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**SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

**A**MONGST the many interesting developments of the present century, Spliced Surprise Major ringing must take a foremost place. London Surprise Major used to be the goal of every ringer, but now the most prominent bands do not consider themselves accomplished until they have achieved a peal of Spliced Surprise. The conductor of such a peal has a full-time task: mastery of the composition itself is an intricate mental exercise. His band must be on the alert at every lead-end, awaiting his instructions, be it a change of method, a call, or, as most frequently happens, both. The greatest factor contributing to success is good method ringing between the leads. There is no room for slackness, and thus a first-class team spirit is essential.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung was in two methods—Cambridge and Superlative—in 1924 at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, for the Durham and Newcastle Association, the composition of J. W. Parker, conducted by Joseph A. Gofton. The Rev. H. Law James and Messrs. A. J. Pitman and E. C. S. Turner have, amongst others, turned their attention to this branch of composition, and bands have been found ready to tackle what they have produced. The first peal in four methods was rung in 1927, conducted by A. H. Pulling, and in the years immediately following William Pye and his band rang up to twelve methods in a peal. Not many peals are accomplished in more than four methods, although before the war Mr. S. T. Holt, in Worcestershire, rang up to eight, and Mr. E. C. S. Turner to nine. The Lincoln band rang up to ten, accomplishing this in 1939, when the war put an end to their efforts. Before the war, Mr. H. G. Cashmore and his famous handbell band rang up to six methods—one of the most brilliant performances of all time.

Since the war, two bands have striven to reach the record in Spliced Surprise Major ringing on tower bells—those of Mr. W. F. Judge and Mr. A. J. Freeman. With a peal in sixteen methods in 1947, rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, William Pye's achievement was eclipsed for the first time. The Oxford band have rung a twelve-method peal twice recently. Now comes Mr. J. A. Freeman with a peal in twenty-two methods, which is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal. The whole Ringing Exercise will wish to unite in congratulating him and his band on this latest achievement by their Guild.

K. C.

## TEN BELL PEALS

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 24 cwt.

OSWY STREET ... .. Treble	† TOM ANDERSON ... .. 6
* CHARLES COOK ... .. 2	ARTHUR TOWLER ... .. 7
† HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 3	† KENNETH BEARDSALL ... .. 8
FRANK KAYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM NORTON ... .. 9
WALTER COATES ... .. 5	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN SEGAR, JUN.

\* First peal. † First peal on ten. First peal on the bells since rehousing.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;  
Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. F. A. PENN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2	* EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... .. 7
HENRY J. SANGER ... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 8
PERCIVAL H. HARDING ... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 9
FRANK A. PENN ... .. 5	RONALD G. BECK ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal on ten 'inside.' In memoriam Stephen H. Wood, killed on duty with the A.F.S. eight years ago.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	* CYRIL WANDER ... .. 6
* CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 2	* MAURICE BENNETT ... .. 7
* FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 8
SYDNEY JESSOP ... .. 4	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 9
† FRANK DEWEY ... .. 5	* STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 24 cwt.

* JACK CLEGG ... .. Treble	THOMAS HESKETH ... .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 8
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... .. 4	EDWIN BIRKETT ... .. 9
WILLIAM DEACON ... .. 5	* LAURENCE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* 25th peal together.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 7
* GEORGE P. ADAMS ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Surprise.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Morris' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part (2nd the observation).	Tenor 15½ cwt.
* MRS. KATHLEEN JONES Treble	* HAROLD TAYLOR ... .. 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... .. 6
ALFRED MOULD ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. 7
WALTER G. SOAR ... .. 4	WILLIAM MINOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

\* First peal of Triples.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 2	JOHN WORTH ... .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 7
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
FREDERICK C. CASE ... Treble	† ERNEST LINES ... .. 5
* GEORGE W. HOLLAND ... 2	WILLIAM YATES ... .. 6
WILLIAM CHESTER ... .. 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 7
FRANK J. GREEN ... .. 4	‡ WILLIAM H. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

MISS JEAN M. WARD ... Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	GORDON A. OLIFFE ... .. 6
MISS MAVIS WHITEHEAD 3	ALAN CATTELL ... .. 7
JOHN WARD ... .. 4	COLIN P. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.	
GEORGE CHURCH ... .. Treble	RAYMOND WOOD ... .. 5
STELLA M. WICKENS ... .. 2	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON ... 6
BASIL W. WHITE ... .. 3	MAURICE O. THOMAS ... 7
ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 4	ROBERT CHALLEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE O. THOMAS.

First peal as conductor.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 5
FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 2	SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY 6
THOMAS G. FOX ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
H. FREDERICK MYERS ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

ALDBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

JACK MUSSELL ... .. Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 5
WM. A. T. CARTER ... .. 2	* T. ARTHUR PALMER ... .. 6
PETER ANGER ... .. 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 7
FRANK L. HARRIS ... .. 4	REGINALD W. REW ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

\* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-part.	Tenor 19 cwt.
HENRY L. BISHOP ... .. Treble	JAMES GORDON ... .. 5
H. KEITH WHITE ... .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND ... .. 6
FREDK. JAMES ... .. 3	BERTRAM L. J. BROWN 7
GEORGE BISHOP ... .. 4	* CECIL CORDEROY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK JAMES.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. A. H. Webb (foreman of Hagbourne tower).

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.**  
**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE A. PICKERING <i>Treble</i> ... ..	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... ..	5
JOHN ANDERSON ... ..	*ROBERT BELL ... ..	6
ADAM DEAS ... ..	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... ..	7
*KENNETH PICKERING ... ..	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal of Stedman. To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the first peal of Stedman in the county of Durham, which was rung at this church on Saturday, November 12th, 1898.

**LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

CECIL F. CARR ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*A. JOHN TIMSON ... ..	5
JOHN H. BAILESS... ..	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... ..	6
*E. CHARLES TURNER ... ..	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... ..	7
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... ..	FRANK K. MEASURES... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Jackson, only daughter of Mr. R. J. Jackson. Tenor 14½ cwt.

**KINGS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... ..	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... ..	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... ..	6
FRANCIS KIRK ... ..	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... ..	7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... ..	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt.

**PENSHURST, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

THOMAS E. SONE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALEC RICHARDSON ... ..	5
WILLIAM ROGERS ... ..	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... ..	6
DORIS E. COLGATE... ..	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... ..	7
ROBERT COLLINS ... ..	PHILIP A. CORBY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge as conductor. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

**SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

*KENNETH PICKERING ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT BELL ... ..	5
†MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... ..	‡ARNOLD BRUNTON ... ..	6
JOHN ANDERSON ... ..	ADAM DEAS ... ..	7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	DENIS A. BAYLES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal. Rung for the 1,300th anniversary of the foundation of this church.

**CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... ..	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... ..	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... ..	6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... ..	ALAN CATTELL ... ..	7
CHARLES MARSHALL ... ..	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

For the wedding of Mr. Frank Lapworth to Miss Betty Cross, members of the local band. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

**PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... ..	5
MISS HAZEL DALE ... ..	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... ..	6
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... ..	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... ..	7
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... ..	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Tenor 25½ cwt.

**OXFORD.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Nov. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS <i>Treble</i> ... ..	H. PETER RAYNOR ... ..	5
NORA HONEY ... ..	*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... ..	6
EDWIN G. MOORE... ..	*PETER W. B. SEMMENS ... ..	7
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... ..	ALAN R. PINK ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.

**BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Nov. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST T. CARVELL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED W. CUSICK ... ..	5
JOAN M. WEBSTER ... ..	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... ..	6
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER... ..	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... ..	7
JAMES H. COOKE ... ..	WILLIAM DEAN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.

The first peal in the method by all the band.

**BOWDON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Nov. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 28 lb.

*MISS JOAN MORRIS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CECIL RADDON ... ..	5
ALAN J. BROWN ... ..	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... ..	6
DAVID VINCENT ... ..	*ROY BROOM ... ..	7
NEVILLE A. BROWN ... ..	HAROLD WALKER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ALAN J. BROWN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*  
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ARTHUR D. COOK ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN PINFOLD ... ..	5
HENRY H. FEARN ... ..	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... ..	6
LEONARD TUFFREY ... ..	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... ..	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING... ..	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*FLORRIE WYMAN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD A. MAY ... ..	5
*OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... ..	6
*RAYMOND OVERY ... ..	LEONARD STILWELL ... ..	7
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... ..	*C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal in the method.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. J. HURRELL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	J. HURRELL ... ..	5
P. J. SPICE ... ..	E. MOUNTER ... ..	6
MISS H. OAKSHETT ... ..	M. F. OAKSHETT ... ..	7
*E. C. BISHOP ... ..	J. E. LYDDIARD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. LYDDIARD.

\* First peal.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

*On Fri., Nov. 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Holt's Original. Tenor 19 cwt.

MISS E. LOMAS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST E. RETTER... ..	5
JACK SALWAY ... ..	GEORGE E. RETTER ... ..	6
MISS Q. PRING ... ..	ARTHUR J. C. HOLWAY... ..	7
*DERRICK CALLARD ... ..	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

\* First peal. In memoriam Edward Trapnill, died November 26th, 1710.

**HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, London, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Edinburgh, Framley, Heathcote, Hitchen, Langley, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. LESLIE PASK... .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 6
*FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.  
Umpire: KENNETH S. B. CROFT.

\* 250th peal. This is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung to a peal.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... Treble	†JOHN GARDNER ... .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	EDMUND T. EXETER ... 6
*STANLEY WOOD ... .. 3	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 7
†ROGER SQUIRE ... .. 4	ERIC H. KNAPP ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALBERT E. LAKER.  
\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal in method by all the band except the ringer of 2. In memoriam A. J. Steele.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37½ Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Washbrook's. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.	
J. GEOFFREY STONELEY...Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... .. 6
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 3	*JOHN B. BENNETT ... .. 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.  
\* First peal of Stedman Triples. To mark the 95th birthday of Mr. James George.

**ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ...Treble	†EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	†EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 6
JACK R. WORRALL ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
*ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. In memoriam Stephen H. Wood.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Helen,

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

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.	
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES ... .. 5
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.  
\* First of Stedman Triples 'inside.' A compliment to Mr. James George on the 95th birthday.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 6
ARTHUR D. COOK ... .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Nov. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Being one extent of Double Oxford, two of St. Clement's, two of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.  
\*ERNEST BOWLEY ... .. Treble †REGINALD T. GOODMAN ... 4  
†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD... 2 | G. RONALD EDWARDS... 5  
C. WILLIAM HALL... .. 3 | ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.  
\* First peal. † First of Minor in four methods. First of Minor as conductor.

**WINFORD, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Nov. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
At the Church of SS. MARY AND PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. 153) and four 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.  
IVOR H. TRUEMAN ...Treble | F. CECIL MOGFORD... .. 4  
GEORGE PRESCOTT ... .. 2 | LEONARD DERRICK ... .. 5  
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON 3 | JACK R. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.  
The first peal of Kent Minor by all the band and on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. R. W. Treasure and Miss G. E. Calborne.

**RIPPINGALE, LINGS.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being 720 each of London, Beverley, York, Durham, Ipswich, Cambridge and Primrose. Tenor 12 cwt.  
A. SCOTT ... .. Treble | H. M. DAY ... .. 4  
C. WOODS ... .. 2 | C. WADE ... .. 5  
W. WALDRON ... .. 3 | W. OLDHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WADE.  
**NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**  
**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.  
GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Treble | ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4  
\*THOMAS SCOTT ... .. 2 | TREVOR M. RODERICK... 5  
HARRY BOYCE ... .. 3 | †BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.  
\* First of Cambridge with a bob bell. † First peal of Cambridge. First in the method as conductor; also first of Cambridge on the bells.

**GARVESTON, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Nov. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Being an extent each of Childwall Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.  
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM Treble | SIDNEY MARSHALL ... .. 4  
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 2 | LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5  
GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 3 | BERT GOGLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.  
**TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.  
CYRIL COUSINS ... .. Treble | HARRY FOLLEN ... .. 4  
\*JOHN COOK ... .. 2 | WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5  
†JOHN FOX ... .. 3 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE W. COUSINS  
\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.  
**NORTH CREEKE, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.  
\*J. NELSON ... .. Treble | \*A. LEETE ... .. 4  
J. WILLIAMSON ... .. 2 | V. R. OVENS ... .. 5  
\*F. H. BEALES ... .. 3 | \*T. OWEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by V. R. OVENS.  
\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**ASHFORDBY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 changes (360 Stedman, 420 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, 120 Canterbury): F. Littlewood 1, E. Lomas 2, R. Looker (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, H. Bell 5, S. Read 6. For 75th birthday of treble ringer, who has been ringing at Ashfordby for 57 years.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On Nov. 21st, at St. Nicholas', 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss Angela Carter 1, Miss Joan Hammond 2, Miss Audrey West 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, H. Anthony Treadgold 5, A. E. Lock (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 5.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Nov. 20th, a quarter-peat of Bob Major: B. Scott 1, R. Webb 2, E. Buck 3, J. Church 4, I. Werrett (first in method) 5, J. Dear 6, W. Pooley 7, R. Newman (cond.) 8.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Nov. 28th, at Bishop Ryders, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. F. Fearn (cond.) 1, G. Chaplin 2, J. Scott (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, A. D. Mills 4, J. S. Walton (first of Surprise) 5, E. Lloyd 6, A. Cook 7, H. H. Fearn 8.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. John's on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Gould 1, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 2, J. E. Daniels 3, M. J. Best 4, G. E. Evenden 5, A. H. Cotee (first quarter of Grandsire) 6, A. J. Butler 7, P. A. Hunt 8.

