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BOURNEMOUTH

THE South of England Ringers' Rally at Bournemouth on April 24th was the second attempt of Mr. Arthur V. Davis and his organising committee, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart and Mrs. Marshallsay, to bring to the notice of the Exercise not merely the charm of Bournemouth and the surrounding countryside, but the beauty of its bells. And those selected for one tour—Wimborne Minster, Swanage and Kingston—in the words of Ald. A. F. Sharman, of Dunstable, were bells he could strongly recommend to anyone. A happy sense of sociability marked the proceedings at the dinner, attended by a company of 80; a day in the sunshine bringing an accompanying happiness.

One major regret, however, was uppermost in everybody's mind. Mr. Arthur Davis, the man with the vision of the festival, was absent. An abscess on his face kept him at home. 'Our enjoyment is somewhat tempered by our regrets,' was how Bishop L. H. Lang, the Assistant Bishop of Winchester, who presided, expressed the sympathy of the assembly. It was by no means a local gathering, visitors coming from as far afield as Birmingham, Worcester, Cheltenham, Newbury, London and Banstead.

Meeting on the eve of St. George's Day provided Bishop Lang with his theme in his words of welcome. St. George's Day was when they thought of England, and to those who had been overseas it was the picture of walking across the hills on the quiet Sunday evening and hearing the bells ringing. The bells to them meant the country they loved, and as the representative of one of the dioceses he would say they were extraordinarily 'grateful to the stalwarts' of the belfry.

But the 'stalwarts of the belfry' are not always popular. It was the Rev. A. L. F. Williams, Vicar of St. Peter's, who told how he dealt with the complaints. 'Well, if you are allergic to bells, why do you live within 100 yards of them?' was his invariable reply. He always felt that the bells had a real message of spiritual things. A lady lying in bed in her last illness said to him, 'You have no idea what a comfort and inspiration they are.'

Other speakers also took up the theme of the complaints. The Mayor of Bournemouth gave his opinion, 'It is not the bells, it is their own nervous systems that are wrong.' The Vicar of Christchurch, the Rev. R. P. Price, counselled, 'When people complain of church bells, do not be discouraged; it is our funny English way to grouse at what we value. I am sure in their heart of hearts they want to hear church bells.'

Hale and hearty, Mr. George Williams, the veteran Master of the Winchester Guild, was called to his feet. His mind went back to his first peal in 1884—the Guild was then only five years old—and that was the first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hampshire. He told of the getting together of a band to ring the first peal on the Priory bells of Christchurch in 1888. George's peal ringing days are over, but he can still delight in service ringing each Sunday.

Your Editor had also to acknowledge a gracious tribute to 'The Ringing World' by Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart. An era of keenness and advancement in the art of ringing almost unprecedented was his report on the Exercise to-day. In the first three months of this year 586 peals had been rung, compared with 369 a year ago. A recent issue of 'The Ringing World' recorded 18 first peals, the equivalent if maintained of 900 a year, while ringers who were essaying something new that week were 107. He regretted that paper restrictions prevented full justice being done to such enthusiasm.

The question uppermost with our Bournemouth friends is whether the attendance of 80 justified the rally. The Rev. C. A. Phillips maintained that had basic petrol been restored there would have been a larger attendance, and that a number in the Midlands who had promised support were attending the dedication of the Rupert Richardson memorial at Lincoln. A personal note to our Bournemouth friends is that the rally was well worth the effort in the enjoyment it gave the visitors. Thank you one and all for a happy week-end.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Apr. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

*H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	LEONARD TUFFREY ... 9
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 6	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE Treble	†C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	ALAN WHITE ... 7
*DAVID GALLOP ... 3	H. PETER RAYNOR ... 8
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 9
BETTY SPICE ... 5	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by E. FRANCES. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten tower bells. First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells for the Society.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	JOHN S. WALTON ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 5	HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* 200th peal. Tenor 24 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*ROBT. HARTLEY ... Treble	JOHN B. FORD ... 5
*PHILIP A. CARTER ... 2	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 7
ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 4	THOMAS J. FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal. A 16th birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS ... Treble	†G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 5
EDWARD STEELE ... 2	†GEOFFREY C. BEECH (14) ... 6
*MISS MARGARET RIGBY ... 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ... 7
WILLIAM P. DEANE ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Treble	*COLIN F. MILLS ... 5
*MARGARET E. GREEN ... 2	*FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 6
*JOHN L. F. UPTON ... 3	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 7
*LEONARD C. WELLS ... 4	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal in the method.

HANBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD HARRISON ... Treble	GORDON HARRISON ... 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 6
NOREEN BRAIN ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
*ALAN FOSTER ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal on eight bells. First of Bob Triples by all the band.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HERBERT C. READ ... Treble	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
JACK KING ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 in six parts in the minimum number of courses.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	*ROBT LARKEY ... 5
*PHYLLIS BOOTH ... 2	*ROBERT GUY ... 6
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 3	*GEORGE SKELLAND ... 7
*DENNIS BOOTH ... 4	*WILLIAM DEACON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.
* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS G. D. MURKITT ... Treble	*MISS FEEDA MURKITT ... 5
*MISS JOYCE HEARN ... 2	†DAVID H. PEARCE ... 6
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (13) ... 3	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by HY. JOHNSON. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob away from treble.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	CHARLES CLEGG ... 6
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... 3	HARRY ANDERTON ... 7
RICHARD BLAKEY ... 4	ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

MISS MOLLY AMBLER ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
FRED DAVISON ... 3	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 7
HARRY DAVISON ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*GEO. E. W. GRIFFITHS Treble	JOHN E. COOK ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	DENIS MADDOCK ... 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 3	P. SWINDLEY ... 7
*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 4	HENRY O. BAKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Major as conductor.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
JACK BAILEY 2	DENNIS R. CARLISLE 6
PHILIP L. PARROTT 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER 7
GIRLING RIGBY 4	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by all except the ringer of the seventh, first for the Association and on the bells. Tenor 9½ cwt

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*HORACE BENNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	*ALBERT F. FLATTERS 5
*DONOVAN R. WHITE 2	HAROLD HARPER 6
CYRIL WANDER 3	FRANK DEWEY 7
HAROLD BARSLEY 4	*JOHN PETCH <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.

* First peal of Grandsire.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC J. GILBERT 5
*NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	*GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEO. H. RANGLES.
* 101st peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILFRED NICHOLSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. BROWN 5
†MISS M. A. P. BERTIE 2	†J. WILLIAM ROBSON 6
SAMUEL C. WALKER 3	†CYRIL MORDUE 7
FREDERICK SHERATON 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. To celebrate the christening of Christine Walker, daughter of the local Ringing Master.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HENLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	†DAVID H. PEARCE 5
*ARTHUR R. GALE 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN 6
†WILLIAM H. EASTWELL 3	H. WM. BARRETT 7
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK 4	GEORGE GILBERT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob. † First of Kent 'inside.' Tenor 12½ cwt.

BATHWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt, 2 qr. 12 lb. in F flat	
HERBERT MERRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	†HAROLD L. PARFREY 5
JESSE HALLETT 2	†EDWARD J. FRY 6
MRS. DORA EVANS 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
*ERNEST WHITE 4	KENNETH MEDWAY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First peal on the returned and rehung bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD W. REX... .. 5
NOEL J. DISERENS 2	REGINALD F. CROOK 6
MRS. A. DISERENS 3	ALBERT DISERENS 7
GEOFFREY E. FOWLER 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.	
*FRED W. THARBY ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY CLARK 5
VINCENT TIPTON 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS 6
STANLEY BONES 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
†WILLIAM H. ALEY 4	†PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PHILIP A. F. CHALK.

* First peal. † First in the method. First peal as conductor (age 17).

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... .. 5
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
WILFRED W. RING 3	*MARK W. MARSHALL 7
PERCY PAGE 4	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, 576 Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER 5
MARGARET L. TUTT 2	ALAN R. PINK 6
BETTY SPICE 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
JAMES HIGGINS 4	*WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* 100th peal together.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

TREDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

PETER BAKER <i>Treble</i>	*NORMAN DAVIES 3
*LESLIE TIBBETS 2	MICHAEL CLIFFORD 4

EDWIN T. NEWBURY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL CLIFFORD.

