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### THE 311th

WHERE tradition is on sound lines then its maintenance is likely to be perpetuated. This is the impression gained from the 311th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. To-day the College Youths can claim only four towers of their own in stricken London; yet the appeal of the Ancient Society is such that men from all over the country and even in British Columbia are proud to belong to this venerable body of ringers. The list of over 50 members who joined this year come mostly from afar. What are the prospects of a man living at, say Ambleside or Keswick, joining in the ringing of the Society or even attending the annual reunion dinner? They are practically nil. These people share in relatively few of the privileges of membership; nevertheless they gain a sense of satisfaction in being inscribed on the membership scroll. They feel they are the modern counterpart of the Ancients of old—men of honourable estate and enthusiasts of the art of change ringing, some of whom performed prodigious feats.

To the privileged who were able to attend the 311th anniversary dinner it was a gathering steeped in the past. A consciousness prevailed of the inheritance of present day members. One of the great moments of the gathering was when those with 50 years' membership or more were honoured. Led by Mr. H. R. Newton, eleven men stood up—a testimony to the longevity of ringers. And those who were missing were present in spirit. From Crowthorne, Berks, came a letter from Canon G. A. Coleridge, whose 91st birthday took place three days before. For years he had graced the proceedings with his wit and sage advice—a veritable tower of strength and champion of the cause of the bellringer. Another whose mind tried hard to penetrate distance and picture the gathering at Pimm's Restaurant was Mr. James George, whose 95th birthday is to-morrow. From his chair at Parkstone, Dorset, he could recall those present with him who shared peal conquests in the heyday of his fame. Jimmy's letter was listened to with affection and particularly the concluding phrase: 'Considering my age and infirmity, I thank Almighty God for feeling so well.' Those words might well be echoed by every College Youth who holds dear the venerable past—a thankfulness in Almighty God for the continuance of the Society in strength and vigour.

Among the guests of the evening was Mr. Walter Ayre, the Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, another of our venerable ringing institutions with members in all parts of the country. This Society has this year a provincial master—a step which the College Youths had taken some years back. National societies, as both these institutions are to-day, cannot function truly without the selection of office-bearers on a wider residential qualification than the Metropolis. The presence of Mr. Ayre and his speech were grand contributions towards cementing friendship between these two societies. Kindred societies—more than that, kinsmen—while not sacrificing one jot or one tittle the individual pride in their respective societies, honour, welcome and respect members of the other. There is room in the Exercise for both these two big organisations and long may they flourish! This is an era when individual loyalty in all walks of life needs constantly to be brought to the fore. Members of the College Youths gave emphatic 'hear, hears' to Mr. Ayre's observations when he denounced those who went from one Society to the other. A loyalty to the Alma Mater in ringing should remain constant for life.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	ALBERT M. TYLER ... 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 8
MARY P. HILLIAR ... 3	*CHARLES GREEDY ... 9
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 10
JOHN M. STALLARD ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 11
*JACK R. WORRALL ... 6	LEONARD DERRICK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

\* First peal of Cinques. The first peal on the 12 bells. The first 12-bell peal for the Association and in Wales.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

Mrs. R. F. DEAL ... Treble	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 8
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 10
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOS. H. FRANCIS.

By ringing the second in the above peal Herbert E. Audsley has now circled the tower.

## TEN BELL PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY ... Treble	WILFRED KERR ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 7
G. HERBERT EDGE ... 3	J. WILLIAM EDGE ... 8
THOMAS W. LAMB ... 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 9
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5	*W. FRANK STENSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by R. D. LANGFORD.

\* First peal. A birthday peal for the ringers of the 8th and tenor, who were both 60 years of age.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDR ... 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 7
JEFFREY B. WEBB ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 5	ALAN ELSMORE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. S. EASTWOOD.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 6
Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	†BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 7
HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 8
*REV. R. F. ROUTH ... 4	FRED PRICE ... 9
FREDERICK PRECEY ... 5	HARRY GILLARD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Caters. † 25th peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK GRUNDY ... 6
*MISS VERA DRAPER ... 2	*ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 7
†MISS M. RIDYARD ... 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 8
‡MISS BARBARA SMEDLEY ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
*MISS MURIEL REAY ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (229). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

‡ First peal. Tenor 25 cwt.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

DAVID BEVERIDGE ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	*T. MARK WHITE ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

PERCY SWINDLEY ... Treble	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
JOHN HAYES ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
JOHN W. BEST ... 3	HARRY PYE ... 7
JAMES S. WEBB ... 4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal of London. A farewell to Canon A. W. Sarson, 23 years' Rector of this parish. Tenor 20 cwt.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 5
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
ALBERT DISERENS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method by the band, for the Guild and in the county. Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	*PETER IAFLIN ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in method.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON, E.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*MISS K. M. H. BRANSON Treble	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*ALBERT F. UDALL ... 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 4	JOHN H. LOTT ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal.



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GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. MARY AND MARTHA,

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

DAVID SMITH ... .. Treble	*CECIL HOLDEN ... .. 5
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON ... 2	HARRY PARKER ... .. 6
MRS. CECIL HOLDEN ... .. 3	CECIL RADDON ... .. 7
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.  
\* First peal of Major 'inside.' Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

MILTON C. FOWLER ... Treble	JOHN L. J. GILBERT ... .. 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSE.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

HARRY NEWMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE CASE ... .. 5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM SIDWELL ... .. 6
LESLIE BARRY ... .. 3	*GEORGE KILMINSTER ... 7
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 4	*CHARLES LARNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday peal to Mr. S. Romans on his 80th birthday.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

PETER J. EVES ... .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
WILLIAM BUTLER ... .. 2	CHARLES BURTON ... .. 6
HENRY PRATT ... .. 3	SYDNEY C. EASTER ... .. 7
RICHARD PORTWAY ... .. 4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.  
A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Butler, who has also completed 50 years' service at Witham. Tenor 18 cwt.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Oswald,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM DIXON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
GORDON BENFIELD ... .. 2	FRED HODGSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SENTOR ... .. 3	ALFRED SMITH ... .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

HARRY G. WAYNE ... Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

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

Day's Six-part.	Tenor 19 cwt.
JOSEPH THORNLEY ... Treble	ROY COLLIER ... .. 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... .. 2	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. 6
*RAYMOND SCOTT ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7
JOSEPH BOYER ... .. 4	HENRY PRESCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.  
\* First peal. To celebrate the centenary of the church and 60 years' ringing at this church by John Potter and John Denner.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE Treble	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 6
JOHN R. CRAMPION ... .. 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.  
First peal of Surprise on the bells. In memoriam of Mr. Thomas Langdon, who was buried this day. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