**CAMBERLEY, SURREY.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Everett (1st quarter) 1, R. A. Bath (first 'inside') 2, F. Marchant (cond.) 3, W. J. Parker 4, F. J. Farr (cover bell) 5, H. Noakes 6, V. Wilkinson 7.

**CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. John Piper (13) 1, Michael G. Collins (14) 2, William M. Stepney (13) 3, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (cond., 14) 4, F. H. Hicks 5, E. E. Breed (first of Bob Doubles) 6.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.**—On Nov. 26th, a quarter-peat of Doubles with tenor covering (480 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Ed. Jaggard 1, A. Beale 2, W. Webb 3, Ern Jaggard 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5, O. C. Simpson 6. First quarter on six by 1, 4 and 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DINTING, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Richardson 1, B. Walshaw 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, F. Booth 4, R. D. Airey (cond.) 5, J. Bentley 6. First in the method for 1, 4, 6. To celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss I. Hewitt.

**EATON, LEICS.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hubbard 1, Hilda Shipman 2, P. Turner 3, F. Williams (first as cond.) 4, J. Morris 5, H. W. Shipman 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—On Nov. 21st, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ryall 1, J. Hosgood 2, F. Wills 3, E. W. Biffin 4, R. Truman 5, F. Wreford 6, A. Newman (cond.) 7, W. Fairchild 8. For the conductor's 70th birthday.

**GORSEINON, SWANSEA.**—At St. Catherine's on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thomas 1, R. Edwards 2, W. Brown 3, R. Dobbins 4, A. Tew 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8.

**FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,248 Kent T.B. Major: T. Price (cond.) 1, F. Blagrove (first T.B.) 2, W. Sparrow 3, G. W. Morris 4, F. Blondell 5, P. C. Price (first T.B.) 6, H. J. Eldred 7, R. E. Price 8.

**HARSTON, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,380 of Doubles (60 of Erin, four 120's Stedman, four 120's Grandsire, two 120's St. Simeon's, 120 Plain Bob): M. R. D. Harford 1, Miss J. A. Smith 2, A. S. Watt (1st of Doubles) 3, B. D. Threlfall 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, R. Coles 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, G. R. Goodship 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Cox (first on 10) 7, W. Avery (first in method on ten) 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, A. L. James 10. For 75th birthday of Mr. R. Coles (foreman).

**HERTFORD.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,240 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. S. Carter 1, R. Dore 2, C. Springham 3, J. M. Page 4, V. Neale (cond.) 8, A. Wright 6, A. S. Carter 7, P. W. Saunders 8.

**IPSWICH.**—On Nov. 13th, at St. Mary-le-Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Smith 1, W. Tillet 2, H. G. Jillings 3, F. L. Fisher 4, H. D. Lister 5, G. E. Symonds (cond.) 6, J. F. Tillet 7, O. G. Barnard 8. In memoriam Mr. R. H. Brundle.

**KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Lane (first quarter) 1, F. G. Harvey 2, G. H. Lane (first quarter as cond.) 3, D. L. Hooper 4, W. C. Rhodes 5.

**LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Colum on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Hughes 1, T. R. Hampton (cond.) 2, J. Campbell 3, J. Fielding 4, H. McIntyre 5, W. Young 6. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6. First on tower bells for 1 and 5.

**MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Orlebar 1, A. R. Miles 2, A. Grimwood 3, W. A. Kitchenside (cond.) 4, R. Chandler 5, T. Foard 6, H. Brooks 8. First quarter 1, 5, 6.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Peter's on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Austin 1, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 2, Miss K. Valentine (first of Triples 'inside') 3, W. Gammage 4, E. Nobles 5, W. Parker 6, G. S. Valentine 7, A. Monk 8. For A. Monk's 79th birthday.

**SALISBURY.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, J. E. Figgures 2, J. Sutton 3, F. L. Harris (cond.) 4, L. Page 5, R. Marlow 6, L. Harris 7, E. Doel 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

**ST. IVES, HUNTS.**—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. Warrington, (cond.) 3, H. W. Pratt 4, L. W. Fisher 5, D. Sanderson 6, S. Clements 7.

**SWINDON.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Minchin 1, C. Hathaway 2, P. Minchin 3, D. Looker 4, W. Carter (cond.) 5, J. Plaister 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Hurn 1, R. W. Curson 2, P. W. J. Fryer 3, L. G. Tooke (first 'inside') 4, T. Spight 5, W. Farrow 6, H. Tooke (cond.) 7, W. Clover 8.

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## CHRISTMAS PRESENT

There can be no more acceptable Christmas present to a ringing friend than a year's (17s.) or half-year's (8s. 6d.) subscription to 'The Ringing World.' Remittances and addresses should be sent to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

The finest achievement to date in the realm of Spliced Surprise ringing

is the 22-method peal at Harmston, Lincolnshire. All the band practise regularly at Lincoln Cathedral, and six are members of the Cathedral company and regular Sunday service ringers.

A Christmas greetings page will appear in our next issue. Messages are inserted for 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

'Kewsett' will delight in our next issue. His 'Round England Quiz' will test the knowledge of roving ringers. There are also other novelties to amuse the erudite.

The following birthdays were commemorated by the peal of Cambridge Royal at Worsley: Mr. T. Hammond, 68th; Miss Joyce Slater, of Liverpool, 21st; and Miss E. M. Suart, Dalton-in-Furness.

Messrs. J. Hurrell (tower keeper) and J. E. Lyddiard have now 'circled' Eltham tower. Other 'circlers' this week are Messrs. J. A. L. Thompson, Claybrooke, Leics, W. A. Stote and J. W. Taylor, Shilton, Warwickshire.

Canon S. Blofeld's 29 years as Vicar of Edgbaston was marked by a peal by the St. Martin's Guild. Also honoured were Mr. S. Freemantle, beadle for 40 years, and Mr. J. George.