* First peal. First as conductor.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER ... <i>Treble</i>	J. FREDK. MILNER 4
WALTER WHITE 2	FREDK. PICKARD 5
*ARTHUR FOWKES 3	ARTHUR E. CHILTON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilson, of Attenborough.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Trinity Sunday Delight, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK TRINER 4
WILLIAM CORFIELD 2	ALBAN JACK 5
CHARLES S. RYLES 3	JAMES WALLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD A. FRANCIS ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC G. BENNETT 4
*GEORGE SELF 2	ARTHUR E. COOK 5
CHARLES V. ORVES 3	W. ARCHIE LOCK <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

* First peal. A wedding compliment to the Rector, the Rev. G. M. Gwinnett.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.
MARGARET D. REEVES ... Treble	IAN A. MORRISON ... 4
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 5
DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (12 callings).	Tenor 13 cwt.
JOHN D. ROCK ... Treble	L. T. MAINWARING ... 4
THOMAS E. STEAD ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 3	RONALD H. MEWIES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. ROCK.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, on the bells and in the district.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's differently called.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
JOSIAH MORRIS ... Treble	*JOHN MORRIS ... 4
*HAROLD KILBY ... 2	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5
ALAN CATTELL ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS. * First peal of Cambridge Minor.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).	Tenor 12 cwt.
*RAYMOND JONES ... Treble	ALBERT E. DAVIES ... 4
L. T. MAINWARING ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
RONALD H. MEWIES ... 3	*JOHN WOOD ... Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 14 cwt.
PERCY PAGE ... Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 4
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP 3	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal 'inside.' + 50th peal.

MEREWORTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*VALERIE, L. A. WALLIS Treble	COLIN F. MILLS ... 4
JOHN L. F. UPTON ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
LEONARD C. WELLS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT. Tenor 11 cwt.

Seven different extents. * First peal. First peal as conductor.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.	Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.
STANLEY R. COCKELL ... Treble	HARRY PROUT ... 4
MRS. C. F. MILES ... 2	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 5
*P. W. J. HARDING ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* 50th peal for the Salisbury Guild.

BROCKENHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.	
*MICHAEL J. BENT (14) Treble	*ALAN J. BUTLER (17) ... 4
COLIN W. REED (18) ... 2	HERBERT A. MITCHELL 5
*GEO. E. EVENDEN (16) 3	*BRIAN R. TILLER (16) ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN R. TILLER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., April 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 18, WESTBERE ROAD,

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

*GEOFFREY DODDS ... 1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

KINGSTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	JILL BRITAIN ... 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3-4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7-8

Composed by F. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

BEDFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., Apr. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT 1, BURNABY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*DAVID GALLOP ... 1-2	BETTY SPICE ... 5-6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3-4	*H. PETER RAYNOR ... 7-8
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 9-10	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on ten handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 13, 1948, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.	Tenor size 13 in E.
ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

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

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.	
*FRANK E. PERVIN ... 1-2	†THOS. W. SHEPPARD ... 5-6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3-4	‡WM. A. STOTE ... 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* 100th peal on handbells. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, four callings, and 30 of Grandsire, ten callings.	
*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4
†MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2 extents each of Reading, St Dunstan's, Old, 4 each of St. Bartholomew's, R.C. Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, 6 of Stedman and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor size 14 in D.	
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

First peal of ten methods in Ireland.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor size 14 in D.
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY... 3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN T. DENWOODY.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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Success attended Mr. E. J. Lindley and his band in the 10,800 Bob Royal 'in hand' last Sunday. The time was 5 hours and 53 minutes.

Disappointment over 'Englishman's music' has been expressed by a number of readers, and copies of letters of protest sent to the B.B.C. on the subject have reached the Editor.

Alcester's ring of eight is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Coventry on Whitsun Eve at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for visitors in the Town Hall after the service.

Errata: The peal for the Hawkhurst and District Guild reported last week as rung at Sandhurst, Kent, was actually rung at Bodiam, Sussex.

First quarter-peals as conductor have been rung by H. Kirk (Burbage, Derbyshire), B. Salter (Wellington, Somerset), B. D. Threlfall (Birkenhead), J. Watson (Sheppey, Kent) and R. Posnett (Clewley).

Central Council delegates are advised that the best way to get to Skinner's Hall, Dowgate Hill, is by the Circle to Cannon Street or Tube to the Bank. It is about two minutes' walk from each station.

A queen wasp was an unwelcome visitor to St. Mary's, Bathwick, during the first peal on the rehung bells. It was promptly disposed of at the completion of the peal, which was a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. Jennings.

Stationed at the R.A.F. Camp, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts, are 12 ringers. They have been loaned a set of eight handbells by the Rector of Avebury, which they ring for service in the Station Church. They have hopes of ringing a peal of Minor for the Royal Air Force. Already they have visited 20 odd towers in Wiltshire.

Mr. T. J. Groombridge, jun., expresses his appreciation of all the kind letters and enquiries from ringer friends. He recently had a serious relapse in hospital and consequently is unable to reply personally. He is very disappointed that he cannot attend the Central Council meeting, but sends his good wishes.

