usual for a party of motorists to show the same unanimity. A procession of three clerical cars was making its way round a blind corner, following a signpost which distinctly said, 'Bourton-on-the-Water,' when the leading driver was not a little astonished to see a fellow cleric at the wheel madly heading back again round the corner in the opposite direction. As often happens, the minority proved to be right, and the three others had to reverse to the hateful signpost.

However, Bourton-on-the-Water—now nearly in the water—was duly reached, and after getting some way with a quarter-peal of Cambridge Major, the model village was inspected. This marvellous creation lacked a church until visitors demanded one so insistently that the model church was added—complete with gramophone, which treated us to the most rollicking version of the 'Hallelujah Chorus' that I have heard!

On to Northleach, with a splendid eight (tenor 18½ cwt.), and many other treasures, in one of England's grandest churches. Then to Sherborne (which heavy bell ringers will be surprised to hear possesses, not England's heaviest eight, but a mere pleasant six by Rudhall, 1716, tenor 11 cwt. in G1), afterwards to Great Barrington, with a nice six rehung by Taylor in 1935, 202 years after Rudhall put them there. At Taynton, the nave of the church seemed higher than it is long—a feature noticeable in some other Cotswold churches. A nice little six here, some young ringers, and a new Vicar coming on the morrow.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

### LONG SERVICE RECOGNISED AT BLACKMOOR.

When the Aiton and Petersfield District met at Blackmoor on April 19th two acts of long service to the Guild received special recognition.

The first was the dedication in the tower by Canon E. A. Berrisford (district chairman) and the unveiling by Mr. W. Read of a peal board recording a peal rung in June, 1946, as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Read and placed there by the Church Council as a token of his 33 years as captain of Blackmoor ringers.

Later after tea a presentation of book tokens was made to the Rev. F. G. Eyres (Vicar of Blackmoor) by Canon Berrisford on behalf of the district and in appreciation of over 20 years' service with the Guild. Mr. Eyres, in his reply, said he had been in Blackmoor just on 50 years and his retirement was officially taking place in June.

Canon Berrisford then spoke of Mr. W. Read's unfeeling service and how privileged the meeting was to have been present at the ceremony in the tower. His remarks were endorsed by the hon. secretary.

Arising from the minutes, the hon. secretary reported on the steps taken in the revision of the Guild's Office. Three new members were elected from Blackmoor—Mr. J. Norris and the Misses M. Pay and J. Guy. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 12th at Bentworth.

The bells were rung to standard methods in the afternoon and evening and some good practice was put in by new ringers

On Wednesday we tempted providence by visiting Clanfield, where two clerical peal attempts came to grief some years ago owing to broken ropes. Bob Major came to grief this time owing to a broken train of thought in the conductor's mind. Others rang at Brize Norton and Bampton Aston, then we all met at the fine church of Bampton, where Double Norwich, etc., went well on a grand eight.

Braving the gale, we went on to Lechlade where we found a nice six, then to the glorious church of Fairford, where the ringers stand amongst the pews beneath the central tower. Why couldn't other great churches have been left in peace to keep their glass, choir stalls, brasses as Fairford has done? What a palace of beauty would have existed in parish after parish if this had been the case! The day concluded at Shipton-under-Wychwood, where we could well have spent longer on a fine eight. The journeys to-day were quite adventurous, with trees, branches and telephone wires strewn all over the place.

We started Thursday by making our Communion together in Burford Church, after which a peal attempt for Stedman Triples at Coln St. Aldwyn went quite well until the usual difference of opinion about who should be leading occurred—this kind of thing brings civilisations to an end time after time, as well as peals of Stedman.

Afterwards ringing was indulged in at Bibury (6) in a remarkable church in a very lovely village, Chedworth (6), then to North Cerney (6) with one of the loveliest small churches in the country, in which altars, rood loft, candelabra, screens, combine to make a most satisfying sight. Then to Watermoor, a modern district of Cirencester, with a fine modern ring of eight (tenor 20 cwt.), and finally Cirencester, where the fine ring of 12 (also semitone bell) gave opportunity for a fitting climax, with Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and rounds on the light eight and the 'minor' eight (with the 11th as tenor). Later we sang evensong together in Burford Church.

At the annual meeting that evening the Rev. C. Carew Cox was unanimously re-elected president and the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox hon. secretary. Under their leadership the Guild looks forward to a happy future. A.G.G.T.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.

