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## TWO CATHEDRALS

In two successive weeks the bells of two English Cathedrals, after being recast, have been dedicated. At Wakefield a ring of 12 with a supplementary bell to permit of a light eight being rung has been provided, and at Lichfield ten bells. That two of our Cathedrals should have been so enriched within the space of eight days is unprecedented in the history of ringing.

Both rings of bells have for many years required attention. Wakefield's bells have been silent since 1936, the frames having been condemned because of the oscillation. But even before that date the bells had not given satisfaction, as the trebles which were added in 1892 for calibre and tone failed to blend with the other ten. In consequence Wakefield has not the reputation of being a ringing centre. Ringers from Ossett helped substantially at the dedication festival, although the event created widespread interest. Wakefield have before them the task of training a new company, and we feel sure that the helping hand will be forthcoming from Yorkshire towers within easy reach, so that this skilled example of the founder's art will be truly used to the glory of God and for His service.

The story of Lichfield is in some respects similar. Here a Cathedral with beauties in architecture that, on first viewing, almost takes one's breath away with its magnificence, had as poor a specimen of English bells as one could find. Noisy and jarring to the nerves of those living in the vicinity, they had none of the mellowness that might be expected from a cathedral of such antiquity. Very little appears to have been done to these bells since the days of Waterloo, although endeavours had been made, without success, to tune the trebles. The gift of the recast bells from the Freemasons of Staffordshire is munificent and timely. There is a dignity about the new tenors that is pleasing to the ear, and the Exercise hopes to have the pleasure of recording the first peal on these bells on the occasion of the wedding of Princess Elizabeth. While Lichfield will have to train more ringers, they have the nucleus of a young band in the Beresford family, and if other young people can capture their enthusiasm, then Mr. G. E. Oliver and Mr. A. F. Sedgwick will have a company to be proud of, and there will be an added glory to the Cathedral of St. Chad of bells well and truly struck.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ... Treble	*FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 2	*FREDERICK C. WHITE ... 7
FREDK A. H. WILKINS ... 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 8
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.  
\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Cyril J. Hibbert.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK, Guild Secretary ... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS, Branch Committee ... 2
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN, Branch Committee ... 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON, Branch Secretary ... 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE, Guild Master ... 5	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE, Branch Ringing Master ... 6
CHARLES W. BIRD, Guild Committee ... 7	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON, Guild Auditor ... 8
GEORGE CARE, Guild Committee ... 9	ERIC NOBLES, Branch Ringing Master ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.  
\* First peal on ten bells. An officers' peal. In memoriam, the Rev. E. S. Powell, M.A., for 12 years the respected Master of the Guild.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS M. ROWLAND ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	*PATRICK HARRIS ... 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... 3	WALTER H. RAXTER ... 8
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 9
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 5	FRED CRUMP ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GREAVES. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters and first on ten tower bells.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN ... 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 7
GEORGE DOWLING ... 3	BERT SUTTON ... 8
FRANK LORD ... 4	CHARLES BARKER ... 9
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5	LEONARD RODMELL ... Tenor
	FRED OSGERBY ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.  
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. R. C. C. Hargreaves, M.A.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 8
HENRY J. SANGER ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5	RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* First peal on ten. To the memory of John H. B. Hesse.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

JAMES W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	† JOSEPH PORTER ... 5
* HAROLD PARKINSON ... 2	* MISS BETTY MORELAND ... 6
ALBERT MILLS ... 3	† CHARLES CLEGG ... 7
THOMAS HILLMAN ... 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. † First in method.  
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Moreland. Conductor's 100th peal on tenor bells.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 26½ cwt.	
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	† GEORGE SKINNER ... 5
WILLIAM H. HOWE ... 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 6
* BRIAN PIDGEON ... 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 4	† JACK DEEM ... Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL.  
\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.  
† First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

RICHARD BENSON ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 6
MARY WALSHAW ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
A welcome to the new Bishop of Manchester.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	ERIC T. LEE ... 5
G. SYDNEY JOYCE ... 2	† T. MARK WHITE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
* PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4	WM. H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. A 21st birthday compliment to T. Mark White.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	ARTHUR ROLFE ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
A birthday compliment to the Vicar.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

EDGAR C. PIZZY ... Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... 6
SVLIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.



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**NORWICH.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Oct. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 14 cwt. in F.  
 CLIFFORD BIRD ... *Treble* | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5  
 WALTER C. MEDLER ... 2 | ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6  
 F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 3 | GEORGE SAYER ... 7  
 ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
 In this regular three-part composition, presumed to be rung for the first time, the 2nd is never in 5-6 and the 3rd three courses only above fourths in 5ths.

