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CARE OF BELLS

EVERY parochial church council in the country should have a copy of the latest publication of the Central Council—a handbook on the installation, preservation and repair of bells, bell frames and fittings, and it is only right and proper that a copy should be in each belfry for consultation by the towerkeeper and captain of the local ringers. The care of church bells has been constantly in the mind of the Central Council. This handbook was first published in 1891 in the days when Sir A. Percival Heywood was president, and there is no question that it fulfilled its purpose in bringing about a more watchful eye on the hundreds of pounds of Church capital invested in the belfry.

A second edition was published nearly 40 years later, and a third edition, the work of Messrs. E. H. Lewis, W. Osborne, F. Sharpe and E. A. Young, is available this week. In the light of modern experience and knowledge the first part of the handbook has been rewritten and a new chapter introduced giving fuller information about the forces set up by swinging bells and their effect on the tower. Greater stress has been laid on the importance of sound control, both inside and outside the tower, in view of the increased sensitiveness of the public to sound.

Cracked bells are rarely due to any cause but *carelessness*. The handbook points out a number of avoidable causes of cracked bells such as the dangerous and slovenly practice of clacking; the hollow worn in the sound-bow becoming too deep (this can be prevented by 'quarter turning'); chiming hammers or clock hammers either too heavy or fixed carelessly; unskilful hands 'bumping' a stay too strong to break. Clappers must not be permitted to drop by wear so as to strike below the centre of the sound-bows of their respective bells or the result may be fatal. This drop usually arises from neglecting to keep the pin of the clapper joint greased or by neglecting to rebush the clapper heads when necessary.

A popular misconception is that a ring of bells hung on up-to-date principles, with cast iron headstocks and iron frames, does not require any attention except to lubricate the main bearings. No matter how good the job is and how careful the bellhanger, nuts will slack. As to lubrication, 'a little and often' should be the motto. The gudgeons are not the only parts that need attention in this respect; the ground pulleys, the crown staple-pins on which the clappers swing and the sliders seldom get the attention they should.

The chapter on the means of controlling the sound of bells is of special interest in view of the frequency with which problems arise. The cure of too much sound outside the tower is not a great expense. The main principle is to allow the sound to escape upwards through spare windows or special openings on the roof of the tower, or, failing these, from as high a point in the belfry as possible. All belfry windows should be blocked to a point well above the lips of the bells when 'set'. In towns, where the evil is most acute, the most effectual way of damping the sound of bells is by almost entirely blocking up the sound-windows inside with 9 inch or 14 inch brickwork rising to the spring of the arch-heads; in the case of a square-headed window to within a foot of the top. In country places a milder measure than permanent blocking will probably suffice and may be found in 1 inch boarding lined with Cabot's Quilt or some other sound-resisting material, and filling up the window-space behind the louvres nearly to the top. Unlined boards are useless. Copies of the handbook can be obtained from the Hon. Librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton), Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES	Treble	ARTHUR JONES	7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP... ..	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	8
*SYLVIA COKER	3	ALBERT DISERENS	9
*DOREEN COKER	4	REGINALD REX	10
RALPH COLES	5	EDWARD R. COLES	11
ROLAND BIGGS	6	*WALTER LEE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on 12 bells.

LONDON, W.C.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*MRS. R. F. DEAL	Treble	THOMAS BEVAN	7
*GEORGE H. CROSS	2	GEORGE W. STEERE	8
*MRS. E. E. DAVIS	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	10
VILLIAM H. HEWETT	5	REUBEN SANDERS	11
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

To celebrate the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews. Also a birthday peal to Mrs. G. H. Cross.

TEN BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*DENNIS BERESFORD (14)	Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
AUBREY M. PICKERING... ..	2	ALAN ELSMORE	7
*JEFFREY B. WEBB (16)... ..	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
MAURICE G. TURNER	4	ARTHUR BOTTERILL	9
*PETER BERESFORD (14)... ..	5	WILLIAM WALKER	Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Caters and of Stedman for the wedding of Mr. Ernest S. Auger (Wisbech) and Miss Barbara M. Sawyers (Walsall).

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MISS STELLA P. WAIN...Treble	FRANK ARROWSMITH	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	DAVID VINCENT	6
NEVILLE A. BROWN	†ROY BROOME	7
†JEAN C. BROWN	ALAN J. BROWN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY PRATT	Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL	5
MISS H. G. SNOWDEN	2	HARRY G. FELTON	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
*JOHN WARNER	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5	
BENJAMIN GREATOREX	*HAROLD TAYLOR	6	
EDWARD F. GOBEY	2	*PHILIP L. PARROTT	7
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	GIRLING RIGBY	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON ...Treble	*GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS	5	
*WILLIAM J. BARRETT	HARRY TURNER	6	
ALB. G. BARTHOLOMEW	2	JOHN SITCH	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	FRANK V. GANT	Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. In honour of the birth of a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sitch.

FRAMSDEAN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF HALE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

This method by W. Wightman is rung for the first time.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.		
*T. PETER FRANKLIN ...Treble	DEREK P. JONES	5	
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	WILLIAM JUDGE	6
EDWIN G. MOORE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
PHILIP WALKER	4	WILFRED CROSS	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

H. Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.		
*THOMAS SMITHTreble	*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	5	
JOAN M. WEBSTER	2	JAMES H. COOKE	6
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER... ..	3	*ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS	7
*ALFRED W. CUSICK	4	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR EVANSTreble	†ANN SMITH	5	
*JOHN KAPE	2	WALTER AVERY	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	‡ANTHONY E. COX	7
ARTHUR NEWTON	4	WALTER LEE	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.



