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**'TO ALL PROCLAIM HIM'**

**T**HIS issue of 'The Ringing World' is dated Christmas Eve, and this evening and to-morrow the majority of the 40,000 ringers in this country and overseas will through the bells be proclaiming to the world at large the glad tidings of Christmas. It is the privilege of the ringer to be among the first to say 'Merry Christmas' to the community. Our first thought is of ourselves, and your Editor and the Editorial Committee send to every belfry where this journal is taken their personal greetings and good wishes. 'We are all brothers' is a phrase that could well be applied to ringers. Despite all our shortcomings, we are the largest organised body of church-workers in the country; there is certainly no other body where individual members are known to each other so intimately and with greater friendliness.

Everyman will be listening for our bells this evening. Each Christmas brings to mankind new hope. The message of the heavenly host of 'Peace on earth, goodwill towards men' is applicable to-day as it was on that first Christmas. And the message comes from the churches of our land. Dean Carpenter, in his book 'The Household of Faith,' tells of this witness to God. 'One has a spire, a finger pointing to God,' he writes. 'Another has a tower. It is like an old man holding up a clenched hand and saying, "As the Lord liveth before whom I stand. Thus saith the Lord."'

On Christmas morning people will look at the spires and towers of our land and hear the message of our witness, 'Goodwill towards men.' It is in the atmosphere of goodwill and none other that we can receive the great gift of Christmas and take part in the worship and adoration of the Christ Child.

To some in these days the call of Bethlehem might sound very mystic, nevertheless it is still real and living. It is not a call 'Come to church at all costs'; it is the same attraction as was possessed by the stable of Bethlehem, that drew the shepherds and the wise men to the Infant Christ. The words of a traditional French carol, 'Waking Time,' tells perhaps better than any editorial words the message and the witness:—

And in a stable though he lies,  
We in our hearts will soon devise  
Such mansions as can never shame him:  
There we will house and hold him dear,  
And through the world to all proclaim him:  
'Wake up, good folk!  
Wake up, good folk, for Christ is here.'



ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including William Salt, Mrs. H. J. Poole, Elizabeth Faulknall, Cecil E. Carr, Leslie E. Rivers, Sidney O. Cheney, Harold J. Poole, and Alfred Ballard.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. A compliment to Canon H. V. Hibbert on the 25th anniversary of his induction at this church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5021 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Spliced Surprise Major peal, including Fredk. A. Finch, Thomas J. Lock, Maurice Hodgson, Geoffrey V. Murphy, Leonard H. Bowler, Allick Cutler, Alfred J. House, and Charles W. Roberts.

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in two methods for the Association.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the London Surprise Major peal, including Kathleen Tilley, Herrick B. Bowley, Dorothy Udale, Laurence Greenhow, Shirley Burton, Harold G. Jenney, Alfred Ballard, and Harold J. Poole.

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. \* First peal in the method. Congratulatory peal to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby on the birth of a son.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Table listing names and change counts for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including Robert Collins, Doris E. Colgate, Reginald E. Lambert, Edwin H. Lewis, Ernest J. Ladd, Thomas E. Sone, John O. Weller, and Robert T. Lambert.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by THOS. E. SONE.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Stedman Triples peal, including Miss Julia M. Preston, Roger C. Preston, Ronald Airey, Peter Parrott, Percival W. Cave, Thomas W. Hesketh, William Robinson, and Fredk. S. Almond.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by P. W. CAVE. \* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Superlative Surprise Major peal, including William Ambler, Leslie W. G. Morris, Patricia E. M. Barton, William Barton, Thomas W. Strangeway, Fred Hodgson, John Ambler, and Percy J. Johnson.

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS. All the band are officers of the Association and resident in the Western District. The conductor's 200th peal and 100th as conductor.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes, AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Table listing names and change counts for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including E. Roger Martin, Thomas Barker, Sydney Tuson, John Jackson, G. Alec Dimmock, James Blackburn, John H. Gartside, and Arthur Hatch.

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN. \* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the silver jubilee of the Rector, Canon Cartmel, in the priesthood. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Superlative Surprise Major peal, including John Pearson, Edward Jenkins, John E. Bibby, Ronald Squires, Harry Wilde, Vernon Bottomley, Alfred Smith, and Sam Longbottom.

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS. \* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Bristol Surprise Major peal, including Mrs. E. F. Salmons, Ernest F. Salmons, Tom Page, Fredk. W. Burnett, Tower R. Taylor, Arthur V. Davis, Fredk. W. Rogers, and Alfred T. Greenwood.

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS. \* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Superlative Surprise Major peal, including George E. Fearn, George E. Large, Arthur V. Pearson, Barnabas G. Key, Henry H. Fearn, Arthur D. Cook, Thomas W. Sheppard, and Arthur Pritchard.

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD. \* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HALLIWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Edward B. Webster, John F. Wood, Leslie Owen, Wilfred Kerr, Albert Heywood, Peter Crook, Sen., Edward Iddon, and Ronald Makinson.

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN. \* First peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Vicar and his wife.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Plain Bob Major peal, including Alexander S. Wait, Gillian A. Smith, John B. Rowsell, Rev. B. F. Sheppard, Brian D. Threlfall, John Davy, Michael R. D. Harford, and Geoffrey Dodds.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by M. R. D. HARFORD. \* First peal of Major. † First in the method on tower bells. First peal as conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Yorkshire Surprise Major peal, including Squire Croft, Leonard H. Bowler, William J. Ellis, William Welling, Allick Cutler, Alfred J. House, Charles W. Roberts, and Fredk. A. Finch.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. \* First peal in the method and on the bells.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Parker's Six-part, Leslie F. G. Bainham, Donald G. Clarke, Mrs. L. Bainham, John W. Jones, George E. Large, Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Robert E. R. Smith, and Alfred W. Heath.

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones on the eve of his 83rd birthday.