Poughill, Devon, bells have been converted from a ring of six, tenor 3½ cwt., to a ring of 10½ cwt. by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. After dedication by the Bishop of Exeter a ringing competition was held for a cup given by Poughill ringers, which was won by Newton St. Cyres I.

The disastrous fire which destroyed the type of Mr. A. J. Corrigan's Surprise Major records has also held up the publication of Mr. Ernest Morris' new book, 'Bells of All Nations,' which was to have been issued within the next few months. Fortunately, the MS. has been saved.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Watts, of Hornchurch, Essex, celebrated their golden wedding on April 10th. Although not a great exponent of the art, Mr. Watts has always been very keen on bells and ringers. A quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung in honour of the occasion by Miss Joan Peacock 1. A. Chaplin 2, C. Wright 3, D. Blows (first in method) 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. Carrott 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

Mr. Herbert Knight, who has been captain of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, for 50 years, entertained the local company to tea on April 17th. To mark his half-century he was presented with a cigarette case and lighter by Mr. W. H. Lawley, who had been a member for 40 years. A quarter-peal of Grand sire Caters, 1,259 changes, followed by J. Stokes (first quarter) 1, T. Smith 2, J. Williams 3, H. Knight (cond.) 4, H. Griffiths 5, T. Roden 6, F. Brotherton 7, S. Birch (first of Caters) 8, W. H. Lawley 9, G. A. Langley 10.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**TWENTY-THREE CONDUCTORS.**

St. James', Clerkenwell, a church a great beauty yet surrounded by squalor, was selected by the Middlesex Association for their annual meeting on April 17th. The Rev. P. T. W. Tranter conducted the service, at which about 120 ringers were present.

In the crypt below the church the annual meeting was held after tea, Mr. W. H. Coles presiding. First business was an act of remembrance of those who had died during the year, the names being read by the chairman as follows: Rev. H. Drake (Uford), K. Hart (Brighton), Rev. E. Bankes James (Surfleet), C. Potheary (Mitcham), Rev. E. S. Powell (Stoke-under-Ham), J. J. Pratt (Hillingdon), R. Richardson (Surfleet), H. Street (Walthamstow), J. A. Trollope (Ealing), J. H. Wilkins (Walthamstow) and B. Windmill (Hendon).

The report presented by the hon. secretary recalled the activities in connection with the jubilee of the Society. A large programme of meetings was held during 1947, the attendances averaging 39 in the North and East District and 40 in the South and West District. New members elected totalled 71, consisting of one honorary, 17 non-resident life and 53 ringing members.

PEALS AN INCREASE.

Although the total number of peals rung (52) was 24 fewer than in 1946, there was an increase of 13 in those rung on tower bells. A satisfactory feature of the peals rung was the number of conductors. There were 23 as follows: C. W. Roberts (14), F. Corke and E. C. S. Turner (4), E. M. Atkins and C. C. Mayne (3), P. A. Corby, E. A. Dench, F. A. Finch, J. K. Mayne, T. J. Lock and W. Wenban (2), and T. G. Bannister, F. A. Barker, H. W. Barrett, H. G. Cashmore, A. W. Coles, F. W. Goodfellow, W. H. Hewett, W. J. Paice, T. Price, R. F. B. Speed, J. Thomas and E. E. Whitmore (1).

A noteworthy peal was one of Spliced Surprise Major in the four standard Surprise methods at Lambeth, in which all the bells rang the whole of the work of each method. This was composed and conducted by H. G. Cashmore and was the first peal ever rung with these qualities. The list of peals also included the first peals ever rung of Eastcote and Willesden Surprise Major, and the first for the Association of Aldenham Surprise Major.

Eleven members, P. D. Beedie, A. Bone, Miss A. Castle, Miss R. M. Davies, E. Dodds, Miss M. F. Emere, Miss P. Jackson, Miss P. Kitchen, A. H. Russell, A. Tozer and Miss D. M. Watts rang their first peals. Footnotes show that much progress was made by several members, who rang peals in a more advanced method. J. R. Mayne conducted his first tower-bell peal.

An exceptionally large number of quarter-peals was rung during the year. Of the 121 which have been reported, 26 were rung at Holloway. At least 50 members shared in the conducting.

The statement of accounts, presented by Mr. W. H. Oram, showed an excess of payments over receipts of £14. They hoped with the increase of subscriptions the accounts would go the other way next year.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane; active vice-presidents, Mr. A. W. Coles, Mr. W. H. Coles; Master, Mr. C. W. Roberts; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. L. H. Bowler; hon. auditor, Mr. E. M. Atkins; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Oram, T. J. Lock and E. C. S. Turner; Central Council representatives, Messrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey, T. J. Lock, W. G. Wilson and A. W. Coles.

