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NOMENCLATURE

By A. J. CORRIGAN.

Most ringers will agree with Mr. Nolan Golden's suggestion that we should now do for the Major Surprise methods what was done so well for the Minors in the 1931 edition of Doubles and Minor. In that revision the whole collection of floral and other unsuitable names was swept away without fuss or argument, place-names being given to such methods as were retained.

Place-names are the only ones that wear well. Dedications to royalty and celebrities of the period become dated and meaningless very quickly, while descriptive appellations become outmoded. Superlative is no longer the queen of methods except in East Anglia, and it augurs well for the timeliness of Mr. Golden's proposal that he, the Ringing Master of the Norfolk Association, should even hint that the name Superlative was unfortunate—an admission that would have been unthinkable to any of his predecessors in office. Superlative is the only stumbling-block in the way of a more systematic nomenclature, for not one of the Premiers, Supremes and the like presents the slightest difficulty. Nobody would miss them, but it is impossible at the moment to consider any acceptable alternative name for Superlative. However, I have recently had two enquiries for Champion, so that this old warrior may be preparing to defend his title.

Some personal names are singularly unfortunate, and this applies also to place-names that coincide with well-known ringers. Bulwer, Heywood and Roane suggest the composers rather than places, and are apt to set up an undesirable fashion in nomenclature. This is of more importance than would appear at first sight. Spliced peals have been rung with more than one new method, and one composition in practice at present has four unnamed methods in it. Will the ringers of this peal, when it has been rung, have the right to name all four of them? And if one should be rung with eight new methods in it, what shall we do if the conductor has the bright idea of naming the whole eight of them after the ringers?

So far, except for the long-dead St. Stephen's, we have kept saints' names out of the nomenclature, though Arthur Craven's 'improved' Cambridge Maximus, which we never ring, is named St. Hugh. Finally, we must not forget that a recent new Royal was named Albanian, a peculiarly lamentable choice. It certainly should be reconsidered.

Alternatives to personal names are usually easy to find. For Wordsworth Grasmere is available, and for Wycliffe Hipswell (his birthplace). Victoria is now Southall, Princess Mary is Goldsborough, and Princess Marina might well become Over Surprise. When another Little arrives, we shall have to distinguish between it and the present method of that class, as we have had to do with the various Little Bobs. To avoid similar confusion between group appellatives and method names, Trollope's Imperial should be given a more specific name.

Surprise methods have become so numerous that the time has come for some sort of advisory body to be placed at the service of ringers. The most suitable body is naturally the Methods Committee, and doubtless the question of raising it to full strength again will be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council. It is not necessary to envisage any drastic measures. It should suffice to frame a couple of simple rules under which conductors would select names acceptable to the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF GRANDISRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

*JOHN B. SANSOM ... Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	HORACE BELCHER ... 8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 9
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... 10
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 5	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 11
HERBERT LANGDON ... 6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal on twelve. Tenor 50 cwt.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 4 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 8
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 9
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 10
CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 11
*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells. First peal of Surprise Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble	*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 6
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 8
*JUNE HENSHAW ... 4	EDWARD SEED ... 9
ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	*GORDON HENSHAW ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	*JOHN H. FOSTER ... 6
THOMAS WILSON ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKE ... 7
RICHARD LONGDEN ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 8
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 9
*STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 5	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL MARSH. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Shuker.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN WILLIS ... Treble	*CYRIL E. BUESDEN ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 2	*R. GEORGE FRENCH ... 7
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 8
EDWARD J. BEER ... 4	BERTRAM J. LUCK ... 9
JOHN W. UNWIN ... 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BERTRAM J. LUCK.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor on ten bells and in the method. In honour of the Royal Silver Wedding.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDK. A. SALTER ... Treble	*EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 6
MISS MARGARET BEAMISH ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 8
J. FREDK. MILNER ... 4	†JOHN THOMPSON ... 9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5	*JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 50th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Tenor 19 cwt.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Treble	§BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ... 6
†AUDREY M. BAILEY ... 2	*FREDK. J. SPICER ... 7
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 3	REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 8
†CHARLES F. SAYER ... 4	†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 9
HAROLD V. FROST ... 5	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal. ‡ First in the method. § First Surprise peal and first on ten bells. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

W. E. MAULDEN ... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	ALBERT E. WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by S. R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Bristol, aged 13. A birthday peal for Albert E. Whiting. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
*GORDON HARRISON ... 2	*BENJAMIN BARKER ... 6
*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 4	*WILLIAM MINOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Tenor 17 cwt.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

FRED HODGSON ... Treble	GORDON BENFIELD ... 5
ERNEST B. BETTS ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	ALFRED SMITH ... 7
FREDERICK SEAGER ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (152). Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

The longest peal of Surprise by the Association.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*GEORGE W. MILLS ... Treble	*CYRIL WANDER ... 5
JOHN G. AMES ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	*JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 7
*HAROLD BARSLEY ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

F. HECTOR BENNETT ... Treble	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 2	FREDK. G. BEDDOU ... 6
JOHN F. BUTLER ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM YATES ... Treble	HARRY SEAR ... 5
ALBERT J. GREEN ... 2	ROGER CADAMY ... 6
WALTER SEAR ... 3	GEORGE E. GREEN ... 7
FREDERICK C. CASE ... 4	JOHN A. GREEN ... Tenor

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

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

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

*MARGARET RIGBY Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
*GEOFFREY BURTON 2	ARTHUR PEAKE 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 3	†CHARLES H. PAGE 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... Tenor