Forty members and friends supported the quarterly meeting, held at Bigbury on April 19th. The musical ring of six was rung to rounds, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent.

The business meeting, held in church, was presided over by the Rev. H. E. Bennett (branch chairman), supported by Mr. G. H. Myers (vice-president), Mr. W. G. Hiscott (honorary member), and representatives from Newton Abbott, Plympton St. Maurice and Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), and Mr. Nicholas Coleridge, a former member of the branch now at Oxford University.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary pointed out that the office of Ringing Master had been overlooked. Mr. H. Howard Thomas proposed, Mr. W. G. Lavers seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Mr. T. G. Myers be re-elected with thanks for his past services. Subject to the necessary permission, the next meeting will be held at Kelly on September 20th. Ten certificates of proficiency were presented; nine to young members from Plympton St. Maurice, who show great promise under the leadership of Mr. W. G. Lavers. It was agreed that the instruction account be transferred to the general funds of the branch. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, the Rev. A. R. W. Law, and to the captain of the tower for having all in readiness for the ringers. A short service then followed.

During the evening ringing in the four standard methods was enjoyed on the fine heavy six at Modbury.



## READERS' VIEWS AND COMMENTS

### John Austin Called

Dear Sir,—It was John Austin who called the peal of Stedman Caters at Exeter in 1903, not William Pye as stated in your leading article this week.

Some year or so later rumours began to be current in London that he called the peal from manuscript. About this time I met Jack Austin for the first time at a meeting at Woodchester, Glos., and told him of the rumour. He told me that after trying the tenor to a few rounds Mr. Pye said, 'You had better call this peal, Jack. I shall have as much as I want here.' Giving a hurried glance at a composition, he started to call the peal.

About a course before the turning course he became uncertain of the calling of that particular course and asked the spare man, who was in the tower, to give Mr. Pye some assistance if it were needed, to get the peal from his pocket so that he could reassure himself, which he did. After glancing at the figures they were put away again. Mr. Austin told me that had he not seen the figures at all it would have been all right, but there was just that little uncertainty in his mind and he wanted to make quite certain.

John Austin died about two to three years ago.—Yours,  
E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.  
NOTE.—Our informant regrets his error.—Editor.

### WILLIAM PYE'S ACHIEVEMENT

Dear Sir,—You are not quite correct in saying that William Pye called the peal at Exeter to which he rang the tenor; it was the late John Austin.

What has not, however, previously been commented upon, as far as I can recall, is that William Pye had already called a peal of Stedman Caters, at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on the day that his great performance took place. Small wonder if he was exhausted—and yet he had recovered sufficiently by the next day to call a peal of Stedman Caters at Taunton, and to turn in the 27½ cwt. at Bridgwater to a peal of Superlative, while the day after that he rang the 25 cwt. tenor at Murtock to New Cambridge, and the 7th to a 27½ cwt. tenor to Stedman Triples.

It is no disrespect to those bands who have subsequently taken part in peals at Exeter to say that this peal at the Cathedral, coming as merely one of twelve rung during a week's tour, was thus perhaps the greatest performance of them all—excepting, of course, the peal of Cambridge Maximus.—Yours faithfully,  
E. A. BARNETT.

26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford.

### RANG 'GRANDISON'

Dear Sir,—Re your article on the first Caters at Exeter Cathedral in 1892. I was present in the belfry when this took place on October 11th that year. Being only nine years of age, I was not permitted to ring, but I remember how glad they were to have a rest after their exertions.

Regarding 'Grandison,' I may say that I had the pleasure of ringing this famous bell on the opening day in 1902 (single-handed).  
W. SHEPHERD.

### PEALS AT EXETER

Dear Sir,—Having been appointed to make arrangements for peal attempts at Exeter during the period of the Central Council's visit, I would ask those who have written to me for peals and now desire to participate in the peal at Buckfast Abbey to inform me as soon as possible. They will then not be included in any peals I may arrange for that day. Applications for peals should be received not later than Monday, May 12th, to enable me to make final arrangements.—Yours truly,  
E. W. BIFFIN.

17, Sydney Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

### Preservation of MSS.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of April 18th dealing with composers' manuscripts prompts me to question whether the machinery suggested for their preservation should be considered adequate.