WILLIAM GORRINGE ... Treble	LESLIE JARVIS ... .. 5
*MISS HELEN GORRINGE	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
ARTHUR LEWRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBT. T. LAMBERT.  
\* First peal in the method. In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edwards, Robertsbridge. Tenor 16½ cwt

SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.	
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Treble	HAROLD HAYNES ... .. 4
*GLADWIN LE MARQUAND	*JOHN E. SKERRITT ... .. 5
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 3	PATRICK L. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.  
\* First peal of Minor.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.	
ROBERT B. SMITH ... Treble	HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 4
*MISS M. R. GRAVES ... .. 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
†WILLIAM GRAVES ... .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.  
\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	CECIL RADDON ... .. 4
†JOHN BAILEY ... .. 2	*GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 3	*DENIS MADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.  
\* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. John H. Davenport, towerkeeper for 38 years.

STOWTING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.	
*JOHN COVENY ... .. Treble	SYDNEY FINN ... .. 4
LEONARD FINN ... .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
GEORGE K. FINN ... .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 5, 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 8 cwt. (approx.).	
*DENNIS LOOKER ... Treble	†JOHN E. MANNERS ... .. 4
†VICTOR GRIFFIN ... .. 2	PETER ANGER ... .. 5
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. H. F. Shepherd) on retirement.  
(More peals on page 513.)

**BACUP, LANCs.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Williams 1, F. Kendall 2, G. Brown 3, H. Parkinson 4, A. Jackson 5, C. Clegg 6, A. Mills 7, L. J. Williams (cond.) 8.

**BETCHWORTH, SURREY.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,232 Grandsire Triples: A. Stovell 1, W. B. Judd 2, C. J. Champion 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, T. Arrow 6, F. J. Sanders 7, J. A. Pidgeon 8. First of Triples by 1, 3, 5 and 8.

**BLACKMOOR, HANTS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allen 1, F. Windebank (first 'inside') 2, C. Pay 3, G. Norris 4, E. W. Read (cond.) 5, K. Windebank (first quarter) 6.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Grace 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Corderoy 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

**CANTERBURY.**—At St. Stephen's on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Philpott 1, C. E. Buesden 2, S. Walter 3, B. J. Luck (cond.) 4, J. Walter 5, S. White 6, T. H. Holmes 7, J. Stockbridge 8. Rung on the 24th anniversary of S. White's wedding.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John-the-Baptist's on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Pellow (first quarter) 1, T. Yeomans 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, L. W. Prosser 5, A. W. Heath 6, A. Parnell (cond.) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—At the Annunciation on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Baker 1, J. H. Arlet 2, J. L. Morris (first of Doubles as conductor, age 12) 3, R. S. Goodchild 4, F. G. W. Knight 5, E. Winfield 6.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On Nov. 7th, 780 Grandsire Doubles and 480 Bob Doubles: R. H. Mills 1, R. E. Woods 2, P. L. Eldridge 3, R. C. Turner 4, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 5, H. Whichcord (first quarter) 6. First quarter in two methods by the hand and on the bells.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GROBY, LEICS.**—On November 7th, 1,080 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob. W. E. Geary 1, E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, Derek Dodson 4, P. Geary 5, Denis Dodson (cond.) 6. For the 31st wedding anniversary of the 2nd.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie 3, H. D. Butler 4, R. E. W. Wenban 5, A. C. Wenban (first quarter) 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. G. Hart 8.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Lish 1, E. Morey 2, G. Paine 3, F. Parsons 4, E. Packham 5, G. Packham 6, B. White (cond.) 7, F. Crutten 8. First of Grandsire Triples 'inside' for 5 and 6.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Bob Minor): Miss W. M. Elliott (first quarter) 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod (first 'inside') 3, A. Mason 4, C. Burton 5, J. Elliott (cond.) 6. First quarter 'inside' for 3rd ringer.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On Nov. 6th at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, E. Stitch 2, D. Clarke 3, L. Bainham 4, G. Lewis 5, Rev. I. J. Richards 6, T. Roderick (cond.) 7, F. J. Whitfield 8.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 7th, quarter peal Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Turner (first quarter, aged 14) 1, B. Sadler 2, P. Sadler 3, J. Belsham 4, W. Perry 5, R. Brown 6, D. Coombes 7, F. Souter 8, F. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. Chambers 10.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Nov. 7th at St. Marv. Portsea, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (640 London, 320 Bristol, 160 Cambridge, 160 Superlative): J. D. Harris 1, Mrs. E. F. Salmons 2, Miss H. Dale 3, E. F. Salmons 4, T. R. Taylor 5, F. W. Burnett 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. Thirty-six changes of method.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Cattell 1, F. Cattell 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, T. Clark 4, F. Bullock 5, R. E. Wenban 6, W. J. Nudds 7, W. Wenban (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob by 2 and 5.

**STOWTING, KENT.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Coveney (first quarter) 1, L. Finn 2, G. K. Finn 3, W. Cheeseman (first quarter) 4, S. Finn 5, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Rung on the 84th birthday of W. Cheeseman.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Lightfoot 1, A. D. Steel 2, Margaret Rigby 3, C. H. Page 4, F. E. Wilshaw 5, A. Peake 6, W. P. Deane 7, N. A. Holland (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 4.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: Miss K. Burchall 1, N. Moxon 2, Mrs. N. Moxon 3, F. Symonds (first quarter) 4, L. Rollinson 5, Miss G. Buchnall (cond.) 6, E. Midwinter 7, R. Sleep 8.

**TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles (April Day and Grandsire): B. Flower 1, Miss A. Tibbott 2, Miss H. Prescott 3, G. M. Hasell 4, G. Comer 5, W. J. Prescott (cond.) 6. For 100th birthday of Mrs. Bartlett.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Packham (first quarter) 1, Stella M. Wickens (cond.) 2, G. A. Packham 3, C. H. Wickens 4, F. F. Godsmark 5. First of Doubles in 3 methods by all the band.

**WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.**—On Nov. 7th, for a Masonic Service, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Bro. Everest Ford (Bolton) 1, Bro. Arthur Tomlinson (Blackburn) 2, Bro. Tom Wilson (Blackburn) 3, Bro. John Booth (Standish) 4, Bro. James W. Grounds (Standish) 5, Bro. Edward Iddon (Bolton) 6, Bro. Peter Crook (cond., Bolton) 7, Bro. Peter Crook, jun. (Bolton) 8.

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## ROYAL PRINCE ISSUE

Our next issue will be devoted exclusively to ringing in connection with the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Four extra pages will be provided.

Applications, with remittances, for extra copies of this issue should reach "The Ringing World" Office by Monday, November 29th.

At last Walkden, Lancs, has honoured its two veterans, John Potter and John Denner, who have rung together here for 60 years, in the fashion recognised by ringers. There has been no peal ringing on these bells since before the war. In view of other towers paying compliments to these worthies, the Vicar decided to face the complaints and permit the peal and also promised a peal tablet to record the long association.

Messrs. Arthur Mawdsley, Arthur Tomlinson and Joseph Ridyard have rung peals of Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The peal at Salehurst, Sussex, on November 13th, was the 50th in Plain Bob Major for Mr. F. J. Lambert.

Mr. H. R. Stevens and Mr. J. B. Hessey have rung at Chertsey together for 50 years. The peal of Grandsire Triples there on November 13th recorded this association.

Congratulations to Mr. Frank Stenson, who rang his first peal at Crewe at the age of 60. All the band who rang the peal of Grandsire Caters were Sunday service ringers at the church.

The following tower 'circles' are reported this week: Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, Southwark Cathedral; Mr. Ivan Kay (twice), Moorside, Oldham; Mr. H. William Barrett, Warnham, Sussex; Mr. S. Gilbert, Holywell, Hunts.

The composition of 5,120 Plain Bob Major by Mr. E. J. Lindley, which we publish this week, is suitable for handbell ringing, as the 5th-6th course each other repeatedly, thus making the ringing of this pair very easy.

Heydour, Lincs, has frequently appeared in our columns. This week we record the first peal of four of the local band. Mr. Noel Longland has been ringing there for 39 years and he informed the conductor that this was the first opportunity he had had to ring in a peal attempt.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

In recognition of his 40 years as hon. lay secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a Testimonial Fund is being raised to Mr. Herbert Knight. Contributions from bands and individuals should be sent to the Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley, before the end of December.

The R. T. Hibbert Memorial Fund has passed the £50 mark.

What is claimed to be the first peal of Major on Aldbourne bells was rung on November 13th. The tenor here is the oldest dated bell in Wiltshire (1516). It is no easy task to ring a peal on these bells as there is nearly 80ft. of rope.

Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from 1934-1938, Mr. Sidney Romans had a peal rung in honour of his 80th birthday on November 13th. After the peal he entertained the ringers with friends from Cheltenham.

Mr. George Williams reminds us that Nov. 22nd was the 56th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise, 5,088, by the Sussex Association, rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, and conducted by Mr. George F. Attree. He believes he is the sole survivor!

Fifty years ago the first peal of Stedman in the county of Durham was rung at Bishops-wearmouth. This was commemorated by a peal in the same method and on the same bells. Mrs. G. H. Pickering, J. Anderson and W. J. Davidson were members of the band which rang a similar peal of commemoration on the occasion of the 40th anniversary on November 12th, 1938. The immediate past Master of the Durham and Newcastle Association is the only survivor of the original peal of 50 years ago, and he also rang in the 1938 peal.

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# 311<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths

ASSOCIATIONS WITH ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK ..... FIFTY-NINE NEW MEMBERS TO MAINTAIN THE HONOURABLE TRADITION ..... GREETINGS FROM VETERANS: CANON COLERIDGE AND MR. JAMES GEORGE ..... CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' MASTER AND TURNCOATS

**M**EMBERS of the Ancient Society of College Youths who attended the 311th anniversary dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., on November 15th, felt that there was a fulfilment of the honorable tradition maintained without a break for three centuries. Mr. G. W. Cecil was a genial Master, the speeches were in accord with the dignity of the Society and the arrangements for the function were in the capable hands of Mr. A. B. Peck, the secretary, who acknowledged the assistance he had received from Mr. J. G. A. Prior.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Church,' proposed by the Master, who extended a special welcome to the Provost of Southwark. As far as he could tell it was about 260 years since the Ancient Society first rang and carried out the Exercise at St. Saviour's, Southwark. Some notable performances took place there. One of the first recorded was in 1684 (incidentally, in that year Sir Henry Tulse was Master of the Ancient Society and Lord Mayor of London) when the Society rang three 720's of Minor on the back six. That was one of the longest performances at that time and quite an achievement. There had been many notable performances at Southwark.

## SOME LONG PEALS.

In 1735 there was the long peal of Grandsire Cinques of 8,008 changes; in 1784, 7,008 Treble Bob Maximus. In more recent times they all knew of the long peal of Stedman Cinques of 12,675 changes, which at a later date was found to be false, but he felt that that did not detract from a remarkable performance. They were still ringing at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and the Senior Steward was trying to train a band for service ringing there.

The Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, in his reply, spoke of the Church's appreciation of the service rendered by ringers. In his varsity days he resisted attempts to make him a ringer, but he enjoyed the music of bells. From Oxford he went to Lincoln—his father named him after Hugh of Lincoln—and lived opposite the south-west tower of Lincoln Cathedral.

Then came a period at Portsmouth, where he resisted attempts to inveigle him into ringing, and back again to Lincoln for another three years. After that he had two parishes in Durham in his charge and both had rings of eight. At West Hartlepool four of the ringers were engaged on rolled steel, and at Houghton-le-Spring some of his ringers were employed in coal. Wherever he had been his association with ringers had been of the happiest.

## A NOVEL SNUFF BOX.

Mr. Alex Young then handed to the Master an antique snuff box bound in a metal called pitchbeck. Christopher Pitchbeck was Master of the Society in 1752 and he invented this metal, which was 12 per cent. zinc and the rest copper and had the resemblance of gold. The snuff box was passed round for inspection: it was filled with John Hardham's No. 37. Hardham was Master in 1747.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. The Society, he reminded the assembly, had gone on for 311 years maintaining a high tradition in ringing. They had always selected as their Masters men of high integrity. Their present Master, Mr. Cecil, had conducted the affairs of the Society with dignity, charm and tact. They were very fortunate in their officers. Mr. H. R. Newton, their trustee, took part in that long length at Southwark. He heard eight hours of it and

young Bob Newton rang the eleventh, and when he came down he looked the freshest man of the lot. Mr. Newton had one or two other achievements; he turned in to Surprise Major all the heavy tenors in London, and it would be very interesting to see what he had to say to the correspondence now going on in 'The Ringing World.' Their other trustee, Harry Miles, was famed as a peal composer. Unfortunately, he slipped up in the long Stedman Cinques.