**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. John's on Nov. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Gould 1, A. H. Cote 2, Miss B. J. Adlam 3, Miss D. V. Gould 4, M. J. Best (first of Major 'inside') 5, G. E. Evenden 6, A. J. Butler 7, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 4.

**BRIGHTON.**—At St. Peter's on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, A. W. Bond 2, J. A. Smith 3, A. Gravett (cond.) 4, W. Hargreaves 5, W. C. Hart 6, H. W. Woolven 7, R. Sindén 8. First quarter for 1 and 8; first Grandsire 'inside' for 5 and 7.

**CROYDON.**—On Nov. 7th at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, W. Oatway 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, R. Davies 4, G. H. Humphries 5, H. G. Pratt 6, F. E. Collins 7, D. Cooper (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 2, 3, 5 and 6.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAM.**—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Bailey 1, W. Prosser 2, H. Castles 3, L. Hulbert 4, P. Yeomans 5, W. Heath 6, P. Jones 7, W. Dare (cond.) 8.

**DAYBROOK, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, P. Preston 3, P. Ball 4, F. C. Alvey (first 'inside') 5, H. Pailing (cond.) 6, R. A. Ward 7, W. Perkins 8.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—On Nov. 7th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, J. H. White 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 3, Squire Croft 4, A. Jones 5, F. A. Finch 6, D. R. Judd 7, E. C. S. Turner 8.

**GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. War (first quarter) 1, S. Ansell 2, H. Scott 3, H. Weaver 4, R. P. Wood, jun. (cond.) 5, A. Baker 6. In memoriam Leonard Lewis.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. John's on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. Impey 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, R. A. Reed 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, F. Blondell 5, C. Chapman 6, F. Corke 7, A. R. G. Twinn (first of Bob Royal) 8, T. G. Bannister 9, W. H. Coles 10.

## QUARTER PEALS

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Izzard 1, A. Ford 2, A. Waller 3, C. Prindiville 4, G. Hutchings 5, L. Turner 6, C. Izzard 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. First quarter by local band since augmentation of bells.

**LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Hickton 1, C. Geary 2, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 3, W. H. King 4, T. W. Robinson 5, J. C. Wiseman (first of Triples) 6, G. Rigby 7, H. Makins 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Rita Parker 1, W. H. Ashby 2, G. F. Roome 3, F. Burgess (cond.) 4, T. H. Loakes 5, W. Mawby 6, A. E. Sibley 7, F. Eyden 8. First quarter Triples by 1, 3, 6 and 8.

**PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.**—At St. James' on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, tenor covering: J. Porteous 1, N. Sharpe, jun. (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Caldwell 3, Alex Scott 4, R. Ling (cond.) 5, R. W. M. Clauston 6, N. Sharpe 7.

**ROCHDALE, LANCS.**—On Nov. 20th, at All Saints, Hamor, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ian W. Taylor (15) 1, Beatrice Brierley 2, Marjorie Leach 3, J. A. Taylor 4, Allan Smith (cond.) 5, James Taylor 6. First quarter for 1 and 3.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B.), 180 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Cheal 1, C. S. Jarrett 2, T. A. Cross 3, E. Naylor 4, W. J. Walker 5, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 6, F. G. Stevens 7.

**SOLIHULL.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Bragg 7, C. Bragg 8, H. Bragg 9, G. E. Fearn 10.

**SWAINSWICK, BATH.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Jeans 1, D. Thorn (first quarter, age 11) 2, F. Jeans 3, E. Bath (cond.) 4, S. White 5, W. Toghill 6.

**SWINDON.**—On Nov. 14th at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Bullock 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, W. W. Daniell 3, F. J. Daniell 4, H. Bishop 5, S. Palmer 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, T. Townsend 8, G. Wells (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For the golden wedding of the ringers of the 6th.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pritchard 1, D. Gay 2, B. Latham 3, Miss Doris Shepperd (first 'inside') 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, R. Sharpe 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Shepperd.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Doris Shepperd 1, G. Latham 2, D. Gay 3, B. Latham 4, T. Price 5, T. Pritchard 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, R. Thain 8. A compliment to Mr. Samuel Underwood on completing 40 years as organist.

**TAUNTON.**—On Nov. 7th, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hansford 1, H. Floyd 2, W. H. Tarr 3, C. Williams 4, F. Morris 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Simons 8.

**UPAVON, WILTS.**—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Oakley 1, C. F. Haines 2, D. J. Kiddle 3, R. E. Turner (cond.) 4, A. F. Haines 5, J. Kiddle 6.

**WYKE REGIS, DORSET.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. T. Cornick 1, F. Crudge 2, G. Abbot 3, W. J. Chapman 4, J. Rose 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, J. Hart 8. First quarter by the band since the rehanging of the bells.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Coles (first quarter) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, E. E. Holman 3, C. Finch (first 'inside') 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, C. E. Wilmington 6, H. Rumens (cond.) 7, F. Taylor 8.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Brake 1, Miss F. Poole 2, W. H. Poole 3, T. E. Marks 4, J. Pugh (first 'inside') 5, H. Gaylard 6, A. C. Jeanes 7, W. E. Turner 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, F. Brinson 10.

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## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

The year 1948 is fast ebbing, there is barely another week left in which to send your subscriptions to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. Many new subscribers are joining the 'Ringing World' family with our January 7th issue.

Mr. Frank Warrington, of St. Ives, Hunts, for the Royal birth conducted 33,502 changes in Minor, Triples and Major in eight towers. Ringing time was 18 hours, 29 minutes, and the mileage he covered was 234. Of the seven peals attempted six were successful. Two quarter-peals were also rung. Is it a record? he asks.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, will, we are sure, receive many congratulations on her 200th peal.

There will be a delay of a few days in the dispatch of 'Ringing World' receipts through the volume of accountancy.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, has now called peals by 50 different composers embracing 173 different compositions, of which 112 were one-parts. He has conducted 238 peals.

