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ALL SAINTS', BENVILTON

OF the many churches around London having to face heavy restoration costs following bomb damage is All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey. Eleven bombs fell in a circle round the church, resulting in serious damage to the fabric. The wall of the church is in one place 9 inches out of the perpendicular, and the roof needs to be entirely renewed. An appeal committee, with Mr. E. Gosden, of 44, Rectory Road, Sutton, as treasurer, has been formed, and it has set itself the task of raising £9,000.

The movement of the tower when ringing is pronounced, and in an endeavour to remedy this both Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. A. A. Hughes have been consulted. The bells (tenor 19½ cwt. in E, by Warner) were not constituted into a ring of eight until November, 1893, the second being the ringers' bell, purchased by a fund started by ringers in Benhilton, who received contributions from others at Cheam, Kingston, Christ Church, Epsom, and Penge.

The walls of the tower are built of brick cased with small flints and such a tower is likely to bend. There is a serious crack in the west wall leading up from an arch over the clock face. Mr. Lewis is, however, of the opinion that this should not cause any anxiety and may be due to settlement only. He, nevertheless, advises that it should be watched.

The 'go' of the bells is definitely affected by the appreciable movement set up in the tower during ringing; this can only be overcome by rehanging the bells in a frame of completely different design, and this and repair to the chiming apparatus are among the work included in the appeal.

Mr. Lewis, in his report on this tower, makes some general observations on the cure of movement in towers. The first is lowering the bells in the tower. Other things being equal, the movement of the tower at the point where the bells are varies as the cube of the height at which they are hung. Here it is not feasible to bring the bells down, as it would involve ringing from the ground floor with an excessive draught of rope and unsightly rope guides.

The second is by 'tucking up' the bells. The horizontal force exerted by any bell can be reduced by 'tucking up' the bell in the headstock so that the centre of gravity of the bell is nearer to the axis of revolution. To do this sufficiently to have much effect would tend to make the bells sluggish to ring and can only be recommended in exceptional cases.

Finally there is altering the position of the ropes or rearranging the whole frame. Considerable relief to the tower could be given by changing the 4th and 6th ropes to the other side of the wheels if there were room enough between the bell chamber and ringing room to draw the ropes into a reasonable circle. Unfortunately, there is not sufficient space for this to be done. The movement could be reduced by redesigning the frame, a major operation involving a good deal of expense.

Despite these disadvantages, ringing takes place regularly at All Saints'. It has taken Mr. Gosden five years to train a band of ringers here, calling up for H.M. Forces being the biggest drawback, but he had his reward a fortnight ago when he was able, for the first time, to go outside and listen to a well-struck touch.

The ringers themselves are in this appeal. At the last meeting of the Surrey Association at Benhilton, a young church member, who is now a ringer, made a recording of the bells ringing Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. A number of these records have been and are being sold to visitors and others interested and the profits go to the Restoration Fund. The story of Benhilton could probably be repeated many times in different parts of the country. Their enthusiasm is a practical example of the Church Militant, with the ringers boldly marching side by side with other workers in a great purpose.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;

Mrs. J. THOMASTreble	JOHN THOMAS 7
Mrs. A. D. BARKER 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER 8
Mrs. H. J. POOLE 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 9
Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS... .. 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 10
Mrs. R. F. DEAL 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
Mrs. T. J. LOCK 6	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Specially arranged as a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews. First peal to have been rung in which six married couples have taken part together. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*STANLEY HUCKLE ...Treble	†ALFRED HATTEN 6
AUDREY BAILEY 2	CHARLES F. SAVER 7
HAROLD V. FROST 3	REGINALD W. DARVILL 8
FREDERICK J. SPICER 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 9
†BERTIE A. CORNELL 5	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal on ten. † First peal on ten 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Royal. Tenor 23 cwt.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

*BARBARA M. HARRIS ...Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRED 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT... .. 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... .. 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	GEORGE C. GOODMAN 8
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
NORMAN V. HARDING... .. 5	HERBERT G. ANDREWS... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal on ten and first in method. Rung in honour of the visit of the King and Queen to Kingston-on-Thames.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH 6
*RICHARD LONGDEN 2	ARTHUR MAUDSLEY 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
†THOMAS HORRIDGE 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
*WILLIAM H. DEACON 5	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 100th peal for the Association. For the centenary of the neighbouring parish of Walkden and as a tribute to Messrs. John Denner and John Potter, who have attained 60 years as ringers. Tenor 24 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
*Mrs. F. K. BIRKS ...Treble	†FREDERICK K. BIRKS... .. 5
FREDERICK EVANS 2	HENRY O. BAKER 6
JOHN E. BEST 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
WILLIAM CATHERALL 4	D. H. P. MILLWARD... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ALBERT J. PITMAN ...Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	CECIL RADDON 6
DENIS MADDOCK 3	WALTER ALLMAN 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	J. FREDK. MILNER 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
SIDNEY O. CHENEY 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 32½ cwt. in C sharp.

W. H. PICKETT ...Treble	†E. BOUMPHREY 5
*†R. M. PRESTON 2	*E. A. STAFFORD 6
*H. F. SARGENT 3	*T. C. WINDERAM 7
†R. O. STREET 4	*NEIL SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. PICKETT.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ First tower-bell peal. First of Stedman Triples by the Scottish Association.

NEWCHURCH (CULCHETH), LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BOOTHTreble	ALAN J. BROWN 5
*ALAN N. BROWN (15)... .. 2	CECIL RADDON 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal in the method. To celebrate 60 years' ringing at St. Paul's, Walkden, of Mr. John Potter and Mr. John Denner.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*DAVID W. BEARD ...Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	†STEPHEN J. HART 6
JOHN H. LOTT 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
ALBERT W. BEARD 4	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Containing 1,408 London, 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative and 256 Pudsey, with 114 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE 6
FREDK. W. STOKES 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Spliced Surprise in the county.