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NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
HUBERT WRIGHTTreble | ALBERT HANCOCK 5
W. GEORGE TURNER 2 | JOE GREENWOOD 6
SYDNEY H. BARRON 3 | JOHN PEARSON 7
*LEONARD SCHOFIELD 4 | GEOFFREY CROSSLEYTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the 35th anniversary of the opening of the bells and a 34th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
ARTHUR HOODLESS ...Treble | *HARRY ROGERS 5
*PATRICK PRESTON 2 | J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
PERCY E. BALL 3 | WALTER NICHOLS 7
THOMAS WHEAT 4 | FREDK. A. SALTERTenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the Memorial to the men of the parish who gave their lives in the World War, 1939-45. Tenor 14½ cwt.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAUF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
JOHN W. JONES ...Treble | ALFRED W. HEATH 5
*DONALD G. CLARKE 2 | LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM... .. 6
MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM... .. 3 | ROBERT E. R. SMITH 7
GEORGE LARGE 4 | FREDERICK WHITFIELDTenor

J. J. Parker's Six-part. Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. To celebrate the jubilee of the dedication of the church. Tenor 15 cwt.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt.
ERNEST C. S. TURNER...Treble | JAMES BENNETT 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 2 | DEREK R. JUDD 6
*ARTHUR T. PARKER 3 | WILLIAM H. COLES 7
FREDERICK A. FINCH 4 | FRANK MILLERTenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' 200th peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
COLIN HARRISON ...Treble | SIDNEY O. CHENEY 5
SHIRLEY BURTON 2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3 | *EDWARD F. GOBEY 7
*DAVID H. ANSTEY 4 | ALFRED BALLARD... ..Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
JAMES L. WRIGHT ...Treble | ALBERT HEYWOOD 5
ALBERT GREENHALGH 2 | *JOHN ASHCROFT 6
*MISS MURIEL REAY 3 | EDWARD IDDON 7
EVEREST FORD 4 | PETER CROOK, SEN.Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal in method. To celebrate 60 years of ringing by John Potter and John Denner, of Walkden. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAUF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. Pitman's Odd Bob and Single 20-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.
ALBERT J. PITMAN ...Treble | GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ERNEST STITCH 2 | ALFRED W. HEATH 6
*ALFRED HANNINGTON 3 | TREVOR M. RODERICK... .. 7
ROBERT E. COLES 4 | *WILLIAM T. PETTYTenor

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.
* First peal of Stedman.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
ALBERT H. WARD ...Treble | *WILLIAM A. PARSONS 5
GIRLING RIGBY 2 | PHILIP L. PARROTT 6
DAVID H. ANSTEY 3 | DENIS R. CARLISLE 7
*WILLIAM LANCASTER 4 | EDWARD F. GOBEYTenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.
* First peal in the method. Fastest peal on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lbs.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 'lb.
FRED HORSFIELD ...Treble | †EDWARD SEED 5
*BARRY CORBISHLEY 2 | WILFRED STEVENSON 6
JOHN WORTH 3 | †HEDLEY WOOD 7
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER 4 | †HAROLD BROUGHTenor

Conducted by WILFRED STEVENSON.
* First peal in method. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SUTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
*MAURICE BENNETT ...Treble | †AUBREY D. MILLS 5
†MRS. R. RICHARDSON... .. 2 | †HORACE BENNETT 6
†FRANK TAYLOR 3 | JOHN G. AMES 7
‡STANLEY E. BENNETT 4 | CYRIL WANDERTenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford T.B. Major.
‡ First peal of Oxford T.B. Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

LOUTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.
JOHN WALDEN ...Treble | KENNETH S. B. CROFT 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2 | JOHN S. MASON 6
KENNETH W. MAYER 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
FREDK. W. STOKES 4 | JOHN FREEMANTenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's Composition. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.
LAURENCE POULSON...Treble | ALBERT E. WHITING 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... .. 2 | WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
THOMAS BIRD 3 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 4 | LESLIE G. BRETTTenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* 250th peal and 40th peal this year.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
*LOLA M. CALLOW ...Treble | WILLIAM COLLETT 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 2 | †W. BRIAN ELLENDER 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3 | †WILLIAM H. MALE 7
JOHN THOMAS 4 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD... ..Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. W. SHEPPARD.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Tenor 15 cwt.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
*SIDNEY H. JONES...Treble | *KEITH HUDSTON 5
WILLIAM P. DEANE 2 | WILLIAM LANCASTER 6
JACK BAILEY 3 | BARNABAS G. KEY 7
DENIS R. CARLISLE 4 | *ALFRED MOULDTenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells and for the Guild. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Key.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Pulham, Norfolk. Includes Ernest Whiting, Cecil A. Thompson, Frederick Elliott, Charles Catchpole, Frederick J. Roope, Frederick W. Munnings, Ernest C. Staff, W. Archie Locke.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Ospringe, Kent. Includes William C. Marshall, William A. Oldfield, Percy Page, Wilfred W. Ring, Mark S. Lancefield, Albert J. Lancefield, Harry Parkes, Thomas Cullingworth.

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH. The first peal in the method, which is Carter's No. 3 (2nds place L.E.) in Corrigan's unnamed Surprise Collection. Tenor 17 1/2 cwt.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Alverstone, Hampshire. Includes Bryan C. Stirling, E. Joan Salmons, Ernest F. Salmons, Joseph Merritt, Harold A. Nobes, John W. Meade, Fredk. W. Burnett, A. Patrick Cannon.

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLAKENHALL HEATH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Oct. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Blakenhall Heath, Staffordshire. Includes Alan Elsmore, P. George Golder, George W. Hughes, Maurice G. Turner.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Netherseale, London, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Elstow, Bedfordshire. Includes L. Michael Callow, C. Edward Jeffries, Betty Spice, Ronald J. Sharp, C. Henry Harding, Andrew C. Sinfield.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 100th peal and 50th as conductor.

BEARSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Bearsted, Kent. Includes Patricia M. Batkin, Muriel V. Tassell, Alfred W. Bodiam, Edward F. Harnett, George F. Cantrill, Maurice G. White.