Mrs. Mayne urged that Mr. Turner be elected a member of the Council instead of an honorary member of the Council, in view of the fact that honorary members could be dropped.

Mr. Turner pointed out that such a step would deprive Mr. Wilson of his membership of the Council for three years. Mr. Wilson hoped to be about in six months' time.

Mr. Lewis Cockey thought it was a greater honour to be an honorary member. If Mr. Turner was dropped he was prepared to stand aside.

The meeting conferred on Mr. Lewis Cockey hon. life membership and decided that the same honour be extended to all members on completion of 50 years' membership.

It was agreed that the books and papers of the Association be kept at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. Mr. Lewis Cockey, in making the proposition, said he was very keen that all documents should be kept. In 50 years' time they would be valuable.

A discussion took place on the raising of funds for the memorial to Mr. C. T. Coles, which was to take the form of augmenting the bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, from six to eight. Finchley ringers had raised half the sum required, and Mr. Turner stated that he had received about £50, leaving £100 to be found. Mr. C. W. Roberts proposed that £12 standing in the Bell Restoration Fund should be voted to this purpose. This was agreed to and other suggestions made included arranging social functions and collections at Guild services.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. A. A. Hughes asking the Association to assist in the entertaining of visitors to London in connection with the visit of the Central Council. The Association agreed and a request was made by Mr. Turner for towers for peal ringing on the Saturday or Whit Monday.

Notes of thanks to those who made arrangements for the meeting and also to the officers were carried.

OBITUARY**MR. ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.**

Mr. Alfred S. Wightman, of Framdsen, who died on April 18th, aged 84, was a member of the noted Wightman family of Cretingham. He had taken part in about 300 peals, which included 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham on December 26th, 1895, and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob at Coddanham on April 2nd, 1888. To both these peals he rang the tenor. The respective conductors were G. Wightman (brother) and W. Dye, and they are both on the active list.

Ringers at the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Messrs. C. E. Fisher, G. Fleming, W. J. Button, W. E. Maulden, C. W. Beecroft, W. Miller, A. E. Whiting and L. G. Brett.

THERE WERE TWO STUBBORN

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in 'The Ringing World' of March 26th the advice once given to my old friend and 'stable companion,' Harold Cashmore, concerning his inaptitude. Being 'colts' together, I was not aware there were two ugly ducklings, rather was I amazed at his early brilliance, and I still have vivid recollections of seeing him perform on an 'inside' pair to Stedman Triples wearing Boy Scout's uniform.

If, however, we were both stubborn to 'break in,' the time and patience required were not altogether wasted, for we can justly claim to have kept 'in harness' nearly thirty years, whilst so many have quickly galloped yet stumbled long before the last hurdle.

To learn and be endured in a 'Surprise' tower is very fortunate, and to those from whom I received help and encouragement I am ever grateful, not only for the joy of ringing, but for so many happy hours in company of friends it brought me up and down the country, for I quickly realised common interest binds together in a great fellowship members of our fascinating and noble art.—

Yours sincerely,
Hale, Cheshire.
DAVID VINCENT.

LETTERS

SURPRISE NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Golden's letter on Surprise Method nomenclature prompts me to write on another point—the tendency for 10 and 12-bell bands to confine Royal and Maximus methods to extensions of existing Major methods.

There seems to be a drift away from this in some quarters (as witness the recent peal of Albanian Royal), but in the past this fetish has produced three Variations of London Royal, the much debated Bristol Royal, and those monstrosities, Superlative Royal and Maximus.

It is, of course, justified in the case of Cambridge and Yorkshire, but has led to the neglect of thousands of fine Royal and Maximus methods, which have no counterpart in Major.

After all, the merit of a performance is not in any way enhanced by the fact that the name of a Major method is tacked on to a possibly dubious extension.—Yours sincerely,
Watford. H. G. CASHMORE.

UNNAMED SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—As I know that some bands are practising methods taken from my recent collection of 160 Unnamed Major Surprise Methods, it seems advisable to inform the Exercise through your columns that the following methods there given had already been named at the date of publication: A. G. Driver's No. 3 (Radnor/Rovston)—the split-lead variation of this method (Sandringham) was one of the 100 named methods first published: Lindoff's Nos. 4, 11, 33, 34, 37, 48, 91; Mr. E. W. Tipler's A4-1, A5-1, A2-7, B6-1, B6-4, B17-3, D9-3, D22-5, F4-1, M2-3, and M11-m.