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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION:

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 50 88 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*DAVID BEVERIDGE ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 2	*T. MARK WHITE 6
*ALAN WHITE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. C. T. G. Sone (son of Thomas E. Sone), Paddock Wood, and Miss A. E. M. Ford, Hadlow.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE... .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	†FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 25th peal, aged 13. † First peal. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.
*RONALD JAMES ... Treble	W. NORMAN PARK 5
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY 2	THOMAS SENIOR 6
THOMAS COOKE 3	*THOMAS HILL 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 4	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS COOKE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Cooke, father of the conductor.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN B. BENNETT ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	CHARLES MARSHALL 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	*ALAN CATTELL 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol on the bells. Rung for the christening of Ellen Ann Knights. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ECCLES, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

*JEAN BROWN ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT 5
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	JOHN RANDELLS 6
MARY WALSHAW 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
NORAH BIBBY 4	E. C. BIRKETT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 19 cwt.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE 2	ALBERT E. WHITING 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	GORDON BENFIELD 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON 3	ALFRED SMITH 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 4	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW, Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First touch in the method as conductor.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*WILLIAM PYE ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
*MISS MARY WALSHAW... 2	ALAN J. BROWN 6
*MISS R. M. ELKINGTON 3	*PETER CROOK 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tues., Oct. 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY 5
NOEL J. DISERENS 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	T. MARK WHITE 7
ALBERT DISERENS 4	NORMAN V. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK ... Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE... .. 5
MARGARET L. TUTT... .. 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
DAVID GALLOP 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by M. L. TUTT.

Rung for the conductor's birthday.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*ALBERT E. BISSATT ... Treble	†GEORGE SKINNER 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS... 6
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
THOMAS G. MYERS 4	CHARLES SANGWIN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. A welcome peal to Charles Sharples.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*MISS E. M. FLETCHER Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	LEONARD TUFFEY 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
JOHN S. WALTON... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. W. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal with Treble Bob hunt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT AUDSLEY ... Treble	FREDK. E. COLEY 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
WALTER LEMON 3	ROBT. G. RAYFIELD ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	GEORGE BUTCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. RAYFIELD.

First peal of Triples as conductor.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HERBERT W. PEARCE ... Treble	REGINALD BEALE 5
JOHN T. LOCKE 2	JACK W. DREW 6
WALTER H. POOLE 3	THOMAS J. SETTER 7
*FREDK. WELCH 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 19½ cwt.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD Treble	ALBERT PEGG 5
*ARTHUR W. DICKERSON 2	GEORGE POYNTZ 6
THOMAS SIMMONS ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
* First peal 'inside.' Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ALBERT S. H. SWEETZER Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5
ALBERT DISERENS ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	†CYRIL G. J. WAITS ... 7
*WALTER HUNT 4	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

VICTOR SAVAGE Treble	FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 5
JAMES TOPP 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 6
HENRY J. SANGER 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
*JOHN DOWNING 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Arranged by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 17 cwt.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

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

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	JACK L. WORRELL 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER ... 6
*REGINALD G. HOOPER... 3	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 7
*SIDNEY G. RICHES ... 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
50th peal for the Association by D. G. Clift.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*GEORGE O. WRIGHT ... Treble	JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE ... 5
T. HENRY WRIGHT ... 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 6
*GERALD LADKIN 3	WILLIAM NEWTON 7
ERNEST E. PICKERING... 4	ERNEST V. CHESTERTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NEWTON.
* First peal. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Alec Tewsbury.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

DAVID GALLOP Treble	†MICHAEL E. H. BARROW 5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ... 2	C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT 3	PETER W. B. SEMMENS 7
NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 4	H. PETER RAYNOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by H. PETER RAYNOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. In memoriam Dr. W. T. S. Stallybrass, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*MISS EVELYN WRIGHT Treble	ERIC A. DENCH 5
JOHN WALDEN 2	CHARLES E. BROWN ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
FREDK. W. STOKES ... 4	†JOHN W. MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.	
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.	
*JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... Treble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 5
ODGEN MOORES 2	VERNON SYKES, SEN. ... 6
IVAN KAY 3	S.S.M. PHILIP TOCOCK... 7
HERBERT BARLOW ... 4	V. WILSON SYKES, JUN.... Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.
* First peal away from tenor. A birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Barlow on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. Also a birthday compliment to his sister.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON Treble	FRED HODGSON 5
ERNEST B. BETTS ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
DONALD R. MARSHALL ... 3	ALFRED SMITH 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.	
*GERALD NICHOLLS ... Treble	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 5
*DEREK SANDERSON ... 2	FRANK W. LACK 6
*STANLEY GILBERT ... 3	HERBERT FIELDS 7
LESLIE W. FISHER ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

*SAM BIRCH Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW... 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.	
FREDERICK A. BURNETT Treble	*MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ... 5
JOAN SALMONS 2	*ALBERT F. BURBRIDGE ... 6
*JOHN W. MEADE 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
*BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4	*HENRY T. MACEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.
* First peal of Grandsire.

SIX BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Double Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob,
Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	CECIL EBBERSON 4
*STANLEY G. ELSEY 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

* First peal 'inside.'

WHITWELL-CUM-HACKFORD (REEPHAM), NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, three of
Plain Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER J. FORD Treble	HERBERT LASKEY 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE SAYER 5
WALTER C. MEDLER 3	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood and Neasden
Delight; (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) Capel Treble Bob;
(4) Sandal Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob;
(6) Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR Treble	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 4
ARTHUR HIBBERT 2	GEORGE ASHMORE 5
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Hadfield, the town's oldest
resident, who is 96.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS BESSIE CARTER ... Treble	FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... 4
F. HECTOR BENNETT 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

First peal of Oxford Minor by all the band except the 2nd ringer.
First peal as conductor. Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob
and three of Plain Bob.