Composed by H. WILDE. Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method. † 190th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEOFFREY BEECH Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE 5
†MISS M. FLACKETT 2	WILLIAM EDWARDS 6
*ALAN MOORE 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL 7
EDWARD STEELE 4	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'
In memoriam ex-Sgt.-Major Burrows, ringer at the above church.
LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MISS A. M. CASTLE ... Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	*HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... Treble	HAROLD F. WOOD ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 2	*ERIC T. LEE ... 6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal. 100th peal as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ANTHONY E. COX ... Treble	†DAVID COX ... 5
PERCY NEWTON ... 2	A. REGINALD LABY ... 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... 3	ARTHUR NEWTON ... 7
WALTER LEE ... 4	ROLAND BIGGS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHEROOK. Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... 5
*TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	*LUTHER HONESS ... 6
JAMES BASSETT ... 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	HERBERT J. HAMMOND... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* 100th peal together. The 33rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Relfe.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN Treble	FRANK HOWE ... 5
†HARRY W. BROWN ... 2	MAURICE THOMAS ... 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	R. GORDON CROSS ... 7
DAVID GALLOP ... 4	BRIAN D. PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HEWLETT. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal on a working bell. † First peal.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.	
*JEFFREY B. WEBB ... Treble	*LESLIE E. MONK ... 5
*DENNIS BERESFORD ... 2	WALTER J. COPE ... 6
MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
*†PETER BERESFORD ... 4	*MARK N. CULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Triples. † First 'inside.' First of Triples as conductor.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MRS. G. E. WATSON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 2	RAYMOND H. IDLE ... 6
*ALAN F. KIRKMAN ... 3	JOHN SHATFORD ... 7
BRIAN AUSTIN ... 4	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
* First peal on eight bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part, No. 6, C.C.C. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
EDWARD MAUND ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	FRED HAWKES ... 6
*JOHN THOMAS ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 7
†HAROLD WILLET ... 4	HENRY BISHOP ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	PETER N. BOND... 5
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Treble	*JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
*ROWLAND BENISTON ... 2	*C. WILLIAM HALL ... 6
HORACE OVER ... 3	†HARRY KIRBY ... 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First eight-bell peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROY GARTH ... Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5
TOM BROTHWELL ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.
First in the method by all the band and for the Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	*CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
*NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	*GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
*WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	*FRANCIS BIBBY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CONVILLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

First peal in the method by all and by the Association.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM STANNARD ... Treble	*PRESTON EVERETT ... 5
ARTHUR BALLAM ... 2	*JOHN W. BANKS ... 6
*SYDNEY STURGEON ... 3	WILLIAM GOODSHIP ... 7
REGINALD SIMMONDS ... 4	*FREDERICK BUCKLE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM STANNARD.
* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.
In honour of their Majesties' silver wedding. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
CECIL W. PIPE ... 2	CHARLES BEECROFT ... 6
WILLIAM J. BUTON ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4	WALTER W. MILLER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
In memoriam Alfred Wightman. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.	
*FREDERICK STONE ... Treble	THOMAS A. HASTINGS ... 5
C. HENRY WEBB ... 2	†GEORGE GARDNER ... 6
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 7
†JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 4	ALBERT E. BARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. † First of Triples. Conductor's 100th peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.
In honour of their Majesties' silver wedding.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Treble	†GORDON BENFIELD ... 5
*ERNEST B. BETTS ... 2	†HARRY DAVISON ... 6
†FRED DAVISON ... 3	†ALFRED SMITH ... 7
FREDERICK SEAGER ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method away from treble. † First in the method.
First in the method on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. W. CURSON ... Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 5
CEDRIC CURSON ... 2	HENRY TOOKE ... 6
RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
*MISS EILEEN BRACEY ... 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* First peal, aged 15 years. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
WILLIAM NASH ... Treble	DONALD C. PRICE ... 5
ALAN WHITE ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
*MRS. T. J. LOCK ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* 100th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
BRYAN F. SIMS ... Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	ALICK CUTLER ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.	
FREDERICK LEECH ... Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 5
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 4	JOSEPH CAPPER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
HERBERT LUDKIN ... Treble	*ALEC CAIRNS ... 5
*RONALD AIREY ... 2	CHARLES CLEGG ... 6
MARY WALSHAW ... 3	*BURLEY WALSHAW ... 7
*FRED HARRIS ... 4	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.
* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.	
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Treble	THOMAS W. DOBSON ... 5
MISS E. LONGSTAFF ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... 7
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

SIX BELL PEALS

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*HENRY F. WARREN ... Treble	HARRY COMMINS ... 4
RAYMOND WINTER ... 2	WILLIAM COMMINS ... 5
CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 3	DAVID NORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.
* First peal.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.	
*CHARLES G. JONES ... Treble	*IVOR R. BREWER ... 4
†WILLIAM REECE ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 5
REGINALD T. JONES ... 3	GEORGE R. HANKS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BARDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
M. BILLINGS ... Treble	*G. SPEED (16) ... 4
*J. J. BOYES (73) ... 2	R. PARKER ... 5
A. INGALL ... 3	W. J. CLEAVER ... Tenor

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

**SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven callings.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
SIDNEY FLINT Treble	BOB CRITCHLEY 4		
BERT WRIGHT 2	ERIC SUMNER 5		
JAMES TAYLOR 3	NORMAN HEAPS Tenor		

Conducted by NORMAN HEAPS.

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HESSLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Plain Bob and five 720's Kent Treble Bob.

LEONARD RODMELL ... Treble	*FRANK C. LISTER ... 4
*FRANCES W. DALE ... 2	*PHILIP H. SPECK ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN W. HOBSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

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

DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge, Primrose Surprise, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY ... Treble	CHARLES WOODS ... 4
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 2	*FRED BRIGHTMAN ... 5
CECIL WADE ... 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* First peal 'inside' containing four Surprise methods.

(More peals on page 201)

**BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Apr. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
*CHARLES H. DAVIS ... Treble	C. WILLIAM NUTT ... 4		
*KITCHENER H. HILL ... 2	FREDERICK MERRICK ... 5		
THOMAS COOPER ... 3	JAMES H. GWILLIAM ... Tenor		

* First peal. Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores Plain Bob, 10 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 30 Grandsire.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
*MISS D. E. RAYNER (14) Treble	RONALD H. MEWIS ... 4		
L. T. MAINWARING ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5		
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 3	*SIDNEY DANIELS ... Tenor		

* First peal. Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (14 callings).		Tenor 8 cwt. in B.	
*JAMES RANFORD ... Treble	†ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES... 4		
†GEORGE AMBLER ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5		
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 3	FREDERICK MERRICK ... Tenor		

Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings).		Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.	
*H. BANWELL ... Treble	MARJORIE LEGG ... 4		
MRS. BEER ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5		
*J. WEBBER ... 3	*L. G. EDWARDS ... Tenor		

* First peal. Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

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A cordial welcome to London is extended to all Central Council members and visitors. Ringing facilities on Whit Sunday and Whit Monday appear on page 202. The meeting of the Council is at Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C.

Records will be made of Grundisburgh bells before they are dismantled. They will again be recorded when rehung and retuned.

The quarter at Meanwood, Leeds, on April 23rd, is believed to be first on the bells, which were augmented from three to five in 1885.