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal. First peal in two methods by all the band.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Dallington, Sussex. Includes Helen Gorringe, Leslie W. Jarvis, Arthur F. Lewry, Wm. A. Kitchenside, Lawrence T. Pope, Frank H. Hicks.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in seven methods. † 75th peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Maulden, Bedfordshire. Includes Stanley Harlow, Andrew C. Sinfield, Betty Spice, Ronald Sharp, William Stapleton, Reginald West.

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

The methods and numbers of extents of each are as follows:—Accrington (1), Place (1), St. Simon's (10), Plain Bob (16), Reverse Canterbury (14). Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Accrington, Lancashire. Includes Ken Hartley, Stuart Smith, Derek Whitford, Chris M. P. Johnson, Roger Leigh.

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Lamberhurst, Kent. Includes Albert Relfe, Mrs. Edith Bassett, James J. Bassett, Ernest J. Ladd, Charles A. Bassett, Herbert J. Hammond.

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to E. John Relfe and Miss D. V. Baker.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 15 methods. (1) Wavertree and College; (2) Double Court and Single Court; (3) Hereward and Double Bob; (4) Cambridge; (5) Kent and Oxford; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall; St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Watlington, Norfolk. Includes Stanley G. Elsey, Arthur Rolfe, Wallace Cousins, William Buckenham, Ernest H. Mastin, Claude Cousins.

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

First peal in 15 methods by all. First peal in 15 methods ever rung for the Ely Association.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 10 1/2 cwt. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Terrington St. John, Norfolk. Includes Ernest H. Mastin, Claude Cousins, Edward Barker, William Buckenham, Ernest H. Mastin, Cecil Ebberson.

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 6 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Croft, Leicestershire. Includes Frederick Watson, Eileen M. Cheney, William A. Wood, John J. Morris, Ernest Morris, Gerald F. Ball.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* A birthday compliment and her first peal of Minor.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Haslingden, Lancashire. Includes Derek Whitford, Jim Taylor, Stuart Smith, Ken Hartley, Chris M. P. Johnson, Roger Leigh.

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

(Peals continued on page 502.)

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Huckstepp 1, P. Page 2, T. Cullingworth 3, W. W. Ring (first as cond.) 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, C. W. Everet 6, H. S. Wickens 7, D. Godden 8.

BANGOR, CAERN.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Roberts 1, Miss K. M. Ruffell 2, L. G. Pitman 3, J. R. Wilson 4, Thos. Jones 5, V. Child 6, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. Flood. First quarter-peal on bells since restoration.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Joan Grant 1, Miss Joy Davis 2, W. A. Swift 3, W. A. J. Carter 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. A. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, A. J. Culley 8.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Lister 1, T. Goodchild 2, G. Martin (cond.) 3, E. Sutton (first in method) 4, J. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, E. E. Gosling 7, E. Eldridge 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Oct. 31st, at St. Modwen's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Inwood 1, Jill Cochrane (first 'inside') 2, T. Price 3, H. Cornwell 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, A. Skelton 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 31st, at St. Andrew's, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. M. Freeman 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, J. B. Rowsell 3, M. R. D. Harford 4, P. T. Robbins 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, G. Dodds 7, J. Freeman (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor: W. White (cond.) 1, P. Simpson 2, A. Lygo 3, J. Hayes 4, E. Dale 5, Leslie Henson (first 'inside') 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Henson.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 31st, at All Saints', 1,480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, M. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, P. Small 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Allsop 6, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 7, J. W. Stephenson 8, J. E. Chilcott 9, F. H. Crook 10. First of Treble Bob Royal by 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. Castle 1, F. Cooper (first quarter) 2, W. H. Parker 3, R. Elliot 4, C. Fennell 5, W. J. Paice (cond.) 6. In honour of the wedding of D. Mason, of the local band.

GROBY, LEICS.—On October 4th, 720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob: Enid Brown 1, W. E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, T. Isom 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, Ern. Geary 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 31st, at S. Nicolas' Church, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Colin Arnett (13, first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Munday 2, Mrs. Hazelden 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, S. Breeze 5, R. Kenward 6, F. Oldroyd 7, E. Lee 8, C. Hazelden (cond.) 9, F. Radford 10. First on 10 bells for 4 and 6.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Taylor 1, E. Razzell 2, H. Parsons 3, L. Penfold 4, F. Sadler 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (cond.) 7, W. Hunt 8.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. J. Strood (first quarter) 1, Edna M. Sills 2, A. V. Kemp 3, S. Whiteway (first of Minor) 4, S. King (first of Minor 'inside') 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila E. Harris 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, E. Dodds (first in method) 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, D. J. Charnley 7, F. Hoppood 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, H. J. Ranzetta 6, W. D. Grainger 7, C. W. Ottley 8, J. Bullock 9, A. B. Wiffen 10.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Hair 1, W. Woodward 2, H. Hillman (first 'inside') 3, F. Sharpe 4, W. H. Curson (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. B. Dent (cond.) 1, Miss E. Peckett 2, E. Lawrence 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, M. Rutterford 5, G. Miller 6. First quarter on the bells and first quarter by all except the conductor.

POOLE, DORSET.—On All Saints' Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Hendley 1, I. Davis 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, W. G. Bamford 4, W. H. Houlton 5, R. H. True (6), F. Precey (cond.) 7, E. Roper 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Ormerod 1, S. K. Taylor 2, J. Knight 3, W. Bamford 4, J. Barlow (first quarter) 5, F. Appleton (cond.) 6, H. D. Mills 7, T. L. Borrett 8.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Boomsma (first of Caters) 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, A. H. Worboys 3, T. G. Fox 4, G. J. Boomsma 5, C. W. Ridgway 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, A. T. Boomsma 8, J. H. Boomsma 9, E. J. Rowe 10. First Caters 'inside' 3 and 6.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Drury 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, R. Parker 3, F. Parsons 4, H. R. Woods (first as cond.) 5. First quarter by 1, 2 and 4.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At All Hallows' on Nov. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, D. F. Parsons 2, Miss J. A. England (first in method) 3, Miss M. A. Prockson 4, R. Newman 5, Capt. E. F. M. Sampson 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. F. Warren (cond.) 8. For the christening of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hughes (both local ringers).