**ERITH, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Oct. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 15 cwt.  
 ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... *Treble* | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5  
 HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2 | FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6  
 ALFRED G. HILL ... 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7  
 MAURICE HODGSON ... 4 | PHILIP A. CORBY ... *Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.  
**ASHTEAD, SURREY.**  
**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,  
**A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 14 cwt.  
 \*GORDON P. T. PETERS *Treble* | \*ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 5  
 †ALFRED H. WINCH ... 2 | \*HAROLD A. MAY ... 6  
 †ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 3 | \*GEORGE A. COOK ... 7  
 †GEORGE MARRINER ... 4 | †ALBERT HARMAN ... *Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.  
 \* First peal of Painswick. † First peal of Painswick Major. First peal of Painswick Major by the Guild.  
**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 25 cwt. in D.  
 \*GORDON F. HURN ... *Treble* | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5  
 \*ROBERT G. FISHER ... 2 | PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 6  
 RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 3 | HENRY TOOKE ... 7  
 THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 4 | WILLIAM CLOVER ... *Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.  
 \* First peal in the method.  
**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**  
**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
**A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 10 cwt.  
 H. JAMES TURNER ... *Treble* | JOHN S. WALTON ... 5  
 JOHN PINFOLD ... 2 | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6  
 EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3 | HENRY H. FEARN ... 7  
 ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... *Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.  
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.  
**BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,  
**A PEAL OF TIVERTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 14 cwt.  
 GEORGE F. SPERRING ... *Treble* | HENRY O. BAKER ... 5  
 JOHN HAYES ... 2 | JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6  
 JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3 | HARRY PYE ... 7  
 JOHN W. BEST ... 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY ... *Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.  
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.  
**CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,  
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
 MISS M. FLACKETT ... *Treble* | NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5  
 CHARLES H. PAGE ... 2 | ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6  
 WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 3 | FREDERICK GROCOTT ... 7  
 FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 4 | ARTHUR W. HALL ... *Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 16½ cwt.  
 MISS STELLA WICKENS ... *Treble* | \*MAURICE THOMAS ... 5  
 ALBERT W. BOND ... 2 | ROBERT C. PRIDGEON ... 6  
 \*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY ... 3 | EDGAR RAPLEY ... 7  
 FRANK BENNETT ... 4 | HENRY STALHAM ... *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
 \* First peal of Double Norwich with an 'inside' bell.  
**LYMM, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 29 cwt, 3 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.  
 CECIL RADDON ... *Treble* | WALTER ALLMAN ... 5  
 JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2 | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6  
 GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3 | RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7  
 CYRIL VALENTINE ... 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... *Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.  
 First peal of Bristol on the bells.  
**ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.  
 ALBERT DISERENS ... *Treble* | GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ... 5  
 MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2 | \*REGINALD F. CROOK ... 6  
 MRS. A. DISERENS ... 3 | REGINALD W. REX ... 7  
 \*RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 4 | VINCENT T. CHERRILL ... *Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT DISERENS.  
 \* First peal of Stedman Triples.  
**HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 12 cwt  
 CHARLES C. MCGUINNESS *Treble* | KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5  
 KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 2 | SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6  
 MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7  
 \*MISS JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 4 | JOHN WALDEN ... *Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
 \* First peal of London Surprise.  
**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 17½ cwt.  
 \*FREDK. E. DUKES ... *Treble* | STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 5  
 JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 2 | PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6  
 EILEEN H. BASTOW ... 3 | FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7  
 ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4 | PETER CROOK, JUN. ... *Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
 \* First peal in the method.  
**SOUTHAMPTON.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.  
 MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... *Treble* | REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 5  
 \*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2 | TOM PAGE ... 6  
 \*MISS JILL BRITAIN ... 3 | †ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7  
 DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... *Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.  
 \* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal.  
**WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
 JOAN A. RANCE ... *Treble* | ALBERT FLEET ... 5  
 VIOLET N. CASTLE ... 2 | WILLIAM J. PARKER ... 6  
 WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... 3 | BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 7  
 WALTER HUNT ... 4 | \*LEONARD D. MILLARD ... *Tenor*

Composed by BERNARD C. CASTLE.  
 \* First peal. First peal as conductor.

IPSWICH. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Worcester Variation.		Tenor 32 cwt.	
HOBART E. SMITH ... ..	Treble	HERBERT G. JILLINGS ...	5
JEAN FREER ... ..	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	7
HARRY D. LISTER ... ..	4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ...	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD. First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES; Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	Treble	†FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	5
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ...	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL ... ..	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	JAMES E. BAILEY ...	Tenor

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT. \* First peal of New Cambridge. † 150th peal. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Very Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, Provost of Southwark and previously Rector of Woolwich, as Bishop of Croydon.

SIX BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

In various callings.		Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.	
*MISS M. A. PAWLEY ...	Treble	REG. C. TIPLER ... ..	4
J. ANTHONY FLINT ... ..	2	CECIL E. CARR ... ..	5
†JOHN R. FLINT ... ..	3	WILLIAM R. DRURY ...	Tenor

Conducted by CECIL E. CARR. \* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pawley.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
*ROBERT CRAWSHAW ...	Treble	*JAMES JACKSON ... ..	4
*WALTER SCHOFIELD ...	2	†FRANK HODGE ... ..	5
*HARRY SAXON ... ..	3	†VERNON TURNER ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HODGE. \* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. Rung for the centenary of the church.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5280 CHANCES;

Being 44 six-scores, five callings.		Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.	
*WILLIAM M. STEPNEY ...	Treble	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ...	4
FRANK H. HICKS ... ..	2	†CLIFFORD BOOTH ...	5
WILFRED BOOTH ... ..	3	FREDERICK BAKER ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS. \* First peal (aged 12 years 8 months). † First peal 'inside.' First of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven extents: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (2) Ipswich and Cambridge; (3) Stamford; (4) Rossendale; (5) London; (6) Wells; (7) Durham, Surfleet, York and Beverley.

Tenor 10½ cwt.			
BRYAN SIMS ... ..	Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... ..	4
C. HENRY HARDING ... ..	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES. First peal in 12 Surprise methods by all, in the county and by the Association.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, N. Adams 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, C. F. Tett 8.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, C.C.C. Nos. 50, 48, 37, 49, 55, 28, 29. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*ERNEST J. ROWE ... ..	Treble	GEORGE CARE ... ..	4
*REGINALD FINCH ... ..	2	STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ...	3	ERIC NOBLES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES. \* First peal of Minor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.			
*JOHN COOPER ... ..	Treble	JEAN WARD ... ..	4
ALAN CATTELL ... ..	2	MAVIS WHITEHEAD ...	5
JOHN BENNETT ... ..	3	*ERIC WATSON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL. \* First peal. First peal of Bob Doubles for all and for the Guild.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARWENNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.		Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
*WILLIAM J. VINNICOMBE	Treble	*JOHN H. BOWDEN ...	4
ALAN J. HICKS ... ..	2	CHARLES E. TAYLOR ...	5
*REGINALD G. PEARCE ...	3	*JAMES RICH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS. \* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Sangwin, who instructed the band.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
*EDWIN G. MOORE ... ..	Treble	†FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	4
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	*NEIL I. ALLNATT ...	5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... ..	3	ALAN R. PINK ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK. \* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor.

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Bob Minor, different callings.

Tenor 18½ cwt.			
HARRY BAKER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD...	4
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ...	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	5
MARK W. MARSHALL ... ..	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of one block 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 35 lb.

*STANLEY GILBERT ... ..	Treble	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ...	4
*PETER BORDER ... ..	2	HERBERT FIELDS ... ..	5
FRANK W. LACK ... ..	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON. \* First peal of Surprise and on the bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Bourne and Norwich and three of Cambridge.