*ERNEST W. RICHARDSON Treble	BERNARD C. MANN ... 4
SIDNEY R. LINNETT 2	SYDNEY C. EASTER 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD... 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*THOMAS J. HILL Treble	HERBERT G. WESTLAKE... 4
JACK W. DREW 2	REGINALD BEALE 5
FREDERICK WELCH 3	JOHN T. LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 each of St.
Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDMUND J. WHITING ... Treble	DEREK SANDERSON ... 4
ARTHUR L. MARDLIN 2	R. FRANK BAKER 5
FRANK W. LACK 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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Tribute was paid at
Moorside, Oldham, on Oct.
30th, to 50 years' service
as a ringer by Mr. Herbert Barlow. He rang
the same bell in the same method in the same
tower on the 50th anniversary of his first peal,
which was rung as a 21st birthday compliment
to him. He is the only surviving member of
the original band.

Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath,
has scored his 100th peal. Congratulations.

Master George W. Pipe has passed another
ringing milestone—his 25th peal. He is not
yet 14.

Mr. H. W. Barrett has now 'circled'
Kingston-on-Thames tower, Mr. E. E. Picker-
ing, Earl Shilton, Leics., and Mr. B. Williams,
Cadoxton, near Neath.

Mr. Tony Price's name is back again in the
peal columns. He has successfully recovered
from an attack of rheumatic fever.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Dartford
on October 28th was the first of Triples as
conductor for Mr. R. G. Rayfield. Since 1933
he has been calling touches; he has had various
failures at quarters of Grandsire. Determina-
tion has won through with his first peal of
Grandsire Triples for 15 years.

Errata.—The peal of Minor at Eye, Here-
fordshire, on September 19th, consisted of
three extents of St. Clement's and four of
Plain Bob and not as printed in the issue of
October 8th.

The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild is
now 25 years old. First peal for the Guild
was on October 29th, 1923, at Talgarth, Brecon-
shire, and Mr. D. H. Bennett rang the same
bell in the anniversary peal recorded this week.
Also participating was 73-year-old Mr. James
A. Smith, formerly of Congresbury, ringing his
first peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. James Topp, of
Frome, whose composition
of Grandsire Triples was
published last week, has since examined the
composition of the Rev. Bankes James and has
come to the conclusion that his (Mr. Topp's)
composition should be known as a transposition
of the Rev. Bankes James' peal. He had no
knowledge of this previous peal at the time
his composition was submitted to us.

The peal of Doubles at Bearsted, Kent, was
the first on the bells by a resident band.

A peal will be attempted at Westminster
Abbey for Princess Elizabeth's baby. If the
news is received before 1 p.m. the attempt
will start at 3.45 p.m.; if later, next morning
at 10.30 a.m.

We propose to devote our issue of December
3rd to peals and quarter-peals in honour of
the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby. Items
of interest in connection with these peals will
also be featured so as to reduce footnotes.

Mr. W. H. Joiner, of St. Leonards-on-Sea,
informs us that he was a member of the
Mitcham Parish Church band from 1907 to 1939
—and not 22 years as stated in last week's
Belfry Gossip.

Fullest information about Arklow tenor
comes from Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone.
He states the measurement is 49½ inches and
the weight 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. The 7th is
15 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. with a diameter of 44½
inches. All the ring of eight were cast at
Loughborough in 1898.

The Vicar of Aldbourne, Wilts, the Rev.
H. R. Gilding, reproduced an extract from the
leader of 'The Ringing World' referring to
Mrs. Nesbit and her impressions of bells, in
his monthly magazine, with an invitation to
those interested to get in touch with the local
captain, who was arranging weekly ringing
practice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Speed of a Peal

Dear Sir,—The subject of speed is always fascinating, and it is amazing the difference of opinion it creates. About three years ago the late Mr. J. A. Trollope surprised some of us by suggesting that it was easier to 'turn in' a heavy tenor at a brisk rate than a slow one. In on sense there was some truth in this statement, because it is much easier to 'get away' with slovenly striking when the ringing is fast, whether you are ringing on the front or back end. Now when the ringing is slow each bell has to be *placed*, and every bad blow from any bell is much emphasised.

I'll agree that slower ringing requires less physical exertion on the back end, but it certainly requires much more judgment. And much of the credit goes to the front end people, as their wrists are exercised much more by the slower compass.

Mr. F. E. Haynes appreciates the point that, in slow ringing, it is much more difficult to obtain perfect striking. But it is unfair to assume that when slow ringing takes place, then the striking suffers. From my own experience (including peals on over 50 different tenors weighing 20 cwt. to 40 cwt.) I would say that my slowest peals have produced the best striking. When I read the report of the Somerset tour, and noted the slow times, I was very pleased indeed and would congratulate them on their performances. Many of the rings they visited are very highly Simpson-tuned, and, for my own part, I think that if you want to hear these types of bells to their best advantage then you must ring them slowly. Mr. Trollope once stated that to do the bells at York Minster anything like justice a peal would have to take at least five hours, but he doubted if a band could ring at that pace single-handed. To Mr. Haynes I would say, Pick a good band, find a ring of eight with tenor 25 cwt. and ring the tenor to a peal of Double Norwich or Superlative in any time over 3 hours 30 minutes (or exactly). If everyone puts up a good performance the peal should give you real pleasure!

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth, Surrey.

MR. WILLIAM PYE RECALLED

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the articles on heavy bellringing and ringers.

I should like to point out to Mr. Simpson that to compare himself with William Pye is a mistake, referring, of course, to the height or weight of a ringer making any difference to his ringing.

