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IN our editorial of the issue of February 4th a concluding paragraph concerning the problems of publication aroused considerable interest, and the Editor acknowledges with gratitude the many helpful suggestions received. To most of these letters he has given a formal acknowledgment; will others who have not received a letter please accept his sincere thanks.

A concluding sentence in this editorial, in which a reference was made to 'lesser brethren who ring quarter-peals and those who enjoy their ringing at Saturday afternoon meetings,' has been in some quarters misinterpreted. In no sense does the Editor or the Exercise desire to disparage their service to ringing or the valued place they hold in the realms of change ringing. Their work is important; they knit together a spirit of friendship, and there is no question that the Saturday afternoon meeting has a stimulating influence for good, and is also an integral part in the organisation of ringing. The editorial of February 4th was intended as a brief survey of peal ringing in 1948, giving certain figures and facts which we felt were of interest, not only to peal ringers but to the Exercise as a whole. Because a man plays cricket on his village green on a Saturday afternoon it does not mean that he is not interested in county cricket. Peal performances are read and followed by a far greater circle than those who regularly participate. A non-ringing lady, who incidentally does not come from a ringing family, told the Editor that she always reads the peals and has an affectionate regard for certain men and women whom she has never seen. She has captured in her heart the same sense of enthusiasm as prevails in the sporting world.

A misapprehension exists regarding the paper allocation to 'The Ringing World.' Because daily and weekly newspapers now enjoy free sales this does not apply to the section of the press in the category of 'The Ringing World.' We receive an allocation in bulk. Last November we had our allowance increased, and it enabled us to dispense with the eight-page issues and to increase our circulation. The response for new readers was most satisfactory, and within a few weeks the Editor was happy to report to the Editorial Committee that the new peak figure had been reached. This week we have received from the Paper Controller our allocation figure for the next four months. This is a favourable figure. It will permit of another 300 new readers, and enable us to give an occasional 16-page issue for big events such as the forthcoming Central Council meeting at York and to keep abreast with the publication of peals.

We have two classes of subscribers—those on our mailing list and those who purchase their 'Ringing World' through the newsagent. Those on our mailing list are the most valuable, and it is to them that the solvency of 'The Ringing World' is due. From these subscribers 'The Ringing World' receives 3d. a copy, compared with a fraction over 1½d. from those who purchase through the newsagent, the reason being the cost of distribution through the publisher, the wholesaler and the newsagent. We do not ask these subscribers to transfer their allegiance; we welcome both sections of readers providing the mailing lists are maintained.

Now as to the procedure of new subscribers. If you desire to join our mailing list, send your subscription (4s. 3d. per quarter, 8s. 6d. half-year, or 17s. yearly) to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. In the event of a copy being lost in the post write to the Editor forthwith and he will attend to it at once. Please remember that "The Ringing World' is only dispatched to those who have paid their subscriptions. Reminders are published at the appropriate time in black type. Last month there were some 80 subscribers whose copies were temporarily withheld pending the arrival of their subscriptions; they are drifting back into the fold, but with pegged circulations there was a danger of their journal being allocated elsewhere. So close have been our margins that the Editor has not a single copy left of the issue of February 4th.

As regards new readers who desire their copies through the newsagent the procedure is as follows: If your newsagent has any difficulty in supplying you, write to our publishers, Rolls House Publishing Company, Breams Buildings, London, E.C.4, giving the name of the newsagent and his wholesaler and the appropriate arrangements will be made. 'The Ringing World' is the connecting link joining all ringers into one big fraternity; its aim is to be the family newspaper of all who love ringing. The Editor is truly thankful for the support and interest he has received in the past. He has seen the circulation increase by 40 per cent. during his regime, and he is confident that with the goodwill existing to-day the new allocation of paper will be quickly absorbed.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ALBERT D. COLLINS	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	HENRY E. GREEN	9
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	10
P. GEORGE GOLDER	5	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	11
GEORGE W. HUGHES	6	ALAN ELSMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 75th peal together.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*FRED C. LYNE	*Treble*	*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	*WILLIAM H. MALE	7
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	3	FRANK E. PERVIN	8
*VIVIAN B. HUNT	4	CHARLES J. CAMM	9
*CLARENCE R. STEED	5	*FREDERICK KINCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. WILSON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Caters. First peal on the recast and augmented bells.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt.

*VERNON W. SYKES	*Treble*	HERBERT BARLOW	6
*CHARLIE CLEGG	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
RICHARD LONGDEN	3	SELWYN DEARDEN	8
DAVID VINCENT	4	S.S.M. PHIL TOCOCK	9
*IVAN KAY	5	VERNON SYKES	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL	*Treble*	ALFRED H. PULLING	6
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	REGINALD BROWN	7
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	8
*MISS NELIA M. LEAHY	4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS	9
FRED PRICE	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman. In memoriam to Mr. G. Williams, Master of the above Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
FLORRIE WYMAN	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	ALFRED J. BULL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	MRS. J. THOMAS	5
ROBERT FREEMAN	2	FREDERICK E. NURDEN	6
JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	3	*JOHN THOMAS	7
MARGARET ROWLANDS	4	PATRICK HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* 800th peal.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 23 cwt.

LESLIE W. JARVIS	*Treble*	ALBERT H. KEMP	5
MISS HELEN GORRINGE	2	*MACOLM S. CLOKE	6
*MISS VIOLET RELF	3	ALBERT BEANEY	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	HERBERT F. GOODEARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.
* First peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	†CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	2	THOMAS MARSHALL	6
MISS M. E. RIDYARD	3	JAMES J. JACKSON	7
*MISS VERA DRAPER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (429). Conducted by JOS. RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative with 111 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's. Tenor 18 cwt.

RONALD W. HAYWARD	*Treble*	CLAUDE TARR	5
WILLIAM G. GIGG	2	HARRY CHURCHILL	6
FRANK E. HANSFORD	3	ARTHUR H. REED	7
CLIFFORD WILLIAMS	4	FRANCIS J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.
A farewell to the ringer of the third.

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CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in D.