G. CHERRY ... ..	Treble	L. FIDLER ... ..	4
E. WINTERS ... ..	2	W. CROFT ... ..	5
A. E. SYMONDS ... ..	3	F. CROFT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. CROFT. First peal of Surprise by all the band and on the bells. Rung for the silver wedding of the ringers of 3 and tenor.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Oct. 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. N. Branch (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hoilingworth 4, W. D. Grainger 5, A. J. W. Hughes 6, J. Bullock 7, J. Rea 8.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

KENNETH SPAVINS ... .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... .. 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 5
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE ... .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 240's of Morris' and Thompson's Arrangement, and 26 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

REGINALD BEALE ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR C. DRAYTON ... .. 4
REGINALD WELCH ... .. 2	†THOMAS J. HILL ... .. 5
FREDERICK WELCH ... .. 3	*ALFRED BOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' In memoriam, the Rev. E. S. Powell and J. Hole (late captain).

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent of Double Oxford, two of St. Clement's, one of Plain Bob, one Oxford Treble Bob and two Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOODY ... Treble	BERNARD O. MANN ... 4
*WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5
†MISS F. MAKY LACEBY ... 3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in five methods 'inside.' † First peal in five methods.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Royal: C. F. Sayer 1, Miss A. Bailey (first in method and of Royal) 2, A. Dale 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Miss A. Wren (first inside and of Royal) 5, H. Mason 6, G. W. Debenham 7, F. J. Spicer 8, H. V. Frost 9, T. J. Southam (conductor) 10. First on 10 as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED STEDMAN & GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5-6
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Consisting of 2,501 Stedman, 2,502 Grandsire, with 52 changes of method, believed to be the first peal rung 'in hand' with these methods spliced.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 7 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 E. JENNINGS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

\* 350th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Broyd and a birthday compliment to Mrs. O. Broyd.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
FRED JEFFERY ... .. 3-4	PHILLIP BARNES ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.	
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

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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.*

A question for research experts. When was the last peal of Tiverton Little Bob rung? Mr. J. Swindley, now 75, found no difficulty in learning this method and rang it faultlessly at Buckley, Flintshire.

William M. Stepney, who rang his first peal at Warbleton at the age of 12 years 8 months, is believed to be the youngest ringer in Sussex to ring a peal. Mr. W. A. Kitchenside has now thrice 'circled' this tower.

What is the record for father and son peals? The Groombridges, of Nottingham, have rung 236 together.

A regretted omission from our report of the Leicester Guild Festival concerns the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Mrs. D. E. Beamish, the Guild secretary, and three other members attended to bring their good wishes and congratulations to their neighbours.

In the Worcester Variation of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Ipswich on October 18th, there are no bobs. It produced some excellent music on this grand old back eight, reports Mr. Oliver G. Barnard, the conductor. The company met short for Royal.

Peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus have now been scored by Messrs. W. F. Judge, F. A. H. Wilkins, N. I. Allnatt and Alan R. Pink. The last lap for these worthies was at Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, on Oct. 18th.

Mr. R. J. Brocklehurst, of Sneyd Park, Bristol 9, who has family connections with Charleston, South Carolina, has received a letter from Mr. George Williams concerning interest in change ringing. He states that the bells of St. Michael's Church, Charleston, are rung by an electrical device from a special keyboard near the organ console, the organist thus being able to chime the bells and then start his opening voluntary.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

To hand is a copy of 'The Scout,' telling of the unsuccessful attempt to ring a peal by eight Scouts at St. Nicolas', Godstone, last September. For the attempt Scouts came from Guiseley, Yorks (3), Aylesbury, Edmonton, Farnborough, Leatherhead and Worthing, the conductor being Eric Dench.

Comments B.D.P. in telling the story: 'Change ringing has a brotherhood that is akin to Scouting. If you can ring, you can walk into almost any belfry, introduce yourself and make friends immediately. And, like Scouting, it isn't easy. It needs stickability and a helping hand from others, and the experienced ringer in his turn helps those who are beginning.'

Holy Trinity bellringers, Hobart, Australia, are attempting a peal on November 20th for Princess Elizabeth's wedding.

Sunday service ringing has been resumed at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, after closure through decaying roof timbers and for decorations.

The peal of Painswick Surprise at Ashlead was rung for the golden wedding of Mr. Alfred L. Brown, of St. Martin's, Epsom. Mr. Brown rang his first peal at Ashtead on March 10th, 1903. Unfortunately, the bells of St. Martin's were not available.

Mr. James G. Rumsey celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first peal by a peal of Bristol at Framlingham, Suffolk. The band tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maulden for their hospitality after the peal.

While there were four first pealers at Stalybridge on October 14th, the ringers in question learnt to ring in 1925 and 1927 respectively. Mr. F. Hodge, the conductor, who has been ringing since 1919, has two peals to his credit. While the 'go' of these bells is excellent, they are very noisy, being 13 or 14 feet above the ringers with only a 9in. floor between.

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# LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED

GIFT OF STAFFORDSHIRE FREEMASONS.....TENOR 31½ CWT.....ASSOCIATION OF BELLS WITH LIFE

**L**ICHFIELD Cathedral was enriched on Sunday, October 26th, when the ring of ten bells, recast as a gift of the Freemasons of Staffordshire, was dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford. The gift commemorated the 750th anniversary of the Cathedral.

It was a memorable ceremony and was attended by a congregation that numbered over 2,000. The Masons entered the Cathedral from the west door in procession, wearing aprons and collars. The Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Dartmouth, was attended by his officers. Another procession was formed by the Mayor and members of the Corporation of Lichfield, escorted by a detachment of the Special Constabulary.

## SERVICE RELAYED.

The service opened with the singing of the National Anthem and the hymn, 'Before th' eternal Father's throne.' The dedication followed the first lesson, read by Canon J. E. W. Wallis. In the spacious belfry were assembled the Bishop of Stafford, the Dean, Precentor and singers, together with the Provincial Grand Master and his officers, and the ceremony of dedication was relayed by loud speakers to all parts of the Cathedral.

In making the offer of the recast bells on behalf of the Freemasons of Staffordshire, the Earl of Dartmouth asked the Dean's acceptance of the gift 'to the greater glory of God and for the enrichment of our Cathedral Church.'

The Dean (the Very Rev. F. A. Iremonger), in accepting the bells with due thankfulness, added, 'It shall be our endeavour to see that this gift is preserved for the purpose for which it has been offered.' He asked the Bishop to dedicate the ring of bells 'that it may thereby be set apart from all worldly and profane purposes and may be used in the worship and service of Almighty God in this church.'

The Bishop then hallowed and dedicated the bells, and the prayers he offered included one for bellringers—that they 'may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and mindful of the sacredness of Thy house, may put away from them all idle thoughts and light behaviour.'