John Noel Ames, who commenced ringing this year, has rung his first peal. He and Ronald Goldwell are the first two of the Snaith (Yorkshire) band to ring a peal.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who had the privilege of calling Mr. F. S. Wilson's first handbell peal, again officiated for his 100th peal at Fern-down on November 24th. Mr. J. Thomas also participated on both occasions. The trio had not rung together for 36 years.

Mr. Bowley, who rang the treble to his first peal at Copt Oak on November 12th, has been a regular service ringer at Copt Oak and Oaks-in-Charmwood for over 50 years. He rings single-handed, having lost his right hand many years ago.

The University of Bristol Society have made amends for the royal birth peal interrupted by the verger after ringing for 2 hours and 20 minutes. This was accomplished on Dec. 7th and was the first of Triples for the Society. There had been another attempt earlier which was lost through an omission in the calling.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

To mark the 83rd birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones, the Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, a peal was rung at St. Cadoc's, Caerleon, on December 4th. Caerleon was chosen because it was there that Mr. Jones first learned to handle a bell and he is also an old Caerleon old boy. It is 60 years ago since the first peal was rung on Caerleon bells, and Mr. Jones was one of the ringers who took part on that occasion.

The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, will be broadcast in the West Regional programme on Sunday, January 2nd, between 9.25 and 9.35 a.m.

At a West Wales church an instructor was nonplussed when his pupil asked, 'Can I scratch my nose? It's itching.' Leaving the sally to its own devices, she scratched!

The peal of Bristol Surprise at Portsmouth on December 4th was the 300th peal together by Messrs. A. T. Greenwood and F. W. Rogers.

In the peal of Doubles at Accrington on October 30th the ringer of the 4th was R. Leigh, and of the tenor C. H. P. Johnson, and not vice versa as published.

The peal at Willesden on December 2nd is the first peal of Major to come round at hand-stroke. It was rung on the wedding anniversary of the composer, and the band wish it to be regarded as a welcome to Andrew John Corby. By ringing the sixth, Mr. Cutler has rung every bell in the tower to a different Surprise method this year.

An interesting if unorthodox way of producing changes on handbells was tried out at Burford, Oxon, on December 5th, when M. C. F. Collett, J. G. Collett and B. S. Nichols (conductor) 'lapped' a quarter-neal of Bob Minor. Writes the conductor: This can be very entertaining at a Christmas party and is something which can be used to show a non-ringer the actual 'movement' of a working bell.

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# A Christmas Quiz for Ringers

BY KEWSETT.

Three book prizes are offered for the answers nearest the correct solution. Closing date January 8th, 1949. Envelopes to be addressed 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

## ROUND ENGLAND QUIZ.

1. Where is there a ring of ten, reputed to contain metal from the cannon of the Spanish Armada?
2. Where is there a ring of six with a public roadway underneath the tower?
3. Where is there a round church with a ring of eight?
4. Where is the ring of bells highest above sea level?
5. Where is there a ring of 6 in a Saxon tower so weak that the bells are supported on an internal girder tower?
6. Which parish church has two separate rings of bells?
7. Where is there a ring of twelve hung anticlockwise?
8. In which cathedral has one to walk the length of the triforium to get to the belfry?
9. Where is there a complete Saxon church in the same town as two rings of eight bells?
10. Where are there two churches in the same churchyard, one with tower in ruins used for services, the other with nave in ruins with a ring of bells?

## HUNT THE PSALM.

In the following quotations from the Psalms, a word is omitted in each that is a ringing term. What are the missing words?

11. 'Incline thine ear unto me when I —'
12. 'They had swallowed us up — : when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.'
13. 'Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down; — the mountains, and they shall smoke.'
14. 'O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end: but — thou the just.'

## MARITAL MUSINGS

INSPIRED BY THE MARRIED COUPLES' PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.—C. K. L.

For recipe of bliss conjugal,  
In spite of bells or bugle,  
To the ringers of a recent peal  
Very humbly we appeal.

We, while on their words of wisdom wait,  
Can among ourselves debate  
Whether the famous couple Thomas  
Discuss the peals they amass?

Does ringing thrill, as shades grow darker,  
Their 'bright young people' Barker?  
The Pooles, like bells in their true courses,  
Do they too pool resources?

Do the Matthews in their forty winks  
Go on ringing Stedman Cinques?  
Or is it in the ménage Deal  
First words are, 'How went the peal?'

Does a true symmetrical round-block  
Please or vex the couple Lock?  
All, to put an end to our surmise,  
Should ring a peal of 'spliced' Surprise.

'Toastscrip.'

Do the Lewis's bill and coo  
When for a peal they 'Have a go' ?  
Does loss of time restrict the urge  
Now we have the 'Plain Bob Dirge' ?

A happy Christmas to the lot,  
Good fortune in New Year.  
Here's one whose hoping for a tot  
When occasion calls for cheer! D. 'C.' V.

15. 'And rejoiceth as a giant to run his —'
16. 'And the Lord shall — by them, and save them.'

17. A CODE.—Read the following message concerning bellringing.

sifecoalhtmodaweiebr  
rtiepnclgilhstlicosi  
hhfneggbaaoenviodlid  
saeetixcaxatemihpfas  
lntoieicennsoweaeahrd

18. A DARTS PROBLEM.—A friend once gave me a problem. He had to arrange a fixture list for a league of twenty darts teams. The league met on nineteen evenings and played ten matches every evening. How can the fixtures be arranged so that every team plays every other during the nineteen evenings? Being a ringer, I could answer this. Can you show how to solve the problem for any even number of teams?

19. STEDMAN TRIPLES.—Eight friends of mine rang a plain course of Stedman Triples. The ropes fell in a circle, in order.

Jack was on John's left.  
When Bob was in quick, John and Arthur were dodging in 4-5.  
Pat was not opposite Bob, but Bob was opposite Arthur.  
Tom and John were standing on either side of Arthur, and the three were all in the slow together.  
Tony was on Bill's right.  
Which bells were they ringing?