May I add in passing that W. Pye stood 5ft. 7in. and never weighed more than 11 stone, yet to his credit go peals such as 7,000 odd changes at Bow, tenor 53 cwt.: Exeter peal, single-handed on tenor 72 cwt.: Loughborough, tenor 30 cwt., for 12 hours 18 minutes.

I should like to see more letters on this subject, written by more fluent pens than mine—men such as Reuben Sanders, James Bullock, the smallest man to ring St. Paul's tenor single-handed, and others. With the names of those passed on, may I remind Mr. Simpson of men such as J. W. Washbrook, Ernest Pye and J. Riding, to mention a few.

To compare one of Mr. Simpson's peals with that of W. Pye's—Ambleside, 5,056 of Bristol in 3 hours 38 minutes with Mr. Simpson's Double Norwich, 5,008, in 3 hours 34 minutes, at the same church, tenor being 32 cwt. Would he say the Bristol was too quick?—Yours sincerely,
E. W. PYE.

Blackhorse Farm, Wickhambrook, Suffolk.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol, on October 30th, was arranged to enable R. G. Hooper to score his first peal of Double Norwich before leaving Bristol for Catterick for his military training.

Tenor Ringers and Others

Dear Sir,—I did not mention the Somerset tour in my remarks on tenor ringing. I have had these in mind for some time, but I must admit the remarkably slow times during that tour brought my thoughts to a head.

Firstly, I must again assure Mr. Simpson and any others that the time they take over peals is purely their own concern. What I am and was concerned about was the time factor when comparisons are made with other performances. I haven't any doubt whatever that the peals in Somerset were bona-fide, and must congratulate them on a successful tour and methods rung. I shall not attempt to beat them; even in my best days I should never have undertaken such an amount of unpaid work—holiday, did I hear some people say? The slow times are ample proof of the wonderful 'go' of those bells. Even a band of supermen couldn't lift and hold bells of those weights all that time if the going was bad.

That brings me to the point expressed by Mr. Haynes, viz., that a tenor ringer is usually expected to work and force a bell along beyond her normal gait, even if the bells are 'a box of music,' otherwise the ringing, however free from trips, is dull and lifeless. In the sense that a man is unwilling or unable to ring a tenor beyond its normal pace I maintain the bell is ringing the ringer and not vice versa. Bells are expected to be hung so well now that any immature boy or girl can ring them, or they are condemned as bad going, and any man who rings them at their own pace is not, in my opinion, a tenor ringer, but only one of a crowd!

I should like to contradict another fallacy, if I may, and that is the idea that slow ringing is harder to strike. It is only harder if ringing is irregular or bells go badly, otherwise a band who are strikers can ring and strike at any pace. In fact, ringing a bell the fraction of a second late or early, in fast ringing, would cause a clash, the same variation in slow time would pass unnoticed. If people find it harder to strike properly when ringing in slow time it simply shows their lack of versatility.

I would also deny that people have no control over a bell unless it goes up to the point of balance each time. Of course, if you don't know what the remainder of the band are going to do from pull to pull you would have to do so, but with a band of strikers the bells could be half-way down, the little extra check or pull being used for cutting or rising. It would, of course, have to be good ringing, with no trips, or only slight ones.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushy, Herts.

A DELECTABLE WELCOME TO THE DELECTABLE DUCHY

The peal at Stratton was a joint Devon and Cornwall affair to welcome Mr. Charles Sharples to N.E. Cornwall, which borders so closely upon Devonshire. Stratton bells are a grand ring; cast and hung by Taylors in 1911, they have recently been rehung on ball bearings by the same firm. The peal was worthy of the bells, and Mr. G. Harry Myers, who has recently been compelled to take a complete rest, travelled the 50 miles from Plymouth to listen, and he did not go home without a pull, but helped several of the local band to lower the bells in peal.

Such occasions have their happy sequel: a goodly company was entertained to a lavish tea—this time boiled eggs, Cornish saffron buns and other good things. Several speakers extended a welcome to Mr. Sharples, and pleasure at his coming to that part: and as one said he was lucky to be able to get his ringing with the cream of Devon and Cornish ringers.

Kent County Association
ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at Frindsbury on October 16th, the place of the meeting being changed from Rochester owing to the limited accommodation and large attendance at the previous meetings. This year with room to seat 200, only 65 members attended against 120 last year.

Ringling commenced at 2.30 and continued in various methods until 4.15, when the ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. John Lloyd, who is a member of the Association. During his address the Vicar spoke of the part church bells had played during his life from boyhood right through his ministry, both in this country and in Canada. How, when he was travelling round his huge parish in Canada, from one settlement to another, he had begged odd lengths of railway metal from the Canadian Pacific Railway to tie in a tree and strike with a bolt to call his few faithful to service and worship. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £2 0s. 9d.

Tea was taken in the Parish Hall and was followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Vicar.

The district secretary (Mr. B. W. May) presented his report, which showed an increase in membership, more towers in union and also an increase in the number of peals rung during the year. Two new members were elected and all the retiring officers were re-elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bobbing in November and the next quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne in January.

Mr. G. H. Spice expressed thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful, and members dispersed for more ringing in the Parish Church and at Rochester Cathedral.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

A meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths was held in Great St. Mary's Church on October 18th, with the president, Canon G. E. A. Whitworth, in the chair. The secretary reported a year of steady progress.

Following an appeal in the local Press for recruits, about a dozen came along and eight of these were elected ringing members at the meeting. The bells are now rung for both morning and evening services.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, H. Martin; secretary, J. W. R. Quinney; auditor, T. R. Dennis; committee, B. Allgood, C. Hurst and E. G. Hibbins. The question of an outing was discussed and it is hoped to visit Oxford if this can be arranged on Whit Monday next year.