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Harris (first of Minor) 1, L. Vickery 2, J. Hatchin (first 'inside') 3, G. Perry 4, R. Harris 5, H. Churchill (cond.) 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. F. Godsmark 1, P. F. Romney (first quarter) 2, Stella M. Wickens (cond.) 3, C. H. Wickens 4, G. A. Packham 5.

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Mr. C. E. Jeffries, whose 100th peal is recorded this week, has called first peals of Yorkshire, Belgrave and Pudsey Surprise Major for the Bedfordshire Association, and also the first for the Association, in 12, 14, 16 and 21 methods of Minor. His 100 should make good reading. Congratulations!

Mr. Stanley Gilbert has 'circled' Holywell, Hunts, tower.

We have had a request for the figures of the composition of the peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Melton Mowbray on Sept. 25th.

Alverstoke was the 150th different tenor that Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has 'turned in' to a peal. This was his 25th peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung on 24 different tenors.

Mention has previously been made of the band of youngsters in the Wirral branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Their latest exploit is a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Bebington. With an average age of 20 they believe they are the youngest band to ring a peal of Surprise Major for the Guild.

Four of the band—T. Smith, A. W. Cusick, C. B. Pemberton and A. K. Humphreys—have only been ringing just over 12 months, but have all recorded peals of Minor 'inside' up to seven methods. C. B. Pemberton has rung 'inside' to a spliced peal of 18 Surprise Minor methods.

Visitors from Felpham, Goring, Storrington and Worthing joined with Chichester Cathedral band in ringing for the annual parish choirs festival in the Cathedral on October 30th. Before the service 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by R. Burchett 1, Myrtle Cass 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, W. R. Falconer 4, E. Treagus 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6, H. C. Weaver 7, F. S. Smithers 8. First quarter on eight bells for 1 and 2.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. James George is attempting another handbell peal—for his 95th birthday on Saturday, November 27th. We all wish the oldest surviving veteran ringer every happiness on his natal day. Mr. George's last tower-bell peal was at Enderby on August 24th, 1939, at the age of 85.

Messrs. R. Newman and G. Charge rang their 100th quarter-peal together at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, N.7, on Oct. 24th.

Watlington, Oxon, tower was the 100th in which Mr. Walter F. Judge has rung a peal. The peal on November 6th was a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. A. H. Wilkins, the wife of the ringer of the seventh.

It was Victor Savage and not Frederick Savage who scored his first peal of Minor at Chilcompton, Somerset, on October 11th. The conductor proffers his apologies to all concerned.

Canon G. F. Coleridge celebrated his 91st birthday on Wednesday, Nov. 10th. On the advice of his friends he decided not to risk attending the College Youths dinner last Saturday. His letter stated that he was much better.

Armed with bell ropes and a large quantity of oil, seven members of the Lincoln Cathedral company, with John S. Mason, Birmingham, assembled on November to ring a peal on the magnificent heavy eight of Louth, Lincolnshire. It was over 28 years since a peal was rung on these bells, and after forcibly opening the caps to the bearings the Birmingham friend declared it seemed probable that it was over 28 years since these were oiled! Forethought was rewarded by a good peal of London Surprise in 3 hours 28 minutes. It was the 100th peal together for Charles McGuinness and John Walden, and the conductor's (Mr. Jack L. Millhouse) 50th peal this year.

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MARRIED COUPLES' PEAL OF CINQUES

First in Ringing History

THE first peal on twelve bells to be accomplished by six married couples was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester, on October 30th. As reported in another column, it was a peal of Stedman Cinques and was rung at the first attempt.

The idea was suggested nearly two years ago, but the parties agreed to wait until October 23rd, 1948, for the occasion to be as near as possible to the silver wedding dates of two couples. Within a few weeks of the appointed date, however, it was found permission could not be given owing to the Leicester Diocesan Festival, and so the attempt was postponed by one week.

Families connected with the project and with their length of matrimonial commitments are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, 26 years.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, 21 years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, 11 years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, 10 years.

It will be noticed in the peal report that the ringing order was so arranged that each husband stood 'opposite' each wife, this apparently dispelling any fear of causing embarrassment. After a few rounds and the usual final preparations, the bells were rung into changes at twelve minutes past two o'clock, and each ringer, with full determination for success, maintained an even beat throughout until the final call was made at fifty-four minutes past five o'clock. The performance will be cherished by all the band, and a special word of praise must be accorded to the ladies, who rang their bells in excellent manner.

A suggestion was made, before the attempt, and with a certain timidity, that the peal be rung for the Ladies' Guild by electing the 'outsiders' as honorary ringing members, thus enabling the Guild to record its first peal on twelve bells. Although this was not unanimously agreed to, there is a hope that some relevant item will appear on the agenda paper of the next annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. (Is Kate in retirement?)

Following the performance, Mr. and Mrs. Poole kindly entertained the party to dinner, after which mine host welcomed the visitors and said that no doubt all were pleased at the successful conclusion of the peal and that he thought Leicester Cathedral contained the best ring of twelve bells on which to attempt the record. Mr. Matthews replied with thanks on behalf of the visitors and remarked that he was sure never before had six husbands with their wives been together in the same room for over three hours with so few words being spoken (a silent tribute to the men, of course). Upon the dinner table was a 'wedding com-

pliments' cake, made by Mrs. Poole, suitably iced and decorated with a tower (christened Evesham by the party) and six pairs of bells. Mrs. Deal was chosen to cut the cake, which she performed unaided.

A social evening then ensued, the numbers being swelled by several local ringers, when handbells were rung in courses and touches up to Cambridge Surprise Royal and Stedman Cinques.



The couples from left to right, starting from the back row, are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Matthews, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Deal.