Complimentary peals to Mr. J. George on his 95th birthday were rung at Nuneaton, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Bottesford, Leicestershire; Ferndown, Dorset; and Leicester.

Mr. James George has received so many letters and telegrams of congratulation upon his 95th birthday that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kind messages.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

It has come as a big disappointment to our Australian friends to learn of the cancellation of the King's visit. Mr. A. R. Wilson, secretary of the Holy Trinity, Hobart, ringers, writes: 'We are looking forward to the Royal visit, and we are paying many visits to St. David's Cathedral, where bells have a lovely tone, and we intend to give a good account of ourselves.'

The peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, was an eighth birthday compliment to Norman Wm. Cotton, the son of the conductor. Norman is the youngest ringer in the Midland Counties Guild.

Interest in the Bebington, Cheshire, peal of November 23rd is that it is the first of Superlative for the Wirral Branch by a resident band.

Good use has been made of Terrington St. John, Norfolk, bells since their rehanging on November 29th, 1947. During the year 12 peals have been successfully brought round.

Among the quarters published in connection with the Royal birth was one at Brightwell, Berks. Until the spring of this year this tower was completely stoney. Now there are seven young people attending the weekly practices. We trust that in the near future it will be our privilege to record a peal from Brightwell.

Requests to be included as Royal birth peals have been received from: Brecon, November 15th; East Retford, November 23rd; Oxford, November 22nd; Bebington, November 23rd; Bowdon, Cheshire, November 23rd; Accrington, November 21st; Bicker, Lines, November 22nd; Loughborough, Leicestershire, November 24th; Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, November 27th; Dublin, November 27th; Cradley, November 21st.

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## New Record in Spliced Major

### A LINCOLN ACHIEVEMENT.

With regard to the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 22 methods, rung at Harmston, Lines, on November 27th, I should like to place on record the following facts:—

(a) That I sat in the belfry during the whole of the ringing, and, with the composition before me, checked off every method as rung.

(b) That every lead-end was checked by me and came up according to schedule.

The peal was a good one and, apart from two trips in the second part, only one of which looked serious, a high standard of ringing was maintained throughout.

The Lincoln Spliced band began its activities in 1937, ringing the first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild that year with a peal in four methods. By February, 1939, they had accomplished a peal in 10 methods—only the second of its kind at the time—when the war interrupted their activities. After the war the same band began practising again, determined to carry this branch of the art to a higher level. After considerable practice, 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods were rung in March, 1947, for the first time. Since then, many hours of practice, intensified since last summer, have been put in in order to achieve the present record.

Great credit is due to Mr. J. A. Freeman who, at 64 years of age, conducted the peal without fault. His enthusiasm is largely responsible for this latest success. But Spliced Surprise requires the finest team spirit, and this performance is enhanced by the fact that the band as a whole is not a young one—Mr. F. W. Stokes is 65.

I should like to thank the band for the privilege of umpiring the peal, and to offer my congratulations on the occasion of one of the most difficult feats in the art of tower-bell ringing.—K. S. B. Crofts.

The composition by Mr. A. J. Pitman appears at the foot of the next column.

### TRAPNILL'S KNELL

Dear Sir,—The peal at Honiton Clyst, Devon, on November 26th, was in memoriam to Edward Trapnill (probably a ringer), who died November 26th, 1710, and left £5 to have a knell rung each year on the anniversary of his death. This sum was in the care of the churchwardens until 1912, when Edward Broughton, a ringer and churchwarden at Honiton Clyst Church for 23 years, added another £5 and formed a trust.

The custom originally was to chime each bell separately three times before ringing, to ring three peals (call changes) and after to chime the tenor nine times, but only the chiming before ringing is carried out to-day.

This is the first time a peal has been rung for the occasion.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. RETTER.

Honiton Clyst.

## STONEY STRATFORD VETERAN

Captain of the Stoney Stratford, Bucks, ringers for the past 53 years, Mr. Edwin Yates is still working at the age of 81 at his wheelwright's business, which he established in 1892.

His birthday on November 24th was featured by an illustrated article in the local newspaper, which recalled his 35 years' service as a member of the Town's Fire Brigade and 20 years' as verger.

Mr. Yates sang as a boy in St. Giles' Church choir, and for 63 years he has been ringing here, having taken part in between 50 and 60 peals, including the first peals of seven Surprise Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor for the Oxford Guild. He participated in a quarter in honour of the Royal baby on November 15th.



**RINGERS OF LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.** It was from this tower that preparations were made for the new record in Spliced Major. Six of those present participated in the peal. The ringers from left to right are: Front row: Raymond Smith, Geoffrey Mayer, John Walden (sec.), John A. Freeman (Master), Leslie Pask, George Flintham, Kenneth Mayer. Behind: Lewis Snell, Jack Millhouse, Sidney Chambers, Archer Lowman, Herbert Lowman, John Freeman, Walter Tomlinson, Tom Pyle. [Photo: C. C. Frisby, Lincoln.]

## 5, 120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN 22 METHODS

2345678	By A. J. PITMAN
6423857—Eastcote	3624578—London
4357682—Langley	5236847—Claybrooke
5437682—Bristol	6427583 Yorkshire
6354278—Heathcote	2554378 London
5634278—N. Gloucester	3526847—Uxbridge
3564278—N. Gloucester	6457382 Cambridge
2635847—Rutland	2356847—Norfolk
3265847—Bristol	6437285 Superlative
5427386 Pudsey	2364578—Eastcote
3254678—Wordsworth	5623847—Framley
6532847—Wordsworth	3467582 Cambridge
2457683 Yorkshire	2563847—Norfolk
5264378 Watford	3457286 Lincolnshire
3652847—Claybrooke	5324678 Edinburgh
2467385 Hitchin	6253847—Lindum
	3427685 Lincolnshire
	6234578—Wembley

Four times repeated.

This composition contains 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, London, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Wordsworth, Yorkshire, and 160 each of Edinburgh, Framley, Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley with 149 changes of method. Norfolk is rung with a 4th place Bob.

## St. Benet's in Danger

### FABIAN STEDMAN'S CHURCH.

We have received since our brief announcement in our last issue of the danger to St. Benet's tower, Cambridge, additional details of the trouble confronting this church.

St. Benet's is the oldest building in Cambridge, and is one of the best examples of late Saxon architecture in England. It is Fabian Stedman's tower. Here he was parish clerk in the 17th century.

The tower was originally covered with a thin coating of plaster, a feature which survived until about ten years ago, when it was removed by the Cambridge Camden Society. The loss of this protection has accelerated the process of decay, and the surface of the tower is now in a serious, even dangerous condition, though the fabric stands firm.