The Society's treasurer was Mr. A. A. Hughes, to whom they were indebted for many kindnesses. During the war when they were without a home he not only housed them but fed them. In Mr. J. A. Waugh, their Master-elect, they had a very good man, and he was doing very good work in training recruits at Southwark. The Junior Steward, Mr. Fox, was carrying on similar good work at Stepney. Of their two auditors, Mr. W. H. Passmore was a member of the Rochester Row handbell band that made ringing history, and Mr. J. E. Chiccott was a promising young man. He coupled with the toast the name of their secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, who had tried, and not unsuccessfully, to carry on the tradition handed on by Mr. W. T. Cockerill. He thought they would agree that he had not done a bad job.

In his reply, Mr. Peck recalled the conspicuous service of Mr. Cockerill, who was secretary for 47 years. The Society flourished under his secretaryship, and he (Mr. Peck) hoped that when he laid down the pen it would be in as flourishing a condition. Facilities for ringing in London were limited; they now had only four towers which were rung for Sunday service. During the year they held 13 meetings, 50 practices and rang 16 peals.

## INTERESTING LETTERS.

Apologies were received from Canon Coleridge, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mr. James George. Canon Coleridge wrote: 'When the first notice of the C.Y. dinner appeared in "The Ringing World" I was undergoing a course of red rays of galvanism with massage of my left knee, which I first damaged 14 years ago and which had arthritis had recently put out of action. I am much better now—no pain. I can once more get about with a couple of stout sticks, but reading in a later edition that all tickets had been sold out, I took that as a further intimation that I ought not to come up to Town, possibly have a fall and put many to trouble in taking me to some hospital or other. . . . As I shall not be there will you kindly convey my best wishes to all who may care to have them, reserving a few for yourself for your work on behalf of the ever young but Ancient Society?'

Mr. George in his letter wrote that he was elected a member of the Society on October 12th, 1889. On November 27th, all being well, he would reach the age of 95 years. He added, 'I am probably the oldest surviving member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. I hope you and all will have a very happy and successful day.'

## NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members had been elected in 1948: L. Pearson (Portsmouth), R. Kenrick (Southport), A. Hilliar (Bristol), P. Watts (Harrow), G. R. Allsop (Fulham), J. W. Stephenson (Fulham), P. Bettridge (Southall), F. Heyes (Blackburn), G. Davis (Hereford), A. Appleton (Godalming), A. Green (Wickham), A. Lancaster (Southampton), C. Willminton (Leytonstone), C. Rouse (Cheltenham), R. Clouston (Ere), F. Mead (Camberwell), G. S.

Morris (Lyme Regis), R. Davis (Croydon), D. Fraser (Basingstoke), A. Smith (Basingstoke), E. T. Lee (Godalming), M. Chilcott (Lamp-ton), J. Munday (Radstock), H. Smith (Shepton Mallet), E. Brunton (Accrington), D. E. Parsons (Carshalton), J. A. Green (Wicken), T. Roderick (Porthcawl), E. Stitch (Port Talbot), L. Barry (Gloucester), T. Newburv (Beckford), H. Shadrack (Chelmsford), H. E. Lilley (Haywards Heath), G. Apps (Cuckfield), D. Bellamy (Wellington, Somerset), R. Winter (Taunton), L. Trevor (Nuneaton), E. Lloyd (Birmingham), D. W. Beard (East Ham), T. B. Newton (Ambleside), A. Capstick (Ambleside), C. W. Blakey (Accrington), T. Hogarth (Keswick), V. Savage (Midsomer Norton), F. S. Paulton (Bristol), A. G. Clare (Farrington Gurney), E. C. Wickham (Cheddar), J. A. Tomlinson (Blackburn), R. J. Thain (Stroud, Glos.), W. E. Court (Chiselton, Wilts), P. Anzer (Shrivenham, Wilts), F. E. Mitchell (West Croydon), E. W. B. Razzell (South Croydon), R. Price (Feltham), J. A. Alsop (Fulham) and G. W. Cook (Brasted, Kent).

## OLD MEMBERS.

They had present with them Mr. H. R. Newton, who had been a member for 62 years. Other old members present were Richard Stannard 58 years, E. Alex. Young 56, W. T. Elson 56, L. J. Menday 54, A. D. Cullum 53, W. H. Passmore 53, A. Walker 52, Roland Fenn 52, David Wright 52 and C. Dean 50 years.

The company stood while the following members who had died during the year were remembered: Rev. J. F. Hastings, elected 1881; Frederick Rigby, 1925; C. G. Ellis, 1904; James Chapman, 1884; Frank Bugler, 1925; William H. Lawrence, 1898; Oswald Simm, 1906; Rev. M. C. Potter, 1882; Thomas Groombridge, jun., 1912; Frederick Mitchell, 1920; George F. Swann, 1921; William H. Corbett, 1905; Ernest Bish, 1923; John Symons, 1886; William P. Garrett, 1887; Maurice Smither, 1903; George P. Burton, 1894; Thomas Langdon, 1890; Harry Chapman.

## ELECTRICAL RINGING.

Mr. J. A. Waugh, in proposing 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' welcomed in particular the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. One hundred or 200 years ago he could not imagine that they would be welcome. Now they were greeted as brother ringers and members of one big family.

The speaker uttered a warning against the introduction of mechanical devices in ringing. Near where he lived there was a church with a fine stone tower capped with a steeple. Recently a leading firm of bell-founders installed a splendid ring of eight bells, but those bells were not to be rung by human hands, but by an electrical chiming apparatus. In an argument in favour of the device the Vicar stated that there would now be no need for ringers' practices. The introduction of mechanical devices could be carried further than bells—there need not be an organist, choir or parson.

Mr. Walter Ayre, the Master of the Cumberlands, said it was only after he had joined the Cumberlands that he found out that he could not be a College Youth, unless he resigned. He had a very poor opinion of anyone who changed from one society to another (hear, hear). On behalf of his Society he gave a cordial welcome to College Youths to their meetings. The word 'kindred' meant that they were 'kinsmen' of the same craft and working for the same aims. Because of that they should not be in fear or trepidation on entering one another's towers.