The whole band would like to record, through the medium of the Press, its thanks to the Provost of Leicester Cathedral for permitting the attempt to be made, and the visitors would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Poole for their most generous hospitality.

T.J.L.

DEDICATION

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Sussex, are now in good going order, having recently been retuned and rehung with all new ballbearing fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The rededication of the bells took place on October 10th at the morning service by the Bishop of Chichester. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, rounds were rung by the six youngest members of the band as follows: Mary Brown 1, F. Tave 2, H. Brown 3, D. Hebbett 4, S. Brown 5, K. Sharpe 6. After the service, as the congregation were leaving, a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

In the afternoon and for evening service touches of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung by the local band and visiting ringers.

North Staffordshire Assn.

A NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT.

'Taking everything into consideration, there has been a noticeable improvement in the standard of ringing,' reported Mr. W. Carnwell in his report presented at the annual meeting of the Association at Bucknall on Nov. 6th.

'Peals have been rung in the more advanced methods, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Audley, the first to be rung by a resident band of the Association.

Twelve meetings had been held during the year, all being well attended with an average of 41 per meeting. During the year the sub-committee had met and made certain recommendations in the revision of rules. These, it is hoped, will be submitted in January for approval.

The second annual outing was held on June 12th, when towers in the Wirral Branch area were visited. The report recorded with regret the death of Mr. J. Burrows, of Uttoxeter, who at one time was a very active member. Nineteen resident ringing members, two honorary members and eight life members had been elected.

Peals rung numbered 22 and nine members rang their first peal. Conductors were C. H. Page 4, N. R. Holland 4, C. S. Ryles 3, A. W. Hall 2, J. G. Cartledge, W. P. Dean, D. A. Anstey, J. Jolley, F. W. Grocott, jun., D. R. Whalley, John Worth, A. Moore and W. Carnwell one each.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £66 2s. 6d. after making grants to Wolstanton, Uttoxeter and Newcastle.

Officers elected for 1939 were as follows: Chairman, R. S. Anderson; hon. secretary, W. Carnwell; assistant hon. secretary, W. Edwards; treasurer, E. Steele; auditor, J. G. Cartledge; Ringing Master for eight and ten-bell towers, F. Wilshaw; Ringing Master for six-bell towers, F. W. Grocott, jun.

Meetings approved for 1949 were: January, Newcastle; February, Longton; March, Cheadle; April, Audley; May, Leak; June, Kingsley; July, Stone; August, Cheddleton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Wolstanton; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke.

A vote of thanks to the secretary for his work was proposed by Mr. A. W. Hall, seconded by Mr. D. Whalley. The secretary, in his reply, thanked all members for their support and co-operation during the past year.

With the idea of getting all their members (most of whom are learners) through their first quarter, Farnborough, Hants, ringers attempt a quarter on the first Sunday of each month. So far this year they have had four successes out of eight attempts and each one, writes the conductor (Mr. G. Sidney Joyce), has had at least one first quarter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tenors & the Speed of a Peal

Dear Sir,—About to 'tenor' my first peal last Saturday (which we eventually got, 3 hours 17 minutes), naturally I was very interested in what ringers like Mr. Simpson, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Hibbert have to say regarding 'the speed of a peal.' Whilst our tenor, 20 cwt., is hardly comparable to 28-30-31 cwt. tenors, I think a more important factor was missed—the relative weights of front end to back end and the size of wheels. In the case of our ring the first five of the front end are 4 cwt., the sixth 5 cwt., seventh 8 cwt., eighth 9 cwt., ninth 13 cwt., tenor 20 cwt.

Mr. Haynes says 'one of the secrets of good striking, even on light rings, is work on the part of ringers, especially by the back-enders; if the tenors are allowed to dawdle at their own pace the ringing is almost bound to become slipshod and irregular'; but does it not also apply equally when the tenors ring too close; is it not also a matter of timing? I searched the articles for some guidance and found that neither Mr. Simpson nor Mr. Haynes would sacrifice proper control for speed; plus the proper placing of the band, which our conductor, Mr. R. D. Langford, wisely did. Thanks to the writers and the Editor for articles that 'make you think.'—Yours faithfully,
W. FRANK STENSON.
Crewe.

A CONVERT TO SLOW RINGING

Dear Sir,—I confirm the time of the peal at Bowdon as three hours fifty minutes. It was rung without any idea of encouraging or discouraging the correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' It just happened as a result of my suggesting that slow ringing helps to improve striking, particularly on this particular ring of bells. It certainly demands that the band knows the method despite what some correspondents write. You may be assured that the peal at Bowdon was well and truly rung and quite well struck despite the time.

I am glad the Somerset tour has raised interest in the speed of ringing which will no doubt have its effect on striking. I personally, am converted to slow ringing as a result of the tour.—Yours sincerely,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

BRISTOL AT GILMORTON

Dear Sir,—Re the report of peal of Bristol rung at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, October 23rd, 1948, as first on the bells. The first of Bristol there was rung on July 23rd, 1937. Mr. F. W. Perrins called it. Why does a band make such silly claims? It's easy enough to find out.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

Leicester.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—While thanking you for publishing my 5,280 Spliced Surprise Major in the issue of November 12th, I shall be obliged if you will kindly point out that following 23645 the methods on the next line should read SSSCPPP instead of SSSSCPPP.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot.

ARKLOW TENOR AND SEVENTH

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to say that the tenor of the eight at Arklow remains the same size, that is 22 cwt. But the peal rung there recently was, as your readers will have observed, one of Doubles. This peal was rung on 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, with 7 covering, and the weight of the 7th is about 15 cwt.

Trusting that this will ease your correspondent's mind.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinson.

Nation-wide Appeals

Dear Sir,—A few years ago I sent out a country-wide appeal to all guilds and associations to take a retiring collection at branch meetings for a church in Northampton proposing to have new bells. Sixty-six branches responded, which I considered very gratifying. Similar appeals have since been sent out from towers in the neighbourhood of Ipswich and Somerset—and a very good idea too!