Many of the rag-stones weighing up to 10lb. are loose, particularly those under the parapet, and some, which can be lifted out by hand, constitute a danger to anyone standing underneath. Other defects which will require treatment include traces of death watch beetle in the timbers above the bell frame.

The tower has been examined by Prof. A. E. Richardson, R.A., and Mr. James Macgregor, head of the University School of Architecture, and their estimate for making the tower safe is nearly £1,400. Towards the cost the Pilgrim Trust, Corpus Christi College and a number of individuals have made contributions, but approximately £500 is still outstanding.

Ringers will remember the great effort made by the Exercise in 1931 to put the bells in order.

The University Guild use these bells regularly for practice during term, and so far the authorities have not called for a cessation of ringing. The hon. treasurer of the repair fund is Mr. T. Whitby, 83, Norwich Street, Cambridge, who appeals for donations.

### A RINGERS' BOARD

An interesting discovery was recently made amongst some lumber at Bolton Parish Church of a board, about 4ft. by 3ft. It must have been lying about neglected since the church was built in about 1870, but with difficulty can be made out, writes Mr. Peter Crook. There was an old church on this site before 1870. The board reads as follows:—

'Bolton Church, 22nd April, 1783. At a Parish Meeting herein held, it if ordered by the Vicar, Churchwarden and other Parifionerf prefont, that whereaf the Ringerf are allowed in their turn the benefit of tolling at funeralf, the ringerf whofe turn it if, Shall, af soon af the corpe arrivef af the Church gatef come down out of the belfry and remain in the Church while the funeral service if performed, and do hif endeavour to prevent noife and difturbance thro' crying children, of rude diforderly boys and others who too often crowd the Church on Thefe Solemnitief, and that the ringer who neglectf or refufef to do, shall forfeit hif said privilegef.'

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild

Some 45 members attended the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Bridport on December 4th, representing nine affiliated towers.

Canon G. C. Clark, the Rector, conducted the service in church, and tea followed in the Church Hall.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, chairman of the branch, presided over the business meeting, supported by Canon Clark, the Revs. A. W. Wheeler and O. L. Willmott, and Col. Yeo, churchwarden of Bridport. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £23 4s. 7d. It was noteworthy that, with the exception of only two towers, all subscriptions had been paid up.

Officers were re-elected unanimously as follows: Chairman, Rev. C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Lathey; assistant secretary, Mr. D. W. Critchard; Ringing Master, Mr. H. D. W. Bishop; Deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. G. Keeley and J. Barrett. The Rev. O. L. Willmott was elected as vice-chairman. Five new members were elected from Bradpole and Mr. S. H. Green from Lyme Regis, bringing the total number of members up to 118, a slight increase on last year. Meetings were proposed for Bradpole in February, Hawkchurch with Thorncombe in July, and Whitchurch Canonricum in September.

A suggestion by Mr. Barrett that efforts should be made to organise coaches for branch members to attend the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild in May was enthusiastically received, and it was agreed to form a sub-committee for this purpose at the next quarterly meeting.

Members were asked to do all they could to help with instructing in change ringing at Bradpole, Bridport, Powerstock and Lodors.

Congratulations were expressed to Roger Keeley on ringing his first peal at the age of 13½ on a working bell in Kent Treble Bob Major.

On the motion of the chairman, thanks were accorded to the Rector of Bridport for his welcome and the use of his tower; also to Mr. B. Elsworth, the branch organist, to Mr. C. H. Lathey for his efficient work as secretary, and to the caterers for the ample tea provided.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening included rounds and call changes, Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

## BISHOP UNVEILS PEAL BOARD

The Bishop of Lichfield on December 5th unveiled a peal board in the belfry of St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent, recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,040 changes, rung in honour of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Stoke. The Bishop and the Archdeacon of Stoke chatted with the ringers. Afterwards a touch of Kent was rung on the bells.

## OBITUARY

### MR. S. CHURTON.

The North Staffordshire Association have lost one of their oldest members by the death of Mr. S. Churton, aged 82. Mr. Churton joined the Stoke band in 1885, and made rapid progress in the art of change ringing. For over 40 years he was leader of the St. Peter's band, and was also Ringing Master in the North Staffordshire Association. He was always willing to assist young ringers.

The Archdeacon of Stoke (the Ven. Percy Harbill) officiated at the funeral service on December 1st, and the interment was at Harishill Cemetery, Messrs. C. H. Page, A. D. Steel, F. E. Wilshaw and M. Buckley, of the St. Peter's band, acting as bearers.

The bells were half-muffled at the annual meeting of the Association on December 4th as a mark of respect.

## Lancashire Association

### BOLTON BRANCH'S POPULARITY.

The success of the Bolton Branch's meetings is attracting ringers from many districts of Lancashire, Cheshire and borders of Yorkshire. The meeting on November 27th at the Saviour's Church was very well attended, the tower being well suited for large gatherings. The Ringing Master, Mr. J. L. Wright, had a difficult task in arranging touches to suit everybody. Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich Major were the predominant methods, and the striking throughout was of a high order. Call changes were provided for the beginners. Unfortunately there was one competent ringer short to make up bands for London, Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise.

Mr. Marshall and his very young daughter from Parbold attended, and the ringing performance of the latter surprised all present. At the other end of the scale of years was the veteran Walter Gorton, who, at 87, said it was three years since he rang a peal and it was time he was having another.

At the last monthly meeting held at St. Mary's, Deane, bands had to go into the tower in relays, there was such a large attendance and a small tower.

Some towers provide full teas, others provide cups of tea only.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on December 18th, and the annual branch meeting at Bolton Parish Church on January 22nd. P. C.

## AMERICA'S GIFT TO BERKS VILLAGE

On November 20th, the Right Rev. A. Parham, Suffragan Bishop of Reading, dedicated two bells in the tower of the Parish Church, Shrivvenham. These bells were the gift of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and the British Empire who were stationed at Shrivvenham in 1944, and were given to complete the octave, there being already six bells in a frame constructed for eight.

On the following Sunday evening the first quarter-peal, 1,260 Stedman Triples, was rung by the following: Miss M. E. Richards 1, C. J. Gardener 2, Wm. W. T. Daniell 3, E. J. Berry 4, E. Bishop 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, T. Townsend 7, P. Anger 8.

## A YORKSHIRE CELEBRATION

To celebrate the winning of the Hoyalandswaive Challenge Cup, the Cawthorne Church bellringers enjoyed an excellent supper at the Golden Cross Cafe on November 27th.