FRANK J. BAILEY	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	5
FRED BAILEY	2	ALFRED W. HEATH	6
*HAROLD C. CASSEL	3	PERCY JONES	7
LEONARD HILBERT	4	WILLIAM H. DARE	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DARE.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	†REG. G. HOOPER	5
*GORDON H. ARGUILE	2	‡JOHN BRAMLEY	6
JILL POOLE	3	ALBAN DISNEY	7
*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise away from treble. ‡ 25th peal. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. SALTER	5
*HAROLD PAILING	2	†WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	6
†PATRICK PRESTON	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First of Triples in the method. † First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN N. LINDON	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	*JOHN SCOTT	7
JOHN S. WALTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BERNARD BOVER	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. EVERETT	5
ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW	2	HENRY W. SHADRACK	6
*ARTHUR HUBBLE	3	PETER J. EVES	7
ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM J. BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.
* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. LAWTON	*Treble*	ALLAN A. POTTS	5
MISS JUNE HENSHAW	2	NORMAN MEAKIN	6
MRS. C. W. LAWTON	3	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
*HAROLD LONYON	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOSEPH WHITTAKER.
* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor on eight bells. Tenor 14¾ cwt. approximately.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	*ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	*STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 41). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	ALFRED W. DURHAM	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	3	*WILLIAM ROGERS	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*EDWARD COX	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BISHOP	5
JAMES GORDON	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
*DOUGLAS JORDON	3	†WILLIAM CORDEROY	7
HENRY L. BISHOP	4	ERNEST MULFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT H. YOUNG	*Treble*	SIMON DACE	5
ERNEST BROWN	2	CECIL J. BARKER	6
OLAVE E. BROYD	3	REGINALD RIPPINGALE	7
ALBERT CATTERWELL	4	ERNEST W. PYE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.
In honour of the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pye.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ARNOLD HILL	*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	*ERNEST A. THORPE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
EDWARD J. BEER	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
*RONALD E. CONSTANT	3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	†JUNE CHESSON	*Tenor*

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

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PERCY L. PARSLOW	*Treble*	PERCY M. WATTS	5
MISS AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	RICHARD G. BELL	6
PETER A. NASH	3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
THOMAS J. CLARK	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. W. SEAMAN.
First peal as conductor. Tenor 15 cwt.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OXENHOPE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RONALD SQUIRES	*Treble*	*HARRY WILD	5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	2	DONALD R. MARSHALL	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
*MOLLY AMBLER	4	ALFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Leonard D. Millard	*Treble*	*James Brooks	5
Roger Posnett	2	A. James Glass	6
Albert Fleet	3	William Henley	7
*Royston Purchase	4	William F. Butler	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. F. Butler.
* First of Major. First of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Posnett.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

Ernest Paulson	*Treble*	George H. Paulson	5
*Norma Howes	2	*Dennis Scott	6
Dorothy Jean Dunn	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
†Cynthia Broome	4	*Norman Hotchin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. In memoriam Mrs. Wall, wife of Mr. Walter Wall, chorister at St. Helen's Church for over 75 years.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Benjamin Scoot	*Treble*	John Church	5
Horace Werrett	2	†Jack S. Dear	6
Edwin G. Buck	3	Walter D. Pooley	7
Roy V. Webb	4	R. Thomas Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
* First peal. † First of Major. Tenor 26½ cwt.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

P. Anger	*Treble*	W. H. Trueman	5
*B. Bladon	2	*E. L. Hughes	6
*H. S. Cooke	3	W. A. T. Carter	7
*W. A. Godwin	4	*W. H. Hayward	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by W. A. T. Carter.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First as conductor on eight bells.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Cecil Poyntz	*Treble*	†George Sayer	5
†Leslie W. Houghton	2	Nolan Golden	6
†F. Charles Goodman	3	*Thomas Simmons	7
†Wilfred G. Saunders	4	†Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

BLACKHILL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Richard A. Gofton	*Treble*	William J. Davidson	5
John A. Brown	2	Adam Deas	6
John Anderson	3	William H. Barber	7
William E. Robinson	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Wm. J. Davidson.
First peal on the augmented eight. Tenor 17½ cwt. (assumed).

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Paul Lea Taylor	*Treble*	Margaret E. L. Beamish	5
Colin Harrison	2	Walter P. Whitehead	6
Edward F. Gobey	3	Ernest Morris	7
Alan Cattell	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Reginald E. Lambert	*Treble*	*Arthur F. Lewry	5
*Alfred W. Durham	2	Geoffrey V. Murphy	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
William Rogers	4	†Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method. † 350th peal and 200th Surprise peal.

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael, Stoke,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

Frank E. Pervin	*Treble*	Frank Brassington	5
*Roy D. Hayne	2	*W. Brian Ellender	6
Adolphus Roberts	3	Thomas W. Sheppard	7
Douglas F. Ellender	4	*Harold Folwell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas W. Sheppard.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 3½ cwt.

John N. Lindon	*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
John Pinfold	3	William C. Dowding	7
*Geoffrey Westwood	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Arthur Rigby	*Treble*	Albert Greenhalgh	5
Miss Muriel Reay	2	John Ashcroft	6
*Frederick Brownlow	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
James Blackburn	4	James L. Wright	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First in method 'inside.' Tenor 12½ cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one of Oxford Bob, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

Patrick Harris	*Treble*	James Attwood	4
John Thomas	2	Francis Miles	5
Trevor E. Newbury	3	Oliver Attwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

James Smith	*Treble*	Tom Ward	4
Alfred B. King	2	George Thompson	5
George W. Pipe	3	William Sawyer	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Sawyer.
An 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, C.C.C. Nos. 85, 82, 79, 77, 76, 21, 20.

Arthur J. Millward	*Treble*	†Cyril G. Windram	4
*Albert Martin	2	*Dennis H. Allsopp	5
†Harold Bailey	3	*George A. Hollick	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Hollick.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On January 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Homewood 1, Miss R. Upton 2, W. Linksted 3, J. Homewood 4, L. Wells 5, J. Upton 6, G. Avis (cond.) 7, A. Green 8. For the 76th birthday of Mr. J. Homewood.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On January 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. Abell 1, P. Wells 2, C. Linch 3, G. Castleman 4, P. Smith 5, A. Skinner 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. First quarter Bob Triples by all.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On January 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, A. Wallace 3, C. S. Dixon 4, J. Caise (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT. — On January 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Millstead 1, Betty Solby 2, Hazel Luck (first 'inside') 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, F. Reeves 6, F. Gadsden 7, J. Tumber 8.

