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PEAL RINGING, 1948

OWING to a set of unfortunate circumstances we have not until this week been able to publish the Peal Analysis Table for 1948. The six months' delay arose over the sudden illness of Mr. C. Dean, who, in recent years, with meticulous care, compiled these tables, and would have published it within a few weeks of the Central Council meeting at York. The work passed to Mr. Walter Ayre, and a discrepancy of one peal in the total entailed a great deal of research. While late, we feel that the tables should be published as a guide to the future and indicating the trend of ringing in the British Isles.

The popularity of peal ringing is apparent from the analysis. While 1948 set a new high water mark in the history of peal ringing, the closing year will probably record an advance of 200. It is particularly interesting to examine the trend of events since the war. Peals rung in succeeding years have been 1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; 1947, 2,174; and 1948, 2,639. There is no question that the number of ringers who enjoy peal ringing is on the increase and peal ringing to-day is not the exclusive monopoly of confined bands of ringers.

Of the 2,639 peals in 1948 2,365 were on tower bells and 274 rung on handbells. There was no appreciable change in 12 and 10 bell ringing, the comparative figures with 1947 being: Maximus 17 (19), Cinques 43 (32), Royal 98 (76), Caters 82 (106). It is on the lower numbers of bells that the advance is most marked with Major 958 (861), Triples 346 (305) and Minor and Doubles 821 (605). The quality of the Major peals calls for comment. Of the 957 peals 426 were in Surprise methods, against 299 the previous year, and 274 in 1946. This is definite evidence of advance and reveals the degree of mastery of Surprise ringing. The order of popularity of standard Surprise ringing is Cambridge 107 (97), Superlative 63 (46), Yorkshire 62 (49), London 45 (49), Bristol 41 (36). Spliced Surprise Major is attracting more interest. The 25 peals were distributed among 13 guilds and associations, with the crowning achievements the peals by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 22 methods at Harmston on November 27th.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major was in great favour with 152 peals, against 132 in 1947 and 115 in last year. No fewer than 35 guilds or associations recorded peals in this method. Kent Treble Bob also showed an advance on the previous year with 103 peals against 88. Naturally, Plain Bob Major is still the most popular method; it would be a bad sign for the Exercise if it was not, as it would be a pointer to a lack of peal ringing recruits. The number of peals was 222 against 185.

Triples had an increase, but it was not so marked as Major. There were 346 peals against 305. Grandsire had 199 peals against 166, but Stedman showed a decline, being 124 against 129. The advance from Stedman to Double Norwich or Surprise methods of certain sections of ringers undoubtedly accounted for the drop. Kent County Association rang 20 peals of Stedman, an indication of the hold of the method in their territory.

Five and six bell towers have more than come into their own with 821 peals against 605. The enthusiasm of the Ely Diocesan Guild should be noted with 62 peals, 31 being in one method of Minor. A Guild is, of course, limited in its activities by the bells available. Achievements of special mention were the peals of Minor in 35 methods by the Chester Diocesan Guild and Doubles in 42 methods by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

There were 274 peals rung in hand against 221 in 1947. This number falls short of the enthusiasm displayed in 1949 at Bournemouth and in Leicestershire. As far as numbers are concerned, the leading Guilds were Winchester and Portsmouth 27, Leicester Guild and Irish Association with 26 each. It was singular that there was not a peal of Maximus in hand rung during the year, but 10 peals of Stedman Cinques. Generally speaking, the quality of the ringing was not equal to 1947, Hertford County and Leicester and Lincoln have the best performances.

For the past three years there has been no change in the position of the three leading associations, viz., Kent County 156 (last year 136), Lancashire 146 (133) and Leicester 141 (125). The fourth position is still held by Chester 128 (120), followed by Oxford Diocesan 124 (110), Lincoln 113 (112), Yorkshire 111 (99), Ely 105 (47), Norwich 96 (73), Bath and Wells 91 (74). The two rivals—the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—rang 20 and 23 peals respectively. The Ancient Society had five peals of Cinques against three by the Cumberlands. As to the Universities, Cambridge had 12 peals to Oxford's 10. London University do not appear in the 1948 list, but otherwise every other Guild or Association which recorded a peal in 1947 appears.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ALAN CATTELL ...	...*Treble*	‡W. HARRY DUNCOMBE...	7
ERNEST MORRIS	2	†JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	8
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	‡WILLIAM THORNLEY ...	9
†ALFRED MOULD	4	‡JOHN J. MORRIS	10
‡JACK BAILEY	5	†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	11
‡JOSEPH W. COTTON ...	6	†JOHN BRAMLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* First peal of Maximus on tower bells. † First peal of Maximus. ‡ First peal on twelve bells. First peal as conductor on twelve bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¾ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY ...	...*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	7
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	8
*WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	PETER LAFLIN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	11
EDWARD JENKINS ...	6	JOHN WORTH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* 250th peal. First peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus by all the band, for the Guild and in the county.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	*ALFRED MOULD	6
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	*DENNIS R. CARLISLE ...	7
†ALBERT E. THOMPSON...	3	*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND...	8
*WILLIAM CARNALL ...	4	*FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	9
*JACK BAILEY	5	†JOHN BRAMLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. L. JAMES. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. Ringers of 3, 5, 6 and 7 from Derby, 2, 8 and 9 Stoke-on-Trent, treble and tenor from Leicester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY... ...	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	3	NORMAN G. MCCRUM ...	8
JILL POOLE	4	ALAN JACQUES	9
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Royal in the method. Birthday compliment to Shirley Burton.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 42½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	JACK CLEGG	7
CHARLES CLEGG	3	ERNEST J. GOWER... ...	8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	4	RICHARD BENSON	9
ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