The singing during the service was of great beauty. It included two anthems, S. S. Wesley's 'Lead me, Lord, lead me in righteousness' and 'Let their celestial concerts all unite' (Handel). The Te Deum was to Stanford's setting in B flat.

## THE MUSIC OF THE STEEPLE

The Dean, in his address, said: 'You, whose generosity has made this gift possible, must surely feel a thrill of pride and joy when you reflect that for generations to come the bells of Lichfield Cathedral—now recast and more tuneful than any of us can remember—will ring out, as of old, over the Staffordshire countryside.'

'There is a music of the steeple as well as a music of the choir stalls and the organ loft. And it would be surprising if both the greatest and the least distinguished writers had not vied with one another in describing in verse or prose the emotions aroused by that music in their hearts.'

'On the sound of the church bells has centred some of the world's best poetry, and much of its worst, and most sentimental doggerel from Edgar Allan Poe's immortal masterpiece to 'The Miner's Dream of Home.' One verse of a poem describing the bells of Oxford which has haunted me from the day I first read it I will quote:—

Mind'st thou the bells? What a place it was for bells, lad!

Spirits as sharp as thrushes' bills to pierce the sky with song!

How it shook the heart of one, the swaying and the swinging,

How it set the blood a-tramp and all the brain a-singing.

Aye, and what a world of thought the calmer chimes came bringing.



LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.  
The bells are hung in the tower on the right.

Telling praises every hour  
To His majesty and power,  
Telling prayers with punctual service, summers,  
centuries, how long?  
The beads upon our rosary of memorable  
song.

## THE VALUES OF ETERNITY

The greatest of all the associations to which the sound of church bells ministers is the associations of worship. Only one thing was needed, during the war, to make all things alike, and to secularise completely our communal life; and this the Government achieved when they stopped the ringing of church bells on Sundays. It was the snapping of the last link, however feeble a one, in the chain that bound many of our fellow countrymen to the values of eternity.

'Is it too much to hope that from this morning there may be formed in your minds some fresh association with the bells, which, thanks to the skill and initiative of Mr. Sedgwick, the captain of our bellringers, and his team, you will hear ringing as you leave the Cathedral? If the hope of any such association is justified, will you rest assured that we, in this Close and City, will do all in our power to encourage and sustain it. A thou-

sand men and women have banded themselves together, under the name of the Friends of Lichfield Cathedral, to secure this aim—to hand down to the generations to come this Cathedral unspoilt and unimpaired.

Ringling during the dedication was two whole pulls in rounds, and the following took part, all local ringers: Joan Beresford 1, F. T. Hayle 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, L. Smith 4, L. Monk 5, A. Smith 6, A. Bowler, sen. 7, W. J. Cope 8, A. Bowler, jun. 9, G. E. Oliver 10.

The opening touch after the service of Grandsire Caters was by ringers from Coventry, Birmingham, Stafford, Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Lichfield, with Mr. Harry Withers as conductor. Over 100 ringers were present during the day, the ringing being in the capable hands of Mr. G. E. Oliver. Opinions were unanimous that a magnificent ring of bells had been provided by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

## THE NEW BELLS.

The inscriptions on the recast bells are: Treble: Recast at Gloucester by Thomas Rudhall, 1764.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8: Conflavit me Henricus Bagley anno salvit, 1688.

9th: Prosperity to the Church of England. Cast by Abel Rudhall, 1758.

Tenor: Thomas Mears, of London, Fecit, 1815. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. This peal of bells was recast as a gift of the Freemasons of Staffordshire, 1947. F. A. Iremonger, Dean; Masonic Emblem; Dartmouth, Provincial Grand Master. Ring out the false, ring in the true. Bishop: E. S. Woods. Precentor: S. G. B. Exham. Chancellor: J. E. W. Wallis. Treasurer: L. D. Hammond. Custos: J. H. Kempson, 1947.

The nine smallest bells also bear Taylor's shield with 'Recast 1947' below. The tenor bell weighs 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. and sounds note D natural.

## HISTORY OF THE BELLS

The early history of the Cathedral bell's is purely conjectural, but in 1477 Dean Heywode gave a great bell called Jesus, which bore the following inscription:—

I am the Bell of Jesus, and Edward is our King,  
Sir Thomas Heywode first caused me to ring.

This bell was destroyed during the partial destruction of the Cathedral during the Civil Wars. A Bodleian MS. says: 'One Pickens, a pewterer, on July 26th, 1653, knokt in pieces the fair bell called Jesus at Lichfield, he being the chief officer appointed for demolishing that Cathedral.' In 1670 Bishop Hacket, who restored the Cathedral, contracted for 'six bells becoming a cathedral.' When Bishop Hacket died on October 26th, 1670, three of the bells had been cast, but only the tenor fixed. On hearing this bell for the first time the good Bishop observed that it would be his passing bell and died shortly afterwards.

In 1687, the Hacket bells having become 'bad and useless,' a subscription was raised to replace them with a new peal of ten, and the contract was placed with Henry Bagley, of Ecton, Northants. This peal was completed in 1688. A fire occurred in the belfry in 1758, and the intense heat cracked the ninth: this was recast by Abel Rudhall. The treble was 'recast by Thomas Rudhall in 1764.'

The three smallest and also the sixth bell had been very badly chipped away on their edges, and still they were flat in relation to the tone of the other bells; the musical quality of the peal as a whole was very poor indeed, especially for such a magnificent Cathedral.

## Oxford University Society

MR C. J. DICKINSON THE NEW MASTER.

A general meeting of the Society was held at Magdalen College on October 14th, the president (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) being in the chair. Thirty-seven people were present, including 15 new members. The treasurer's report, showing a balance of £9 2s. 5d., was adopted.

Miss Higgins gave an account of the Society's activities, ringing and otherwise, during Trinity Term and the ringing tour held at Hereford in August. This was followed by an account from Mr. Semmens of the ringing-cum-farming holiday at Honeybourne.

The Chairman announced that as the present Master, Mr. W. F. Moreton, had gone down, the election of a new Master was necessary. There were three nominations—Miss K. Higgins (L.M.H.), Mr. P. C. Wright (Univ.) and Mr. C. J. Dickinson (Magdalen). The nominees having withdrawn from the room, Mr. Dickinson was elected. The office of male secretary, previously held by him, thus fell vacant, and Mr. Wright was elected nem con.