Sixteen new members were elected at the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Pulham Market on May 1st—a record for one meeting.

A 70th birthday quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung at Ealing for Mr. P. E. Clark on April 25th.

The peal at Repton was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss White, daughter of Mr. E. J. White, of St. Paul's, Burton.

Mr. G. W. Moss, of Manningtree, Essex, marked the 50th anniversary of his first peal by calling 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob at Mislley. It was G. E. Palmer's first quarter.

Mr. Harry Sear rang his first peal at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 11th, 1898. The peal of Double Norwich at Wicken, Northamptonshire, was in honour of the 50th anniversary.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon claims distinction in his 100 peals as conductor, inasmuch as they have been rung in 97 towers in 21 counties. 'I pass by this way once!'

The footnote to the Southgate Surprise Major peal (page 175) should read First peal in the method by all the company and not First peal in the method.

Congratulations to Mr. J. J. Boyes, captain of the Bardney, Lincs, ringers, who, now 73 and a ringer for 50 years, has rung his first peal. This was the first peal on the six bells, which were hung in the tower 41 years ago.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After 27 years of faithful service as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. W. Stokes has retired. His successor is Mr. Jack Bray.

Leicester Diocesan Guild have also a change in their secretaryship. Mr. H. W. Perkins is now living in Somerset, and Mr. W. A. Wood, of Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester, has taken over the reins of office. He has graduated from the district secretaryship at Hinckley, his successor being Mr. F. K. Measures, Burbage.

In honour of the installation of the Rev. H. E. Ashdown as Provost of Southwark, the Ancient Society rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques on the Cathedral bells and the London Counties Association a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Lambeth. Mr. Ashdown is hon. chaplain of the latter Association.

To perpetuate the memory of Mr. Joseph W. Parker, a memorial fund has been opened by the Bellringers' Guild of the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr, Sunderland. Subscriptions may be sent to the fund treasurer, Mr. W. Oxley, 2, Romney Avenue, Ryhope Road, Sunderland, and made payable to 'Joseph W. Parker Memorial Fund.'

One long length deserves another. The 21st anniversary of the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung on April 18th, 1927, at Heptonstall, Yorkshire, was commemorated by a peal of 6,336 Superlative, the longest peal of Surprise for the Yorkshire Association. Messrs. Ed. Jenkins and P. Laffin took part in both peals, the former conducting the Treble Bob peal.

At the spring meeting of the Newbury Branch at Great Shefford members stood in silence in memory of Charles Parfit, of Compton, who had recently died. He had been a member of the branch for over 50 years and foreman of Compton tower for 40 years. A familiar figure at Oxford Guild meetings, he will be sadly missed. Very near his heart was a project to recast and augment Compton bells.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

WORTHY OF INVESTIGATION

AN UNWRITTEN RULE

Dear Sir,—Capt. A. R. Poyntz' letter is a timely reminder of an unwritten rule amongst most ringers that there should be no ringing during Holy Week, and it should be taken notice of by all. I have known incumbents, while not wanting to deny ringers their request, to be a little concerned over giving permission for prolonged ringing as Lent progresses. The ordinary weekly practices give ample opportunity, and there may even be a special occasion which can justify a peal. The Easter Day ringing, Easter Monday meetings, and a whole crop of peals in the joyous weeks that follow can be all the more upheld if we have eased off during Lent. Some years ago the late Bishop Erere asked that there might be no half-muffled ringing at Truro Cathedral on Good Friday, for he thought the tolling of one bell more in keeping with the day. I think this has been the custom since, and it is well that we should respect the interest shown by so great a liturgical scholar.

I would ask that much be made of the visits of the teams of Bishops to the Dioceses during these next two months. Here is a great opportunity for peals and quarter-peals of welcome in this Lambeth Year. The Bishops have come from overseas, and before the Lambeth Conference will be going out to the Dioceses in teams to be welcomed in most Cathedrals, and during the days that follow to preach and speak in other places. It would be well that ringers make quite sure what the diocesan programme is, and fix ringing accordingly, perhaps before some great meeting in a town. It was by chance that I recently met the Bishop of Sierra Leone and his wife, who spent the whole two hours of practice in Truro Cathedral ringing chamber as most interested spectators. The Bishop had never seen bells rung before.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS, Hon. Sec.,
Truro Diocesan Missionary Council.

EASTER EVE RINGING

Sir,—At one time I held the same view as Capt. Poyntz regarding the ringing of peals on the Saturday following Good Friday. Of course, I am against the ringing of peals in Holy Week itself, but I think we have to remember that the Saturday is really the eve of the greatest festival in the Christian year. I know of some priests who welcome the ringing of the bells on the day they are holding the first evensong of Easter just as they do at Christmastide.

To my mind, it is far more fitting to ring a peal in the late afternoon of Easter Eve than it is to ring one on the preceding Saturday, which is the very commencement of Holy Week.
W. J. PAICE.
Kensington.

THE EXTREME

Dear Sir,—May I point out to Mr. E. V. Williams there is no need to use the irregular 'Extremes' to obtain a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Forty-two different 120's can be obtained by making each bell do the work of the whole hunt.—Yours,
C. A. LEVETT.
St. Leonards-on-Sea.

TRADITIONAL NAMES

Sir,—It may be of interest that Rochester Surprise was first rung at Crawley, Sussex, about 1895. Several touches were rung, but I don't remember attempting a peal. It was sent to us by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who at that time had a progressive company at Gillingham, Kent, hence the name Rochester. I think these traditional names should be preserved when their source is known.
F. DENCH.

Saffron Walden.

ILKESTON VARIATION

Dear Sir,—May I ask Mr. Barnett why the Ilkeston Variation of Treble Bob and other mixtures should be barred. Surely it is better ringing the Ilkeston Variation than splicing at lead ends.

Ilkeston Variation was not spliced for the sake of splicing, but to keep the tenors out of the slow and to get the course ends up much sooner and two Bobs at H if possible. It also gives a clear bob, and was the thin end of the wedge for splicing the Major methods.

The late Mr. H. Wilde and myself were each studying it independently of the other, and we were the first to ring a peal of it at Ilkeston. Why do our ringing friends keep on ringing peals of it and write asking for more compositions if it is not worth ringing? It is very simple and pleasant to ring.