BLACKROD, LANCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Minor: F. Brownlow 1, Miss Muriel Reay 2, J. Blackburn 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. H. Gartside 5. P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 6.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On January 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Johnson 1, W. Thorpe 2, A. Ward 3, F. Parsons 4, F. Proctor 5, S. Proctor (cond.) 6, T. Hall 7, R. Pick 8. First in method 1 and 4.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On January 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Chilcott 1, E. J. Rowe 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, W. H. Hewett 5, H. Belcher 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, E. Peett 10.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's on January 30th, 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor: R. Pepper (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Yearsley 2, D. Chatfield 3, Miss B. Philpott 4, J. Stockbridge 5, A. Butler (cond.) 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Philpott 1, D. Wilsden (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Stockbridge 3, R. Port 4, Miss B. Philpott 5, D. Chatfield 6.

QUARTER PEALS

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's on January 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich: G. W. Barnes 1, H. T. Pye 2, P. G. Barnes (first of Major) 3, E. J. Butler 4, J. Edwards (first in method) 5, W. Chalk 6, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 7, H. J. Millat 8.

EALING.—At St. Mary's on January 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. I. Davies (first in method) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. P. Kent 3, P. E. Clark 4, T. Davies (first as conductor) 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, B. J. Bennett (first quarter) 8.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. Mynott 1, F. Warboys 2, S. Mynott 3, A. Redd 4, F. Gardner 5, T. H. Townsend (cond.) 6.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Foord 1, Rev. M. G. Bryant 2, C. Bridger 3, R. W. Belsey 4, W. C. Marshall 5, F. S. Macey (cond.) 6, G. W. Grant 7, R. Smith 8. 60th birthday compliment to R. W. Belsey.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, at St. Andrew's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Beard 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. E. Wright (first in method) 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (first in method as cond.) 7, F Freestone 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Biggs (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. Biggs 2, D. Cox 3, A. Cox 4, Ann Smith 5, J. Kape (first as cond.) 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

KERESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Stote 1, A. E. Bristow 2, Miss M. Daniels (first quarter) 3, Miss M. D. Reeves 4, W. B. Ellender (first as cond.) 5.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. A. Hughes 1, F. W. Housden 2, A. J. Boyack 3, L. E. Last 4, R. W. Stannard 5, J. H. Crampion 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to G. Dawson.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Daphne Keeley 1, C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, R. Keeley 4, S. H. Green 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitemore (cond.) 7, C. Tett 8.

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Owen Cripps (15) 1, Mrs. I. Simpson 2, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 3, David Marshall (14) 4, J. C. Wiseman 5, Wm. E. Simpson 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Alan Payne 1, Miss D. Clarke (first in method) 2, Miss C. Dunnington 3, D. Adams 4, G. E. Crisp 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Cotton 1, D. Sankey 2, H. Carter 3, J. Quimby 4, J. Cotton 5, P. Grice 6, W. H. Curson (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Haffenden 1, E. Bishop, jun., 2, J. Turley (first 'inside') 3, A. F. Lewry 4, C. Brasier (cond.) 5, F. Hammond 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, E. Bishop, sen., 8.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Southam (cond.) 1, M. Messenger (first 'inside') 2, R. W. Darvill 3, Miss J. Burrows 4. D. Barton (first quarter) 5, F. J. Spicer 6.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At St. Ann's on Jan. 16th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Westmancott 1, H. Corney 2, R. Bird 3, M. H. Sinden 4, T. H. Francis 5, W. T. Forrester 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. First of Doubles for 2 and 4.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Wilton 1, W. W. Daniel 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first as cond.) 4, F. J. Daniell 5, G. Wells 6, E. J. Berry 7, W. Bullock 8.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Meetens (first quarter, aged 13) 1, F. Meetens 2, H. Weaver 3, R. Wood, jun., 4, B. D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Chipper 6.

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LATE NEWS.

The attempt for 17,152 Bristol Surprise at Gilmorton on Feb. 19th is now not possible. The peal attempt is to be limited to 10,000, wires Mr. W. P. Whitehead.

Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee for Care of Churches have decided to ban 'radio bells' in the diocese.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From Vancouver, B.C., we learn of the passing of that fine old veteran, Mr. A. B. Lomas, of Victoria, B.C. The bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled to his memory on February 6th. He has been cremated and his ashes are being sent to Gawsworth Church, Macclesfield.

Over 30 quarter-peals were rung for services at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, during 1948.

Norfolk Surprise has seven new adherents in its own county by the peal at Loddon on January 29th.

Mr. John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, has rung his 800th peal. The 1,000 peal coterie are waiting to welcome you!

Has a non-conducted and silent peal been rung previously for the Ely Diocesan Association, enquires Mr. M. J. Thurmott.

Interest in Spliced Surprise Major is on the increase. Peals to hand this week are Harmston, Lincs (10 methods) and Dorchester, Oxon (8 methods).

In sending the particulars of two peals rung in honour of the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pye, our correspondent expresses the hope of the two bands that the spirit of his grandfather, the late Mr. William Pye, and his ability as a ringer will be manifest in the youngest member of the Pye family.

Endeavours are being made by Mr. F. S. Wilson to substantiate the claim that the peal of Stedman Triples rung on November 25th was the first 'in hand' for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Can any reader help? A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Lyme Regis on May 25th, 1947. Between 1887 and 1895 a number of handbell peals were rung, and it is during this period that records are incomplete.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, Cornwall, entered Hayle Hospital last Saturday for an operation. For the next three weeks it is likely that letters from ringing friends will remain unanswered. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Reward of perseverance was Mr. E. F. Salmon's first peal of Stedman at North Stoneham. We are told it was his 47th attempt.

The ringer of the treble in quarter-peal of Doubles at Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on January 9th was H. Thompson.