The Chairman suggested that the secretaries should write to Mr. Moreton expressing the Society's regrets at his departure and thanking him for his many services during his term of office. The Society heartily concurred.

The date of the Society's annual ringing tour caused some lively discussion, the main question being whether it should be held in the summer as in previous years or in the Easter vacation to avoid interfering with the Universities' Association tour. It was decided to obtain the opinions of members who had gone down before making a decision. The tour will probably be held at Berkhamsted next year.

A proposal that a social should be held this term was eventually carried, and a committee was elected to make the arrangements.

With the aid of a model, Miss Higgins explained how a tower bell was rung, for the benefit of new members, and described the basic principles of change ringing. K.H.

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Nineteen members, representing ten colleges, and friends from Banstead, Chichester, Fulham and Greenford were present at the third annual meeting of the University of London Society on October 25th.

The Vicar of Battersea (the Rev. A. S. Hopkinson) made the Society very welcome to St. Mary's Church, and after their ringing conducted a short service, in which he gave an interesting and original address. After an excellent meal at the George II. Cafe, the business meeting and further ringing were held at St. Stephen's Church.

Capt. D. N. Layton, R.E.M.E., the first Master of the Society, acted as ringing master and also as chairman for the lengthy business meeting.

The reports of the Master, secretary and treasurer all showed that the main aim of the Society during the next year should be the finding and thorough training of recruits from the University, thus making available to the Exercise more ringers who could help depleted service bands and also help to bring into use for church purposes the very many good rings which now hang idle. An increase in membership and in the balance in hand was reported.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson; Master and representative for London on the Universities' Association Committee, Mr. V. J. Benning; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. R. Blackman; committee, Mr. P. R. Layton, Miss J. Yearsley and Miss H. Y. Gardner; and auditor, Mr. G. C. Carter.

An ambitious programme is to be attempted during this session, details of which were left to the committee, and if possible a dinner in London on January 3rd if sufficient support is forthcoming and it does not interfere with other functions.

## 800 Peals

MR. T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.'s RECORD.

Many congratulations have been extended to Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who rang his 800th peal on his 80th birthday. His ringing career seemed to peter out with his accident in July, 1939, and after his 794th on October 9th, 1941, Mr. Groombridge announced that he would not attempt another peal.

This held good until last year, when he rang a peal of Kent Minor at Stapleford and Grandshire Caters at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

A few attempts which failed followed at intervals, but recently the suggestion was made to complete the 800 on his 80th birthday, and he just succeeded, as No. 799 was rung two nights before. To keep in practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman in hand was started for on the remaining evening, but it was not taken too seriously.

One of his most cherished memories is deleted from the 800, the record peal of Cinques at Southwark, which turned out to be false, but he often cites this as some of the best ringing he ever took part in.

He had handled the tenors at Bow, Southwark, Manchester Town Hall, Cornhill, etc., but was equally proud of managing Foots Cray treble of 1 cwt. plus a few pounds to a peal of Stedman Doubles. His record is as follows:

Doubles: Stedman 1.  
Minor Var.: 21 (conducted 15).  
Triples: Grandshire 90 (47), Oxford Bob 4 (1), Plain Bob 1, Erin 1, Union 1, Stedman 162 (82 conducted, 1 non-conducted).

Major: Plain Bob 39 (11), Double Bob 1, Double Norwich 77 (12 and 1 non-conducted), New Double Norwich 3 (2), Double Oxford 5, Hereward 2, Kent Treble Bob 71 (28), Oxford T.B. 4, Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Granta T.B. 1, Little Bob 2, Erith Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 64 (5 and 1 non-conducted), New Cambridge 2, Superlative 32 (5 and 1 non-conducted), Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1, Ipswich 1, Crayford 1, New Cumberland 3, London 22 (1), Bristol 11 (1), Four Spliced 1.

Caters: Grandshire 4, Stedman 35.  
Royal: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 1, St. Clement's 1, Forward 2, Duffield 1, Kent T.B. 15 (4), Cambridge Surprise 10.

Cinques: Grandshire 2, Stedman 48.  
Maximus: Plain Bob 2, Kent T.B. 7 (1), Cambridge Surprise 16 (3), Superlative Surprise 2.

Handbells: Grandshire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 1, Granta T.B. Major 1 (1), Granta T.B. Royal 1, Plain Bob Major 14 (1), Plain Bob Royal 4, Plain Bob Maximus 1.  
Total 800, conducted 220.

## HODNET BELLS

Two new trebles have been added to the ring of six at Hodnet, Shropshire, to complete the octave. These were dedicated by the Bishop of Shrewsbury on October 19th after a Confirmation service.

Immediately after the ceremony the bells were rung in rounds and 'Queens' by the local ringers, and the tower was afterwards thrown open to visitors, who rang methods ranging from Grandshire Triples to London Surprise Major. The striking was of a high order and the parishioners had a chance of hearing their bells at their best.

Both the new bells are inscribed, 'Thanksgiving for victory, 1939-1945,' on the waist, and round the shoulder, 'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1947.' The treble weighs 4 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb., and the second 5 cwt. 2 lb. They blend perfectly with the old bells (Rudhall, 1769), which were rebunged at Loughborough in 1931 and rehung in a 'low side' iron frame for eight.

Everyone was delighted with the peal, and the founders are to be congratulated on making such an excellent 'splice.' The Hodnet people now possess one of the best eights in the country.

## Kent County Association

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

An attendance of 120 ringers representing 18 towers was recorded at the annual meeting of the Rochester District on October 18th. Ringing preceded the service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, assisted by the Archdeacon. Prayers from the Ringers' Service Handbook and the ringers' hymn were introduced into the service.

Following tea at the City Cafe, the Dean welcomed the company. At the business meeting the Archdeacon of Rochester presided, and the secretary reported an all-round improvement on last year in membership, finance and ringing. Three new practising members and an hon. life member were elected.

Mr. B. W. May was re-elected district secretary, as were the two district representatives. Rainham was selected for the next meeting. In the evening there was ringing at the Cathedral, Chatham and Frindsbury.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A suggestion by Mr. H. Goodwin that a collection should be made at each meeting for the benefit of the church concerned as a mark of the visitors' esteem led to a spirited debate at the annual meeting at Tonbridge on October 4th. The suggestion was rejected, and the matter was left as at present, viz., that deserving towers receive donations from the Belfry Repair Fund.