There are, however, those in the ringing fraternity who are very fond of bringing up the old bogey about 'charity begins at home, and if we have got any money to spare we should give it to towers in our own branches.' Ringers, least of anyone, should not think on those lines, seeing the hospitality they enjoy on outings in one another's areas.

Then there are those who think if they have given £10 out of their Guild Belfry Repair Fund towards a £700 or £800 job in their diocese they have done wonders, which entitles them to the right to control all the ringing of that tower, to say who is to ring peals. But this (to quote a former Vicar of my own parish) is a little element of 'trade unionism' which is dangerous and of which the Church has got to keep a watchful eye—it is the devil at work!

It is estimated that there are roughly 40,000 ringers in this country. If half that number gave only 1d. each the handsome total of £83 6s. 8d. would be produced. How encouraged this would make the promoters of any big scheme feel. And what if these schemes did crop up every month (as some fear)—what's a 1d. a month to any of us? Is it worth arguing about, even if it is in addition to the contribution to our own particular diocesan belfry repair fund? The wider issues surely outweigh such a narrow outlook.

Northampton. P. AMOS.

P.S.—At the time of writing I have in mind Grafton Regis, Northants (a parish of only 90 people), struggling to augment its bells from four to five and rehang the four. The Rev. H. B. Cartman is the Rector if any reader feels disposed to send a small donation.—P.A.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Can anyone please tell me the total number of different true extents possible in Bob Minor and also in Kent Treble Bob Minor, including those with 6-5's at back?—Yours sincerely,
G. SIDNEY JOYCE.

130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants.

OBITUARY

FLYING OFFICER MARTIN A. BLAMEY.

Burnham, Bucks, band have received news of the death of yet another of their pre-war boys' peal ringing band in the service of his country. Martin lost his life when his machine was blown to bits in mid-air whilst on duty with the air-lift to Berlin. It will be remembered that his brother Peter (another of the boys' band), also in the R.A.F., lost his life during the war.

Both learned to ring at Burnham when the family came from Uxbridge in 1935: they also joined Burnham choir. Against Peter's 15 peals for the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Martin had scored 13, ringing his first, a local band peal, at the age of 15 on March 29th, 1937. His last peal was rung on April 10th, 1939, at Burnham, and was arranged for him and his brother on one of their R.A.F. leaves from Cranwell. Both boys were safe ringers and good strikers in many Minor, Triples and Major methods. They were both members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and also the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Martin's peal list is: Minor, four methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 6; Bob Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; total 13. Three of these were rung for the Oxford Guild and the remaining ten for the S.R.C.Y. G. G.

Mr. Robert H. Brundle

THE OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTH

The death of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, of Ipswich, on November 1st, at the age of 97, has deprived the Suffolk Guild of its oldest member. He was perhaps the oldest ringer in England, as he was born on September 18th, 1851. He was the oldest College Youth.

The possessor of a wonderful constitution, Mr. Brundle met with a chapter of accidents during the last few years. On several occasions after ringing a heavy-going tenor to a peal he has stumbled from the box and had to be revived with brandy.

Mr. Bob Brundle's first peal was Grandire Caters at St. Mary-le-Tower on October 22nd, 1878, conducted by Dan Prentice. He rang in the record peal of 16,808 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 10 hours and 32 minutes at Debenham, Suffolk, on June 6th, 1892. The only survivor of this peal now is Frederick J. Tillett, of Ipswich, who rang the tenor.

On October 15th, 1938, he rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ipswich in three hours 48 minutes at the age of 87, being the oldest to ring this method on twelve bells. For the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild he rang 339 peals, including three on handbells. Besides these, he rang peals for other societies. In his long career he rang with five generations of the Tillett family in Ipswich.

The funeral took place at Ipswich Cemetery on November 5th, the service being conducted by Canon F. Mitton, Vicar of All Saints', Ipswich. A large number of his descendants attended and among the ringers present were Mr. Cecil W. Pipe (secretary, Suffolk Guild), Messrs. G. E. Symonds and W. J. G. Brown (St. Mary-le-Tower) and Mr. James Rose (St. Margaret's Society). The St. Mary-le-Tower Society sent a wreath as a tribute of esteem.

MR. HARRY BARTRAM.

The following appreciation comes from Mr. W. Smith, of Sydney, Australia:—

Mr. Harry Bartram was the driving force and source of instruction and encouragement to all ringers of the Framland Society when I joined as a youth in 1907 as a member of the Long Clawson band. He was a born instructor and conductor and had endless patience with young ringers who were eager to work and to study. In his own tower he was a wonderful host and enjoyed the company of visiting ringers.

I have happy memories of ringing with him in 1917-18 when I visited Melton as a member of the Australian Forces on leave from France. My last ring with him was a touch of Minor at a gathering of the Framland Society at Waltham in 1927—one of the highlights of my last holiday in England.

He did a great work for change ringing and his many ringing friends will hold him always in affectionate remembrance.

OUTING

NORTHAMPTON.

A party of 28 ringers and friends left Northampton at mid-day on November 6th for an enjoyable outing. At Deddington, the coach was met by Mr. George Deedley and an hour's ringing took place on the fine eight. Chipping Norton bells were 'up' on arrival, the party being welcomed by Mr. H. Cook.

On the way to Witney, a collision with a woman cyclist was averted by the promptness of the driver. Twenty minutes' ringing at Witney preceded tea at the Rhead Cafe. Woodstock, the last tower, had no stay to the 5th bell, and ringing was here limited to 45 minutes at the request of a harassed father who was having trouble with his baby.

In most peals that have been rung at St. Iltyd's, Bridgend, since 1922, Mr. C. H. Perry has taken a rope. His friends regret to learn that he has had to give up ringing on account of ill-health and that Mrs. Perry is an invalid. The sympathy of a wide circle is extended to them both.

Norwich Diocesan Association

PEAL BOOKING FEE DEBATED.