A gratifying feature of the first peal on the recast and augmented bells at Stratford-on-Avon was the six first peals of Caters by local ringers.

The 100 peals rung together by Messrs. A. Ballard and H. J. Poole were 43 'in hand' and 57 on tower bells, and not as stated in a previous issue.

The joint meeting of the Leeds and District with the Ladies' Guild will be held at Batley and not Birstall as previously arranged.

The first peal on the augmented eight at St. Mary's (R.C.), Blackhill, Co. Durham, was followed by munificent hospitality to the ringers, who wish through our columns to extend their thanks to Rev. Father McCartan, the local ringers and their friends.

The Rev. C. Kelland Peeke, hon. treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, has been installed as an hon. Canon of Truro Cathedral. He is a member of Truro Cathedral company. In honour of the event a ¼-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Cathedral on Jan. 26th by: Miss M. Penrose 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, Miss J. E. Withey 3, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 4, W. E. Minors 5, W. H. Southeard 6, C. E. Lanxon (cond.) 7, G. P. Webb 8.

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In Appreciation

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS

It was a great shock and grief to me when I read in the 'Sunday Express' of January 30th that my old friend, George Williams, had passed away. My recollection of him goes back to 1894, when the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Arundel, my birthplace. I was then only a beginner, and it was not until October, 1896, that he conducted my first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Fareham. Three of us, Chamberlain, Haggett and myself, went to Fareham on October 2nd, 1896, and after two hours of good ringing we were stopped by the church clock winder throwing stones at the belfry window, making it impossible for the ringing to be continued. A fortnight later, on October 16th, the three of us from Arundel again journeyed to Fareham for a second attempt, and this time there was no interference from the clock winder, and we three beginners scored our first peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 1 minute, conducted by George Williams. This peal was the beginning of a life-long friendship, now severed by his passing at the ripe old age of 91. Most of the peals that I have rung were conducted by him, and in 1892 I migrated to Brighton and joined the St. Peter's band, where George Williams was the chief conductor.

Among other peals we rang together was the first 'George' peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Lewes on April 24th, 1893, and many firsts in new methods, Bristol, Norfolk, etc.

He (George Williams) also conducted the first peal of London Surprise rung in the City of London at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on January 14th, 1899, and of this peal there is very little doubt that Frank Bennett and myself are the sole survivors. Although I retired from active ringing in 1907, George never failed to look me up when he came to Brighton, as he often did, and now it is good-bye from his old friend.

GEORGE BAKER.

It was with the deepest regret I heard of the passing of my dear old friend, George Williams. I first met him on March 2nd, 1889, at S. Nicolas', Guildford, when he conducted my first peal, Grandsire Triples. That was the beginning of a friendship that has lasted within a month of 60 years. I met him again at East Meon on Whit Monday, 1891, when he called his 100th peal, Kent Treble Bob Major. He was a conductor of the highest ability, and for his weight a wonderful tenor ringer. I shall always remember the way he turned in Christchurch (Hants) tenor, 30 cwt., to Double Norwich on Boxing Day, 1892, and then in the evening rang St. Peter's, Bournemouth, to another peal of Double Norwich.

After my removal to Brighton we became almost inseparable and rang a large number of peals together, and I can honestly say we never had a disagreement. There were very few Saturdays that we were not out either to meetings or peal ringing, and mostly to oblige visitors, for at that time we used to get plenty of them, and George would always do his utmost to arrange something for them. It was a great loss to Sussex ringing when he left the county, and I did not see a great deal of him during my seven years in London, but since then we had had a good many enjoyable ringing weeks together. It was a great pleasure to us both when we rang our 1,500th peal together, although it was not pre-arranged. I was also in what was to be his last Double Norwich at Soberton in May, 1940, for his 82nd birthday.

Of his activities after he returned to his native county in 1905 I must leave others who were associated with him to record. His cheery smile will be sadly missed by us all and his place difficult to fill. May his soul rest in peace.

FRANK BENNETT.

MR. HERBERT MINGAY.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

NORTHERN BRANCH.

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Grimsby District held at Grimsby on January 29th. Mr. J. Bray, Guild general secretary, presided in the unavoidable absence of the president, Ven. Archdeacon Marsden.

Mr. Herbert Mingay, the hon. district secretary, resigned his office after 25 years of faithful service. All the towers in the area showed their appreciation of his work by contributing to a gift of a wallet and notes.

In making the presentation, Mr. Bray spoke of Mr. Mingay's great work for the district, and said how fortunate they had been to have such a man who had missed few meetings in 25 years. Letters from the president and Richard Thackray, of Bigby, added words of appreciation.

Mr. Mingay briefly thanked the members.

Officers elected for 1949 were: President, Ven. Archdeacon Marsden; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Bray; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Moody; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. G. Dobbs; representative on branch committee, Mr. J. Bray.

Meetings for the year were fixed for Caister, Great Carlton, Bigby, Waltham and Barton-on-Humber, and it was hoped to have an additional meeting in the Louth area.

LEARNT A METHOD LAST YEAR.

Dear Sir,—Although I only knew Mr. George Williams for five years, I would like to add my little tribute to the memory of a great man. Mention has already been made of the example he set to all ringers in his service to the Church, and to that I would simply add that of no one could it be more truly said that he was a Christian gentleman. One thing which always amazed me was his youthfulness and his buoyant spirit. Thus, last year I remember, when some 20 years his junior said they were too old to learn a new method, he learned and rang for the first time the No. 3 version of London Royal. Or, again, his peal books show that from October, 1938, to the end of 1939, when the war stopped peal ringing and when he was 81, he rang 25 peals in 17 different methods, including the only peal he ever conducted of Treble twelve, two of his four peals of Yorkshire Surprise Major, a peal of Stedman Cinques at the C.C. meeting, his only peal of Spliced 4, his only peal of Plain Bob Maximus (at St. Nicholas', Liverpool), and the second of his peals of Double Norwich Royal (the first being in 1902). Such facts speak for themselves.

Yes, the Exercise is the poorer for his passing. We have lost, in this life, a great man. May we all seek to follow his example of service.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RANG 300 PEALS WITH GEO. WILLIAMS.