The secretary's report was adopted and the accounts accepted. Officers elected were: Secretary, Mr. R. Whitehead; district representatives, Mr. B. Collinson and Mr. E. Ladd; Ringing Master, Mr. B. W. Pankhurst.

Two proposals of the Lewisham District were considered: (a) That a peal secretary be appointed for the Association; (b) that a beginners' booklet on change ringing be produced for sale at a nominal price to learners and others.

The first was well supported, but the second was rejected, the district deciding to give it no support.

The Vicar (the Rev. Russell B. White) officiated at the service, Mr. A. H. James, a member of the local band, acting as organist.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

First Guild meeting to be held at Buriton since its transfer to the Alton and Petersfield District took place on October 18th. The Rector (Canon G. S. Morley) conducted the service and presided at the meeting.

New ringing members elected were A. J. Garrett (Petersfield) and Miss A. Waller (Blackmoor). Those present included the Rev. A. D. Somerset Ward and Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary). The annual district meeting will be held at Alton on February 7th.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

Some 30 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting at Curdridge on October 18th. The Vicar officiated at the service. At the business meeting, which followed tea, members stood in silence as a token of respect to Mr. F. S. Bayley, a former member, who recently died.

Methods rung: Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

## VISIT TO RANMORE COMMON

On October 11th, 21 members from the towers of St. Leonard's, Streatham, Christ Church, Mitcham, and St. Mary's, Wimbledon, visited Ranmore Common, near Dorking. The trip was made by coach and the weather was glorious, which enabled everyone to enjoy to the full the scenery with its autumn tints.

Through the permission of the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Davies), about two hours' ringing was enjoyed, and touches of Stedman Triples, Grandshire Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were successfully accomplished.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed, in the name of many visitors to Leicester for the festival, to express our warmest appreciation and thanks for the memorable week-end so carefully planned and so ably carried through.

The organisers were obviously involved in a prodigious amount of preparatory work, and one hopes they will feel regarded by the unqualified success of the occasion. Our thanks are also due to the Lord Bishop and to the other speakers at the dinner and to the incumbents of the various churches who gave permission for peal attempts and other ringing.

Seldom has there been a more successful and enjoyable gathering of ringers.—Yours sincerely,  
'ONE OF THE VISITORS.'

## THE LOUGHBOROUGH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—As a member of the band which attempted the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Loughborough on the day of the Leicester Festival dinner, may I make the following points in reply to your remarks in *Belfry Gossip*? First, if the opinion of the 'expert ears' was that the ringing was only 'good,' then it could not have been excellent, which I think should be the standard demanded on a ring of bells of the quality of All Saints', Loughborough. While agreeing that the ringing at approximately 12 noon was good, it did not, however, improve, but gradually deteriorated, the ringing being marred by a series of irritating trips which continually upset the rhythm. When we descended from the tower at 1.15 p.m. none of the expected listeners appeared.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Stapleton, Bristol.

## 'NAME' PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bottrill's letter in your last issue makes interesting reading, and it seems clear that a name peal of Royal was rung at Fulham in 1902. I am curious to know whether the 1932 peal rung there can properly be claimed as a name peal, seeing that one of the ringers had to use his second Christian name to 'qualify.'

Having recently rung in the *Feredrick* peal at Beddington, and thereby feeling somewhat superior, I suggested that I might help out some Williams (who were unsuccessful in an attempt for Royal on the same afternoon as that on which the Beddington peal was rung) in their next attempt. Should I be eligible? If so, it is a pity that my mother bestowed on me only those names with which I sign myself—

FREDERICK WILLIAM GOODFELLOW.  
Iver Heath, Bucks.

## SUDBURY'S TENOR

Dear Sir,—We have at All Saints' Sudbury, a fine peal of eight, tenor 28 cwt., in excellent order, marred in beauty by the faulty clappering of the tenor.

This has been examined and a provisional estimate of £50 has been given. The bell will have to come out and be correctly clappered and rehung. Under the auspices of the Vicar we have opened a fund to get this done, but as that gentleman is busily engaged in raising £1,000 to restore the church, we ringers have undertaken the task of raising the sum.

May I appeal to any reader who feels generously inclined to help us achieve our object? Any contributions, of whatever amount, will be graciously received and individually acknowledged by the Vicar, the Rev. Crowther Smith, All Saints', Sudbury, or by the undersigned as trustee of the fund.—Thanking you, yours faithfully,  
ARCHIE A. FITCH.

7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1947  
Grandsire Doubles: F. Uden 1, A. Miller 2, H. Allen 3, T. Miller 4, P. Allen (cond.) 5, J. Uden 6.

## INITIATING A NEW BAND

Dear Sir,—Your leaders often give rise to interesting questions. One is: Has the best way to initiate a new band into change ringing been discovered, published and adopted as standard practice? Not that I am aware of; but of the various possibilities, one must be the easiest for learners and therefore the quickest. Which is it?

In my experience the propagandist is very liable to be faced by two obstacles, either of which, singly, would make matters very difficult. When both are in evidence at the same time, the position is hopeless.

In my last opportunity I undertook the task at the invitation of vicar and curate. After the usual war-time difficulties had been overcome, a strictly local band of novices reached the stage of being able to ring the 14 hunting lines on seven bells (tenor covering) in preparation for Grandsire Triples. This success proved that I was working on the right lines; it only remained to bring the striking up to a satisfactory standard, and they were ready to tackle the Plain Course.

In the meantime, unfortunately, the sympathetic vicar had died, and his successor took the opposite view. Then the captain left the town, and the remnant (instead of making an intensive effort to replace losses) allowed themselves to be inoculated by some unknown counsellor with the opinion that the right approach to change ringing is by way of Grandsire Doubles. As it was known that in an eight-bell tower, surrounded by thousands of people, I do not approve of changes on five bells, I received no further requests to be helpful. Later, at the next branch meeting, there were handed in nine local names for associate membership; so why was there any need to give up eight-bell ringing?

It is now over two years since I was last in the tower as an invited guest, and (to the best of my knowledge) no local six have succeeded in ringing any Doubles. On the last three occasions that I have happened to pass during time for service ringing, the worshippers were being invited to attend by means of (1) one bell; (2) and (3), chiming on eight bells.