## ANAGRAMS.

The following phrases with letters rearranged give the names of well-known methods or principles. What are they?

20. Stirring elder sap.
21. O crumb, Horatio, jocund wobbler.
22. But done damselfs.
23. Tire in calor gas.
24. Strap errors biliously.
25. Blond robber exit room F.

## A 25th ANNIVERSARY

An interesting anniversary was commemorated at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, by repeating a 35-method peal 25 years later.

The first 35-method peal was rung on the old six at Norbury on December 4th, 1923, by James Fernley, jun., John P. Fidler, William Fernley, Walter W. Wolstencroft, James Fernley, sen., and John W. Hartley, and the conductor was J. Fernley, sen. Messrs. James, jun., and William Fernley took part in the anniversary peal, and the band would like to associate the names of J. P. Fidler, W. W. Wolstencroft and J. W. Hartley with the peal, being the remaining survivors of the original band. The rest of the band was made up from that which rang the maximum number of Treble Bob Minor methods that can be spliced into seven extents (73) at Fairfield, Buxton, on June 12th, 1937. James Fernley, jun., and W. W. Wolstencroft also took part.

The first 35-method peal was a milestone in Minor ringing and laid the foundation for the advances which followed and culminated in the ringing of the 105-method peal by the Lincolnshire handbell band. It is a great pity that the booklet, 'Method Splicing,' by J. P. Fidler, is now no longer obtainable, as it is full of useful information. C.K.L.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grand sire Doubles: D. F. munds 1, R. Elliot 2, M. Elliot 3, G. Rootme 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5.

## A Golden Wedding

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT WALKER.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary by giving a dinner party at the Old Royal Hotel, Birmingham, on December 11th, which was attended by the members of their family and about thirty intimate ringing friends. Many messages of congratulation and goodwill were read out by the M.C. (Mr. J. F. Smallwood), and a very happy spirit pervaded the whole of the proceedings.

Mr. F. E. Haynes proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and spoke in very high praise of the splendid work which Mr. Walker had done in Birmingham, in which he had been so unselfishly supported by Mrs. Walker. He referred to the hospitality which they had extended to the many visitors who came to Birmingham, and to the many handbell peals which had been rung at their old residence in Baker Street. He felt sure that he was voicing the feelings of all present when he wished them continued happiness, and that they would be spared for many more happy years of married life.

Mr. W. Dowding and Mr. E. C. Shepherd added more words of congratulation.

In reply, Mr. Walker, in reminiscent mood, recalled many happenings, both during his courtship and married life, and expressed great pleasure at the presence that evening of one of the bridesmaids (Aunt Jane) who was at his wedding 50 years ago. He was sorry that, owing to the limitations of the times, he had been unable to secure a larger room and had been unable to invite all the friends whom he would have liked to come. He acknowledged that without the ungrudging help he had received from his wife he could not have done so much for ringing.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, on behalf of the company, then asked Mr. Walker to accept a travelling bag and Mrs. Walker to accept a houquet as small tangible tokens of the esteem and affection in which they were held by all present. He also spoke in high terms of the good work done by them both, wishing them long life and continued happiness.

Mr. Walker, who was taken by surprise, expressed his thanks. A handbell peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in honour of the happy event, and a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,050 changes, at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On the following day there was a family gathering of 86. Mr. and Mrs. Walker received 12 telegrams, 24 letters and 40 golden wedding greeting cards. J. F. S.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

CHELTHENHAM BRANCH ANNUAL.

Over fifty members met at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, for the annual meeting of the branch on December 11th. Service was conducted by the Rector, Canon J. B. Goodliffe, who also presided at the meeting following tea. The Rector, of Leckhampton was also present, and all towers except Swindon Village were represented. Many of the country members were able to enjoy ringing on a higher number than usual. Methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge, and there was much evidence of good progress during the year.

Mr. Thomas Boreham was elected chairman for 1949, the other officers being re-elected. An outing to be held in June, which the ladies are to be allowed to join in, and, if possible, a dinner in March, were agreed on, as also were meetings to be held at Prestbury, Alderton, Badgeworth and Charlton Kings, of which notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Five members had rung their first peal during the year and one his first as conductor. C. R.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Pitch of Bells

Dear Sir,—When I came to Washfield in 1937 I found they had a nice ring of six bells, and according to the list in the belfry it gave the weights, the dates and the bell founders as follows:—

Tenor. 10 cwt. 2 lb. Mears, 1901.  
No. 5. 8 cwt. W. Bilbie, 1787.  
No. 4. 6 cwt. W. Bilbie, 1787.  
No. 3. 5 cwt. 3 lb. Mears, 1901.  
No. 2. 4 cwt. 20 lb. Mears, 1861.  
Treble. 4 cwt. W. Bilbie, 1787.

The history from the records gives the explanation. In 1746 there were four bells; in 1787 a treble was added (all five by Bilbie). In 1861 No. 2 bell got cracked and was recast by Mears. In 1901 a new tenor was added, which necessitated No. 3 being recast and flattened a semitone.

Evidently Mears put their bells on the weighing machine. Bilbie gave a rough estimate.

The belfry list also showed the bells to be in the key of G, thus naming them G, A, B, C, D, E. Being curious, I thought I would check off. I tested them first with a set of handbells (Shaw's, of Bradford, made about a hundred years ago), which were concert pitch, for they harmonised with church organs and good pianos. I found the church bells were a semitone out, and the key was A flat. I checked off again with a Scout bugle and found the bells were really A flat.

On reading your leader on 'Pitch of Bells' and the interesting standards of vibrations, I wondered if we had got the correct pitch after all. At school we were taught physics, and our textbook said that 'what is vaguely referred to as concert pitch may be taken to represent C, the middle note of a piano, and has a vibration of 264 to the second.' Your leader says the B.B.C. pitch and the former English concert pitch is C+522. The lower octave C, the half of 522, would be 261 vibrations. There is not much in it, only three vibrations difference a second. I wonder how many have the ear to detect it.