Also coupled with the toast was Mr. Albert Walker, who brought the greetings of the St.

### 311th Anniversary (cont.)

Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. The Ancient Society, he said, was so strong in Birmingham that they could raise a band for a peal of Cinques. They did admire the Ancient Society going back for 311 years. His own Society was now nearing its bi-centenary, which they would reach in about seven years' time.

#### THE ROYAL BABY.

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' Their visitors, in addition to the Provost of Southwark, included Canon Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, who was responsible for the eight bells which have received such a marvellous press during the last few days. Somebody suggested to him in connection with the Royal birth that if it was a boy it should be a 'Bob' method, and if a girl he assumed that a 'Delight' would be suitable.

Coupled with the toast was Mr. H. V. Ireson, Dean's verger at St. Paul's, and Mr. Lewis said the Society was very grateful to the Cathedral authorities for allowing them to store their silver in the crypt of St. Paul's. Mr. Ireson regarded their Society as the finest aid to good health, judging by the longevity of members. During the past week no fewer than five newspapers had enquired whether Big Tom at St. Paul's was to be tolled for the Royal birth. Big Tom was only tolled for the death of the Sovereign, the Lord Mayor or the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mr. Harold Pitstow gave the toast of 'The Ringing World' and said that the interest the national Press was taking in ringing during the past week should be helpful to the Exercise. He had tried to make them understand that bellringers were not a lot of 'nuts.'

Mr. T. W. White, in his reply, called attention to 'College Youths,' the work of Mr. J. A. Trollope, which made fascinating reading, and should be in the possession of every College Youth.

The last toast was one of remembrance of Masters of the Society 100, 200 and 300 years ago. These were honoured on the call of Mr. E. Alex. Young. They were: 100 years George Morley, 200 years Eli Hillier and 300 years Robert Milford.

#### THE COMPANY.

Supporting the Master on the top table were the hon. secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck), the Provost of Southwark, Canon Perkins, Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, E. A. Young, G. J. Strickland, E. H. Lewis, W. Hibbert, O. York Bramble, W. Ayre, H. Miles, H. N. Pitstow, E. P. Duffield, A. R. Macdonald, L. G. Pengelly, F. Sharpe, C. W. Roberts and H. V. Ireson.

Others present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes, J. A. Waugh, E. G. Fenn, J. F. Smallwood, C. Dean, A. and J. A. Tomlinson, E. J. Gower, E. J. Chivers, G. Clare, R. G. Beck, W. Osborn, H. Bishop, J. Thomas, W. Hughes, C. W. Blakey, H. Anderton, V. J. Wood, W. Simmonds, Court, Berry, W. C. Cook, J. Hawkins, R. Wilson, D. Hughes, P. E. Clark, I. P. Davis, L. W. Prosser, C. M. Meyer, B. P. Morris, R. Burton, C. J. Hibbert, W. Rampton, E. J. Taylor, A. Appleton, W. Seabrook, A. Butler, H. Hodgetts, A. E. Sweetzer, E. J. Menday, A. D. Cullum, W. H. Pasmore, W. Rumley, H. R. Newton, R. Overy, E. Exeter, A. Laker, E. Rapley, C. Longhurst, J. G. A. Prior, C. Wardell, S. Holgate, jun., S. Holgate, R. Stannard, J. E. L. Cockey, H. Goulter, J. Newbery, P. Baker, W. Williams, B. Thompson, T. Fox, D. W. Beard, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn, J. O. Weller, G. W. Cook, E. S. Richards, H. Jordan, W. T. Elson, R. T. Newman, V. J. Benning, K. S. T. Croft, P. W. Freeman, J. Freeman, A. Walker, J. S. Mason, F. W. Budge, P. Murphy, J. Stevenson, J. Chilcott, H. Belcher, R. F. Deal, J. Phillips, G. Large, A. W. Heath, J. W. Jones, E. P. Austin, J. Gipson, E. Armstrong, G. Humphries, W. Melville, C. Kippin, D. Cooper, H. T. Myers, C. Parks, D. Wright, C. W. Munday, P. Smith, J. Ward, R. Lathbury, W. Outway, R. Davies, S. D. Shaughnessy, T. G. Myers, G. E. Fearn and F. E. Collins.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Hale Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—Re Hale Surprise Major, in my letter of the 19th inst. I find I made a mistake about the bob place of the above. I see now that it is a fourths place bob, which makes it wholly Belvedere Surprise and nothing else.—Yours faithfully,  
W. A. OLDFIELD.  
Ashford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I find the Hale Surprise Major in this week's 'Ringing World' is No. 25 in Mr. Corrigan's Collection (Part C) and is called 'Belvedere.' I have a note that the method is by Mr. A. G. Driver and was first rung at Staines on February 14th, 1935. No doubt you will have other letters to the same effect.—Yours faithfully,  
S. H. HOARE.  
Watford.

Dear Sir,—The method rung at Framsdon on October 30th as Hale Surprise is not a new method, having been rung previously as Belvedere. The first peal in the method was rung at St. Mary's, Staines, for the Middlesex Association on February 14th, 1935, conducted by Alan R. Pink. A further peal was rung at St. John the Baptist's, Erith, on March 14th, 1947, conducted by Frederick J. Cullum. The same composition, an arrangement of the late A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, was rung on both occasions.—Yours faithfully,  
P. A. CORBY.

[NOTE.—We are grateful to other correspondents who have pointed out this error.—EDITOR.]

### WISTASTON PEAL

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Minor at Wistaston, Cheshire, in 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 12th is not quite correct, i.e., 'First peal in six methods by all the band.' I have rung several in six methods. Incidentally, I've rung peals in all numbers of methods from 1 to 11 with the exception of 9. I never had any luck with that!—Yours sincerely,  
E. V. RODENHURST.

Prees Green, Whitchurch.

### COVERING BELLS IN PEALS

Dear Sir,—I have just received my two 'Ringing Worlds,' dated October 29th and November 5th. In these two are cases of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles at Gorseinon, Swansea, and at Coleshill, Warwickshire, with covering bells. Why are they accepted for publication and not peals rung under the same condition?

I have in mind one rung at Romford, Essex, on Saturday, July 17th. Could not this question be thrashed out by the Central Council once and for all? This peal would not have been rung with 4.6.8 behind except that it was a very special occasion and as many of the local band wished to participate.—Yours sincerely,  
LEONARD W. BULLOCK.  
British Troops, Berlin.