The establishment of repositories for manuscripts might prevent their wanton destruction, but would hardly preserve them from oblivion, since they would be geographically inaccessible to most people and not readily available to anyone but the custodian. A wider dissemination of technical literature would seem essential if the present generation of composers is to be relieved from the necessity of repeating for themselves the work done by their predecessors.

In your leader you cite existing restrictions as a bar to publication of such information, though even when rationing ends, it is doubtful whether prospective readers will be sufficiently numerous to support printed editions of advanced text books. There are, however, several methods of reproduction, employing stencils or lithographic plates, which are cheaper than letterpress printing and eminently suitable for runs of a few hundred copies.

I suggest that data at present lying dormant could usefully be duplicated by one of these processes for distribution to subscribers, and I will, if interest is shown in the idea, undertake a detailed investigation into the practical and financial aspects.

To this end I would be obliged if everyone interested would communicate with me, indicating:—

(1) The kind of information they would like to see published.

(2) Whether they would prefer separate booklets on specific subjects, or a periodical containing in each issue elementary and advanced articles of interest to theorists, composers and conductors.

(3) The amount they would be prepared to subscribe annually.

Since authors as well as readers are needed for success, correspondents should also state whether they would be willing to contribute articles and data for publication.—Yours sincerely,  
M. HODGSON.

52, Bayswater Road, London, W.2.

### NEW ZEALAND GREETINGS

Dear Sir,—We have just received a new set of 10 ropes from England so the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers will now be able to attempt longer touches without the thought of a rope breaking. We ordered these ropes two years ago, so you will understand how pleased we were when they arrived; lucky for us that we have an ex-Naval man with us and he has been kept busy in the meantime splicing ropes to make them last out.

Mr. N. Reeve, a returned Service member, is now Master, and he is very keen for progress to be made, so with the help of Mr. George Clavdon, ex-Birmingham ringer (he came to New Zealand in 1911) we regularly ring 120's of Grandsire Doubles, Plain courses of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. We are practising bobs and singles for Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples on the handbells, so I think that we are on the way to peal ringing.

In conclusion, the Christchurch Cathedral bellringers send greetings and best wishes to all bellringers in England.—Yours sincerely,  
G. N. SLOAN, Deputy Master.

9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton,  
Christchurch, W.2, New Zealand.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 13th, 1.288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1. E. Ambrose 2. G. S. Smith 3. W. Favers 4. S. H. Symonds 5. F. C. Boreham 6. W. R. J. Poulson 7. L. G. Pryke 8.

## OBITUARY

### MR. ALBERT S. ALLEN.

Whilst rolling the lawn in his garden, Mr. Albert S. Allen, of Bourne, Lincs, died suddenly on April 24th, aged 69. For over 40 years 'Tim' was captain of the Abbey Church ringers.

An enthusiastic and regular ringer at Sunday services despite the handicap of rheumatism and poor sight, he was a good striker and had rung about 50 peals, the majority of the latter being Spliced Surprise Minor. His one regret since the ban was that he was not able to give a hand in the training of the young band being formed. He spent his working life as a postman, and his happy disposition and jovial nature endeared him to his many friends.

The funeral service was on April 28th, and as the cortege left the church 720 Bob Minor was rung on the Abbey bells by W. F. Ayres 1, David Stainsby 2, Derrick Stainsby 3, C. Wade 4, F. W. French (conductor) 5, A. I. Holmes 6. F.W.F.

### MR. THOMAS A. LAYBOURN.

Returning home from a ringing meeting at Gravesend, Thomas Alexander Laybourn, only child of Mr. and Mrs. T. Laybourn, of 33, Second Avenue, Dagenham, was involved while cycling in a collision with a bus and was killed. His death was on the 17th anniversary of his parents' wedding. He was 16 and for the past two years had been a ringer at SS. Peter and Paul's, Dagenham. Previously he was a chorister.

At the funeral service on April 26th a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by four of his fellow ringers: D. Blowes 1-2, J. Fleetwood 3-4, J. Armstrong 5-6, R. Funnell 7-8. On Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by D. Blowes 1, R. Funnell 2, J. Fleetwood 3, A. Chaplin 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. T. Groves 6, F. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

### MR. W. H. POTTER.

For 50 years a member of the Brierley Hill band, Mr. William H. Potter died on April 22nd, aged 75. The completion of his 50 years' service was marked by the presentation of a clock, suitably inscribed, from the congregation. Mr. Potter was leader for 25 years, and although not a prolific peal ringer, he was exceptionally keen and enthusiastic and was always amongst the most regular attendants for ringing at both morning and evening services.