Some years ago I was with a party out ringing when we met a ringer who disliked Treble Bob and advised us not to ring it, saying it was like a cross-cut saw with two teeth out of the middle. He left us saying that he would go and listen to us. We rang various touches and this course of the Ilkeston Variation:—

M O x W H
2 x 2 2

We fully expected 'a bit of tongue' from the listener, but no, he said, 'Well done, that's very nice, indeed. What was it?' We told him that it was the saw. He still agreed that it was very nice. The truth is if a method is rung well with a steady beat people like to hear it.

May I ask Mr. Barnett to go on ringing the methods he prefers and let others ring theirs and not bar their pleasure. If they are trying to take an old age pensioner's tobacco and glass of beer please do not condemn his pleasure as well.—Yours faithfully,
Dale Abbey, Ilkeston. E. C. GOBEY.

VARYING TENOR WEIGHTS

Dear Sir,—As one who takes a great interest in the weights of tenors, may I be allowed to query several of those in a current issue? Alderton, Northants, is given as 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. 'The Inventory of the Church Bells of Northamptonshire and Rutland,' published by the Rev. E. S. Powell, gives the following information: 'Alderton, five, tenor 15 cwt., 44 in. diameter. Rehung in new metal frame by J.T. and Co., 1935.' When I rang here in 1935 just after rehunging the tenor was all of 15 cwt. and went like it. I am wondering if these bells have been recast and the weight halved since then. The time of the peal—2 hours 31 minutes—seems to fit in with the light weight given by the conductor rather than the heavier one given in the Inventory.

Hatfield, Herts, tenor 26 cwt. I enquired the weight of the tenor whilst ringing here in March, 1936, and was told '174 or 18 cwt.' Have these bells been recast with additional metal since then? The tenor at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, London, not long ago was given as 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. This week it is given as 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.—more than 2 cwt. less.—Yours, etc.,
WILLIAM A. STOTE.
Coundon, Coventry.

DOUBLE NORWICH BOBS

Sir,—Mr. Barnett claims that the purpose of his first letter has been misunderstood. Now that he argues that the difference between Double Norwich with a 4ths place bob and a 6ths place bob is 'so slight'—i.e., between the natural course-end 3527648 and 3542678 (produced respectively by a bob at 1)—there is no doubt that he will be further misunderstood.

If 'B Block' will read my note on page 87 of your February 27th issue, he must agree that the use of a 4ths place in Double Norwich possesses at least one advantage over the normal bob.—Yours faithfully,
Norwich NOLAN GOLDEN.

Dear Sir,—After reading Dr. Spice's article on the front page of the current 'Ringing World' and also Dr. Rankin's mathematical theory of ringing, I should like to venture the comment that he has tended to use, as it were, a steam hammer to crack a walnut. In all the problems which Dr. Rankin considers, provided no singles are used, there is one and only one lead in which any given change can occur; and as a consequence the problems can be solved in a very much less elaborate manner by the simple theory employed by W. H. Thompson.

Surely the field in which mathematics can offer some help to ringing theory is in those methods, such as Stedman, and to a lesser degree the Treble Bob methods, where a given change may occur in several different places in the lead (or six) in consequence of which Thompson's simple theory is no longer capable of tackling the problem.

The problem of the Double Norwich does raise one interesting question, namely: by the theory it should be possible to produce a peal of Double Norwich of 40,208 changes and of Bob Major of 40,240 changes without the use of singles. So far as I am aware, although the corresponding problem (of producing 4,998 changes) in Grandsire Triples was solved as early as 1751 by J. Holt, the problem of producing a 40,240 of Bob Major without the use of singles has never been solved. Although I realise that, from the viewpoint of the ordinary ringer, were he to go for a 40,000, one of the more normal peals with singles would be preferable for a variety of reasons (e.g., conducting and music), I think that the theoretical question is of sufficient interest to be worthy of investigation.—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
Trinity College, Cambridge.

FOOTS CRAY

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query raised by Mr. F. C. W. Knight regarding the recent peal at Foots Cray, I think he is right in stating it was only the third peal on the bells, and probably the quickest on five bells yet rung, but he is not right in stating that the bells were hung over a hundred years ago.

When I started ringing at St. Mary's, Cray, in 1885, there were only three bells at Foots Cray, the same as St. Paul's, Cray, and North Cray. About 1888, when I was 17, I was invited to the dedication and opening of Foots Cray bells. We rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, several six-scores. The band then was Edwin Barnett, George Conyard, Arthur Peill, Thomas Durling and yours truly.

ISAAC EMERY.
Bromley, Kent.

THE THREE QUESTIONS

Dear Sir.—In reply to recent letters from the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, E. A. Barnett and 'B Block,' if any method is altered from its structure it is a variation or a new method. The reason for sixths place at Bob in Double Norwich is pretty obvious, so why try to introduce other places? Singles in Treble Bob are not required, for we get the out-of-course changes by nature of the method called Treble Bob.

Re 14 (360) these are actually rung in ordinary plain methods. It does not matter how a 720 is rung: it is joined together by bobs or singles or all singles (not all bob, for 360 changes are in course and 360 out-of-course).

Cambridge Surprise Major can be rung and the method is quite as good as some that are rung to-day in what is termed better methods. Perhaps half the ringers who are ringing to-day could not sav what method is being rung, for while in the City of Learning recently I remarked how Treble Bob was being rung when to my surprise one of the leaders of that town said they are ringing Stedman. Did he blush when the conductor came out and said a nice quarter-peal of Treble Bob had been rung?—Yours truly, 'Z BLOCK.'

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

CHANGE IN MASTERSHIP.

The 40th annual meeting of the Guild was held at Chilvers Coton on April 17th, attended by 80 members and friends. The Guild service was conducted by the president (the Rev. R. T. Murray). A splendid tea in the Parish Hall was followed by tunes on handbells by Mr. C. H. Webb and his band.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Vicar. Mr. Stote's motion that the rota of places for the annual meeting be re-elected and the meeting place selected at the October quarterly meeting was carried.

The report for 1947 showed a total membership of 326, being made up of 14 hon. members, 134 resident members and 178 non-resident members. Forty-two peals were rung during the year, Belgrave Surprise Major being the first for the Guild. Four rang their first peal and 61 their first in the method.