Sir,—I cannot allow my dear old friend, George Williams, to pass over without a few lines from me. In the 1890's and after, although I only learnt Stedman Triples by looking at Troyte's book twice, I went to Brighton for a peal and rang it at the first attempt, conducted by the late G. Williams.

I was stationed at Rugby, Warwickshire, and many week-ends I used to visit Brighton and stay with Mr. and Mrs. Williams, and altogether I rang about 300 peals with him. One of them was on handbells, Mrs. Williams ringing 1-2 in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Had I not lost my leg I should, if able, have been at the funeral.—Yours very sincerely,

JAMES GEORGE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Stockport on January 29th, when over 60 members and friends were present. The ten bells at the Parish Church were in use from 3.30 p.m. until service, conducted by the Rector (Canon D. H. Saunders-Davies), who in his address commended the exercise of the art of change ringing to any young man or woman who wanted to do something worth while in the service of the church.

Following tea, the Rector presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. A. R. Elkins (branch chairman). The Rector expressed the pleasure it gave them to entertain the branch and how much he appreciated the effort of ringers, not only in his own parish, but throughout the land. Seven new members were elected.

The secretary in his report asked the members to consider whether the wastage of recruits during training, which was looked upon as inevitable, was due to some extent to out-of-date teaching methods. He urged all to consider this since counter attractions to-day were many and powerful and could not be combated with 19th century methods. If the monotony and drudgery of the first six months could be relieved in some measure, then the wastage of material need not be so great.

All the officers of the branch were re-elected, and Canon D. H. Saunders-Davies was elected to the newly-created office of branch president. It was reported that the authorities at Dunham Massey are going ahead with a scheme to replace the present heavy ring of ten with a light ring of eight, in spite of the heavy commitments the church has in other directions.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carter, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. A. Barnes, on their silver wedding anniversary. After some discussion it was resolved that the rule governing the annual meeting of the branch be altered and that the annual meeting be held alternately at St. Mary's and St. George's Churches, Stockport.

The meeting carried with acclamation a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the wardens, the local ringers and the organist for their part in a very successful meeting. The officers received sincere thanks for their efforts to promote interest during the year.

Further ringing was enjoyed on the bells until a late hour, the wants of all being catered for by the Master, Mr. T. Wilde.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REPORTING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of Feb. 4th again draws attention to a fact that has been all too plain for some years—'The Ringing World' is quite unable to keep up-to-date with peal reports. This fact is well illustrated in this issue; there is not one report which should not have been printed previously, and some peals recorded were rung as long ago as January last.

The present style of reporting and size of type used have changed but little from those in use in the last century, when peals were comparatively few and paper was plentiful. Surely the remedy is obvious? I suggest that the traditional style should be drastically altered and the size of type greatly reduced. By doing this it should be possible to publish all peal reports which reach you on Monday in the following Friday's issue, and gain considerable space in the paper for other matter.

I do not doubt that many ringers would be sorry to see the old style abandoned; but we must realise that it is now out of date and just will not do. I would far rather see the reports up to date and all footnotes included in full.

While all relevant details must be included, such words as 'At the Church of' and 'A Peal of' could well be omitted; 'Composed by' and 'Conducted by' could be abbreviated, and the words 'Treble' and 'Tenor' could be replaced by numbers.

Of course, a reduction in the size of reports would produce an outcry from those who rely on your columns for the collection of performances, statistics, etc., particularly from those who confess to being unable to read 'Bob Major' unless preceded by the word 'Plain.' As a help to peal secretaries and others, I suggest that peals should be grouped under the Associations for which they are rung, the Association headings being arranged in alphabetical order. Further, the peals in each group could be arranged alphabetically according to the places at which they were rung. The name of the Association would then be omitted from individual reports.

By printing the place and method in heavy type, readers would be able to tell at a glance what had been rung and where. This is possible at present, but one needs to glance at five or six pages.

Handbell peals should still be kept apart; but with the system of grouping by Associations, I see no reason why peals on different numbers of bells should still be kept in separate sections. C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey.

PEAL RINGING AND THE 'RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Last week's leading article comments on the heavy demand which peal reports make on the available space in 'The Ringing World.'

I sometimes wonder whether or not too much weight is given to peal ringing in ringing circles generally, tending to overshadow other ringing activity.

Undoubtedly, peal ringing has an immense value in giving an urge to greater achievements, and regular peal ringers are amongst the best strikers, and many of them key men in the Exercise.

However, many who are supporters of the established ringing organisations, and who are regular service ringers, probably skip the first few pages of 'The Ringing World,' or just look for peals of local interest, or the odd peal which they themselves occasionally take part in. These ringers would probably continue to take 'The Ringing World,' even if the space devoted to peals was considerably reduced and the space made available utilised for discussion, illustrations, varied articles and news of activities other than peal ringing. Could a 'Peal Supplement' be published, say monthly or quarterly, for those who wished to have a copy, instead of the present system. Meritorious performances could still receive prompt 'publicity in the 'Gossip' column. This would release the equivalent of a page or two each week. After all, peals receive further publicity in the Association Reports and in 'The Ringing World' from time to time.

A good peal by a local band is a valuable achievement. A good peal by a band from various sources may be a valuable achievement, or just a piece of personal satisfaction. In the absence of local knowledge one cannot always tell from the peal columns.

In conclusion, may I emphasise that I am not decrying the value and pleasure of peal ringing. I think it should be the aim of every probationer to ring a good peal as early as possible, and that all those who are able should take some part in peal ringing activity to add polish to their capabilities.

It may, however, be worth while pausing to consider whether we have not become overconscious of the merit of peal ringing for its own sake to the exclusion of other attributes of the average ringer.—Yours, etc.,

Rotherham. NORMAN CHADDOCK.

ELECTRONIC BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—The Central Council librarian has recently accepted from me a small collection of letters and photographs connected with an electronic bellringing apparatus which was made over thirteen years ago.