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

## B.B.C. TIME SIGNAL

Dear Sir,—Being at the moment out of touch with actual ringing, I would like to say how good it is to be able to keep up with the latest ringing news through your paper.

I was interested in Mr. Edwards' remarks on the speed of ten-bell striking. Bow bells were a heavy ring, of course, and I quite agree that they sound fine rung at the slow speed on the B.B.C. disc. At one time I was in the employ of the B.B.C., and one day I timed the Bow bell changes. They vary slightly, of course, but the speed is roughly 20 changes per minute, which would bring a peal of exactly 5,000 changes home in 4 hours and 10 minutes. It is a slow speed, indeed, but deeply effective on a ring of that weight.

May I say one word about six-bell ringing? I have rung in many six-bell towers, and, of course, speed always depends upon local tower and hanging conditions, but on the whole I like the six bells struck slowly, but, particularly Minor methods, very slowly, about 19 or 20 to the minute. I have in mind the six at Tredington in Warwickshire, an old ring recently rehung, with a tenor of 16½ cwt. in E flat. Just about two years ago I heard a 720 of Plain Bob Minor rung there, at 17 changes to the minute. Those bells are out of tune, but the touch was very well struck and sounded quite magnificent. I should like to have heard the same touch transferred to a modern Simpson-tuned six in E flat.—Yours truly,  
D. STANLEY.

St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

## Cracked Bells

Dear Sir,—Adverting to the subject of the above, I had a very unpleasant experience at Winchester Cathedral when a lad of 16 in the year 1891. I had operated the chiming apparatus for Sunday morning service. It was the practice to raise and lower the tenor, and when just over frame high I was startled to hear a very different sound coming from above. I only had a younger boy than myself with me in the tower, and we made a very hurried descent, to be met by the steeplekeeper with a very anxious inquiry as to what had happened to the tenor.

My experience of cracked bells being very limited, I could give no explanation as to the reason for the change of sound. An examination later on in the day revealed a crack nearly the whole length of the 32 cwt. bell. A representative from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank gave it as his opinion that the cracking was due to the wear by the clapper, and I think his view was the correct one.

It is of interest to note that this bell was cast by Mr. Richard Phelps in the year 1734 and had never been quarter turned. The records of the Dean and Chapter for that year (1734) show that 'all the bell metal belonging to the Cathedral Church was delivered to Mr. Richard Phelps, who undertook to make eight new musical bells of the weight of five tunns or thereabouts. The tone of the tenor to be D sol, agreeable to the tone of the organ in Saint Michael's Church Cornhill in London.' It was this bell, after 157 years of faithful service, that gave me the fright of my life on that October Sunday morning, 1891.—Yours faithfully,  
CHARLES J. NORTH.

Selsey-on-Sea, Sussex.

Dear Sir,—I should like to support the statement of Mr. F. E. Collins in 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 10th. From our experience at the Croydon Foundry the great majority of cracked bells are obviously due to the old 'cast-in' crown staple and cannot therefore be attributed in any way to carelessness.

The remaining few appear mostly to be caused by 'clocking' which, although not necessarily carelessness, is certainly due to thoughtlessness.—Yours truly,  
Croydon. FRED C. W. STEVENSON.

## WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Elkins, in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' has certainly hit on a most important point regarding speed in ringing. I wonder how many of us set out for ringing with a purpose other than just merely ringing.

Personally, I have frequently found it necessary in towers where I have had charge, particularly on Sunday mornings, to say, 'Make them sound cheerful; we have no funerals today.' Invariably my remark has the desired effect. It reminds the ringers that there is a purpose for which they are ringing.

I feel sure that if all ringers were to do their ringing in the same spirit the ringing would find its own speed automatically.

Of course, it is obvious if any particular ringer doesn't feel disposed to push a big 'un about on a Sunday morning—well, he should get the other end.—Yours faithfully,  
Chatham. V. A. JARRETT.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: T. Beaumont 1, C. C. Bishop (first on eight) 2, Miss G. K. Jarrett (first quarter) 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 5, E. A. G. Allen 6, C. S. Jarrett 7, T. A. Cross 8. Ring in honour of the 85th birthday of Mrs. F. Jarrett, mother of the ringers of 4 and 5 and grandmother of the ringers of 3 and 7.

## OBITUARY

## MR. GEORGE BENNETT.

One of the best-known authorities on Yorkshire towers, Mr. George Bennett, of Holy Trinity, Ossett, has passed away at the age of 52. The funeral was at Ossett on December 9th. After the last rites, handbells were rung at the graveside by four ringers of the local band. Fellow-ringers from various towers and the local band kept the muffled steeple bells ringing into the evening, closing with a quarter-peal of Bob Royal.

George Bennett was a pioneer one cannot afford to lose. He was unfortunate just at the period of peal accomplishments to be cut off by his breaking down in health. Commencing as a young ringer in late 1909, he was made a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1910 at the age of 14. His first peal was at the age of 18 at Ossett (Bob Major in 1914). His second was Grandsire Caters in 1914 at Wakefield Cathedral. During his war service of the 1914-18 Great War naturally he took part in various peals about the country, particularly in the Nottingham and Bedford districts—one at Cardington in November, 1918, as a thanksgiving for cessation of hostilities; also at Dublin and Bray. In 1922 he rang one at Horbury.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung at Ossett (in 1923) was conducted by him. He was also the main factor of Ossett's beautiful ring of 10 being installed in 1934, and conducted the first peal on the bells (Grandsire Caters in 1935). The active service of his war duties gradually caused his health to deteriorate, and from then on, although his keenness never faltered, he was unable to ring at his best. Always there for advice, he was an example to all.

## MR. LEONARD HEAD

Mr. Leonard Head, who died on December 5th, had been a regular ringer at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, until his illness a year ago.