The deaths were recorded, with much regret, of Messrs. T. W. Chapman, E. Stone, C. Freeman, T. W. Male and J. Warden.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £33 4s. 4d.; £4 9s. 3d. was added to the Bell Restoration Fund by collections at the four major meetings, but no collections were made at the district meetings; £7 was donated to Chilvers Coton, where two trebles were added in May to form a peal of ten, being the second tower in the diocese to gain that distinction.

It was decided to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. from January, 1949, also to charge 6d. per member for the printed report due from the printers at the end of the month.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ABSENCE OF NEW CONDUCTORS DEPLORED.

A suggestion to increase the Guild subscription from 2s. to 2s. 6d. was warmly debated at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford on April 24th, and was adjourned to the next annual meeting. Without an increased subscription a larger report was not possible, stated Mr. G. L. Grover.

The Rev. K. C. Davis presided. The annual report gave membership 437 ringing, 100 honorary. Fifty peals were rung for the Guild in 1947, conducting being shared by 10 members (4 non-resident). Again there were no claims to 'first as conductor.' There were, however, several firsts in the method as conductor and many firsts in a different method, but there were only 10 first peals, which, from the point of view of progress, did not compare too well with 20 in 1946.

The local band at Banstead made history by scoring, under the conductorship of Mr. H. N. Pitstow, a peal in four Spliced Surprise Major methods. A peal in a new Surprise method was rung in the Leatherhead District and named Cobham Surprise in memory of Mr. W. James. Painswick Surprise Major was added to the list of methods in which peals have been rung for the Guild.

The balance sheet showed a credit of £59 2s. 11d., with £89 2s. 5d. in Benevolent Fund and £49 Cathedral Bell Fund. Balances in the districts amounted to £68. Mr. A. C. Hazelden (librarian) reported increased use of the library and that the committee had decided to part with surplus copies of available books only to libraries and not to individuals.

The Rev. K. C. Davis was added to the list of vice-presidents, and said although he had only been at Hawley a short time, he had 24 volunteers already to learn ringing. The officers and Central Council representatives were re-elected. The Summer Festival was fixed for June 26th at Dorking and possibly Rammore.

Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity Cathedral was attended, at which the Provost (the Very Rev. E. S. B. Sinclair) preached.

The election of officers resulted in the re-appointment of the president (the Rev. R. T. Murray) and the hon. general secretary (Mrs. D. E. Beamish). Mr. F. E. Pervin expressed a wish to retire from the Mastership and nominated Mr. A. H. Beamish. Mr. F. W. Perrens was also proposed, and by a margin of one vote Mr. A. H. Beamish was elected, thus creating a rather unique situation for a Guild in which a husband and wife occupy two official positions. Mr. F. E. Pervin was elected as auditor.

The district secretaries for Warwick with Stratford and Coventry with Rugby were re-elected, namely: Mr. D. Stanley and Mr. T. W. Sheppard, while Mr. A. J. Hinde, of Bulkington, succeeded Mr. L. Trevor for Nuneaton District. The Central Council representatives were re-elected in Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Stratford-on-Avon was fixed for the July quarterly meeting, subject to the bells having been rededicated, with Warwick as an alternative.

New members elected were Miss D. Clarke, J. Gilks and I. Wain (Chilvers Coton), J. Tyler and R. D. Prior (Brinklow), Miss J. Enstone, E. Godwin and S. J. Oughton (Adlesley), the latter rejoining; Miss M. Daniels, Miss D. Jackson and D. Harrison (Keresley); C. Neale, of Bulkington, was re-elected.

Welcome visitors from the Leicester Diocesan Guild were Miss E. Faulknull and Messrs. S. Burton, H. Broughton and W. Whitehead. The bells were made good use of with varying degrees of success in Caters and Surprise Royal.

SWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

About 80 members attended the second annual meeting of this young Guild at East Retford on April 17th. Ringing on East Retford's ten bells continued until 4.30 p.m., when a service in the church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. Hodd).

Following tea Mr. H. Pailing was elected to the chair in the absence of both the president and Guild chairman, and Mr. F. Salter deputised for the general secretary, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., who was still in hospital.

Members were sympathetic towards the temporary officers and the routine business was soon brought to a close. Mr. Groombridge's report—usually the high spot of the proceedings—had to be postponed, so did the financial statement.

All officers were re-elected with the exception of Miss Thompson, the treasurer, who wished to resign. After expressions of regret at her decision and placing on record their appreciation of her work in the past, members elected Mr. W. Nichols to the post.

Messrs. T. Groombridge, jun., H. Denman and Miss J. Southurst were elected as representatives to the Central Council, and Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., F. Blood, G. Nowell and S. Stenton were made hon. life members.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Fifty members attended the annual meeting at Leatherhead on April 17th, when the service was conducted by the Vicar and the address given by the Rev. M. R. Buckley.

Mr. D. Cooper, the Master, presided at the business meeting, which followed tea at the Duke's Head. The officers were re-elected and Mr. W. S. Smith was made an additional vice-president. A grant of £10 to the Southern District from the general funds was approved.

A recommendation that the annual subscription be raised from 2s. to 3s. caused a very lively and prolonged discussion, but was ultimately referred back to the committee.

The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks to the officers, and to the clergy and ringers of Leatherhead for their hospitality.

Oxford University Society

This year the Society made an experiment by holding its Ringing Week during the Easter Vacation. Honeybourne (the Worcestershire Agricultural Camp) seems to have become an annual summer occasion, and the Universities Association tour gives opportunity for those who prefer a full-time ringing programme at that time of year. The experiment would seem to have been successful.

The success of this tour was assured from the word go for two good reasons: Mr. Syd Foskett and the Bedford ringers treated us to a magnificent welcoming supper, at which we were officially greeted by the Archdeacon of Bedford, by the Deputy Mayor and by Miss Evelyn Steel, the president of the Bedfordshire Association. Secondly, a short perusal of the programme showed that no pains had been spared and no details had been overlooked. An item, 'Coffee in Ampthill from 10.30 to 11 p.m.', was the only one which the organiser, Miss Betty Spice, could not explain!

Five peals were attempted during the week-end. Those that were successful may be noted elsewhere, while those that were not are dismissed with a 'slipped wheel' and a 'shift course.'

After the week-end numbers became smaller, and this meant better opportunities for some members and harder work for others. The ringing varied from Bob Doubles at the six-bell towers to various Surprise methods at those with eight bells. St. Paul's, Bedford, and Leighton Buzzard were the only 'tens' visited, and nothing beyond the standard methods was attempted at them.