5,280 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

23456 W 5/4 B H

42356 —

63254 — 5/4 (3)

62534 — 2

23645 — x 2

Five times repeated, single at the end of the 3rd and 6th part ends.

As a 5,056 omit the 3 homes bracketed in any one part.

GOLDEN WEDDING QUARTER

As a golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. H. Joiner, 1,260 Grandshire Triples was rung at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, N.W., on October 24th, by E. H. Eveleigh 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, F. A. Barker 3, J. H. R. Rainforth 4, E. E. Pratchett 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, W. E. Eveleigh 8. It was the first quarter by 1, 4 and 8. Mr. J. S. Hawkins, who rang the second, recalls ringing a peal with Mr. F. Richardson at Hughenden, Bucks, on July 23rd, 1898, and states that their next meeting was on July 23rd, 1948—50 years later.

HE TOOK HIS HANDBELLS TO FRANCE

AND RANG FOR HIS ENGAGEMENT AT THE EIFFEL TOWER.

When the brothers Eric and Geoffrey Dodds went to France last September they took an octave of handbells with them. At Paris they were joined by Miss Jeanne Askew (Brentford), who had recently started change ringing.

The first week was spent sightseeing the chateaux of the Loire. Despite combined arguing with the guide, the bells of Tours Cathedral were not allowed to be visited because of the delicate 'electrical mechanism.' Later it was found that many French churches have their bells rung on the electric 'Autosonneur' principle, where the priest just switches on the bells for five minutes before service time—so much less work than in England!

Several evenings were spent with the handbells, sitting out of doors under a warm starlit sky with a large vine clinging to the ancient hotel wall behind.

The second week was in Paris. A visit was very soon made to the Bourdon of Notre Dame, but, despite several visits, the bell was not seen ringing. The ringing appears to be in the hands of their 'Ministry of Works,' so it must be rarely heard, like Imperial Institute, London. The Bourdon is rung by eight men who treadle planks fixed to the headstock in a see-saw manner. The most that was achieved there was a hurried course of Grand-sire Doubles inside the bell!

On Wednesday morning a visit was made to the Church of the Sacré Cœur, where the tourists' first 120 of Grand-sire Doubles was quite well struck, on the dome, the belfry not being open that day. As a souvenir of the first 'extent,' they were lucky enough to find some 'bell charms' on sale here. By now they were getting used to the opening phrase, 'Nous sonnons les cloches en Angleterre. . . . when trying to explain to the various guides their peculiar form of English madness.

Next day, the ascent of the Eiffel Tower was made, and, to celebrate the engagement of the two Brentford ringers on the previous afternoon, 120 of Grand-sire was again rung, up in the skies this time: Eric Dodds 1-2, Geoffrey Dodds (cond.) 3-4, Miss Jeanne Askew 5-6. That's one tower you tower snatchers haven't got!

On Sunday, Miss Jeanne Askew returned to England and the two brothers went on their own to St. Quentin to visit a pen friend. She was very glad the handbells had been brought, as no one had been able to understand her description of English ringing she had seen

while in England, having nothing at all like it in France. The first evening she was given her first lesson, and at the end rang 5-6 to a 120 of Grand-sire! On the last night, at about 12.30 a.m., she put up a really remarkable performance. 'On Sept. 29th, 720 of Grand-sire Doubles, being six different extents: Eric Dodds (longest length 'in hand') 1-2, Geoffrey Dodds (cond.) 3-4, Mlle Micheline Brunelet (first 720, ringing 10 days only) 5-6.'

Visits were made to the carillons of St. Quentin and Cambrai Town Halls. That of St. Quentin is rather out of tune and plays different, rather curious and unrecognisable tunes every quarter of an hour. That of Cambrai plays a rather wild version of the Westminster chimes. An interesting feature of many bells in this area is that they all record in their inscription that they were recast after their removal and destruction by the Germans in the first World War.

Liesse, a shrine in the province of Aisne, the 'Lourdes of the North,' was visited. On being told that two 'expert bellringers from England' wanted to see the carillon, the priest quickly led the way up. He uncovered the clavier, a little the worse for neglect in the war, and offered them the chance of trying it out. Opportunity comes but once, so, for the first time in history, perhaps, English change ringing thundered out from a French belfry with a course of Grand-sire Doubles, played by Geoffrey Dodds. After a few hymn tunes the party was shown the bells. Five bells have full wheels, one a half-wheel, all six with ropes down into the church in a good rope circle. Apart from a suspected weak frame, the bells should be ringable, more or less, in the English way. The half-wheel bell was rung for the Angelus at noon and made a very interesting sight. Mlle Brunelet crept down to the clavier and played 'Frère Jacques' to tease the priest! He went down, laughing, and asked her if she could play a waltz, so the 'Blue Danube' was played! This was followed by a bit of 'Boogie-Woogie,' and, believe it or not, she now has the invitation to go and play whenever she likes, as they have no carillonneur! At his special request, another course of Grand-sire Doubles was played and that was that, a most satisfactory day.

Everywhere the handbells were rung great interest was taken, as no one had ever seen or heard anything like them before. (Job for the British Council?) Many questions were asked, especially on the strange idea of organised 'ringing societies' in England.

WEDDING OF MISS R. LENEY

Miss Ruth Leneay, a member of the Hawk-hurst and District Guild and a regular Sunday service ringer at Benenden, was married at St. George's Church, Benenden, Kent, on Oct. 23rd, to Mr. Trevor C. Collingwood. The Rev. N. E. Ashenden, Rector of St. Paul's, Salisbury, officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. Hankin-Turvin. Both are uncles of the bride. At the organ was the Rev. V. B. Yearsley. The church was prettily decorated with autumn flowers.

The bride wore a classic gown of ivory printed satin with a bridal veil of Brussels net and lace, which was over 100 years old. Over 200 guests attended the reception, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Lugarno, Switzerland.