If the blame for the failure rests on me, where did I go wrong? 'ADSUM.'

Devon.

## ADELAIDE DEDICATION

Dear Sir,—In your issue of August 1st, which has just come to hand, is a letter from Mr. Edgar Knott, captain of St. Paul's bellringers, Melbourne. Some of his statements are incorrect.

Mr. Knott states that I made arrangements with him to take a combined team to Adelaide to open the bells of St. Peter's Cathedral. This is wrong. At the time I was in Melbourne the Bishop himself did not know what date the bells were to be opened, so how could I make these arrangements? I did say that some of the Sydney men would probably go to Adelaide if there were sufficient numbers to make up a band.

Mr. Knott states that he wrote to the Bishop in regard to a visiting team. The Bishop wrote and told him that Mr. Joyner was making all arrangements. Mr. Knott did not write to Mr. Joyner. The matter was a personal one between the Bishop of Adelaide and Mr. Joyner and had nothing to do with the N.S.W. Association.

The Bishop wrote on June 4th inviting St. Paul's ringers to be present at the opening of the bells and that he would pay travelling expenses. As he had no reply, no doubt he assumed that St. Paul's had changed their mind. I fail to see how Mr. Knott can say that the Sydney ringers were unsportsmanlike. He had his invitation, and if that letter did not arrive he should blame the postal authorities, not the N.S.W. Association, W. ROWE.

Sydney, N.S.W.

## Suffolk Guild

## ELECTION OF IPSWICH DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Six Ipswich ringers attended the tea and business meeting on the occasion of the election of a new district secretary on Oct. 25th.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Master of the Guild, opened the meeting by referring to the death of Mr. Fred Lambert, and gave a short history of his life and career and valuable work for the Exercise. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, general secretary, said he had called the meeting for several reasons, but chiefly to elect a district secretary in the place of Mr. J. W. Jennings, who had left the town to reside at Brantham. He thanked Mr. Jennings in his absence for the good work he had done in training recruits, Sunday service ringing and secretarial work. Mr. Pipe asked for a show of loyalty to the new district secretary by early payment of Guild subscriptions, attendance at meetings, the finding and teaching of recruits, Sunday service ringing and, last but not least, the observance of good striking on all occasions.

It was a great disappointment to find so few Ipswich ringers present, and had it not been for the visitors the tea arranged for 26 would have been cancelled.

Referring to the coming marriage of Princess Elizabeth, Mr. Pipe asked all ringers to make early arrangements to ring for the occasion. Touches or peals rung any time during the wedding day would be greatly appreciated by the public, and ringers had a great opportunity of drawing the attention of the populace to bells and bellringing.

Mr. Edward E. Ellenger, of Ipswich, was unanimously elected as district secretary. In thanking the members, he asked for loyalty and support. Both he and Mr. Fred Steward said they were keen to see more new members and more church bells rung, and with the help of Mr. Fred Bowell they hoped to get around and find more young blood and keep the head of Ipswich district above water. C.W.P.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The joint meeting with the Oxford Guild at Hillingdon attracted 80 members and friends. The Rev. E. S. C. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, who is a ringer, presided at the business meeting, when a letter was read from Miss G. E. Trollope thanking the Association for their expressions of sympathy on the death of her brother. Those present stood in silence in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell (life member) and Mr. J. J. Pratt. Miss Ruth Geraghty (Pinner) was elected a ringing member.

The usual social evening followed. Handbell tunes were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. John Ford, and the Gutteridge family entertained with songs and a pianoforte solo from Rosemary.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## MEETING AT CRANLEIGH.

Favoured by a bright autumn day, the Guildford District meeting at Cranleigh on October 18th proved to be a completely satisfactory function. Fifty members attended and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise methods.

After the service, conducted by the Rector of Cranleigh, a very good tea was admirably arranged by Mr. R. Whittington, who was thanked for his effort.

At the invitation of the Rector of Dunsfold and Mrs. Crowhurst, who were present, a small party was organised to visit Dunsfold, where a new band has been formed.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Oct. 12th, 1947  
Grandsire Triples: H. P. Floyd 1, Miss N. Honey 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, Miss L. R. Pimm 4, E. G. Moore 5, J. Coggins (first quarter on eight bells) 6, C. G. Calcutt 7, N. Floyd (first quarter on eight bells) 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—At SS. Peter and Paul's on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Colin Verdon 1, Kathleen E. Fletcher 2, F. H. Wellington 3, Rev. P. J. Boulsover (first quarter as conductor) 4, F. A. Smeaton 5, Mildred F. Scarfe (first quarter) 6.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Collett 1, W. J. Dixon 2, F. W. Soden 3, T. H. J. Prince 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, F. Soden (cond.) 7, G. R. Miles 8. For 5th ringer's 15th anniversary as organist.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—At St. Paul's Church on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Roden 1, Miss N. Brain 2, W. J. Leach 3, A. Foster 4, B. G. Key (conductor) 5, G. Harrison 6, G. L. Roden 7, L. Chamberlain 8.

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Betty Turner (first quarter) 1, Miss Edna George 2, P. Gray 3, J. Perrott 4, J. Hayward 5, H. Simmons 6, T. Blow (cond.) 7, F. Brownett 8.

**CLEWER, BERKS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Purchase 1, R. Posnett 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, S. L. Posnett 6. First quarter in method by all and by local band.

**DUCKLINGTON, OXON.**—On Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 180 Grandsire, 120 each of Antelope, Union, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune: L. Oliffe 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, J. Coggins 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, C. Bustin 5, E. Knight 6. First quarter in 10 methods by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys Anderson 1, E. J. Lindley 2, Barbara Pollinger 3, D. N. Layton (cond.) 4, H. E. Good 5, H. Cheesman 6, J. E. Beams 7, D. Mann 8.

**FARNWORTH, LANCs.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pte. J. Thornley 1, T. Aldred 2, J. W. Dearden 3, J. Boyer 4, W. Gorton 5, R. Eastham 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Welcome to the new priest.

**GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.**—A tribute to the late O. J. Smart, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Smart 1, O. Smart 2, Miss N. Smith 3, A. Mitchell 4, J. Holloway 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for all except conductor.

**GWENNAP, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hosking 1, J. A. Vincent 2, Miss J. E. Withey (cond.) 3, Miss T. Richards 4, S. A. Reed 5, K. Appin 6. First quarter inside for 2, 4 and 5.