A half-muffled quarter-peal of 1,273 Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory by his fellow-ringers: J. H. Conquest 1, Miss V. Willard 2, H. B. Witney 3, W. Jeffs 4, F. Plummer 5, V. W. Conquest 6, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 7, W. Insley 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL  
TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Leigh on December 4th. It was very well attended, most of the towers being represented as well as friends from Cheltenham, Bishop's Cleeve, Norton and Prestbury. Officers elected for the ensuing year were Group Capt. Lister, chairman; Mr. E. T. Newbury, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Poulton, representative on General Committee. Three new performing members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tirley. A very excellent tea was served in the schoolroom. The service was conducted by the Rev. K. Prosser-Evans, who also presided at the business meeting. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise.

## MR. F. S. WILSON'S 100 PEALS

Fifty years after ringing his first touch Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Lilliput, Dorset, rang his 100th peal on November 24th. His list is appended:—

Tower bells: Grandsire Doubles 2, Plain Bob Minor 2, Plain Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 20, Grandsire Caters 5, Stedman Triples 7, Stedman Caters 2; total, 43.

Handbells: Grandsire Doubles 7, Grandsire Triples 41, Grandsire Caters 5, Stedman Triples 4; total, 100.



**ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being two extents of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob and one extent of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.  
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ALFRED J. NORTH ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE CHERRY ... .. 4
*ALFRED C. HARRIS ... 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS ... .. 5
*LEWIS R. RUNNACLES... 3	FRANK W. CROFT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\* First peal in five methods. In memoriam Mrs. K. I. Amos.

**DOWNHAM, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being seven different extents.

*WILLIAM T. HILL ... <i>Treble</i>	†HERMON J. OLIVER ... .. 4
*HENRY J. ALLBERRY ... 2	GERALD FROST ... .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to mark the first anniversary of the opening of these bells.

**LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,  
**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CECIL HINTON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*SIDNEY DANIELS ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 2	VICTOR A. PERRY ... .. 5
*ALBERT H. HINTON ... 3	WILLIAM YATES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

\* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells since September 2nd, 1928.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being one extent of Cambridge and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDERICK TURRELL ... <i>Treble</i>	BASIL WHITE ... .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., Nov. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED J. BATTIN ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD... 4
†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † 75th peal. A farewell peal to A. J. Lancefield, who sailed for New Zealand on December 4th.

**CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Tues., Nov. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROYSTON PURCHASE ... <i>Treble</i>	†JAMES BROOKS ... .. 4
†RUTH TABRAHAM ... .. 2	WILLIAM BUTLER ... .. 5
†ROGER POSNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal. † First in three methods. ‡ First in three methods 'inside.' First as conductor.

**HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Dec. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,  
**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being 7 different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY COMMINS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	SGM. GORDON WALFORD 4
*RAYMOND WINTER ... 2	ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 5
CLAUDE TARR ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

\* First peal of Minor.

**WALBERTON, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Comprising one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*HAROLD J. PESKETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 4
†HENRY C. WEAVER ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	BRIAN D. PRICE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside' in more than one method.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being 35 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (2) Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (6) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Fifty-five changes of method. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the first 35-method peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS**  
**READING, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,*  
 AT 18, MANCHESTER ROAD,  
**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
 \*AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 1-2 | ALBERT M. TYLER ... .. 5-6  
 †NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3-4 | ALBERT DISERENS ... .. 7-8  
 Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.  
 \* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Audrey Diserens. Tenor size 15 in C.

**LEICESTER.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
 AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,  
**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5-6  
 JILL POOLE ... .. 3-4 | FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7-8  
 PETER J. STANFORTH ... 9-10  
 Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
 Witness: MRS. H. J. POOLE. Tenor size 15 in C.

**ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
 AT 39A, HIGH STREET,  
**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor size 15 in C.

RONALD H. BULLEN ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES ... .. 5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4	*MISS MARION GRAIN ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.  
 \* First peal on handbells. First peal of Major as conductor.

**ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
 AT 39A, HIGH STREET,  
**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**  
 RONALD H. BULLEN ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES ... .. 5-6  
 MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4 | OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 7-8  
 Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.  
 A farewell to Owen A. Needham, who is leaving Ely to reside near Lincoln. Tenor size 15 in C.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT 17, ORTON GROVE, PENN.,  
**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 1-2 | ERIC F. SPEAKE ... .. 3-4  
 \*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 5-6  
 Conducted by ERIC F. SPEAKE.  
 \* First peal on handbells. Seven different extents.

## Christmas Greetings

To all our friends. Best wishes for your happiness this Christmas and throughout the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 4513

Christmas Greetings to all ringing friends, both old and new, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. F. BRADLEY, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 4513

To all brothers and sisters of the belfry, old friends and new, we send Greetings for Christmas and the coming year.—ST. MARGARET'S, Barking, Essex. 4510

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all my ringing friends.—Charles J. NORTH, Selsey-on-Sea, Sussex. 4511

A Happy Christmas and a 'snatching' New Year to Alan, Alec, Barbara, Betty, Bill, David, Eric, George, Gerald, Gordon, 'Jock,' Jack, Norman, Peggy, Roger, both Toms and Tony.—From 'THE OTHER ONE.' 4515

To the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Elmbank Road, Liverpool, 15. Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—From the bell-ringers, St. Chad's, Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire.—Archie HARRISON, Captain. 4508

My thanks and best wishes to all in the towers I have rung in this year. From each I have gained something. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Charles ROUSE, Cheltenham. 4507

To all my ringing friends, far and near, the joys of a Happy Christmas, and may God be with you all throughout the New Year.—Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset. 4506

The RINGERS of Walkden Parish Church extend to Messrs. John Potter and John Denner, who have been ringing together for 60 years, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 4505

Many happy memories of the past and pleasant anticipation for the future to all my ringing friends, old and new.—Ronald H. BULLEN, Ely Cambs. 4502