After the service, call changes and touches of Grand-sire were rung, followed by an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, at Rolvenden, by a representative band from Hawk-hurst, Benenden, Frittenden, Tenterden and Wadhurst. The peal came to grief after 2½ hours' ringing, due to a change of course. The band was: Miss V. Relf 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, J. O. Santer 3, H. Baker 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, W. Gorringe 6, C. A. Bassett 7, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 8. J.O.S.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT ALCESTER.

The quarterly meeting of the Guild attracted 84 members and friends to Alcester. The funeral of a local Nonconformist minister having taken place prior to time arranged for the start of ringing, the bells were rung half-muffled before tea as a token of respect.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. N. W. Scott. The business meeting, held after tea, was presided over by the Rev. J. Emrys Jones, Rector of Temple Grafton with Binton, near Alcester. A proposal that a dinner be held was turned down, mainly owing to its cost. New members elected were A. Evans (Priors Marston), F. Rouse (Coventry) as ringing members, and E. Nobles (Northampton), H. Parkinson (Leeds), F. H. Hicks (Hailsham) and A. D. Cook (Birmingham), as non-resident life members.

Bulkington was selected for the January quarterly meeting and Stratford-on-Avon for the annual meeting in April.

A meeting of the Nuneaton district is to be held at Nuneaton on December 11th in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild (West Midland Branch).

The bells of Salford Priors were placed at the disposal of members for an hour during the evening and were made good use of.

Dedications

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

St. Andrew's, Wingfield, a beautiful 14th century church with its 24 clerestory windows and a tower containing six bells, had its bells rededicated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich on October 24th.

About 50 years ago the bells were in a bad state, and the village smith, a ringer, undertook to overhaul them for the sum of £8. Upon lifting the bells from their brasses he found that the gudgeons were badly worn and decided to remove these from the headstock.

A piece of metal was welded to them on the forge fire and rounded off. They were then turned up in a hand-made lathe and made to fit in the brasses. After being case hardened the bells were reassembled and the work completed.

This put the bells into fair ringing order and they continued in use until 1938, when the oak frame fell into decay and was considered unsafe for ringing.

This year an order was placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, to have the bells rehung and they accomplished the work in six months. The contract consisted of a new steel frame, ball bearings, wheels, headstocks and ropes and the bells quarter turned and cleaned.

The total cost of the work, including renovations to the tower, is £1,000. In 2½ years the parishioners have raised £850 by direct giving and social functions, and it is hoped shortly to complete the fund.

A large congregation, including many visitors from surrounding parishes, attended the service. The dedication was performed at the close of the singing of the first hymn. The Bishop was escorted to the bell chamber by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Dyer). After the blessing of the bells a few rounds were rung by local ringers.

In an address the Bishop said he was one of those who loved to hear church bells because there is no music so sweet. He congratulated the people of Wingfield on their efforts, which showed that they loved their church and all that belonged to it and were doing their best to maintain it and hand it on. He also paid tribute to the Suffolk Guild of Ringers (many of whom rang after the service) for their work in the interest of the Church in the diocese. The danger he had found in another diocese, that the art of change ringing might die out, was proving, he was glad to say, ill-founded as far as the diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich was concerned.

After the service ringers from Yaxley, Scole, Diss, Pulham, Mendham, Croydon, Fressingfield, Wissett, Wenham, Framlingham, Badingham, Palgrave, Dennington, Wilby and Wingfield took part in the ringing.

CHRIST CHURCH, EALING.

The Middlesex turned out in full strength on October 30th for the rededication of the bells of Christ Church, Ealing.

This glorious church was extensively damaged by a flying bomb in July, 1944, and part of the restoration scheme which is now in progress was the complete overhaul of the bells. The three front bells have been recast, the rest retuned, and the octave hung on ball bearings.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. A. de Vere) conducted the service of dedication in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and over one hundred ringers and friends. The bells were opened by the Christ Church band, including Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, whose firm carried out the restoration, and are to be heartily congratulated on an excellent splice, the beautiful tone exceeding all expectations.

Tea was provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, followed by further ringing.

It is interesting to note that the late J. A. Trollope worshipped at this church, where he was Vicar's warden for many years. F.A.F.

CHECKENDON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 4
WALTER SPARROW 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Lester and Pack, 1770.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM STEEL Treble	*WILLIS BRAMLEY 4
†LEONARD FISHER 2	ARTHUR SMITHSON 5
FREDERICK BOAM 3	*ALBERT WHEELER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR SMITHSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor and first on the bells since the addition of new treble. In memoriam the Rev. T. S. Hudson, former Vicar for 32 years.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, varied callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*CHAS. H. J. GRAVETTE Treble	*STANLEY GILBERT 4
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 2	†D. THOMAS AUSTIN ... 5
*DEREK SANDERSON ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, varied callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DONALD A. CATLINGHAM Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4
JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... 2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 5
DENIS D. WRIGHT 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM EDWARDS 4
ERNEST TWIGG 2	FRANK EDWARDS 5
*JOSEPH V. M. MOSLEY ... 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

* First peal. A compliment to Mr. H. Carnwell, tower captain, who has completed 60 years as a ringer at Kingsley.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's called differently and 20 six-scores (20 different callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. SMITH ... Treble	†DAVID J. GRIFFITHS ... 4
BERNARD H. DAVIES ... 2	DAVID H. BENNETT ... 5
†JONES L. GWYNNE ... 3	*JAMES A. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID H. BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Guild, October 27th, 1923.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... Treble	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
EDWARD PHILLIPS 2	THOMAS SCOTT 5
HARRY BOYCE 3	*GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 100th peal.

WORLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb, Norfolk, Old Doubles, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and two six-scores of London. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. E. FORD Treble	MISS MARJORIE LEGG ... 4
MISS HILDA PRESCOTT ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
MISS AUDREY TIBBOTT ... 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

First peal in eleven methods by all the band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HARRY PARKER Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
ERIC HORNBY 3	DAVID SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

First peal in six methods by all and on the bells. A birthday peal for E. V. Rodenhurst.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb.

BERNARD H. DALTON ... Treble	*AUBREY D. MILLS 4
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* 25th peal. A birthday compliment to the son of the treble ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 22, 1948, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROSEMARY SMITH 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON 3-4
BRENDA FALLS 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	HERBERT MITCHELL 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

IN THE SELECT VESTRY HALL OF ST. MARGARET'S,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

CHARLES MARSHALL 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*THOMAS J. LOCK 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA, LON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Beauchamp 1, F. Bush 2, Miss E. Cropley 3, W. Coe 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, B. Williams 7, S. Hart (cond.) 8. First quarter for all except No. 3.

BEEDON, BERKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,266 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Curtis 1, T. H. G. Curtis (first 'inside') 2, T. Curtis 3, H. T. E. Curtis 4, H. W. Curtis (cond.) 5, A. Townsend 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 24th, at Bishop Ryder's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Jones 1, W. G. Chaplin 2, J. Scott 3, H. H. Fearn 4, A. D. Cook 5, P. D. Warren 6, S. G. Chaplin (cond.) 7, J. F. Harvey 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, M. J. Best 2, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 3, J. Daniels 4, A. J. Butler 5, H. Mitchell 6, G. Evenden 7, P. A. Hunt 8. First in method by all except the conductor.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Hibbert 1, A. Taylor 2, H. Pearson 3, A. Hibbert 4, J. Smith 5, G. Ashmore (first as cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. A 96th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Hadfield, great-aunt of the treble ringer.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At St. Nicholas on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Durling 1, R. A. E. Dunn (first of Doubles) 2, F. R. Best 3, R. Streek (first 'inside') 4, C. P. Suddards 5, B. A. Best 6. First quarter, 1, 3, 5 and 6.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.—At St. Aldhelm's on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gane 1, F. Warren 2, J. Metcalfe (cond.) 3, B. Burton 4, A. Kingston 5, H. Reynolds 6. A wedding compliment to C. F. Veasey, captain of St. Aldhelm's ringers, and Miss P. Barry.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Johnson 1, E. Hill 2, B. Costar 3, G. H. Wright 4, H. C. Farmer (cond.) 5, G. Harris 6. First in method 1 and 2.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Izzard (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lewis Cockey 2, A. T. Parker 3, J. King 4, W. J. Ellis 5, A. Jones 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7. Squire Croft 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Curryer (first of Major) 1, E. Gower 2, Mrs. B. Percy 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, E. G. D. Tonkin 5, R. W. Percy 6, F. H. Dallaway 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Edwards 1, R. Dunn 2, F. Browne 3, W. Brown 4, A. Tew 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunn.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, Winnie Pretty (first quarter) 2, A. Greenhall 3, L. Cissett (cond.) 4, Molly Tromans 5, J. H. Cox 6, J. Eaton 7, H. Shilcock 8.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Edden 1, G. Rathbone 2, A. E. Bristow 3, W. H. Male (cond.) 4, W. A. Stote 5.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: J. W. C. Blythe 1, D. Sanderson 2, C. Young 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HEREFORD.—On Oct. 21st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Symonds 1, R. T. Jones 2, J. W. Downes 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. J. Webb 5, W. T. Poston 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, M. T. Moreton 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, Miss D. Coker 2, R. Coles 3, E. Markham 4, Miss M. I. Goodship 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, G. R. Goodship 7, C. A. Smith 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, A. L. James (first quarter on 10) 10.

HINDLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Horrocks 1, H. Cooper 2, Muriel Reay 3, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 4, J. Halsall 5, W. Smalley 6, A. Greenhalgh 7, W. Horrocks 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Cummins 1, W. Lakin 2, J. R. Kemp 3, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 4, E. Fisher 5, D. Flatters 6, J. R. Young 7, C. H. Whitton 8. First in method by 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Ball 1, C. H. Walker 2, L. Chislett 3, J. Bennett 4, E. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Packer 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Ball and Mrs. E. Jones.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Bob Royal: G. Henshaw 1, W. Stevenson 2, A. A. Potts 3, Miss J. Henshaw 4, A. V. Rees 5, H. Wood (first in method) 6, W. Gayes 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8, G. Farrer 9, E. Seed 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Henshaw on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Kilsby 1, C. Windram 2, Miss F. Hart 3, W. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, G. Hollick 6, W. Hector (cond.) 7, F. Wallington 8. First quarter by 2nd.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 24th, 720 each of Hull and Norwich Surprise: H. Franklin 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, P. H. Wright 3, R. M. E. Richards 4, E. J. Sterlan (first as cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6. First quarter in the methods 'by all the band'.

NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Wright 1, W. Noble 2, J. Greenwood 3, L. Healey 4, N. Bennett (first of Major) 5, C. Nicholl 6, A. Hancock (cond.) 7, W. G. Turner 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Lonnen 1, A. V. Corden 2, L. D. W. Atfield 3, H. J. Peskett (first of Triples 'inside') 4, R. Stredwick 5, E. Treagus 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Hills (first of Grandsire) 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, H. M. Smith 3, C. Brasier (cond.) 4, W. Rogers 5, F. Hammond 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Reverse Grandsire Triples: Miss P. A. Cartwright 1, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 2, K. Haslam 3, E. Large 4, H. W. Haslam 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. H. Walters 8. First of Reverse by all the band.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 St. Clement's: J. W. C. Blythe 1, E. Whiting 2, H. S. Peacock 3, D. Sanderson 4, R. F. Baker 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Lees 1, J. W. Smith 2, E. A. Turner 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. E. Whatmore 5, D. H. Watson 6, P. C. Richards 7, C. T. Richards (first as cond.) 8.