**HIGHGATE, LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Anne on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Carter 1, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 2, J. M. Payton 3, D. J. Gay (first quarter) 4, T. Bevan 5, J. O'Dell 6.

**LEAFIELD, OXFORD.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wright 1, L. Smith 2, H. Townsend 3, N. Locke 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, A. Wilshire 6. First quarter by all.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,248 Bob Major: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, F. J. Cheal 2, F. G. Southgate 3, T. Cross 4, E. Naylor 5, F. M. Macey 6, W. J. Walker 7, W. L. Rayner 8.

**SEPTON, LIVERPOOL.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Bob Major: T. Hammond 1, S. Flint 2, J. Prescott 3, E. Edmondson 4, Mrs. D. Booth 5, D. Booth 6, J. Hale 7, W. Deacon (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for 3, 4 and 7.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Ware 1, P. Mayne 2, L. May 3, W. Cockram 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, L. E. Parris (cond.) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

**UFFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss P. Orford 1, W. E. Maulden 2, J. Daniell 3, C. E. Fisher 4, Miss P. Jenvey 5, G. Finch 6, J. Preatner 7, F. L. Fisher (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 5.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.**—At St. Oswald's on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Clouston 1, R. Webster 2, K. Lawson 3, E. Burnett (cond.) 4, T. Templeman 5, J. Clouston 6, F. Rabson 7, N. Mahoney 8. All local ringers except conductor.

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## MARRIAGE

**SPEAKMAN — WILSON.**—On Oct. 18th, 1947, at St. Peter's Church, Parkstone, Reginald D. Speakman, of Lytchett Mere, Upton, to Leslie Margaret, only daughter of Francis S. Wilson, of Lilliput, Dorset. 2178

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## MEETINGS

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 8th, at Sawbridgeworth. Bells (8) 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. 2187

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Turners Hill (8), Nov. 8th, 3. Tea at Mrs. Pollard's 5.—C. A. Bassett,

3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells. 2184

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—For members attending the 310th anniversary dinner at Pimms, Bislopgate, on Nov. 8th there will be ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 1.15; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30. On Nov. 9th ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, 10.15 a.m.—A. B. Peck. 2170

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Bi-quarterly meeting at Solihull, Sat., Nov. 8th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 2198

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. David's, Brecon, on Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2189

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Tempsford, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6), 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2190

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 2201

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be no ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Sunday, Nov. 9th.—G. W. Steere. 2221

**HERTS ASSN.**—Combined practice, Monday, Nov. 10th, St. Peter's, St. Albans, 7.45 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2224

**LEICESTER DIOCESEAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Double Norwich practice second Thursday each month, 7.30 to 9 p.m., at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, commencing Nov. 13th. 2205

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting Farnsfield (5), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3.15. Bring food. Buses from Newark, Nottingham, Mansfield, Retford.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 2188

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 11th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 2194

**CHESTER DIOCESEAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Alsager (8 bells), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Refreshments provided. Names by 12th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 2208

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—A Guildford District meeting will be held at Old Woking on Sat., Nov. 15th; usual arrangements. Cups of tea only provided. Names please, by Nov. 10th. Nominations for district officers for 1948 must be made at this meeting.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2195

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Penhow, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Business to follow. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Buses quarter to the hour from Newport.—F. J. Hannington. 2183

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting Walton-on-Thames (8), Nov. 15th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers for 1948. Notifications for tea to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2191

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice, Lyminster (6), Nov. 15th, 3. Names for tea by 13th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 2211

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting, Norwood Green, Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea, Plough Inn, 5.30 p.m. Names must be sent to Mr. W. Emmett, 4, Norwood Terrace, Norwood Green, Southall, by Nov. 14th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. Perivale 5320. 2210

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Lea on Sat., Nov. 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Women's Institute at 5 p.m. Names, please, to me by previous Wednesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 2229

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackpool, on Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 2226

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Dunstable (8), Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those notifying me by Wed., Nov. 12th.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds. 2223

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bring food.—W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft. 2207

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston Dis.—Cossington (5), Nov. 15th, 3 to 8.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 2209

**EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSN.**—Morton (6), Nov. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Please send names not later than Tues., Nov. 11th, to Mr. G. Holdgate, 6, Sitwell Avenue, Morton, Derby. 2218

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting Henley (8), Sat., Nov. 15th. Bus leaves Ipswich 3. Last bus back 8. Tea 5. Bring food and tea. Names by 11th to Edward Ellenger, Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. All ringers welcome. 2222

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Butcombe, Sat., Nov. 15th, 4 p.m. Nempnett Thrubwall 6.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2220

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Meeting, Smarden (6), Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 9d.) at Chequers, 5 p.m.—T. Cullingworth, Dis. Sec. 2217

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 15th, at Hitchin. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 13th to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. 2216

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Coventry District.—Meeting, Kenilworth (6), Nov. 15th, 3. Tea at the Cosy Cafe, Castle Green, for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 2213

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Groby (6), Sat., Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names by Tues., Nov. 11th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 2219

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Ashby (8), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify E. W. Beadmoore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, by Nov. 12th, please. 2231

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Weekly practices, Tuesdays, 7.30, St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (6). Service ringing, 1st and 3rd Sundays, 5.30. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), Nov. 17th, 6.15.—P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec. 2233

**NORWICH ASSN.**—West Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Swaffham, Nov. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please reply early.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 2228

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Sat., Nov. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2214

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. St. Andrew's bells available in the evening. Will all desiring tea please notify me by Nov. 18th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath. 2230

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Nov. 22nd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Curtis, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, by Wed., Nov. 19th. 2225

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A practice meeting has been arranged at St. Botolph's, Northfleet, Sat., Nov. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Gentlemen welcome.—E. M. Mitchell. 2212

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Nov. 22nd. Tea only for those who notify me by Nov. 14th.—J. E. Allen, Hon. Sec., Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding. 2196

**ALDEBY, near Beccles.**—Dedication of new treble, making ring of 5, Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Handbells 2.30. Ringing after service. Tea in School. Names for tea to Rev. W. H. Gunter, Aldeby Vicarage, Beccles.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 2125

**METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD and LADIES' GUILD** (Central District).—Meeting at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, S.E.1, on Sat., Nov. 29th. Details later.—N. Bagworth and E. E. Davis, Dis. Secs. 2215

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