About 1935 Mr. L. E. A. Bourn, of the John Compton Organ Co., conducted experiments which led to the production of the modern Compton electric organs. Apparently as a sideline, he built a bellringing apparatus which was installed for a time at Albury (Surrey) and could be heard for twelve miles. This apparatus was notable in that it contained neither bells nor recordings, but produced the sound synthetically.

To condemn such an apparatus is useless; it represented a real advance in electronic progress. It seems that the danger of such an apparatus being manufactured to replace ringers passed while we were in happy ignorance, for the Compton organ has been produced whereas automatic ringing apparatus has not been.

I can thoroughly recommend to those interested a book recently published, 'Electronic Musical Instruments,' by S. K. Lewer (Pub. Electronic Engineering, 28, Essex Street, W.C.2). This book at 3s. 6d. is a mine of information collected from technical journals on sound synthesis, and contains sections on pitch standards. Thus on page 11 is a table of pitch notes which are broadcast from the National Bureau of Standards (Station WWV) in Washington, D.C. Two of these are on the ordinary short wave band, at approximately 20 and 30 metres (given as 15 and 10 megacycles). They are broadcast day and night, and I have received the note on 30 metres as a peculiar interrupted note. Both broadcasts are of the standard pitch, A = 440, and are accurate to one part in ten million.

Mr. Bourn is a leading authority on electronic sound synthesis (he owns fifteen patents) and must have taken great pains over the ringing apparatus. Special steps were taken to produce a swinging effect, and he wired the machine to ring a plain course of Oxford T.B. Major only. A criticism was that the striking was too regular, and a device was introduced to make it slightly uneven!

A similar apparatus was in existence at the Compton factory in North Acton, to chime the Cambridge Quarters. Both were destroyed in the 1941 air raids. B. D. PRICE.

Dedications

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Saturday, January 29th, was a red-letter day at Blaenavon on the occasion of the rededication and opening of the bells. The Bishop of Monmouth, in his address, said ringing was a healthy art, for the 'Diocesan Gazette' showed some remarkable records of long service among the ringers. The bells were rung for one purpose only, to call people to worship, but at Blaenavon as elsewhere many were deaf to the call they made.

Immediately following the dedicatory prayers the bells struck out for the first time, being in rounds by the local ringers, led by their veteran, Mr. Stokes. Following the service the Master of the Association, Mr. J. W. Jones, was chosen to take charge of the ringing for the day. The first touch he conducted, one of Grandsire Triples, was by ringers from various towers. During the day the four standard methods were rung, but the acknowledged titbit was one of Stedman Triples. A sumptuous tea was provided in the Church Hall.

The bells, originally a ring of six by Rudhall, cast in 1807, have been recast and two more added. They are now a most musical ring of eight with a tenor of 9¼ cwt., the contract having been excellently carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who was represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler. The ringers at Blaenavon have always taken the greatest interest in their bells, and chiefly through their persistent efforts has the restoration been achieved. At present there are three generations of the family of Stokes and also quite a young band of ringers.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

The quarterly meeting of the Society was held on January 22nd at Wolverhampton, when 80 ringers and friends attended. St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was well represented, also ringers from Coventry, Stourbridge and Birmingham were welcomed. Service in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rector of Wolverhampton, was followed by tea.

At the business meeting a cheque for £30 18s. was presented to Mr. Herbert Knight, former secretary for 40 years. The presentation was made by Mr. C. Wallater, one of the oldest members, who voiced the opinion of every ringer present in saying that no society had ever had a better servant. Subscribers were from the Archdeaconry and as far afield as Bournemouth and Somerset.

New members elected included the entire band from Rugeley, where change ringing is now being practised. During the afternoon and evening methods rung included Cambridge Surprise Royal, Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The fine ring of eight at St. Mary's, Portsea, was made good use of at the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District on January 9th, when ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major (four methods). The Rev. H. A. Gilroy conducted the service.

At the business meeting members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Messrs. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), W. Linter and A. Mears, who had died within the last two months.

Mrs. Tate was elected a life member, and ringing members elected were Messrs. J. Hedges, J. Pearce, H. Reynolds and F. Salmon (Alverstoke) and C. Twineham (Soberton).

Mr. Linter was re-elected chairman, and all the remaining officers were returned to office. The next quarterly meeting will be at Hambledon on April 23rd.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID W. BEARD ...	...*Treble*	*COLIN E. WRIGHT ...	4
†ALBERT W. BEARD ...	2	JOHN SITCH	5
*GEORGE W. FAULKNER...	3	FRANK V. GANT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in more than one method.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

*GORDON F. PICKTHALL *Treble*		†ANDREW J. H. SCOTT...	4
*ROBERT F. FERRIS ...	2	†A. LENNARD SHEPHERD	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	‡ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. ‡ 25th peal. A birthday (her 84th) compliment to the mother of the treble ringer and also to Mr. James Turner, of Eastham. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob (seven different extents). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*DORIS E. COLGATE ...*Treble*		LEONARD A. TIDY ...	4
ERNEST J. LADD	2	JOHN O. WELLER ...	5
PETER N. BOND	3	*ROBERT COLLINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.
* 25th peal together.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

*REGINALD T. GOODMAN *Treble*		ALAN JACQUES	4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD...	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	5
C. WILLIAM HALL ...	3	ROLAND BENISTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor in seven methods.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

BERT W. MAY...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	4
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	*TREVOR A. CROSS... ...	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal in four methods.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LESLIE H. TAYLOR ...*Treble*		JOHN R. YOUNG	4
ARTHUR YOUNG	2	†EDWIN FISHER	5
*JOSEPH A. BAILEY	3	†ERIC KEMP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN FISHER.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

GORING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 76, 75, 74, 82, 21, 20. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

SIDNEY ANSELL	...*Treble*	BRIAN D. PRICE	4
ERNEST TREAGUS	2	HENRY C. WEAVER ...	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

THORNBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores of St. Simon's, 6 six-scores of April Day, 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 20 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*EDWARD G. BENNETT...*Treble*		STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	3
PERCY AMOS	2	*ARTHUR MILLWARD ...	4

WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
* First peal in four methods of Doubles. First peal as conductor in four methods. For the silver jubilee of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... ...*Treble*		WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ...	4
GIRLING RIGBY	2	*C. JOHN GIBBS	5
*ALFRED MOULD	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ,...	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal in the method. A farewell peal to the ringer of the 5th, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT SWAN STREET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD	1-2	THOMAS BIRD	5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.
In honour of the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Pye.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

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

ROY C. HURST 9-10
Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters on an 'inside' pair. Tenor size 17.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 1 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*ROY C. HURST	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 5-6
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ERIC DENCH	1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4

RONALD H. BULLEN 5-6
Umpire: MISS M. GRAIN.
Rung non-conducted and silent. First non-conducted peal by all.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL, 5,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

TOM HARRIS	1-2	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ...	5-6
EDWIN J. BROWN	3-4	MISS ANNIE BROWN ...	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Concluded from page 74.)