WHITBY YORKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Waller 1, A. Hunter (first in method) 2, W. A. Brecken 3, A. V. Coates 4, G. White 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick (first in method as cond.) 7, H. Waters (first in method) 8. For the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. N. A. Vesey.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Duffield 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, W. Jarvis 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, S. Haw 6, F. Moves 7, T. Bevis (first quarter) 8, H. Means (cond.) 9, W. Freeman 10.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: B. Latham 1, S. C. Thain 2, F. Garland 3, G. Latham 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6. For the 21st birthday of S. C. Thain.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Scott 1, Miss Barbara Smed'ev 2, Miss Annie Potter 3, T. Allred 4, R. Allred 5, F. Grundy (cond.) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, R. Jones 8.

Devon Guild of Ringers
BRANCH MEETING AT TORQUAY.

The Mid-Devon Branch held an enjoyable meeting in Torquay on October 30th, when members and friends attended from Newton Abbot, Torquay, Paignton, Brixham, Dartmouth, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth.

The bells of Torre Parish Church were well utilised during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Porter) who gave an excellent address.

After tea at the Belgrave Cafe, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the president and general secretary.

A letter was received from Mr. Cecil Pipe, of Grundisburgh, asking for support towards the restoration of his bells, and the meeting decided to do its best.

The election of one associate member was confirmed, and the programme for 1949 was produced and adopted, this being as follows: February 7th, Bovey Tracey; April 23rd, Paignton; June 25th, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at Buckfast Abbey; August Bank Holiday, outing to Dartmouth; July 23rd, Brixham; August 27th, special meeting at Highweek or Wolborough; October 29th, Dartington and Totnes; all subject to permission being obtained. Arrangements were also made for visits to neighbouring towers during the remainder of this year.

Regret was expressed at the forthcoming departure of Mr. Norman Mallett, of Ashburton, to Axminster, and a welcome was extended to Mr. Gardner, of Brixham.

The Vicar of Torre reported that owing to difficulties in the neighbourhood it was not always possible for his bells to be rung on Sundays, and after a discussion it was resolved that the branch should arrange to ring for evening service on the second Sunday in each month, the question of any ringing in the week being left in the hands of the Branch Committee.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948, 5.45 for 6 p.m. All tickets sold. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 2, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4, also St. Mary Magdalen's, Holloway, at 12 noon for members arriving in London in the morning.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meetings at 4.30. 4282

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at Chilham, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4307

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lindfield (8), Nov. 13th. Tea, notify Mr. Drew, The Tiger, Lindfield, Sussex. Look up Yorkshire Major and Oxford Bob Triples.—C. Bassett. 4318

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, no arrangements, but can be obtained locally. Business in the Walker Hall at 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4316

HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM.—Dedication of the new peal of eight at St. Andrew's, Hampton, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4320

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 4329

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bronllys, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 4321

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Newton-in-the-Isle (6), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4336

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston (8) on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells open 3.15.—P. W. Cave, District Sec. 4254

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Aldeby, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to P. Gunton, 12, Church Lane, Wheatacre, Beccles, by Oct. 17th.—J. Harwood, Sec., Great Yarmouth. 4317

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Balderton (5), Nov. 20th, 2.30. Service. Those requiring tea must notify Peter N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark, by 13th. (No name: alas a hungry ringer!)—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 4323

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Drayton, Nov. 20th. Good bus service. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 4322

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hitchin, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. E. Symonds. 4327

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4331

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham (6), Nov. 20th. Tea free for those notifying by 16th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4358

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Steep (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by Nov. 17th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 4357

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Dunstable (8) on Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable, by Nov. 16th.—Valerie Wilard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4356

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8 bells), Nov. 20th. 2.30 p.m. Tea provided. Names by 16th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4361

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Clapton-in-Gordano, Nov. 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4355

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Goole, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify by Wednesday, 17th. J. Waud, 37, Oxford Road, Goole. 4353

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Nov. 20th, 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5. Business 5.45.—R. H. Begrie, District Sec. 4342

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Cranbrook, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe. 4344

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Norton, near Evesham, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Names for tea by Nov. 15th to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 4349

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Saturday, Nov. 20th, meeting at Wheatstead (6), 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Look up Double Court and Norfolk.—T. J. Southam 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 4319

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District quarterly meeting at Heckington on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (2) available 5 p.m. 4345

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone (8), Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 for those who notify by Wednesday, Nov. 17th, J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted. 4352

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Thakeham (6), Nov. 20th, 3. Names for tea by 17th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4346

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Buckden, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4348

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chetton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 17th. Coach leaves High Street, Bridgnorth, at 2.45 p.m., returning in time to catch all connections.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4363

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar to all who notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 24th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 4360

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Coseley (not Rowley), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers by Nov. 23rd.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4351

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Nov. 27th. 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss R. M. Davies, 23, Beatrice Court, Wembley, by Nov. 25th. Willesden bells available in evening.—D. E. Lidbetter. 4350

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Smarden (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Nov. 24th, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Snodland (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4359

BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. E. Haynes (cond.) 1, Miss Evelyn Fletcher (first on ten bells) 2, J. Scott 3, A. Walker 4, S. O'C. Holloway 5, G. W. Critchley 6, G. E. Fearn 7, J. F. Harvey 8, J. Pinfold 9, W. T. Froggatt 10.

PINCHBECK, LINGS.—On Oct. 27th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Chenery 1, A. J. Farr 2, Miss G. Robinson 3, W. A. Richardson 4, C. Wander 5, T. H. Charlton 6, C. H. Whitton (first 'inside') 7, J. G. Ames (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

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