The funeral took place on April 28th and he was buried as near as possible to the tower he had served so well throughout his life. He was borne to his last resting place by two of his oldest ringing friends, R. Matthews and J. Bass, and the four oldest members of his own band. Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside and the tower bells, half-muffled, were rung before and after the service by members of the local band and friends from neighbouring towers. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

### MR. GEORGE S. TAYLOR.

The funeral of Mr. George S. Taylor, whose death was announced last week, took place on April 29th, preceded by a service in the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, Sunderland, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Marples.

In addition to the family mourners, many of Mr. Taylor's ringing friends attended and the bells were rung half-muffled. After the committal service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by F. Ainsley 1-2, Miss M. Fidell 3-4, K. Arthur 5-6, and J. A. Brown 7-8.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Ignatius' with the bells half-muffled on April 28th as a token of respect by J. A. Brown 1, W. Armour 2, W. Oxley 3, R. Bell 4, R. Walker 5, R. L. Patterson 6, F. Ainsley (conductor) 7, L. Dixon 8.



## ROYAL QUARTER PEALS

*Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth on April 21st, 1947.*

**ALDRESHOT, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Diamond (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. W. Denyer 2, C. Williamson 3, W. Denyer 4, R. Clist 5, T. E. Denyer 6, W. H. Viggers (conductor) 7, H. Williamson 8.

**BATH.**—At the Abbey, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Medway 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 4, W. H. Hurford 5, J. Owen 6, J. Hallett 7, T. F. King 8, S. S. Woodburn 9, R. O. Fry 10.

**BEVERLEY, EAST YORKS.**—At the Minster Church of St. John, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Straker (first quarter) 1, L. Daggitt (conductor) 2, C. Ellerington (first quarter inside) 3, G. Braithwaite 4, C. G. Constable 5, A. E. Sellers 6, G. Dowling 7, F. Osgerby 8, T. Southwick 9, F. Braithwaite 10.

**BOXLEY, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. T. E. Richard (first quarter) 1, W. Gosling 2, Jean Burton (first as conductor) 3, F. Boorman 4, H. Gosling 5, J. Bush 6.

**BRAMLEY, HANTS.**—360 each of Wells, London, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: F. Huggins 1, Miss J. Baley 2, C. Osler 3, Mrs. M. Miles 4, W. Clift (conductor) 5, C. Herridge 6.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—At St. Michael's, 1,260 Doubles (120 Stedman, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): F. J. Russell (conductor) 1, M. Upstone 2, G. Mitchell 3, N. Tomalin 4, J. Hine 5, T. Conway 6. First quarter in five methods by all. First quarter for 4 and 6.

**BROCKENHURST, HANTS.**—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Gilbert 1, Myra Tiller 2, B. Tiller 3, J. Hull 4, J. Purkess (first quarter of Minor) 5, R. E. Tiller (conductor) 6.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—1,260 Minor (Kent, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss J. Hearn 1, Miss M. R. Jaycock 3, Miss M. Pemberton 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, C. A. Burgess 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, Miss J. M. Broomfield 8. First quarter of Minor away from treble for ringer of 3. Rung with tenor covering on meeting one short.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): R. Nicholls (first quarter) 1, H. Miles 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 3, Miss M. L. Lidgley 4, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 5, G. Peters 6.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—At All Saints' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. E. Moreton 1, Margaret Beamish 2, J. Draycott 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Gibbons 5, A. H. Beamish 6, J. Thompson 7, L. Trevor (conductor) 8.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—At St. Peter's Church 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Bloomer 1, H. J. Chuck (conductor) 2, Miss F. Raybould (first quarter inside) 3, A. Grove 4, H. Wyre 5, R. Dunn 6, A. Wyre 7, F. Hodgetts (first quarter) 8.

**CROSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—1,260 Bob Minor: H. Cummings 1, J. Higgins 2, E. J. Lambert 3, P. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Marjorie Locke (first quarter) 1, E. Nobles (conductor) 2, S. M. Ruddleston 3, J. H. Webb 4, R. Finch 5, W. Ward R.A.F. 6.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Johnson 1, Capt. E. F. M. Samson 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, E. H. Hayne 4, H. J. Steed 5, F. Precey (conductor) 6, J. W. Smith 7, R. H. Dukes 8. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 8.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—At St. Marv's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Allen 1, J. W. Wilson 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, M. Rosier 4, S. F. Tuffley 5, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 6, R. W. Rex 7, W. W. Warwick 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—At the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Read 1, T. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, R. V. Fuller 4, S. Meadows 5, R. Hasted 6, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 7, E. C. S. Payne 8.