[NOTE.—Conditions governing peals are decided by the Central Council and published in 'Decisions of the Council.' It is open to any member of the Council to challenge the report of the Peals Analysis Committee. Peals are recorded; quarter-peals, while published as space permits, are not recorded by the Council. They are purely a matter of personal satisfaction.—EDITOR.]

### EIGHT BELL RECORDINGS

Dear Sir,—Can you let me have the numbers of any gramophone records that have been made of eight-bell towers? All I can find is the H.M.V. of Stedman and Grandsire Caters made by St. Margaret's, Westminster.—Yours faithfully,  
ERNEST PAULSON.  
Darley Dale, Matlock.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints', Nov. 6th, muffled ringing, 240 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, D. Sanderson 3, S. Gilbert 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, S. Clements 6.

### Worthy Tenor Men Recalled

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in the letters re speed and weight of tenor bells in peal ringing. It brings to my mind many recollections of some of the leading ringers of the past.

To see the late George Breed ring the old tenor at York Minster to Kent Treble Bob was a great treat, as it was to see the late Ernest Pye ringing the eleventh bell to Stedman Cinques on the same evening. The late Mr. W. Pye was not a big man in stature, but he was certainly very muscular and skilful.

At St. Paul's Cathedral about 1920 there was a fine band. I also remember Reuben Sanders ringing the eleventh bell at Exeter to Cambridge Maximus. A fine heavy bell ringer and a most graceful handler was our own George Smith, of Norwich.

I was pleased to read the letter by Mr. Patrick Cannon, as I think it sums up the matter very well. I was at York some years ago when a band of ringers rang on the present bells about two courses of Stedman Cinques. They then estimated it would take much more than four hours to ring a peal on them.—Yours faithfully,  
W. L. DUFFIELD.

Long Stratton, Norwich.

### A WORD FOR THE LIGHT END MEN

Dear Sir,—In reply to the correspondence on speed of peals and tenor ringing, I agree with Mr. Cannon that slow ringing on tenors of 26 cwt. or more requires less physical effort and more accurate placing than when they are rung fast. This proves the ringer is ringing the bell and the bell is not ringing him as Mr. Hibbert suggests. There is no doubt it would do if the ringer tried to push it along faster than he was physically capable of doing.

Being one of the party who took part in the Somerset tour and rang on the light end, it did not appear to me that the tenors were being 'dawdled' along or that the ringing became irregular, as Mr. Haynes thinks it might have been. I did not feel that we had the light bells on our waists unduly long.

Not being a tenor ringer myself, only one of the light end men, I like to think that we light-enders have as much control over the speed of the ringing as the back-enders. To do this the light end men must strike clearly behind and on the lead, without clipping, particularly over 7-8. I am sure this tends to slow down the ringing and makes for better striking with a more even beat but slower peals.

In conclusion, let me ask why all this controversy over slow or fast peals, if the striking is good, when it's only a matter of minutes either way, e.g., if a peal of 4.040 changes is rung in 3 hours 20 minutes with a tenor of 26 cwt., each change has only to take a quarter second longer to make the time 3 hours 41 minutes. This, Mr. Haynes thinks, makes a moderately fast peal into an easy paced dawdle.—Yours faithfully,  
JOHN E. BIBBY.

Frodsham, Cheshire.

### CHECKENDON REFUTE FIRST CLAIM

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of November 12th in the six-bell peals there was a peal of Minor rung at Checkendon, Oxon, on October 23rd, 1948, conducted by Tony Price. He states that this was the first peal on the bells. I don't know where he got this information. I have been ringing at this tower 35 years and there have been several peals rung, the last being on the occasion of the opening of the new ringing chamber and vestry. This peal was conducted by our late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. If Mr. Price will write to me I will furnish him with the names of the other ringers.  
A. J. PEARSON.

Whitehall, Checkendon, Oxon.



WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: York Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.  
JOHN A. WEBSTER ... Treble | JAMES H. COOKE ... 4  
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2 | ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 5  
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 3 | WILLIAM DEAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.

The 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,440 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 2,160 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.  
JOHN VINCENT ... Treble | ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 4  
WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 2 | IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 5  
BRIAN BLADON ... 3 | \*GEOFFREY DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.

\* First peal. A farewell peal to Ivor H. Trueman and to mark the occasion of the golden wedding of the conductor's parents.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 240's each by L. W. G. Morris and A. J. Pitman and ten ordinary 120's. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
\*BRIAN WARWICK ... Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... 4  
\*DEREK OLIVER ... 2 | †TERRY THORNBUR ... 5  
†MRS. F. E. WILSON ... 3 | \*JOHN MYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles 'inside.'

CALVERHALL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb.  
HERBERT MOORE ... Treble | FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 4  
FREDERICK LEECH ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5  
WALTER LYCETT ... 3 | JOSEPH CAPPER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven extents, 75 bobs. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.  
EDMUND J. WHITING ... Treble | DEREK SANDERSON ... 4  
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5  
\*R. FRANK BAKER ... 3 | STANLEY GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First in method. First in method on bells.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720s.

FREDERICK MANSER ... Treble | WILLIAM MANSER ... 4  
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2 | LEWIS NEWMAN ... 5  
\*ALBERT KELVIE ... 3 | LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

\* First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.  
\*ARTHUR DAY ... Treble | \*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 4  
\*CHARLES F. SAVER ... 2 | \*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 5  
ALFRED J. HATTEN ... 3 | BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

\* Have now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. First peal of Doubles by all the band except ringer of tenor. First peal on six bells as conductor.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.  
\*ARNOLD G. BOWN ... Treble | PERCY COX ... 4  
JOHN T. LOCKE ... 2 | HERBERT WESTLAKE ... 5  
†ARTHUR J. CALLOW ... 3 | JACK W. DREW ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' In memoriam of members of the Association who gave their lives in the last war.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.  
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble | †JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 4  
\*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 2 | ALAN CATELL ... 5  
†W. HARRY DUNCOMB ... 3 | JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.'