Congratulations on completing fifty years of bellringing and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Mr. George Heley, of Dunstable, from all at ST. GILES', Totternhoe.—J.S. 4501

Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all our ringing friends in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, especially the Grimsby District.—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert I. MINGAY, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 4500

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack BRAY. 4517

A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all friends is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, Royal Grammar School, Guildford. 4494

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be.—W. D. (Bill) ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Dog Village, Broadclyst, Devon. 4493

The Season's Greetings to all.—Mr. and Mrs. John P. FIDLER, Loughborough. 4490

Seasonal greetings to all members of Gloucester and Bristol Association and ringing friends everywhere.—W. B. and M. KYNASTON, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 4491

Best Christmas and New Year Wishes to all ringing friends and correspondents, with cordial thanks for their help in 1948.—Andrew J. CORRIGAN, Bitton. 4498

Christmas Greetings to Jimmy Fleetwood, Royal Engineers, Singapore; John Armstrong, R.A.S.C., Germany; and Reginald Funnell, R.A.F., Norfolk.—Joyce and Dulcie FLEETWOOD, ringers of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, Essex. 4489

To all bellringers our Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—HOLY TRINITY BELLRINGERS ASSOCIATION, Hobart, Tasmania.

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis POOLE.

Hearty Good Wishes and Happy Remembrances for Christmas and the New Year to all.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. HUGHES, 14, Robert Street, Bangor. 4467

Wishing all ringing friends a very Happy Christmas.—Hubert HATTO, 100, Greys Hill, Henley-on-Thames. 4522

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ringing friends in Ireland and across the sea.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. DUKES, Jenkins-town, Dundalk, Ireland. 4521

To the ringers of Holy Trinity tower, Guildford, a Merry Christmas and a New Year free from worrying women.—From the members of the Southern District of the LADIES' GUILD.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year to all ringers and friends.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 4540

With all Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. George R. NEWTON. 4532

Hearty Christmas Greetings and every Good Wish for a year of happy days to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and MARGARET, Tunbridge Wells. 4533

Best Christmas Wishes and Greetings for the New Year to all members of the Dudley Guild and many other ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. COLCLOUGH, Bilston. 4536

To all ringers and friends near and far, our Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for 1949.—Mr. and Mrs. R. LATHBURY and NORA, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year.—C. H. WEBB, 68, Brownhill Green Road, Coventry. 4539

Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE send heartiest Christmas Greetings and all Good Wishes for 1949 to all ringing friends everywhere.—80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5. 4541

To all my ringing friends far and near I send Hearty Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—Frederick WHITE, 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 4543

To all my ringing friends, Kind Thoughts and Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham. 4545

Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year to all members.—Franklin D. RICKARDS, ex-Sec., Glastonbury Deanery, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 32, Burcott Road, Wells, Somerset. 4547

Greetings for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 4546

Christmas and New Year Greetings to friends home and overseas.—T. G. MYERS, Plymouth, Devon. 4549

To all loyal Sunday service ringers, particularly those 'teenagers in so many towers, Best Wishes for perfect harmony and striking.—George GILBERT, Burnham, Bucks. 4550

As it is impossible to meet all friends, I take this opportunity of wishing them a Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year.—Wm. T. ELSON, Fulham, S.W.6. 4551

Christmas Greetings to all ringing friends, especially those who have now a new companion in the Ringers' Notebook and Diary.—W. VIGGERS and M. HODGSON. 4552

Hearty Greetings for Christmas and the new Year to all ringing friends—Good Health, Good Luck and Good Striking.—Don MEARS, Fritton, Moorstead Close, Hitchin. 4557

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to fellow-Cumberlands and all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. CROSS, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent. 4556

Christmas Greetings, with hopes for a Prosperous New Year to all Royal Cumberland Youths, members of the Hertford County Association and all ringing friends.—Walter Ayre. 4555

Christmas and New Year Greetings. Best Wishes to all ringer friends, especially members of Beverley and District Ringing Society.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 4553

Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas to all my ringing friends, especially in the Guildford and Windsor districts.—Norman V. HARDING, Roydon, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 4560

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members and friends.—A. B. PECK, Sec., College Youths. 4562

### DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARDS.

On December 11th upwards of 45 members of the society from Doncaster, Arksey, Fishlake, Bentley, Goole, Hatfield, Sprotborough and the local company met at a special meeting held at Thorne Parish Church for the ceremony of the dedication of two peal boards in the belfry.

The eight bells (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.) were rung up in peal, and during the afternoon excellent touches of Grandire Triples, Little Bob Major, Double Norwich C.B. Major and Plain Bob were rung. At 4.15 the Vicar, the Rev. C. Weaver, dedicated the two peal boards in the belfry, following which the whole of the members in attendance attended divine service in the church.

During the singing of Psalm 150 an excellent course of Grandire Triples was rung near the chancel steps by J. Martin Thorley 1-2, James Thorley 3-4, E. Cooper 5-6, and Ernest J. Padget 7-8.

The Vicar gave a short address and, after welcoming the members present, paid high tribute to the Thorne ringers who, he said, were not only expert ringers but were most regular attenders at the church. Tea was served in the Institute, provided generously by wives of the local ringers and lady helpers.

Mr. E. Cooper (Arksey) thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and his welcome to the ringers present, also to the lady helpers. Mr. C. W. King (Goole) seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

Good use was made of the bells until 9 p.m. Methods rung during the evening included Double Norwich C.B. Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Oxford Bob Triples, Stedman, and a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major. Four peals are inscribed on the two boards, being 5,040 Stedman Triples, 5,056 Bob Major, 5,040 Grandire Triples and 5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major. L. M. W.

### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery, held at Wroughton on December 4th, was attended by visitors from Mark, Worle, Chilcompton, Locking, Marksbury, Guildford, Bath and Bristol, and members from most of the affiliated towers. All retiring officers were re-elected en bloc.