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,260 Stedman Triples: O. Claybrook 1, W. Allman 2, Norah M. Bibby 3, G. H. Randles 4, T. Lightfoot 5, C. Valentine 6, J. E. Bibby (conductor) 7, R. Shelbourne 8.

**HORNBY, LANCs.**—At St. Margaret's on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Kirkbride (first quarter in method) 1, W. Taylor 2, J. Woods 3, S. Clifford 4, J. Skeats 5, J. F. Wood 6, P. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Davis (first quarter) 8.

**HURST, BERKS.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering: Miss E. Green 1, C. Eeles 2, B. C. Castle (conductor) 3, E. Allum 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, Mrs. A. Collick 6, F. Hicks 7, E. Bailey 8. Longest length by 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: L. Snell 1, A. T. Lowman 2, J. Walden 3, J. Freeman (conductor) 4, S. A. Chambers 5, W. Tomlinson 6, G. M. Mayer 7, K. W. Mayer 8, J. L. Millbouse 9, J. A. Freeman 10. Longest length in the method by all the band.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—At All Saints' Church, 1,335 Stedman Caters: W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 1, E. Spiller 2, T. Grice 3, H. Court 4, G. F. Cantrill 5, L. Head 6, B. F. Baker 7, R. Rich 8, T. Collins 9, F. Thwaites 10.

**MARIHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—At St. Marwenne's on April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, A. J. Hicks (conductor) 2, C. E. Taylor 3, R. J. Hicks 4, J. Rich 5, A. E. Ham (first quarter) 6.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Barrington 1, H. Purchase 2, G. Sparkes 3, S. Bristow 4, W. Stevens 5, C. Stevens 6, C. Tarr (first as conductor) 7, D. Bellamy 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by 4, 5 and 8.

**NEWPORT ISLE OF WIGHT.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church: F. Attrill 1, W. Scott 2, Mrs. A. M. Guy 3, W. Upton 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, A. Drake 6, C. Taylor 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. The bells were afterwards fired 21 times.

**PELSALL, STAFFS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Claridge 1, H. Claridge 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, J. Gregory (conductor) 4, G. Cooper 5, W. Rowley 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. H. Francis 1, Miss P. Holmes 2, A. Cutler 3, M. Hodgson (conductor) 4, A. E. Hoare 5, T. J. Lock 6, W. J. Nudds 7, R. Sanders 8.

**SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.**—On April 23rd at St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Rosier 1, Miss Joan Mathews 2, Miss Stella Davis 3, G. Stocker 4, R. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (conductor) 6.

**STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—1,260 Bob Minor: G. E. Green 1, W. Dillow 2, E. C. Lambert 3, H. E. Tomkins 4, T. Trasler 5, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 6.

**STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.**—At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Wesley (aged 13) 1, R. Croot 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharp (conductor) 5. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**WEST COKER, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Poole 1, Freda M. Poole 2, Aylmer A. Gould 3, H. W. Pearce (conductor) 4, W. E. Turner 5, R. Guppy 6.

**WOLVERTON, HANTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evelyn Knight 1, Helen Cane 2, A. Soper 3, D. Farthing 4, P. Knight (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First inside for 2.

## Chesterfield Bells

The recast ring of ten bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield, have been dedicated by the Right Rev. O'Ferrall, D.D. The ceremony was attended by a large congregation.

Basing his address on the text, 'Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel' (an inscription which he said was to be found on a bell in Madagascar), the Bishop affirmed that the sound of church bells should remind people of their duty towards the Church.

During the singing of the hymn, 'The Church's one foundation,' the choir and clergy, followed by representatives of several belfries, walked in procession to the south transept, where the bells were set on the floor. The Bishop then sprinkled the bells, blessing them by name, beginning with the treble and ending with the tenor, saying 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the glory of God and thus we designate them for all time.' He then censed the bells and the procession continued with another hymn.

The bells are named as follows: Treble, The Holy Spirit; second, St. Chad; third, St. Oswald; fourth, St. Catherine; fifth, St. Peter; sixth, The Holy Cross; seventh, All Souls; eighth, All Saints; ninth, All Angels; tenor, Domina.