By A. E. YORK-BRAMBLE.

We come, then, to the last item of the London formula:—

7. CORRELATING STATS. — Unless the method is to be mutilated, these must come within the Front Cone and in its non-axial grid-sections. For Royal, no additions but two transfers are needed:—

(a) In the 5-6 UP grid-section: Last 4ths to 2nds.
(b) In the 7-8 UP grid-section: Last 1sts to 3rds.

For Maximus, (a) as in Royal, plus two transfers:—

(b) In the 7-8 UP grid-section: First 6ths to 2nds.
(c) In the 9-0 UP grid-section: First 8ths to 6ths.

Except for the 'reflections' of these in the second half of the Grid, *no other alterations or additions of any kind* are necessary.

Turning again to the 'Ideal' grid-patterns of London, which the interested student may have made as directed in an earlier paragraph, he may now erase the pencilled bell-paths at the grid-squares indicated in item 7 and rearrange as directed. Tracing down the paths to the grid-junction, the half-lead pivot is revealed as '4' in Royal and '7' in Maximus. To save an experimenter's time it may be stated that the author has thoroughly explored possible rearrangements, and has produced, over many years of patient research, about as many versions of Royal for London as there are letters in our alphabet. These versions successively improved until the qualifying extension emerged, conforming with every essential characteristic requirement. Indeed, London Royal is possible only with the 4th bell as pivot at the first half-lead; though the proof (by a process of elimination) is too lengthy for inclusion in this article. This 'residual' version satisfies all requirements of the principles laid down in paras. 'A' to 'O' above, and conforms strictly to the formula derived. Half-leads of Royal and Maximus are appended. They should be traced out for the grid-patterns and checked against London Minor and Major, and the formula.

These processes are universally applicable in change ringing methods and principles. But it must be emphasised that haphazard trials at 'extension' lead nowhere. The job must be tackled systematically and recorded step by step and checked. Knowledge of the theory of Stats, as mentioned in para. L above, is invaluable. All effort must be concentrated within the ambit of the formula; and the formula, be it remembered, is inherent in the basic form of the method. In London we are fortunate in having both Minor and Major for this, the one being a check upon the other. Serious investigators, working on logical or mathematical lines, will soon discover the fallacy of reliance upon *imitation* of place-positions only, of the basic. (See end of para. N above.) Without other considerations, success is unattainable.

(It is regretted that abridgement may have made some parts of the argument rather more difficult to follow, but space considerations render this unavoidable.—A. Y-B.)

LONDON ROYAL (U.A.)*	LONDON MAXIMUS (U.A.)*
1234567890	1234567890ET
2135476980	213547698E0T
1253749608	12537496E8T0
2157394068	2157394E6T80
2517930486	251793E4T608
5271394068	5271394E6T80
5217930486	521793E4T608
2571394068	2571394E6T80
5273149608	52731496E8T0
5723416980	572341698E0T
7532149608	75321496E8T0
7523416980	752341698E0T
5732461890	5732461890ET
5374268109	5723648109TE
3547621890	7532461890ET
5346728109	7352648109TE
3564278019	372546801T9E
3652487091	32745608T1E9
6325840719	234765801T9E
6238504791	24367850T1E9
2683054971	42638705TE19
etc., to	4628307T5E91
1684029375	648203T7E519
1648203957	68402T3E7591
etc.	8604T2E37951
	etc., to
	1TE098765432
	1T0E89674523
	etc.

* To distinguish from previously published variants and out of compliment to the Universities' Association of Change Ringers.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

An attendance of 50 supported the annual meeting of the Northampton District on January 29th at St. Peter's, Northampton. The Rev. L. J. Chybnall (Rector) conducted the Guild service, followed by tea in the Parish Rooms.

Mr. S. S. Valentine (Branch president) was in the chair for the business meeting, when the district's report and balance sheet, presented by Mr. E. Nobles, were adopted. The Rev. R. H. Palmer presented first peal certificates to Miss M. B. Valentine and Mr. S. Earl.

Officers elected were as follows: Mr. G. S. Valentine, president; Mr. Eric Nobles, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. R. Hammons, Branch Ringing Master; Mr. G. Care and Mr. P. Jones, Guild Committee; Messrs. W. R. Hammons, J. Dunkley, B. O. Soden, Branch Committee; Mr. W. Gammage, branch auditor.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

At the annual district meeting on January 22nd at St. John's, Croydon, over 100 ringers and friends sat down to a tea, arranged by the local lady ringers. A service was held at St. John's, the address being given by the Vicar.

Three life members and 13 ringing members were elected at the business meeting. The committee's report showed steady progress in the Association activities. Some discussion on the advisability of increasing the subscriptions arose from the decreased balance on the financial statement.

The appeal for funds towards the Benhilton bells was brought to the notice of the ringers; a voluntary subscription raised £6, and a proposition was carried to make a collection at each quarterly meeting. The votes of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies were carried with acclamation.

Middlesex County Assn.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

A representative gathering from nearly every affiliated tower met at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on January 29th, for the annual district meeting, when ringing took place in the local tower and at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Mary's, Willesden, in the evening. The striking showed improvement indicating that post-war recruits are gaining by experience.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. W. Coles (vice-president), those present stood in silent tribute to the memory of J. Armstrong (Southgate) and G. Williams (North Stoneham). Newly-elected members were E. Southgate (Kingsbury), R. Meadows and D. Riley (Kilburn), W. F. Forrester, L. Green, M. Sinden, the Misses M. Cater, K. Westmancott and E. Simpson (Stamford Hill) and R. Lambert (Stanmore).