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.  
\*NOEL J. LONGLAND ... Treble | \*ROYCE LONGLAND ... 4  
\*ROY W. FRANKLIN ... 2 | JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5  
\*HUGH LONGLAND ... 3 | HENRY COLLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT APARTAMENTOS CAJIGAL, AVENIDA CAJIGAL, SAN BERNARDINO,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's of Stedman, 12 of Grandsire, 10 of Reverse Canterbury and 12 of Plain Bob.  
BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 1-2 | ROLAND PARK ... 3-4  
IRENE PARK ... 5-6  
Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

WITHINGTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1948, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

AT 85, HILL STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 13 in E.  
RONALD D. AIREY ... 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4  
\*MISS MARY WALSHAW ... 5-6  
Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\* First peal on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours,

AT APARTAMENTOS CAJIGAL, AVENIDA CAJIGAL, SAN BERNARDINO,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's Stedman, four Reverse Canterbury, 12 Grandsire and 18 Plain Bob.  
BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 1-2 | ROLAND PARK ... 3-4  
IRENE PARK ... 5-6  
Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.  
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

## DEDICATIONS

## ST. THOMAS', SALISBURY.

The bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury, were rededicated on November 6th by the Bishop of Sherborne in the presence of the Mayor and civic representatives, and also between 150 and 200 ringers from Wiltshire, Dorset, Hants, Somerset and Devon.

By agreement with the authorities, the bells themselves were not tuned or altered in any way and the canons were retained intact. The contract was placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who have rehung the ring with modern fittings, including specially designed headstocks and ball bearings, in an exceptionally heavy iron and steel framework. The tower is unusually limited in area for the size of the ring, but this difficulty was successfully overcome by careful designing.

The total weight of the octave is 103 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb., the weights and inscriptions of the bells being as follows:—

Treble.—Note D. M. Bailey and T. Ogden, Churchwardens. R. Wells, of Aldbourne. Feclt. 1771. 7 cwt. 20 lb.

No. 2.—C sharp. R. Wells. Feclt. 1771. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

No. 3.—B. T. O., M. B., C. W. R. Wells. Feclt. 8 cwt. 5 lb.

No. 4.—A. Ts. Ogden and Ms. Baily, Churchwardens. 1771. R. Wells, of Aldbourne. Feclt. 9 cwt. 24 lb.

No. 5.—G. A gift of John Windham, Esqr. 1683. Recast 1771 by R. Wells, Aldbourne. 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

No. 6.—F sharp. Ts. Ogden and Ms. Baily, Churchwardens. Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. Feclt. 1771. 13 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

No. 7.—E. Ts. Ogden and M. Bailey. C. Wardens. R. Wells, of Aldbourne. Feclt. 1771. 19 cwt. 4 lb.

Tenor.—D. Wm. Naish, Esqr., Mayor, Nathl. Stridg, Tho. Hales, Church Wardens, A (Bell) R. 1716. 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

In his address the Bishop of Sherborne said: 'Some few will listen with a critical ear . . . and so many will listen, most of us, with enjoyment of the music of the bells and that special sound and harmony in our English land of the church bells, that charm which is missed, they tell us, over and over again by our fellow-countryman in the far parts of the world who rejoices to come home and hear them once again.

'And some will listen with reverence and godly fear to the real message of the bells, significant and full of its own special message that Englishmen have put their bells in the towers of their churches and that from these towers has rung out through the centuries God's word and message to His children.'

The civic and church dignitaries were afterwards entertained to tea by Ald. and Mrs. J. S. Rambridge. Among the ringers present were the Rev. Carew Cox, the Rev. P. Ll. Edwards, Mr. B. Jewell (captain of the church bellringers), Messrs. H. Roles, J. E. Figures and G. Norton. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were represented by Messrs. Michael Howard, F. C. W. Stevenson and B. Newton, and were congratulated on the restoration.

**5.120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
ARRANGED BY E. J. LINDLEY.

23456	W	B	M	R
32645	S	2	—	—
45263	—	2	—	—
24356	—	—	—	—
24635	—	2	—	—
35462	—	2	—	—
43256	—	—	—	—
43625	—	2	—	—
65324	—	—	—	S
26354	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—

Three times repeated, calling Bob for Single at W in first and third repetitions (i.e.) 2nd and 4th parts.

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

The 300-year-old bells of St. Peter's, Mansfield, were dedicated on November 14th after being recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The service was attended by the civic heads, and during the dedication by Canon S. C. Bulley, Vicar, the bellringers walked in procession through the Lady chapel to the nave, where the bells were set out in the form of a cross. Each ringer took up a position near the bell for which he was responsible.

The eighth bell bears an additional inscription as follows: 'Recast 1948. the third year of the atomic age; a day of doubt; men's hearts failing them for fear; still we ring out, that all the Voice of God may hear. The seventh bell, dated 1615, now bears the words: '1948. In memory of Ald. William Benjamin Spencer.'

The preacher was Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of West Bridgford, who at one period was curate at the church.

He spoke on early bellringing customs and said the art was at first divorced from the Church. When Henry VIII. ordered church bells to be taken down and sold, he continued, there were, judging by ancient records, three bells in Mansfield, but the 'crafty old churchwardens' apparently sold one before the king could get hold of it. Early bellringing was looked upon as a kind of sport and amusement for strong young men, and there was just as much competition between old guilds of ringers in those days as there is between local football teams to-day.

He hoped the art of bellringing would grow in Mansfield. 'There are dozens of bells in this country neglected because there are no people to teach the art,' he added. 'We used to be known as the ringing island, and English people are very proud of their bells.'

It is understood preparations for rehanging the bells in the south tower will start forthwith.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE AS PEAL RINGER

The Exercise will congratulate Mr. George R. Newton on his golden jubilee as a peal ringer. The occasion was marked by scoring a peal in the same tower and ringing the same bell at Woodchurch, Cheshire, that he rang half a century ago.

Mr. G. R. Newton, who is in his 74th year, is the only surviving member of the band who rang the first peal on the bells of Woodchurch Parish Church, Cheshire, on November 5th, 1898. Since then six peals have been rung on the bells and Mr. Newton has 'stood' in them all.

The younger generation who participated in the recent peal join in congratulating him and trust that he will be spared to enjoy many more years of ringing.

All the company wish to be associated with an expression of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bennet for their kindness and hospitality on this occasion.

R. T. HIBBERT MEMORIAL  
ILSLEY TENOR RECAST.

Some weeks ago a very modest paragraph was inserted in this journal under the general notices referring to the above, and the writer was surprised at the College Youths' dinner last Saturday at the number of friends of 'Old Tom' who were unaware of the memorial scheme.

There has been quite a good response to the appeal, but about £40 is still required and contributions should be sent to A. D. Barker, Cambridge Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

The work is now complete and a service will take place on Saturday, December 4th, at 3 p.m. Canon G. F. Coleridge will (D.V.) dedicate the new bell.