Ringers from adjoining towers were invited to attend, but as the district was enveloped in fog it was soon realised that no guests would be able to join the festive board, so after a hurried consultation a frantic S.O.S. was sent out for the Cawthorne ringers' wives, who, though originally barred from the supper, turned up triumphantly and all was well.

Ringling in a variety of methods took place in the afternoon at the Church of All Saints, and amongst the performers was Mr. J. W. Fish, who has been a ringer at Cawthorne for 46 years.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

### TAUNTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Taunton on December 4th, and was attended by some 70 ringers. The service at St. James' Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Hirst.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. J. W. Storey, and the election of officers for 1949 resulted as follows: Rev. F. Hirst (chairman), Mr. A. W. Hayward (vice-chairman), Mr. A. H. Reed (hon. secretary) and Mr. W. G. Gigg (Ringing Master). Tribute was paid to the Rev. Storey, the retiring chairman, who has always been an inspiration at these meetings. Full use was made of the towers available, and a most successful meeting resulted.

## Oxford Diocesan Guild

### NEWBURY BRANCH.

Fog prevented many from attending the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild at Newbury on November 27th, including the Master, Deputy Master and general secretary. Nevertheless, 58 sat down to tea in St. Nicolas' Parish Room, including the Rector of Newbury, the Rev. Bertram Russell, the chairman, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, and Col. R. T. Poster, of Peasemore.

Most of the branch towers were presented and visitors were present from Basingstoke, Eynsham, Guildford, Oxford, Reading, Sherborne St. John and Woolton Hill. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the chairman, with Mr. G. A. Sellick at the organ.

In his address the Rector asked the ringers if they realised that with thousands of parishes in the country and ringers in most parishes, they must form the biggest men's club in England. With such a powerful force for good they could, by standing firm in their various walks of life for all that was true and honourable, do much to stem the falling off of those standards of life which were the hallmark of a Christian.

At the business meeting all branch officers were re-elected. Six new ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

Mr. Rex, the Ringing Master, reported that seven peals and several quarter-peals had been rung during the year. He hoped for more quarter-peals by local bands. Combined practices had been held at different towers where courses in the more advanced methods had been rung. The secretary reported that there was quite a nucleus of keen young ringers, but more were needed to keep the branch alive.

It is hoped to arrange another meeting next year with the Basingstoke Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. The next meeting of the Newbury Branch was fixed for Compton in February. Ringling during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Kent and Bob Royal.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### MEETING AT FORNCETT.

The South Norfolk Branch meeting at Forncett on November 13th attracted a record number of 60 ringers and friends. The heavy ring of five bells was made full use of, also two sets of handbells, the youngest ringer, Master Allan Curson, aged 4, ringing two handbells to rounds. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. E. Vokes, with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ, and Mr. Nolan Golden read the lesson.

The branch chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, presided at the meeting, supported by the Rev. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), the Rev. — Vokes (hon. member), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary) and Messrs. E. Whiting, C. E. G. Banham, F. W. Phillipps and W. Saunders (committee). The annual meeting of the branch is to be held at Diss on February 5th, 1949.

## 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. P. WHITEHEAD.

23456 M In Out 5ths H

35264	2	—	3
42635	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—
64235	—	2	—
43265	—	3	—

24536	—	—	—
43526	—	3	—
32546	—	3	—
52436	—	2	—
23456	—	3	—

6ths place bobs (except the 2M).

Rung at Melton Mowbray on Sept. 25th. 1945.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The New Notebook and Diary

Dear Sir,—The new diaries are now completed and are being mailed to purchasers who, we hope, will be very pleased with them.

With books of this kind it is very hard to please everybody, and we think that a few words of explanation as to why certain things were included or omitted would not be out of place.

For instance, after the 'Central Council Members and Guild Secretaries' section had been set and space allocated it was found that several smaller but very active societies were not included, but no more space could be allotted. Again the original conception of the 'methods' section included a much greater range of methods and touches, but it was found necessary, for reasons of economy, to condense everything. Even so, there are 20 methods and 325 touches and quarter peals.

Regarding the 'Peals Rung' and 'Towers Visited' sections, we think that enough space has been allowed for all but a few 'star' performers.

The 'diary' section was made 'week-to-a-page' because we think that only a few persons write copious notes, and the space allowed is sufficient for the writing of appointments and for normal use. We consider that the disadvantages are far outweighed by the convenient slenderness of the present book and the allowing of space for other purposes.

Contents of the "diary" section are incomplete as regards annual meetings and dinners, but all the information volunteered in response to our request in 'The Ringing World' some time ago has been printed. It is hoped that, with the full co-operation of all concerned, any omissions can be rectified in future editions.

Sales of the diary have proved that there was a real need for it in the Exercise and, having made a good beginning, we should, in future years, be able to offer an even better service. Long live the diary.

W. VIGGERS and M. HODGSON.

## LOTTERIES &amp; RESTORATION SCHEMES

Dear Sir,—I wish Mr. P. Amos would give all the facts when rushing to write a letter for printing. The letter he sent to all guilds, etc., for a collection to be taken at their meetings was his own private affair and not connected in any way with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

As regards the appeals from Ipswich and Somerset, these took the form of prize-draw tickets, and at our meeting the point was to decide if we could accept and sell these tickets officially when our local clergy had requested that no funds be raised by prize-drawing tickets for bell restoration purposes. The feeling of the members present at the meeting was not to accept and sell the tickets.

A suggestion then immediately came from the chair that we should have a collection at that meeting and the next meeting for the appeals concerned, and equally divide the donations for the towers concerned. This was carried unanimously, and I can assure you more was realised from this collection than would have come from the sale of draw tickets.

If any visiting ringers would like to try any bells in this vicinity, we are only too pleased to make the necessary arrangements and not ask for a 'county wide appeal.' I have yet to hear that a donation of £10 from our Bell Restoration Fund entitles anyone, other than the incumbent, to say who shall or shall not ring peals on the bells concerned.

I seem to remember, when Mr. Amos made his appeal, that he was heard to say, 'When I get these bells I take good care they won't get connected to Peterborough Guild.'—Yours sincerely,  
E. NOBLES, Hon. Sec.

Duston, Northants.

## Ambitions and Thanks

By taking part in the peal of Bristol Surprise at Botesford on November 27th, Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, has set up a new record by having rung peals of 5,000 changes and upwards on every possible tower in Leicestershire. There are actually 133 towers with rings of five bells and more, and of these Mr. Morris has rung peals in 128. They are comprised as follows: 43 of five, 46 of six, 33 of eight, 4 of ten and 2 of twelve. No other ringer has yet achieved so many towers in one county to full peals. As the other towers become possible by ultimate restoration, Mr. Morris hopes to be able to complete every one.