The district secretary's report indicated that ten towers had been visited for meetings with an average attendance of 40; that 98 quarter-peals had been rung, mostly for Sunday services, in 15 towers, with 35 sharing in conducting; that reports on towers may be summarised as encouraging but still with plenty of scope for betterment; and that he welcomed the towers of Kingsbury, Stamford Hill and Walthamstow (St. Saviour's) having rejoined the Association. Mr. Lock presented the statement of accounts, which showed a balance of £35 0s. 5d., the substantial increase over last year's amount being mainly due to revision of the Association's rules governing finance.

Most of the retiring officers were re-elected, Mr. C. F. Neal being elected as assistant secretary. The meeting applauded votes of congratulations to the Rev. Arthur S. Roberts upon his institution as first Vicar of the parish of Carbis Bay, and to Messrs. Hodgson and Viggers upon the production of the Ringer's Notebook and Diary. It was decided to reintroduce the principle of ringing 'special methods' at district meetings. Thanks were accorded to all incumbents and tower representatives concerned.

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BIRTH

WOOLLEY.—On Feb. 12th, 1949, to Margaret (nee Telford), wife of Christopher W., a daughter. Both well. 4822

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH. — Board-residence; hot and cold. Five minutes' walk Central Station; three minutes to buses. Every comfort.—Matkin, Wilford, 26, Wellington Road; tel. Bournemouth 6342. 4803

PUBLICATIONS

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.'—The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—St. John's (10). Practices every Monday, 7.30 p.m. Even-bell methods (including Surprise) on second Monday; beginners on fourth Monday in the month. Visitors welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Tower Sec. 4806

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. Hawthorne. 4752

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Feb. 19th. Bells: Cathedral Church 2.45 to 3.45, S. Nicolas', 3 to 4 and in evening. Service, S. Nicolas', 4 p.m. Seating for tea limited to 60. Admission by ticket only issued to first 60 names received. — G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey. 4714

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen, Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4767

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting. Woodchurch, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4765

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wadhurst, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 2s. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 4774

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Newhall, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me. — J. Cotton. 4795

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Lubenham (5), Feb. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, School. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4819

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 4783

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Baldock on Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 23rd to Mr. E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4785

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting to be held at Roydon (6) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus Service from Epping hourly, commencing 2.50. Names for tea, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4786

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Prestbury (8), Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. No. 1 bus (2d.) from Cheltenham Centre. Names for tea by 22nd, please. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4790

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Netley Abbey, Feb. 26th, 2.30. Names for tea by Feb. 22nd.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 4807

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Spondon (6), Feb. 26th, 3. No arrangements for tea.—J. F. Wilkinson, Dis. Hon. Sec. 4800

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Warmley (6), Feb. 26th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Mary Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 4799

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 3.45. Cups of tea provided. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4825

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — Meeting Tuddenham, Feb. 26th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Bring own food. Bus leaves Ipswich 2.20 and 3.45.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4824

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Northern Section).—Joint meeting at Batley on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Senior, 54, Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Batley, by Feb. 23rd.—Mrs. D. E. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs. 4826

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District. — Meeting Saturday, Feb. 26th, at Terrington St. John. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 4801

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting Broxbourne, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, to the secretary. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 4798

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells: All Saints' (8), 3-4; St. Mary's, 3.30-4.30 and 6.30-8.30. Tea 4.30. Please notify P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, by 23rd.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 4818

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. No. tea. Meeting 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4808

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting Swaffham, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea as soon as possible to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 4809

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 26th. Stoke Poges, 3; Slough, 6. Names for tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4810

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Quorn (8), Saturday, Feb. 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bring own food and sugar.—C. W. Hall. 4811

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District.—Annual meeting at Bures (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3.15, following dedication of new peal board. Tea only for those who notify Mr. Leslie Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, Suffolk. Business follows. A good company is requested to welcome the new Vicar.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 4812

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Bentley, Feb. 26th, 2.30. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 4813

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery. — Practice meeting, Shipham, Saturday, Feb. 26th, 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 4814

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 26th, 3.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4829

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 131st anniversary will be held Saturday Mar. 5th. Bells available at 1 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please notify R. White, 68, Eaton Road, Appleton, Berks. 4802

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, Feb. 26th, Tibshelf (6). Executive 3.30. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—J. W. Price. 4830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) at 3. Service at 4.15. Names for tea to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, Mar. 5th. 4805

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor (10), Saturday, Mar. 5th, 3. Committee meeting 4. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield, 11.—H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 4816

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting Neath (6), Mar. 5th, 3. Service and business meeting.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot. 4797

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Names for tea before Feb. 26th to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 4821

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Tickets to fully paid up members 4s.; to other members and friends 8s. 6d. Bells: Bishop Ryder's (8), 2 p.m.; St. Chad's (8), 3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 4 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, Sat., Mar. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Matthes Assembly Rooms, England's Lane. Names or numbers very essential not later than Wednesday, Mar. 3rd.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 4796

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Ospringe, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head only to those who notify Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 16, King's Road, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, Mar. 2nd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury,. 4820

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Hanslope on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks. 4823

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Mar. 12th. Announcement of two towers afternoon later. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 5.45-8.—A. F. Udall, Sec. 4828

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Easter Monday. Lunch and tea provided for the first 100 to send in their names. By courtesy of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Sherborne Abbey bells will be available in addition to those of Somerset towers.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 4815

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—It is proposed to run a coach from Oldham via Rochdale to annual meeting at St. Helens on April 30th. Interested members please contact undersigned at 4, Eric Street, Oldham, before July 28th.—V. Wilson Sykes, Branch Sec. 4827

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 25th, 1949, as reported at annual general meeting, London County. Please write stating number of seats required. Enclose deposit on seat(s). Latest date for booking seats Feb. 28th. Postal orders to be crossed. Write A. F. Udall, School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 4794

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