Principal business discussed at a general meeting of members at Norwich on November 6th was an addition to Rule 9 in the Association's rules:—

'A peal booking fee of 6d. shall be levied on each ringer taking part in a peal for the Association.'

Proposing this, Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master) said that the standard of the annual report must be kept up and this needed more money. Most of the cost of the report arose from the recording of peals; therefore, a contribution from the ringers of each peal seemed the best way of raising the money.

A lengthy discussion followed, and despite the fact that the proposal had met with favour at meetings of each of the four branches, other suggestions were advanced for keeping the accounts solvent. These included raising the annual subscription to 3s., giving voluntary subscriptions or making the reports more economical.

It was pointed out that some individuals and towers were not regular in paying their annual subscriptions, and that if these all looked on it as a duty to pay regularly, without waiting to be reminded, the difficulty would be largely met.

Members eventually did not feel that any of the alternative methods of overcoming the difficulty were better than the original proposition, and an overwhelming majority voted in favour of the proposition of Mr. Golden, seconded by Mr. George Bailey, that notice to this effect be given at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday, 1949.

On the proposition of the general secretary (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow), it was agreed to hold the annual meeting in a Norwich parish hall if possible, where the matter could be discussed at greater length.

Thirty-nine members attended and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

VISIT ASHBY, THE SCENE OF 'IVANHOE'

By the ruins of Ashby's famous castle stands the ancient but stately Parish Church of St. Helen, built in the year 1475 after William Lord Hastings had erected the castle nearby, immortalised in Scott's 'Ivanhoe'.

This church was the venue for the late autumn meeting of the above Guild, when upwards of 50 ringers were present from as wide an area as Wolverhampton, Leicester, Coleshill and Derby.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were successfully brought round before the company adjourned to Messrs. Radford's cafe for tea.

Following an excellent tea, Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary), in proposing a hearty vote of thanks, spoke of the continued generosity of the Vicar (Canon Hanford) and Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore (captain of the local band), stating that Mr. Beadsmoore joined the Midland Counties Association in 1890 and for 58 years had been a stalwart of campanology in the Burton area.

After a shortened evensong, the Vicar conducted the ringers round this historical church, pointing out the finger stocks where open penance—mentioned in the Communion Service—was practised. The old priests' room and the valuable church plate, some of which dates back to Elizabethan times, were also inspected.

Further ringing, which included Cambridge Surprise, brought this most successful meeting to a close.

Mr. Albert Relfe has 'circled' Lamberhurst tower for the 12th time. The occasion was the wedding of his son to Miss D. V. Baker, of Pembury. There were two 'firsts' in this peal. Mr. C. A. Bassett, hon. secretary of the East Grinstead and District Guild, scored his first as conductor, and his wife her first peal.

From Zero to Stedman Cinques

THE HIGH WYCOMBE TWINS.

In the summer of 1945 a little dark-haired member of All Saints', High Wycombe, Girl Guides visited the local belfry during practice. Encouraged, she came again, and after two or three visits she brought her twin sister—the living image of herself. That started the question of the mixed identities of Doreen and Sylvia Croker.

Solution unhappily came the following spring whes Sylvia met with a serious accident to her



DOREEN AND SYLVIA CROKER.

right forearm while on the playing field. Undaunted, she pluckily continued to attend the weekly practices, watching her sister's progress and endeavouring to keep pace with her on the handbells. It was not until eight months later that she was able to take a rope again. Then began a keen chase to catch up with her sister.

Early in 1947 Doreen rang the treble to Holt's Ten-part of Grandsire at the third attempt. A few months later, with Sylvia on the treble and Doreen on the third, Grandsire Triples was scored. Two failures for Grandsire Caters followed; meanwhile Stedman had received a lot of attention, and a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the first attempt, a second being rung for the Royal Silver Wedding.

By this time Plain Bob was well in the picture, and as a stepping stone to 12 bells a peal of Plain Bob Royal was obtained at the second attempt. After a little more 12-bell practice it was decided to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques in September. This failed in the tenth course. The next attempt, on October 31st, as our peal column records, was successful.

All the peals were rung at All Saints'. Thanks are due to members from outlying towers who have done their bit to help these young ladies along their way. F.H.

LICHFIELD. — At the Cathedral on Nov. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. F. Sedgwick 1, J. B. Webb (first quarter) 2, P. Beresford (first Grandsire) 3, D. Beresford 4, Joan Beresford 5, E. Elton 6, A. A. Rackham 7, L. Hodgetts 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. First on ten by 6 and 8.

Sixty Years a Ringer

Veteran of St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, Staffs, is Mr. Henry Carnwell (79), whose 60 years' membership of the local tower was commemorated by the presentation on October 23rd of a pipe, tobacco and a cheque, the gift of ringers, the Parochial Church Council and friends.

The presentation was made following a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Adey), the gifts being handed to Mr. Carnwell by Mr. W. Swift (churchwarden). In returning thanks, Mr. Carnwell said that Kingsley belfry was the happiest in England. They all pulled together; there was no room for strife.

Later in the ringing chamber Mr. A. W. Hall (Cheadle R.C.) added his congratulations and those of the North Staffs Association. There were now, he said, three ringers in the district who had completed 60 years' service, viz., Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, Mr. Wheeldon, of Bucknall, and Mr. Carnwell. He thanked Mr. Carnwell for the help he had given to many beginners. Mr. Carnwell was the only survivor of the band who rang the first peal on Kingsley bells in 1895.

Ringing during the day was of a high standard and included touches of London, Cambridge, Kingston, Wells and Durham Surprise Minor.

Mr. Carnwell has 44 peals to his credit, including Surprise in seven methods. His aim and ambition is to train his ringers for a regular Sunday service band, and he is always at his happiest in his belfry on Sunday mornings and evenings when there are no ropes to spare.

HALE SURPRISE MAJOR

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LINCOLN. — On Oct. 27th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Swann 1, J. Millhouse (cond.) 2, K. Mayer 3, F. Metham 4, H. Marcon 5, N. Chambers 6, S. Chambers 7, A. Hodgson 8. First quarter by 1 and 8.