The January Corporate Communion will be held at Long Ashton, and the monthly ringing practices were fixed for Tickenham, Barrow Gurney and Butcombe with Nempnett Thrubwell. The quarterly business meeting in April is to be at Chew Magna.

## NOTICES

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Jan. 1st, 3 p.m. Ringing St. George-the-Martyr. Southwark, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 4561

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

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

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

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Wolstanton, Saturday, Jan. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Aldersea, Kenley, 201, Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4512

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual district meeting, Winchester, Jan. 1st. Cathedral bells 2-3 and 6-30 to 7.30. St. Maurice's, 2-8. Service St. Maurice's Church 3.30. Meet-

ing Dumpers' Restaurant 4.30. Tea afterwards (2s. 3d. per head). Names by Dec. 29th to Rev. J. S. D. Mansell, College Street, Winchester. 4529

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 1st, St. James', City. Usual arrangements. Business and presentation 5.45 approximately. Please book teas by Dec. 30th to Branch Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2. 4558

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—St. Marie's afternoon, Cathedral evening, Jan. 1st. 3. Teas available British Restaurant and cafes.—Herbert O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8. 4524

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly, Jan. 1st. Tea 3. Names by Dec. 29th to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4527

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Annual general meeting, East Haddon (6), Jan. 1st. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Dec. 28th. Good attendance, please. 4563

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual, Ross, Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting, Central Cafe 4.30. Names for tea to W. Poston, Walford Road, Ross. 4520

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Jan. 8th, Co-operative Hall, Burbage. Bells available 3. Dinner 6, tickets 6s. each. Late buses to all parts of district, fare 1s. Names and remittance, including bus fare, to Mr. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road, Hinckley, by Jan. 4th. 4525

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting Braintree (8), Sat., Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business afterwards in Church Hall.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4526

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Barkington. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 12th, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4528

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Sat., Jan. 8th.—Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. W. Foreman, Waterlock, Wingham, Canterbury, not later than Wed., Jan. 5th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4534

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Brandon, Jan. 8th, 3. Tea 5.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 4535

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery.—Annual meeting, Honiton Clyst, Jan. 8th. Service 4. Tea 4.30 for those who notify by Jan. 5th.—B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 4542

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 8th, Guildford. Further details later. 4554

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 8th, St. Mary's (10), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to T. V. Jennison, 7, Tetterbury Road, Basford, Nottingham, by Jan. 4th. 4559

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Combined practice will be held at Dartford on the second Thursday in each month, 7.30 to 9, commencing January 13th. 13th. Come and make your requirements known.—A. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4531

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8), Saturday, January 15th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 12th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4519

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The bells of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Ormskirk, will be dedicated on Jan. 15th. Details later. 4537

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Meavy, Jan. 15th. Names for tea by Jan. 10th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4548

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Reunion Dinner and Ringing Afternoon, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Details later. Will all old members please contact the secretary, E. Mary Bliss, 4, Arlington Mansions, Clifton, Bristol 8? 4509

## QUARTER PEALS

BENFIELDSD, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 240 London Surprise Minor: G. Wall 1, F. Armstrong 2, C. Lamb 3, J. Lishman 5, S. Thompson, sen., 5, T. Dodd (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. A. Lamb to Miss Joyce Lowdon.

BLANKNEY, LINCS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Wiseman (11) 1, Jean Wiseman (13) 2, Evelyn Wright (15) 3, J. Moore 4, R. E. Manton (cond.) 5, John King (17) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A farewell to the Rev. L. A. Matthews.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's on Dec. 5th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Whitehead 1, F. I. Hairs 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, M. Thomas 4, F. Page 5, J. Capp 6, F. Bennett (cond.) 7, W. Hard 8, H. Stalham 9, F. Pullman 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1, 3, 4 and 10.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Bob Major: S. Ansell (first of Major) 1, E. Ropley 2, R. Wood 3, H. Weaver 4, C. Longhurst 5, H. Wood 6, C. Wood 7, R. Wood, jun. (cond.) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist on Dec. 5th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: E. Razzell 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, C. Parks 3, R. Davies 4, R. Abbott 5, W. Oatway 6, D. Cooper 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, G. H. Humphries 10. First of Stedman Caters by 1 and 5.

HERTFORD.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Carter 1, R. Dore 2, C. Springham 3, J. Page (first on eight) 4, V. Neale (cond.) 5, A. Wright 6, S. Carter 7, P. Saunders 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging.

MONMOUTH.—On Nov. 19th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading throughout): W. J. Price 1, K. Goodwin (first quarter) 2, L. H. Jones 3, A. Goodwin 4, S. Goodwin 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6, H. T. Castree 7.

READING.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Diserens 1, Miss A. Diserens 2, A. Diserens (cond.) 3, N. Diserens 4, W. Maxted 5, J. Taylor 6, P. Dyte 7, A. Sweetzer 8. In memoriam W. Evans, local ringer, killed on the railway.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. C. Williams (first of Minor) 1, F. D. Teague (first of Minor 'inside') 2, E. V. Williams 3, H. Miles 4, R. G. Cross (cond.) 5, A. J. Webster 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—At St. Mary's on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. S. Peacock 1, S. W. Hawksford 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, S. Gilbrt 4, H. Fields 5, F. W. Lack 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, R. Barnes 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. D. Prockson (first quarter Caters) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Bowden 4, S. G. Peck 5, A. H. Russell (first 'inside') 6, W. A. Theobald 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ridyard 1, J. J. Jackson 2, Miss Margaret F. Ridyard 3, Miss Vera Draper (first in method) 4, F. Everitt 5, R. Kenrick 6, J. Ridyard (cond.) 7, E. Trickett 8.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Kent Major: G. Jeffs, jun., 1, P. Clapman 2, G. Watson (cond.) 3, S. Osborne 4, E. Orland 5, W. Copperhead 6, H. Richardson 7, W. Whitmore 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. E. Alderman, a local ringer.

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