For a grand week our thanks go to many tower officials, who met and welcomed us, to the Bedfordshire ringers who accompanied us on several days, and last, but not least, to our organiser.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Guild on April 23th the following officers were re-elected: President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); treasurer, the Rev. C. F. D. Maule (Clare); Council representatives, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Trinity), Mr. E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's.). The new junior officers elected were: Master, M. R. D. Harford (Trinity), and secretary, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity).

The treasurer's statement of accounts was received, showing a balance of £30, and accepted, despite the loss which the retiring secretary appeared to have made over the printing of peal cards—it is very fortunate for him that the Guild bore the loss, as otherwise it is unlikely that he would be able to afford rail fare to ringing meetings for some time!

To offer 'an opportunity for members to discuss the situation,' notice was given of a proposed alteration of rules, by which, despite her success in gaining full membership of the University, 'Kate' would be debarred entry to the Guild. The final decision will be made on the Guild week in September, which will be held in Manchester.

It was decided that E. J. Lindley be appointed historian and requested to bring the Guild history (written by the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake) up to date, and it is believed that the draft of this will be available for inspection at Manchester. Finally it was reported that during the past twelve months eleven peals, including three 'in hand,' have been rung for the Guild, as compared with twenty for the previous year.

GILMORTON TENOR

Dear Sir,—Where do the clerics who rang a peal recently at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, get their information from that this tenor has 'grown' to 1½ cwt.? When I rang a peal there in 1931 its weight was given as 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., and since then it has not to my knowledge been moved.

P. AMOS.
Northampton.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
LEWIS J. LAST *Treble* | GEORGE A. FLEMING 4
*BASIL F. W. OSBORNE 2 | SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE 3 | CECIL W. PIPE *Tenor*
Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal in five methods. In memoriam Alfred S. Wightman.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob and Double Court. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.
WILLIAM FAY *Treble* | WILFRED YOUNG 4
ERIC SMITH 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON 5
STANLEY MURPHY 3 | WILLIAM SEEKING *Tenor*
Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings.

H. BENJAMIN BULL *Treble* | D. SANDERSON (R.A.F.) 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 2 | *R. FRANK BAKER 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3 | STANLEY GILBERT *Tenor*
Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

*LEONARD WARREN *Treble* | SIDNEY H. JONES 4
TOM J. MARRIOTT 2 | JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
WALTER G. SOAR 3 | PERCIVAL W. GRICE *Tenor*
Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

* First peal of Minor.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 extents each of Clifford and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two 240's of Lindoff's arrangement and 30 extents of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
MISS D. E. L. RAYNER...*Treble* | LESLIE EVANS 4
THOMAS E. STEAD 2 | RONALD H. MEWIES 5
LAWR. T. MAINWARING 3 | SYDNEY DANIEL *Tenor*
Conducted by LAWRENCE T. MAINWARING.

EDWINTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Ockley; (2) Duke of Norfolk; (3) Norbury; (4) College Exercise; (5) Chapel; (6) Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars Pleasure and Oxford Spliced; (7) Kent. Tenor 6½ cwt.
RICHARD REECE *Treble* | HAROLD DENMAN 4
*MISS K. BURCHNALL 2 | FREDERICK FLINT 5
*MISS G. BURCHNALL 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE *Tenor*
Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* 150th peal, all rung together. First peal on the bells. First peal in 10 Treble Bob methods by all the band and for the Guild.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Plain Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
*PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD *Treble* | GEORGE BAILEY 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2 | GEORGE SAYER 5
†ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS 3 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN *Tenor*
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BEECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*ROLAND KEY *Treble* | ARTHUR HOARE 4
ALFRED HANNINGTON 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK 3 | ERNEST STITCH *Tenor*
Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor.

CHILMARK, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt.
*JACK MUSSELL *Treble* | *RONALD MARLOW 4
GEORGE TALBOT 2 | FRANK L. HARRIS 5
PETER ANGER 3 | *EDWARD J. DOEL *Tenor*
Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.
W. GEORGE COOK *Treble* | DORIS E. COLGATE 4
*DOROTHY E. CORKE 2 | FREDK. W. BUDGEN 5
ERNEST J. LADD 3 | ROBERT COLLINS *Tenor*
Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal. In honour of the wedding of Anthony H. Alder and Brenda M. Richardson.

HANDBELL PEALS

HEVINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT MR. WALTER C. MEDLER'S HOUSE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 5-6
JACK KING 3-4 | WALTER C. MEDLER 7-8
Composed by THOMAS E. SONE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

COLIN HARRISON 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL 3-4 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 7-8
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 9-10
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Tenor size 17 in A.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Being 3,776 Plain Bob and 1,224 Little Bob with 86 changes of method.
JOHN A. ACRES 1-2 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4 | GEOFFREY DODDS 7-8
Adapted from B. ANNABLE. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
First peal of Spiced Major by all the band and on handbells for the Association.

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Apr. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT MEROK, 3, CARLTON TERRACE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*R. GORDON CROSS 1-2 | *ALBERT W. BOND 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4 | †MRS. R. G. CROSS 7-8
Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' † First peal of Treble Bob.
First peal of Kent as conductor. Tenor size 13 in F.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 124, CARHOLME ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2 | JOHN FREEMAN 7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4 | JOHN A. FREEMAN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6 | GEORGE F. SWANN 11-12
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The Central Council RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

The following towers will be available to visitors on Whit Sunday:—

Clerkenwell (St. James'), 10-11 and 5.30-6.30.
Kilburn (St. Augustine's), 10.30-11 and 5.30-6.30. (Kilburn Park, Bakerloo Line.)
Bloomsbury (St. Giles-in-the-Fields), 5.15-6.30.
Holloway (St. Mary's), 10-11 and 5.30-6.30. (Holloway Road, Piccadilly Line, go right from station.)

Acton (St. Mary's), 5.30-6.30. (607 trolley bus from Shepherds Bush, Central Line.)
Ealing (St. Stephen's), 10-11. (65 bus, destination Ealing, from Ealing Broadway.)
Willesden (St. Mary's), 10-11 and 5.30-6.30. (Hammersmith or Paddington trolley bus. 1½d. fare, from Willesden Green, Bakerloo Line.)
St. George's-in-the-Borough, 5.30 p.m. (Borough Tube Station.)