The ring was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The quarterly meeting at Llangattock on April 12th, when some 30 members were present, was voted as the best meeting in the district since the lifting of the ban both in the numbers present and the practice put in. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples and Bob Major. One welcome visitor was Miss M. Davies, of Kilburn. Several young ringers were piloted through their first 120 of Doubles and touches of Grandsire Triples.

The Vicar (Canon R. M. Cole-Hamilton), who conducted the service, paid a tribute to the work of Guilds as a means of improving ringing throughout the country and thanked the bellringers for all they were doing for the Church. An excellent tea was provided by the Vicar and local ringers. The next meeting is to be held at Llanelly (Brecon) on Aug. 16th.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On April 13th at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Short 1, A. H. S. Rainey 2, H. J. Yardley (first quarter) 3, A. Pettigrew 4, E. C. Weaver (conductor) 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, A. J. Allen 7, F. Price 8, W. Pettigrew 9, A. Inett 10.

**EGERTON, KENT.**—On April 13th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Pack 1, C. F. Good (Charing) 2, W. J. Henniker (Charing) 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, S. V. Field 5, A. Rickson (first quarter) 6.

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MIDDLESEX ASSN.—50th annual meeting, May 10th, Ealing. Ringing St. Stephen's from 2.30, St. Mary's 3 and evening. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Names for tea to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1246

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea (2s. per head) in the schools 5. Meeting on same premises immediately after. Bells again available after meeting until 9, also St. Michael's (8) 7 to 8.30.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1255

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Freshwater, May 10th. Bells 2.20. 1282

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting Bourne, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec. 1308

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Meeting Alfreton, May 10th.—Sam Scattergood, Dis. Sec. 1331

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Salisbury, May 10th. Meeting Assembly Rooms, the Canal, 2 p.m. Service Cathedral 3.30; preacher, the Lord Bishop. Tea Assembly Rooms 4.45 p.m., 1s. Towers available: 8 bells, St. Martin's, Amesbury (6-8 p.m.), Downton; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Wilton, South Newton, Middle Woodford, Martin.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 1323

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting St. Paul's, Burton, May 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 1292

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Next meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, May 10th. Important. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1309

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6), May 10th, 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1310

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting Shipton-under-Wychwood, May 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 1316

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Joint meeting with Northern District, Braughing, May 10th, at 3 p.m. Bells eight. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. 1330

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Apsley (6), May 10th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1333

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting Heanor, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. T. Needham, Mundella, Hassock Lane, Shipley, Derbyshire.—F. W. Shaw, Dis. Sec. 1344

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Bourn (8), Sat., May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1348

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Clanfield, Sat., May 10th, is cancelled.—H. Farmer, Branch Hon. Sec., Standlake, Witney. 1354

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly, Staunton-on-Arrow, May 17th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 5. Cups of tea only 5.30. Business follows.—J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 1351

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Thryberg, near Rotherham, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided only for those who notify me not later than May 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1338

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.—Ault Hucknall (5), May 17th. Bells available 3. Tea 5. Names not later than Wed., May 14th, to Mr. J. Cooper, Hardstoft, Pilsley, near Chesterfield. 1362

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight (8 bells), Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin. 1361

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 1360

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ticknall, May 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 1378

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Meeting Abingdon, May 17th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 14th to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon. 1321

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting Scarborough, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Hornsey Dene Boarding House 5. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by May 10th. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1288

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting Sleaford, May 17th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Lion Hotel. Please notify Mr. G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford, by Wednesday previous.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 1337

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Meeting at Winthorpe, May 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Bring own food. Remember the date!—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1319

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, postponed owing to snow and floods, will now be held at St. Neots on Sat., May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged if possible.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots. 1366

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—A district meeting will be held at Woodbridge on May 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head at 5 to only those who notify Mr. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 1336



**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke Branch.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6), Sat., May 17th, 5.30. All welcome. 1347

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting Clapton-in-Gordano, Sat., May 17th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1355

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting Sat., May 17th, at Daybrook (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Paling, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham, not later than Tuesday, May 13th. No. 4A bus from Nottingham City Centre or opposite the L.N.E.R. station stops at the church. All ringers cordially invited.—Jill Poole. 1345