Dear Sir,—As a young ringer 40 years ago I made it my ambition to be able to ring any bell—big or little—going going or otherwise. Also to be able to ring any method on five bells and upwards. How far this ambition has been attained is shown in my list of peals. Being also desirous of learning something about the bells themselves, their history, inscriptions and founders, I set about finding all information I could of the bells of my native county, Leicestershire. In the course of years I have collected all the possible data on the history of the bells, their founders and peals rung.

And in my wanderings I determined to get a peal at every possible tower with 5 bells and over. In the latter connection I have to thank my country friends, especially the Ratby and Groby band—the Geary family in particular—for assisting in many towers around their district. Then the Billesdon band, headed by the brothers Geoffrey and Norman Geary, who took me to so many outlying places that would have been quite impossible without their help.

Many other local bands and individual ringers have helped to make my ambition possible, and to each and all I offer my sincerest thanks. It is easily possible that my record will be broken in the larger counties with many more towers than our small county, and I look forward to this being done in the near future.—Yours sincerely,  
LEICESTER. ERNEST MORRIS.

## MR. C. F. JOHNSTON RESIGNS

The Board of Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., announces with regret the resignation of Mr. C. F. Johnston from the company. His place has been taken by Mr. H. M. Howard, a well-known authority on the founding and tuning of church bells. The whole of the experienced technical staff is being retained as formerly.

## A CENTURY AT BRIDSTOW

By the ringing of the last peal of Grand-sire Triples at Bridstow, Herefordshire, the number of peals rung to this tower has reached 100, the list being: On the original five bells: Grand-sire Doubles 2.

After their increase to six in 1910: Grand-sire Doubles 1, Stedman Doubles 1, one Minor method 11, two Minor methods 3, three Minor methods 2, four Minor methods 1, five Minor methods 3, seven Minor methods 6, nine Minor methods 1, ten Minor methods 1, twelve Minor methods 1, fourteen Minor methods 1.

After augmentation to eight in 1924: Grand-sire Triples 21, Stedman Triples 7, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 21, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Double Bob Major 1, Double Oxford Major 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Little Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 1.

These were rung by 91 different ringers, 86 of which were conducted by Mr. W. Poston. A unique record is held by Mr. Poston of having rung in all these peals except the peal of London by the late Mr. W. Pye's band.

## Mr. J. George's 95th Birthday

'I am the oldest veteran ringer in the world ever to ring a handbell peal at the age of 95 years.'

This is the footnote Mr. James George forwarded to the editor in regard to the handbell peal he rang on his 95th birthday on Saturday, November 27th, at the residence of Mr. Martin Stewart at Ferdown, Dorset. The peal is recorded in this issue.

'Jimmy arrived "full of beans,"' writes the conductor, Mr. D. T. Matkin. The peal was listened to by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas and Mr. A. H. Pulling, and they can testify that it was good ringing. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Stewart provided refreshments, and 'Jimmy' certainly enjoyed himself.

This is Mr. George's 1,281st peal. These have been rung in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales in 399 different churches and cathedrals, and in 27 different places on handbells.

On August 24th, 1939, he rang the sixth to a peal of Plain Bob Major at Enderby, Leicestershire, at the age of 85 years and 9 months, and is the oldest surviving ringer to ring a tower bell at that age. This peal was called by Mr. Ernest Morris, who asks us to give his congratulations to Mr. George. Mr. Morris concludes: 'I have vivid memories of many other fine peals we rang together, especially the 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob, which I called with Mr. George on the tenor.'

Mr. George has already made provisional arrangements for his 96th birthday peal next year. He is in reasonably good health, and there appears to be no reason why he should not do what he says he will do—live to be 100 years.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A story of electricity failure was the meeting of the Cambridge District at Ickleton on November 13th. There was no light in the tower at the start of the meeting. Later, to the relief of everyone, it was restored only to fail just before the service.

In the fast failing natural light the service started, and then, to the amazement of the congregation, as the words of the first line of the second verse ('Let all your lamps be bright') of the hymn, 'Ye servants of the Lord,' was being sung, the lights came on.

Owing to the large attendance tea at the Red Lion was in two sittings. A sum of 2 gns. was voted to the fund for Duxford bells—those in the derefict Church of St. John are to be rehung in the Church of St. Peter. The district annual meeting will be at Cambridge on January 22nd.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

## STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The last meeting of the year was held at Stalybridge (St. Paul's) on Nov. 27th, when, despite the foggy conditions, some 70 members and friends were present. Good use was made of the bells before the service in church.

The Guild form of service was read by an old friend of the branch, Canon B. B. Slater, who in an interesting address said that ringers should glorify their ancient ministry. To do this would require from them dedication, regularity and worship. By glorifying their ministry they would help in glorifying the whole ministry of the church.

An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided, and the meetings suggested for 1949 (subject to the agreement of the towers in question) were: January 29th, Stockport (St. Mary's); April 23rd, Burbage; May 21st, Hayfield; June 25th, Knutsford; July 16th, Mottram; September 24th, Marple; November 26th, Stalybridge (Holy Trinity).

The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Further ringing was enjoyed until a late hour.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON <i>Treble</i>	*BERNICE M. STRANGE ... 4
*BERYL J. STRANGE ... 2	JOHN E. MANNERS ... 5
THOMAS I. HOLBOROW ... 3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. MANNERS.

\* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor (age 15). Rung to mark the centenary of the restoration of the church.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS <i>Treble</i>	†HARRY ROGERS ... 4
*PATRICK PRESTON ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 5
†PETER NIX ... 3	FREDK. A. SALTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor on tower bells. ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor. A farewell to the Rev. Ingliss, who is leaving for St. Peter's, Nottingham.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. approx.

L. CAMPEY ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. E. M. P. LAWTON ... 4
J. W. I. SLACK ... 2	N. MEAKIN ... 5
C. W. LAWTON ... 3	J. W. WHITTAKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MRS. E. M. P. LAWTON and C. W. LAWTON (two extents each), and J. W. WHITTAKER (three extents).

For the dedication of a victory memorial clock and of the memorial clock to Thomas Taylor (a ringer at this church for over 48 years).