WHIT MONDAY

Southwark Cathedral, 5.30-6.30 p.m.
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6-7 p.m.
St. George's-in-the-Borough, 5.30-7.30 p.m. (Outside the Borough Tube Station and five minutes' walk from Southwark Cathedral.)
A licensed room has been reserved at the Old Bell, Holborn, for Whit Tuesday evening from 6 o'clock onwards.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild took place on Easter Monday, when over 100 ringers and visitors assembled at Ipswich to ring on the six towers. The service was held at St. Lawrence's, and it was gratifying to see a full church, when a splendid address was given by Archdeacon Browne. Eighty sat down to lunch, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. Charles E. Fisher, vice-president, was elected chairman, and gave a welcome to ringers and visitors.

A welcome to the visiting clergy was made by Mr. Charles Beecroft. In his report the Ringing Master stated 54 peals were rung during 1947, which included Mr. W. P. Garrett's 100th peal of Maximus. He appealed to non-peal ringers to break new ground and ring their first peal. On the whole, the Guild had had a successful year.

The General Secretary (Mr. C. W. Pipe) thanked the meeting for their support, especially those ringers and district secretaries who had put in much work during the past year.

In presenting the treasurer's report, Mr. Pipe stated the Guild had made a financial record. Membership had increased by 60 and funds amounted to £132 3s.

Election of officers: Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Pipe; committee re-elected en bloc; Central Council members, Messrs. C. J. Sedgley, C. W. Pipe and G. E. Symonds.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES POLE.

With regret we record the death of James Pole, of St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, at the age of 91. He became associated with the church as a boy, his father being then vergar, and he took up bellringing from an early age. He himself became vergar in 1900 after working as a shoemaker many years. He remained vergar 39 years, and was a member of the Midland Counties and Goscote Society of Ringers with whom he rang several peals.

Two outstanding memories associated with Mr. Pole are the Belgrave Curfew and the Pancake Bell, both ancient customs. Every evening from September 29th to March 25th he would toll the bell at 8 o'clock and then again at 8 o'clock in the morning. The bell was rung by Mr. Cole's family for over a hundred years. He was buried on April 23rd, and a half-muffled quarter-peal of 1,329 Grandsire Triples was rung by C. Lynch 1, O. Castleman 2, R. W. Swann 3, J. Morris 4, R. Barrow 5, A. Skinner 6, E. Morris (composer and conductor) 7, E. Bass 8.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. W. White (cond.) 1, C. H. Webb 2, S. J. Oughton (first of Major) 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, F. W. Perrins 5, J. W. Taylor 6, G. Gardner 7, C. S. Aylett 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six, with treble leading): W. Harrison (first quarter) 1, H. Wolstencroft 3, J. B. Robinson 4, R. H. Wimpenny 5, D. Ogden 6, R. Edwards (cond.) 7, P. F. Turner (first quarter) 8.

BACUP, LANCs.—On April 18th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Williams 1, F. Kendall 2, A. Jackson 3, Miss B. Moreland 4, H. Parkinson 5, A. Mills (cond.) 6.

BOLDMERE, SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Tudge 1, J. L. Gilbert 2, D. Clive 3, N. E. Raybone 4, T. R. Hampton (cond.) 5, J. W. Ratledge 6. First for 1 and 6.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On April 18th at the Church of St. James, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: W. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, G. A. Parsons 4, A. W. Coles 5, L. H. Bowler (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, N. G. Hollingworth 8. First in method for 1 and 3.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Minor (120 Kent, 180 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Little Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob): R. Purchase 1, R. Posnett 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, S. L. Posnett 6. First quarter in five methods by all.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Cornelius 1, T. Locke (cond.) 2, D. Best 3, R. Beale 4, A. Drayton 5, R. Welch 6, F. Welch 7, G. Pike (first quarter) 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Overy 1, F. F. Godsmark 2, G. Apps 3, T. Mitchell 4, J. Jeffery 5, H. Lilley 6, G. W. Cecil (first as cond.) 7, E. J. Britt 8. First for 2, 6 and 8.

DERBY.—On April 21st at St. Alkmund's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Bond 1, C. Walklate 2, A. E. Thompson (first in method) 3, George Freebrey (cond.) 4, S. H. Jones 5, S. Walklate 6, F. R. Lowe 7, W. Shaw 8.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—On April 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. T. Oliffe 1, Miss L. R. Pimm (first of Minor 'inside') 2, H. P. Flood 3, B. J. Coggins 4, G. Wright 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 4 and 5.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Inward 1, E. J. Lindley 2, J. Hill (first 'inside') 3, Babara Pottinger 4, Jill Britain 5, R. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams 7, A. F. Rippington 8. First quarter 1, 6 and 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On April 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Salway 1, E. E. Retter (first 'inside') 2, Miss O. Pring 3, F. Wreford (first of Major) 4, G. Turner 5, W. D. Ashdown 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. W. Biffin 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): A. C. 2 F. Jackson 1, A. C. 2 G. Bagley (first quarter) 2, A. C. 2 J. Roberts 3, A. C. 2 A. Rogers 4, A. C. 2 R. E. Manton (first as conductor) 5.

HESSLE, YORKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Reavelev 1, F. Dale 2, R. Sharp 3, P. Speck 4, F. Lister (cond.) 5, J. Pool 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On April 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, N. J. Diserens (first as cond.) 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3, G. K. Dodd (first quarter) 4, B. C. Stirland (first Bob Major) 5, R. G. Burton 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, A. Diserens 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's on April 24th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. S. Peacock (first quarter Major) 1, E. Smith 2, W. Young 3, D. Sanderson 4, W. Fav 5, F. W. Lack 6, S. Gilbert 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Thompson 1, G. F. Williams (cond.) 2, F. Penrose 3, J. Hobson 4, P. B. Henri 5, E. Wood 6.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Fuller 1, Mrs. C. A. Bassett (first quarter) 2, J. J. Bassett 3, Miss M. Pilbeam (first quarter) 4, C. A. Bassett (first as cond.) 5, H. J. Hammond 6.