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Northern District.—50th anniversary of bells and meeting St. James', Benwell, Newcastle, Sat., May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to G. Carse, 36, Stocksfield Avenue, Newcastle-on-Tyne 5, by 11th.—W. E. Robinson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1353

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Flitton (6), Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. No arrangements possible for tea, so come prepared.—H. C. Hillyard. 1380

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6), Sat., May 17th, 2.30. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec. 1379

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Sat., May 17th, Ashby Folville (8), from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only, 5 p.m.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1357

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Tadcaster, May 17th. Tea 3s. Notify T. H. Foster, 3, Richardson's Yard, Church Lane, Selby, by Tuesday, May 13th. 1363

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting Rudgwick (6), May 17th, 3 p.m. Please bring food; cups of tea provided. 1349

**NORWICH ASSN.**—West Norfolk Branch.—North Elmham, Sat., May 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Only a village; catering difficult, so please notify at once.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 1352

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Dunsfold, Saturday, May 17th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1312

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Practice meeting, Hatfield, Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1359

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—South and West District.—Evening meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Wed., May 21st. Bells from 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Perivale 5320. 1356

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—May 24th, Egerton (6), Charing (6). Bells 2.15. Service 4.45, Charing.—Names to C. F. Good, Old Swan Flats, Charing. Buses, Egerton, leave Maidstone 12.43 (12A) and 1 (10, change at Charing) only.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 1324

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Chobham, Sat., May 24th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by May 21st. 1358

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting Broadclyst, near Exeter, Sat., May 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea before May 20th to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. 1350

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Northampton, Whit Monday, May 26th. Committee meet St. Giles' Rooms, 2.45. Service St. Giles' Church, 3.30. Tea in St. Giles' Room 4.30 for those who send names to Guild secretary by Saturday, May 17th. Bells: St. Edmund's and All Saints', 11 to 1; St. Peter's and Holy Sepulchre, 1 to 3; St. Giles', 1 to 3.30. After the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 1304

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Whit Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Names for tea before May 19th to Mr. H. Harrison, Mill House, Roman Bank, Long Sutton. 1377

**HEREFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Annual meeting and festival Ross-on-Wye, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 3.30. Tea Valley Hotel 4.15. Business Church Hall 5.15. Bells, Ross (8), Bridstow (8) and Weston-under-Penyard (6) available 11.30 a.m. Meat tea (3s. 6d.) if notification before May 23rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 1322

**ESSEX ASSN.**—68th annual general meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Bells (12) from 10. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting in the Chapter House at 12.30. Light refreshments will be served at the County Hotel at 1.30 to those who notify me before May 19th. The following bells will be available for ringing from 3 until 9: The Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 44, Western Road, Brentwood.

**CUMBERLAND ASSN.**—Meeting will be held at Carlisle on Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells available: Cathedral (8), 12 to 4.30 and 5.30 to 9; St. Stephen's (8), 12 noon to 9. Meeting in Fraternity 3.30. Lunch 12.30. Tea 4.30 at City Picture House Cafe. Names to Mr. R. Ling, 99, Denton Street, Carlisle, by May 17th.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1365

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Hadleigh District.—Sproughton (6), Sat., May 31st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea and business meeting after, Church Hall, 5. Please bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Sec. 1364

**UNIVERSITIES ASSN.**—All communications should now be addressed to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone, Kent. 1325

#### QUARTER PEALS

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): J. Goldsmith 1, W. Stepney 2, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 3, B. Stepney 4, G. Beeney 5, A. Ellis 6. First in more than one method by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On April 13th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, G. A. Parsons 2, A. F. Lancaster (first quarter in the method) 3, C. Potheccary 4, A. W. Coles 5, N. Hollingworth 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. Warren (con.) 8.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On April 13th at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, N. Adams 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, Miss J. Burlinson 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, C. E. Tett 8.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. L. Gibbons 1, A. T. Weeks (first quarter inside) 2, S. R. Cockell 3, A. J. West 4, I. M. Taylor (Gloucester) 5, H. Prout 6, H. Smith (first as conductor) 7, C. G. Gibbons 8.

**TAYNTON, OXFORD.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. J. H. Prince (first quarter) 1, T. W. Timms 2, F. W. Soden 3, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 4, F. Soden 5, W. J. Dixon 6. First quarter of Minor by all the band, first quarter on the bells, which are believed the last ring augmented by the late Mr. T. A. Bond.



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