Since publication Mr. Tipler's D7-1 has been rung and named Withyham. I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the bands who rang Withyham Surprise Major on March 21st and Prittlewell Surprise Royal on April 3rd.

Pending the appearance of the full collection, which will contain nearly 400 Major Surprise methods, including all I know of that have ever been rung to a peal, I should be grateful to have notice of the adoption by any band of a method from the unnamed collection. I receive several requests a month for information, and this procedure would greatly minimise the risk of misleading any correspondent.—Yours faithfully,

Bitton, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

CHESHIRE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—On January 27th, 1948, the band at Frodsham rang a peal of an unnamed method composed by Mr. Nolan Golden and sent to me by Mr. A. J. Corrigan, of Bristol. We called it 'Cheshire Surprise' in the belief that there was no method of that name.

Since then Mr. Corrigan has been going through the Central Council Collection for a third series of Notation Surprise Methods and found that No. 105 was named 'Cheshire.' He cannot, however, find 'Chester Surprise' (Lindoff's 104). There is no trace of No. 105 having been rung. In the absence of information on this matter we intend to claim the name of 'Cheshire' for the method of Mr. Golden which we rang at Frodsham.—Yours sincerely,
Runcoorn. WALTER ALLMAN.

ROCHESTER VARIATION OF SUPERLATIVE

Sir,—When we rang the first peal of the above in 1907 at Southgate, we should have been very pleased to have called it Southgate Surprise, but Gabriel Lindoff, who introduced the method, advised us to publish it as the Rochester Variation, as he considered it was only a variation of Superlative.—Yours faithfully,
Southgate Society. S. WADE.

SPliced TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—For the information of Mr. J. W. Griffiths and other ringers interested in Spliced Triples, I would like to point out that several methods may be spliced in one peal. The main thing in ensuring the peal being true is to ring one method only whenever a selected bell is in the hunt, following being an example of how one in more than four methods may be made up: 2 in Hunt ring Grandsire, 3 in Hunt ring Court, 4 in Hunt Oxford, 5 in Hunt Hereward Bob, 6 in Hunt London, 7 in Hunt St. Clement's, and, in addition, one may substitute a full course of Double Grandsire for one of Grandsire, also some of the other methods may be used in the same way. The first peal of Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples was rung as follows: With 2-3-4 in Hunt Oxford Bob, 5-6-7 in Hunt Grandsire.

I have a composition of Spliced Grandsire and Double Grandsire with only six singles in the peal in which all the 46's, 67's and 74's occur at backstroke. I regret being unable to give figures of the composition rung at Hastings, as I am unable to find a record in my collection. Perhaps the conductor, Mr. C. A. Levett, will kindly oblige.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. PITMAN.

23, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot, S. Wales.

5,040 SPliced OXFORD BOB GRANDSIRE, ST. CLEMENT'S BOB & DOUBLE COURT TRIPLES

Call 7th Before, Right, Before, Wrong, Middle (Right), Before, Wrong, in out 5, Middle, in out 5, Wrong, Before, Right, Before 3 times, Wrong, Before twice and Right. Repeat five times.

Omit the Right in brackets in alternate parts. Oxford Bob is rung when 2 or 4 is in the hunt.

Grandsire is rung when 5 or 6 is in the hunt. St. Clement's is rung when 7 is in the hunt. Double Court is rung when 3 is in the hunt. 1,680 each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire, 840 each of Double Court and St. Clement's Bob.

112 changes of method. A. J. Pitman. Rung at All Saints', Hastings, March 13th, 1948, C. A. Levett, conductor.

THE ENGLISHMAN'S MUSIC

Dear Sir,—After hearing the B.B.C. programme, entitled 'The Englishman's Music,' I find it necessary to explain part of my letter published on April 23rd, the part being handbells. When this was recorded at Lavenham on April 13th it was compiled as follows: Three leads of Kent and one course of Stedman Triples on tower, Stedman and Maurice Symonds ringing four handbells each and Stedman with his fairy bells. Whilst we knew that all of this would not be broadcast, we never thought they would cut the handbells altogether.

To explain to those who are not aware of B.B.C. procedure: the programmes are compiled, the Council then cut them to their liking so, as Dr. Thomas Wood and Maurice Brown said, you never know what will be broadcast until the last minute. Also these two gentlemen promised there would be no talking during the ringing.—Yours fraternally,
Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE MILLS.