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

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

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

LEWIS J. LAST ... <i>Treble</i>	BASIL F. W. OSBORNE ... 4
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
TOM WARD ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

A compliment to Mr. George Fleming, a fellow-ringer, and Miss Hyacinth Hermione (Grace) Mortimer, on the occasion of their marriage.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*ALAN WHITFORD ... <i>Treble</i>	DEREK WHITFORD ... 3
STUART SMITH ... 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 4
ROGER LEIGH ... 3	... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven variations of extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 53 lb.

ANDREW MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 4
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
*BERTIE HAMMOND ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

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

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT HOWARD ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM G. SHORT ... 4
JOHN P. MORRIS ... 2	WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 5
GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 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

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.  
Conductor's 25th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association.

RUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT 48, ASHFIELD AVENUE,

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

*MARGARET D. WOOLLEY 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	†WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.  
\* First peal in the method. † First in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

Tenor size 18 in A.

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Twenty-fifth peal 'in hand' this year by the conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

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

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.	
ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT FERNDOWN HILL,

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

Pitslow's Transposition. Tenor size 16 in B.	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	*FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
Witnesses: MR. and MRS. M. STEWART.

\* Hundredth peal.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT FERNDOWN HILL,

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

Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C.	
ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
Witnesses: MR. and MRS. M. STEWART.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT FERNDOWN HILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	MRS. J. THOMAS ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 7-8

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
John Thomas ... 9-10

Witnesses: MR. and MRS. M. STEWART.

Rung to celebrate Mr. J. George's 95th birthday.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT FERNDOWN HILL,

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

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in B.	
ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	JAMES GEORGE ... 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
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## ENGAGEMENT

GRAY—HOULDSWORTH. — The engagement is announced between Philip M. J. Gray, only son of Mrs. J. C. Gray, of 5, Box Ridge Avenue, Purley, Surrey, and Joan Houldsworth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Houldsworth, of 92, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot, Devon. 4497

## RETURN THANKS

Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, of 4, Quarry Road, Totley, Sheffield, wishes to thank his numerous ringing friends for their kind letters of sympathy in his recent sad bereavement. 4492

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## MISCELLANEOUS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.—A page will be reserved in our issue of Dec. 24th for this popular form of salutation from ringers to their friends. Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—Consecration of church and institution of Rev. A. S. Roberts as first Vicar, Saturday, Dec. 18th., at 3 p.m. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Prayers and peals by distant friends appreciated. 4479

## MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Burnham, Saturday, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 4475

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Practice ringings, Ipswich (8 and 12), Dec. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tea 5 p.m., Tudor Cafe. St. Margaret's draw result. No business. Please notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4464

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton (8), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4480

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Aston-on-Trent Dec. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food.—W. A. Parsons, District Sec. 4478

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Clenchwarton (5), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4482

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Royston (near Barnsley), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own sandwiches. Good bus service from Barnsley.—J. J. L. Gilbert and D. Smith. 4483

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Goole on Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) from 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d. each) for all who notify Mr. J. Waud, 37, Oxford Road, Goole, by Dec. 28th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4496

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 1st, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4500

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst (8), Jan. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than Dec. 29th to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 4503

## QUARTER PEALS

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Barrett 1, A. J. Scott 2, M. Poole 3, E. F. Brooks 4, C. H. Lathey 5, J. L. Glyde 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, A. T. Meech 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Warden 1, Miss R. Ashley 2, H. F. Ashley 3, S. Carter 4, H. Ashley 5, A. J. Hinde (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

CORSTON, NR. BATH.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, 300 Stedman and 240 April Day): Miss B. H. Young 1, Miss E. M. Hannam 2, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 3, S. G. King 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, H. Jones (first quarter) 6. First quarter in four methods by all the band.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maclean 1, D. Maclean 2, J. Hanley 3, R. Evans 4, W. Lago 5, J. L. Stanier 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Maclean 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Baverstock 1, P. R. Waterman 2, J. Mussell 3, Miss J. M. Brown 4, R. N. Marlow (first as cond.) 5, H. G. Gray 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, S. Smith (first quarter) 3, R. Wykes 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. C. Sharpe 1, R. Heath 2, A. E. Austin (cond.) 3, J. A. Acres 4, S. Forwood 5, A. Beale 6.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, J. Attwood 2, E. T. Newbury 3, P. Payne 4, F. Miles 5, H. Higgins (first quarter) 6.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Coleridge 1, F. E. Manns 2, J. Mussell 3, J. Lewis 4, L. F. Harris (cond.) 5, H. Smith (first quarter) 6.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Long (15) 1, B. Hulatt (14) 2, W. Baxter (17) 3, M. Stevens (19, cond.) 4, L. Keep (18) 5, W. Welch (17) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, a half-peal of Minor (720 Kent T.B., 1,440 Oxford T.B., 360 Plain Bob): B. Elliot 1, G. Schlueber 2, R. F. Boykett 3, F. Harrington 4, G. Saunders 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, January 1st, commencing at 6.15 prompt. St. Martin's bells (12) will be available for one hour (5 to 6 p.m.).—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 4495

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Notice of motion and nominations of officers, etc., must reach me by Feb. 1st. The altered rates of subscription come into force on Jan. 1st, 1949: members 2s. 6d., hon. members 2s. 6d., life hon. members one guinea. These are, of course, minimum subscriptions. The peal ringing fee of 6d. per ringer for peals to be published in our report also commences on Jan. 1st. Details of peals and the appropriate fee should be sent to Mr. R. Suckling, 27, Coldnailhurst Avenue, Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex. I take this opportunity of wishing all members a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham. 4499

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, Miss V. Relf 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, A. E. Beane 5, W. C. Marshall 6, M. W. Marshall 7, E. A. Stanger 8. For 83rd birthday of Mr. R. Edwards.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Tooke 1, G. T. Peggall 2, P. W. J. Fryer 3, R. G. Fisher 4, C. Curson 5, W. Farrow 6, W. Clover 7, R. W. Curson (cond.) 8.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wyllis Short 1, G. Clark 2, C. H. Ward (cond.) 3, W. Johnson 4, M. Wise (first 'inside') 5, G. Diaper (first quarter) 6.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Minor (480 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 St. Clement's, 420 Plain Bob): Miss Doris M. Wiskin 1, S. Harpley 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, Miss Doris J. Peeling 4, R. Wiskin WATFORD.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Bob Royal: S. Dolley 1, S. H. Hoare 2, W. G. Paul 3, J. Brookman 4, H. G. Timms 5, A. R. Dawes 6, P. H. Watts 7, G. Seaman 8, R. G. Bell (cond.) 9, F. H. Crook 10. First of Royal by 1, 4 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Holmes (first quarter) 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, L. W. Skinner 3, R. Hartley 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Ian Couch 6.

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