SWINDON.—On Oct. 31st, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Tickner (first of Triples) 1, J. Berry 2, H. Bishop 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, S. Palmer 5, G. Gardiner 6, W. W. Daniel 7, W. Bullock 8.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... Treble | VICTOR SAVAGE ... 4
*GEORGE CLARE ... 2 | FRED SAVAGE ... 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 3 | RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED SAVAGE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ... Treble | ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2 | †W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3 | JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to the Rev. G. K. Dixon, Rector.

DILWYN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD H. MEWIES ... Treble | JOHN W. HUMPHRIES ... 4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 2 | E. PETER ROCK ... 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JACK BELSHAM ... Treble | DONALD COOMBS ... 4
MRS. C. G. WOODGATE ... 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3 | GERALD FROST ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. N. F. Southgate.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. MARY BLISS ... Treble | DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON ... 4
BARBARA PODGER ... 2 | †REGINALD G. HOOPER ... 5
*ERIC J. TAYLOR ... 3 | JACK R. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. † First of Minor. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HEYDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 66 lb. in B.

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

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in five methods. First peal in more than three methods on the bells.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs. Nov. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

DENNIS R. BEST ... Treble | HERBERT WESTLAKE ... 4
FREDERICK T. LOCKE ... 2 | REGINALD BEALE ... 5
FREDERICK WELCH ... 3 | JOHN T. LOCKE ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble | †JOHN W. MOORE ... 4
*MISS EVELYN WRIGHT ... 2 | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
†RICHARD E. MANTON ... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' † First Surprise peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and to William H. Barber, of Newcastle.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ANDREW C. SINFIELD.

First peal as conductor. Rung for the 16th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and one Pitman's 240. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CEDRIC GURMIN ... Treble | LESLIE EVANS ... 4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 2 | WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
*LESLIE PREECE ... 3 | E. PETER ROCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6
Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

Rung in honour of the 50th birthday of the Association, which was founded on October 22nd, 1898.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4 | OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 7-8
Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

Witness: Mrs. R. H. BULLEN.

First peal on the bells.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of six extents of Plain Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor size 14 in F sharp.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6
Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1948, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor size 14 in F sharp.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6
Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

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MISCELLANEOUS

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1949. — Copies are still available from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. Order quickly or you may be too late. Diaries will be ready early December. 4394

MEETINGS

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

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Goole, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.). 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. 4349

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

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting at Wimborne Minster, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea, Gush's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Corfe Mullen bells also available. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 4343

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

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. Willenden bells available in evening.—D. E. Lidbetter. 4350

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Whittlesey (two 8's), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4380

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

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, Dilton, Kent. 4359

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing, St. Dunstan's Stepney, afterwards.—A. B. Peck. 4378

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting, East Brent, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells open 6.30 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Ringing Master. 4386

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge (St. Paul's, Staley), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea without fail to Mr. S. Hodgson, 111, Spring Bank Street, Stalybridge, by Nov. 23rd.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4362

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Nov. 27th, South Normanton (6). Bells available 3. Tea 5 (2s. per head). Names not later than Wednesday, Nov. 24th, to Mr. J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbys. 4379

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hatfield, Nov. 27th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley. 4371

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's, Saturday, Nov. 27th. 2.30. Names to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, by 25th.—W. F. Sheraton. 4369

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—St. Werburgh's (6), Nov. 27th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Mary Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 4361

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify Mrs. J. Drury, Jesmond Cafe, Broughton Astley, Leicester, by Thursday, Nov. 25th. 4384

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Asfordby, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby. 4376

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual, Saturday, Nov. 27th, King's Lynn (10 and 8). Names for tea early, please.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 4374

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, Nov. 27th. St. Gregory's 2 till 4 p.m. and after tea; All Saints' 3.30. Service at All Saints' 4.40. Tea at Riverside Hotel, 5, followed by business. Important, please advise me for tea by Thursday, Nov. 25th.—A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 4383

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual, Newbury (10), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Curtis, 2, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, by Nov. 24th. 4365

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Derby Cathedral (St. Andrew's not available), Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Parsons, District Secretary. 4392

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4388

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Nov. 27th, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4366

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Braywood (5 bells), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 4381

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Kislingbury, Nov. 27th. Those requiring tea notify Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants, by Nov. 24th. No name no tea. 4389

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. H. R. Parkinson 11, Moor Road, Leeds 6, by Thursday, Nov. 25th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 4390

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Priory, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea early to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 4393

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ewell, Nov. 27th.—Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 and meeting 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers and committee. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Nov. 25th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4373

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Romsey, Nov. 27th, 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 23rd.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 4368

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. James', Taunton, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in schoolroom. Names early, please. Wilton bells 2.45 to 3.45.—A. H. Reed, Mimosas, George Street, Taunton. 4387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Sparling, Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, not later than Dec. 1st.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Colchester. 4364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 4th Leigh (just off Gloucester-Tewkesbury road). Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 27th.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 4372

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church Room. Names for tea to George Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking. 4377

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Social evening after ringing at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, if there is sufficient support. Please notify immediately to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4382

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridport, Dec. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea (for those notifying by Nov. 27th) and meeting.—C. H. Lathey, Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport. 4360

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Bulwell (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. E. Pickering, 52, Bancroft Street, Bulwell, Nottingham. 4367

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Aberavon, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 4370

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—An anniversary dinner and reunion will be held in Cambridge on February 5th, 1949. Ringing from 2 n.m. Dinner (12s. 6d.) at the University Arms Hotel 7.30 p.m. All members wishing to be present should notify B. D. Threlfall, Trinity College, Cambridge, before Nov. 30th. 4385

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Copies of Association photograph taken at Scarborough general meeting now available, half-plate 1s. 9d.; full plate 3s., plus 3d. postage, on application to Mr. R. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec. 4391

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