PEALS IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—May I say how entirely I agree with the letter from Capt. Poyntz in your last issue about the ringing of peals in Holy Week? I was surprised to see the record of them in 'The Ringing World,' and I cannot understand why the respective Vicars gave leave for their bells to be used at such a time. In our enthusiasm for the Exercise it seems that we are tempted to forget that the bells do not exist primarily for the sake of peal ringing, but for the glory of God, and for His glory it has long been held that the bells should be silent in 'Quiet Week.'—Yours faithfully,
A. J. HOOK (Rev.).
Stogursey, Bridgwater.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Yardley (first quarter) 1, A. Short (cond.) 2, A. Rainey 3, A. Pettigrew 4, W. Pettigrew 5, A. Allen 6, E. Franklin 7, A. Inett 8.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Croker 1, E. Saint 2, C. Andrews 3, R. Winter 4, F. Filer 5, W. F. Webb (cond.) 6, T. Saint 7, P. Fear 8. First quarter Grandsire Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8.

CHEVEVELEY, BERKS.—On April 11th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford: M. Rosier 1, F. Tuffley 2, R. F. Crook 3, G. Townsend 4, C. Callaway 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 4 and 5.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On April 4th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Court (first quarter) 1, Wm. E. Farmer 2, B. H. Thompson 3, S. C. Archer 4, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 5, A. T. Atwell 6.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Short 1, H. Best (first quarter) 2, F. Sweet 3, T. Mogg 4, W. Kent (cond.) 5.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Fleetwood (first quarter) 1, J. R. Fleetwood 2, D. Blows 3, P. J. Funnell 4, C. Wright (first in method) 5, P. V. Gant (cond.) 6, J. Armstrong 7, S. Kelly 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Hutt 1, K. R. Holtom 2, V. Perry 3, W. Kilsby 4, S. Ruddle 5, E. Orland 6, S. G. Osborne (first as cond.) 7, R. Fennell 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 4 and 8.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Roper 1, Miss Kathleen Harrison (16) (first in method) 2, W. G. Saunders 3, C. J. More (cond.) 4, A. G. Harrison 5, C. Orves 6, W. A. Lock 7, E. G. Bennett 8.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.—On April 10th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. A. G. Lawrence (first of Major) 1, Miss E. Morton 2, Mrs. C. Holden 3, E. Hornby 4, C. Holden (first 'inside') 5, A. G. Lawrence 6, H. W. Howard 7, H. Parker (cond.) 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Crutenden 1, Stella M. Wickens (first of Plain Bob Major) 2, E. Nish 3, Catherine A. Nish (first of Major 'inside') 4, F. Parsons 5, C. Longhurst 6, E. Morev 7, B. W. White (cond.) (first of Major) 8.

LEICESTER.—On April 11th, at St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sinsfield 1, S. Harrison 2, W. H. Clarke 3, J. Deacon (first 'inside') 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, T. Thorner (first quarter) 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 360 April Day and 600 Plain Bob): F. Miller 1, Rosemary Hutchings 2, Marigold Hutchings (first 'inside') 3, Muriel Legg 4, Marjorie Legg (first as cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6.

MACCLSFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Smith 1, S. Pickford 2, G. Bottemly 3, W. Mathews 4, J. Minshall 5, V. Norbury 6, F. Yates 7, J. Smith 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stratton 1, R. Abrahams 2, R. Evans 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, F. Mead 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, G. Stratton 8. First quarter for 3 and 8.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Dowdeswell (first quarter) 1, P. Lodge (first quarter) 2, W. Newman 3, G. Walters 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6.

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THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 1, G. C. Goodman 2, F. F. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, Miss P. G. Kitchen 4, Mrs. M. Kitchen (first quarter) 5, T. Abbott 6.

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CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—Practice, Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Stedman, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples, also Duffield, K.T.B. Major, etc. All welcome. Frequent bus service, Haywards Heath Station five minutes. 3466

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Practice night, Fridays, St. Michael's, 5.15 p.m. Sunday ringing, 10.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. 3482

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Members who have not already indicated a wish to take part in the Chester Week, Aug. 14th-21st, are asked to communicate with the Secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3475

SUMMER, 1948.—Practice at Morecambe Church, Saturdays, 6.30 p.m. Practice, St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, Thursdays, 8 p.m., except first Thursday in each month. All ringers welcome. 3470

MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. St. Chad's (8) also available after meeting until 9 p.m. Service (St. Michael's) 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) served in the Bennet Road Institute 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. P. J. Johnson, 53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds 6. Meeting in Council Room, same premises, immediately after tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3393

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Saturday, May 8th. Service 4.15. Other arrangements as usual. 3419

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deerhurst, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea and business meeting following.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, Tewkesbury. 3436

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Littleport (8), Saturday, May 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Lincoln's Cafe.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3449

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Annual meeting, Kirtlington, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Cuddesdon (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. 3351

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, May 8th. Bells (10) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 3432

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD (BIRMINGHAM).—King's Norton, May 8th, bi-quarterly. Ringing from 3 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. 3465

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Leyland (six bells), Saturday, May 8th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3489

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Bournemouth, ten and twelve-bell practice meeting, Christchurch Priory, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for those notifying Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3479

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, May 11th, please, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3451

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, May 15th, at 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3458

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Thurstaston, May 15th, 3. Tea free for those who notify by 12th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3486

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Totternhoe (6), Saturday, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own food.—D. W. Beard, Assistant District Secretary. 3478

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Meeting, Averham (2 miles from Newark), May 15th, 2.45. Service 6.30. Bring own food. Half-hourly bus service from Newark.—J. W. Raithby, District Secretary. 3469

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 10th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3494

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3481

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, May 15th, at 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3480

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Districts.—Meeting, Dunchurch (6), May 15th. Tea at the Tudor Cafe for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 3471

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 15th, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3476

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Clare (8), Saturday, May 15th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—A. Fitch, District Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 3474

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Newchurch, Saturday, May 15th. Tower open 3. Tea 5. Bring own food. Meeting in tower 6. All welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3491

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6 bells), May 15th, 2.30. Tea provided. Names by 11th to Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 3493

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Backford (6), May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than 12th.—George E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 3492

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Whit Monday. Guild committee meet Church Hall, 2.45. Service 3.30. All Hallows'. Tea 4.30, Gloucester Hall, only for those whose application reaches Guild secretary by May 8th. Bells: Earls Barton and Finedon, 11 to 1; Wellingborough, 1 to 3.30; Great Doddington and Wilby, 1 to 3. After meeting all above, also Irthingborough, Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston and Bozeat.—Robert G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 3357

DEVON GUILD.—Annual, Bideford, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. Tickets (2s. members, 3s. 9d. non-members) by May 14th. Visitors welcomed. Ringing, Bideford (8) from 10.30 a.m., Torrington (8), Northam (8).—Fredk. C. Smales, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton. 3462

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 17th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.: preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Names for lunch not later than May 8th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 to 9 p.m.: Great



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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Walpole St. Andrew (6), Whit Monday, May 17th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food). Cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3430

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Hereford, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service (Cathedral) 3.30. Tea (Garrick Hotel) 4.15. Business 5. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas (6), 11.30; Cathedral (10), noon. Notify tea before May 14th.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage Hereford. 3406

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Bangor, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service 2.30, followed by business meeting. Tea 4.30. Notification by Wednesday, 12th.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3459

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION INVITE CENTRAL COUNCIL DELEGATES and friends to a ringing meeting on Whit Monday, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 5; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, 6.30 to 8.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 3464

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Denby (6), May 22nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Bring food.—W. A. Parsons, District Hon. Sec. 3487

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify H. A. Pratt, District Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3473

HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Open cup contest, Saturday, May 22nd, Shelley Parish Church. Entrance 10s. per company. All entries and number of teas not later than May 15th to F. R. Brook, Town Gate, Shelley. 3483

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Meeting at Hartpurty (6), May 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by May 18th to Rev. Hogarth, The Rectory, Hartpurty, Glos. 3468

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodstock, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 18th, to H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 3485

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, May 22nd. St. Giles' bells afternoon, Cathedral evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15. Tea, St. Giles' Church Hall, 5 p.m., only for those who notify Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, by the Tuesday previous. Business meeting will follow.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 3488

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual shield contest will be at Penistone, June 12th. Open to all members. All entries much reach me not later than June 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3457

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows (first quarter) 1, R. Stannard 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, C. Wright 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, J. Carrott 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On April 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: Wm. Hollands 1, T. C. Dennis 2, G. A. Naylor 3, F. J. Cheal 4, Eric Naylor 5, W. J. Walker 6, T. A. Cross 7, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

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SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Messenger (first quarter) 1, T. J. Southam 2, B. A. Cornell 3, Miss J. M. Burrows 4, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. H. Durrant (first quarter) 6.

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