MEANWOOD, LEEDS.—On April 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooke 1, C. Benn 2, H. E. Parkinson 3, G. Benfield (cond.) 4, A. Smith 5. First of Doubles by all the band.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, John Ingham 3, James Ingham (cond.) 4, A. Bottomley 5, F. Greenwood 6, J. Parker 7, R. Grave 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. J. Hunt 1, Miss M. Blanchard 2, Miss P. Ladd 3, F. S. Slatford 4, P. W. J. Harding (cond.) 5, Ron Harding 6. First in method by all the band.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.—On April 23rd, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Birkett 1, V. Bottomley 2, C. Ellison 3, R. Squires 4, H. Wild 5, R. Mann 6, W. Ambler (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

SHEPPEY, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, 300 Grandsire): Connie Shilling 1, J. Watson (cond.) 2, S. Evans 3, P. Neal 4, G. Rooke 5, J. May 6.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. C. Williams 1, R. G. Clemens 2, E. S. Seymour 3, Rev. H. Trehwella 4, E. V. Williams (cond., Redruth) 5, D. Docking (first quarter) 6. First quarter on bells.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bromfield 1, N. Tarrant 2, R. Teed (first as cond.) 3, W. White 4, P. Davis 5, K. Clark 6, R. Pike 7, B. Vincent 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Russell (first in method) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, H. Miller 5, J. G. Nash 6, S. Wade (cond.) 7, S. G. Peck 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Briggs 1, J. H. Bailless (cond.) 2, J. Smith (first of Triples) 3, H. Briggs (first 'inside') 4, N. L. Walker 5, R. Tipler 6, G. Ball 7, J. Herbert 8.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 each of Old, April Day and Plain Bob, 120 each of Kennington and Antelope): F. Honey 1, D. Wilks (first in six methods as cond.) 2, Jas. Honey 3, Miss N. Honey 4, Jonathan Honey 5, W. Cudd 6.

TREETON, NEAR ROTHERHAM.—On Primrose Day, April 19th, 2,160 Primrose Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. E. Turley 1, J. H. Brothwell 2, T. Brothwell 3, J. G. Brothwell 4, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 5, J. E. Turley 6. First in method by all the band.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Bennett 1, E. Smith 2, L. Fisher 3, J. T. Duffin 4, W. Walker 5, P. Woodward (cond.) 6, J. H. Kirby 7, J. E. Kirby 8, W. Tattershall 9, M. L. Lockwood 10. First quarter on the new bells.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. T. Smith 1, A. Elsmore 2, C. Hick 3, A. T. Dutton 4, P. G. Golder 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 7, W. Walker 8. First of Triples 2 and 5.

WIMBLEDON.—On April 11th, 1,320 Bob Minor, treble leading, tenor covering: Miss I. Dearing 1, A. W. Taylor 2, H. Cox 3, J. Tomsitt 4, T. Miller 5, Miss K. L. M. Branson 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8. First in the method for all but 5th and 7th.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Preston 1, Miss K. Preston 2, F. Jackson 3, R. Manton 4, A. Rogers (first as cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 2.

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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

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—As from Whitsun, weekly practice will be at 7.45 on Wednesday. Visitors always welcomed. Methods practised. Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, K.T.B. and Double Norwich. 3507

ST. LAWRENCE, SEAL CHART, SEVEN-OAKS.—The practice night is now Wednesdays from 7.30 until 9. 3499

MEETINGS

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

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

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Brede (6), Saturday, May 15th, 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 3519

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak Branch.—Great Longstone (6), Saturday, May 15th, 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near church.—H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale. 3495

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 to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3484

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. Smale, 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. 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 Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. 3438

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. 3490

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

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Foxton, May 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by May 18th.—L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 3513

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

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival at Frodsham, Saturday, May 22nd, 1948. Bells (8) will be available 2 o'clock. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Also available for ringing, Daresbury (8), Run-corn (2). Tea tickets 2s. each from John E. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham before Wednesday, May 19th, 1948.—J. D. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Vicarage, Tarvin, Cheshire. 3496

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Witherley, May 22nd, 3. Tea and meeting 5, own food and sugar. Social 8-11, Parish Room. Card to F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane. Burbage, please. 3512

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting, Claverdon (6 bells), Saturday, May 22nd, 3 p.m. A good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Hon. Sec. 3500

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special meeting, St. Mary's, Bathwick, May 22nd. Bells (8) returned and rehung. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification essential.—S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 3497

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly meeting, Pembridge (5), Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting after. Names for tea by Tuesday, 18th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 3510

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Eynesbury, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3501

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Dersingham (6), Saturday, May 22nd. Cups of tea available, but please bring food. Other arrangements as usual.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3502

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting, Much Marcle, May 22nd. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Post Office. Notify by May 19th W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 3503

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Stratton, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Bradford Peverell bells (5) also available. Trains (G.W.R.) and buses from Dorchester from 2.30 onwards.—Please notify Mrs. Godley, Stratton Rectory, Dorchester, by May 19th.—J. Hayne, Sec. 3504

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Billingshurst (8), May 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (by 19th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court Bognor Regis. 3508

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Newdigate, May 22nd. Usual arrangements. Tea at the Village Club. Please notify Mr. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith. 3516

EAST BERKS. SOUTH BUCKS, SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX.—Joint meeting, Denham, Saturday, May 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names by 17th.—A. D. Barker, Canbridge, Wexham, Slough. 3621

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined meeting, Basingstoke and Newbury Branches, Aldermaston, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by May 19th to Miss Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 3523

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, May 22nd, 6.30 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3524

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Cogenhoe (6), May 22nd (note date change). Names for tea to Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 3525

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Battle (8), Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 3. Tea for those who notify by 19th F. H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham. 3526

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Thorley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Monday, May 24th, please.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3494

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Guilden Morden (6), rehung by Mears and Stainbank. Service of rededication, Sunday, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringers welcome.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3529

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Old Woking, May 29th. Service 3.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.15. Bells available between service and tea and after meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, by May 22nd. All ringers invited. (20-seater coach available for one journey from Old Woking to Pyrford and back in connection with visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave.) 3505

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave May 29th, 4.14 p.m. at Pyrford Church. Old Woking bells in the evening. Coach (limited to 20 seats and one journey) from Old Woking at 4 p.m. and return. 3506

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Mereworth (6), Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Nettlestead (5) bells 2.15. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3527

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Saturday, May 29th, North Mimms (8), 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3522

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Machen, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 3518

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall Districts.—Joint meeting, Farnham St. Martin, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, May 26th.—A. Gillings, Horringer, 3511

OXFORD GUILD.—Postponement of North Berks Branch annual meeting from Saturday, May 15th, to June 12th. Details in due course.

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