Tea will be provided after the service for those who notify C. J. Hibbert, High Street, East Ilsley, near Newbury, Berks, by Thursday, December 2nd.

## Halewood Remembers

In the years between the two world wars Herbert Ludkin, almost unaided, trained a young band of local ringers at Halewood, Lancs, to a high standard of proficiency.

Then came the time when he had to leave the district for business reasons to reside in Manchester, and Halewood saw him only on comparatively rare occasions. Shortly after the war broke out and with it came the ban.

The band was scattered on war service of various kinds, and one of the most proficient of the young band—John Gardner—lost his life in the tragic sinking of the Japanese prisoner of war ship on September 12th, 1943.

The remainder returned to Halewood after the war to try and pick up the threads of their pre-war training and carry on the good work which Herbert Ludkin had started, but fate was against them. Lack of attention had rendered one or two of the eight bells unringable, and the bells were again silenced for over 18 months.

Then repairs were effected, due mainly to the enthusiasm of Thomas Heskett and one or two others, and ringing restarted in earnest some three months ago under the leadership of Mr. P. W. Carr, who undertook the task of carrying on where Herbert Ludkin had left ring of five bells were made full use of, also band.

The news of the recent sudden death of Mr. Ludkin was received by the Halewood band with feelings of deep regret and of a very real personal loss.

It was only natural, therefore, that they should seek to honour his memory as soon as they could, and, appropriately enough, Nov. 6th, the eve of Remembrance Sunday, was chosen for the commemoration peal. The peal of Stedman Triples successfully accomplished on that date is recorded as a tribute to the memory of Herbert Ludkin and John Gardner and all others from the village of Halewood who lost their lives in the two world wars. A peal board is to be erected to record the peal.

## LATE NOTICES

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham and Oakley, Dec. 4th. Clapham bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Oakley bells after tea. — P. L. Gilbert, Hon. District Sec. 4424

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—District meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Good attendance, please, to welcome and meet Canon Sarson. Card for tea urgent by Dec. 1st to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4425

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Bentham, Dec. 4th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 4423

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Saturday, Dec. 4th, Christ Church, Erith. Bells 3. Tea 5.15. Social evening, Tea 2s. 3d., snacks later 1s. Names not later than Monday, Nov. 29th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4426

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Book these dates now. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Dec. 6th, 7.15 p.m. Saturday meetings: Fulham, Jan. 1st; annual general meeting, Southwark Cathedral, Feb. 5th. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4427

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Saturday, Dec. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. C. Briggs, Dis. Sec. 4401

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at Birstall, via Leeds. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head. Apply Mr. S. Britton, 22, Kings Drive, Birstall, by Dec. 4th.—William Ambler, Hon. District Sec. 4421

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers and committee. Names for tea by Monday, Dec. 6th, to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshot, Oxted. 4409

## NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

## DEATH

PALMER. — On Saturday, Nov. 20th, at Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield, Julia Kate, the beloved wife of Sidney Frederick Palmer, in her 77th year, after much suffering bravely borne. 4422

## HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF HANDBELLS required suitable for tune ringing by band of keen young ringers. Please send offers to Mr. T. B. Holloway, 68, Newtown, Westbury, Wilts. 4412

Wanted, set of 12 or more small handbells. — G. Yaxley, Mill House, Wymondham, Norfolk. 4418

## PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3 Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT SUGGESTION to all interested in bells and ringing. J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS.' Illustrated. 5s. 6d. post free.—The Ringing World, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MODERNISED in the light of recent experience, Central Council's handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

370 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS. Second (revised) edition, containing Place Notation of all Surprise Major methods rung or published to date. 2s. post free.—A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 4415

## 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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 4360

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Smarden (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 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

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

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.—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. 4365

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge (St. Paul's, Staley), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4362

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

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

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.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4373

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Monthly meeting, Pevensey (6) and Westham (6), Nov. 27th. Pevensey bells available 2.30. Notifications to F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec., 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham. 4395

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Pontesbury (6), Nov. 27th, 2.30. No tea. Buses from Barker Street, Shrewsbury, at 1.40, 3, 3.30, 4.30.—C. A. Barron, Hon. Sec. 4420

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

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, Malmesdon, 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

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4396

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Leicester and Loughborough Districts.—Anstey (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2. Tea 4.30. Bring own sugar. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. Redvers Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester. 4410

LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Conisborough, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 to 7 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food.—D. E. Kelly and H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Secs. 4404

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual, Barnwood (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided in Reading Room 5.15.—W. Sidwell, Branch Sec. 4399

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 4th, All Saints', Wigan. Bells (10) 2.30. No arrangements for tea. Cafes nearby.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 4400

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Aceme Road, Watford. 4397

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Meeting at Shrivernham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 1st.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4403

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bolney (8), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names by Dec. 1st to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4405

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Medbourne (5), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, The Horse and Trumpet.—L. W. Allen, Sec. 4406

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—PLEASE NOTE ALTERATION.—Annual meeting, Dec. 4th, SS. Philip and Jacob's, not St. Mary Redcliffe. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) 5, Co-op Cafe, Castle Green. Business in tower 6 p.m. approx. All teas to be booked by Dec. 1st to Miss Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5. 4407

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wrington, Dec. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4416

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, Dec. 4th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4417

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (bring own food)—J. Cotton. 4419

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Horringer (8), Dec. 11th. Those requiring tea please notify F. Cooper, Lodge Gates, Horringer, not later than Dec. 8th.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 4375

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual, Dec. 11th, Cheltenham St. Mary's. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea free by invitation 5. Please notify me early.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4398

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to A. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley (phone 7222), by Wednesday, Dec. 8th.—W. Hughes. 4428

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Womersley on Saturday, Dec. 11th. The usual arrangements. Nominations of district officers must be made at this meeting. Names, please, by Dec. 6th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 4402

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher (6), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Nomination of district officers for 1949.—F. E. Hawthorne. 4408

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Dec. 11th. Tea only for those who notify me by Friday, Dec. 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 4411

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Heavitree, Dec. 11th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Dec. 8th. Cathedral after tea.—E. J. Ryall, Sec., Alplixid, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 4414

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual ringing day and dinner will be held in London on Thursday, Dec. 30th. Service, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Details being circulated. Names in by Dec. 14th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4413

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