E. JOAN SALMONS	...*Treble*	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	6
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	7
NELIA M. LEAHY ...	3	REGINALD W. REX ...	8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	9
*LESLIE A. TREMEER ...	5	*JOHN H. HUNT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	...*Treble*	*ERNEST J. GOWER ...	6
ROBERT ALLRED	2	JACK CLEGG	7
JOHN L. MORRIS ...	3	FRED GRUNDY	8
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE...	9
ROGER LEIGH	5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. SHAW. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* 50th peal

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 36 courses, 198 singles 46 bobs. Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

HENRY TOOKE ...	...*Treble*	JOHN F. MOOR	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	4	GEORGE BAILEY	9
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	5	WILLIAM CLOVER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal of Royal in the method by all and the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM AARON ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
MISS M. ELKINGTON ...	3	PETER CROOK	7
RICHARD BENSON	4	*EDWARD IDDON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* 50th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 960 London, 736 Bristol, 640 Rutland, 480 each Ealing, Wembley and Cambridge, and 320 each of Watford, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Superlative, with 133 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	MAURICE HODGSON ...	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
First peal of ten Spliced by all the band.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	...*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
*ALEC J. WEBSTER ...	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
ERIC J. GILBERT ...	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal in the method.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DAVID H. BENNETT	*Treble*	*F. ERIC ROBERTS ...	5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS...	2	FREDK. R. HARRIS ...	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	REGINALD T. JONES ...	7
*CHARLES G. JONES ...	4	†WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* First peal on eight bells. †50th peal in 1949.

DERBY,
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN BRAMLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	5
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ...	2	ALFRED MOULD	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ...	7
JOHN W. GLEW	4	JACK BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung for the wedding of Miss Edna Spencer and Charles William Bond, a member of St. Peter's Society.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

WILLIAM DIXON	*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
E. BENJAMIN BETTS ...	2	DONAL R. MARSHALL ...	6
EDWARD JENKINS ...	3	FRED HODGSON	7
*THOS. W. STRANGEWAY	4	*FRED DUNKERLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN E. T. WISEMAN ...	*Treble*	CHARLES E. FISHER ...	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
FRANK L. FISHER	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	7
FRANK BLOOMFIELD ...	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*DENNIS J. CRAPNELL ...	*Treble*	*JOHN W. CRAPNELL ...	5
†ROBERT J. MUNNINGS...	2	ERNEST W. PYE	6
*ERNEST W. BLOMFIELD	3	†CLAUD W. WOODARD...	7
†JANET MATTINSON ...	4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. W. BLOMFIELD.
* First of Surprise. †First in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

OGDEN MOORES	*Treble*	VERNON SYKES	5
JAMES TAYLOR	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ...	3	GERALD DARE	7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ...	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by IVAN KAY.
Rung for the patronal festival.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Consisting of 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. †First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods in the county and for the Guild.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

*FRANK C. ARNOLD ...	*Treble*	CHARLES CATCHPOLE ...	5
FREDK. J. ROOPE ...	2	LEONARD G. TOOKE ...	6
†F. CEDRIC W. PHILLIPPO	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Major. †First peal of Major 'inside.'

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	*Treble*	ALFRED SMITH	5
G. GORDON GRAHAM ...	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ...	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

STOW BARDOLPH, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

WALLACE COUSINS	*Treble*	EDWARD BARKER	5
ARTHUR ROLFE	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	6
FRED WIGMORE	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
JOHN E. FOX	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TONY PRICE.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*TONY OWEN	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	5
†GORDON DYE	2	GEORGE A. COOK	6
SIDNEY MARSHALL ...	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	7
VINCENT R. OVENS ...	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BERT GOGLE.
* First peal on eight bells. †First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. To welcome the birth of a son (John Arnold) to the ringer of the seventh.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ...	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
THOMAS A. CLARK ...	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW...	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

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BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
E. Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	*John P. Morriss	5
Albert H. Bennett	2	Cyril Wander	6
*William B. Dawson	3	*George R. Dawson	7
*Norman B. Fovargue	4	*Robert Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Wander.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal as conductor. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bennett. Mr. Bennett has been a ringer at this church for 35 years.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*Horace O. Over	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
Terence A. Thornber	2	*Charles W. Hall	6
*Roland Beniston	3	*Leslie E. Stevens	7
*Arthur E. Rowley	4	Colin Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Specially rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Over on the occasion of their silver wedding.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Walter W. Miller	*Treble*	George A. Fleming	5
*Charles W. Beecroft	2	Leslie C. Wightman	6
William Wightman	3	Albert E. Whiting	7
Frank L. Fisher	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to 6th and tenor.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Treble*	*Alexander E. Marsh	5
*William Ward	2	George Robinson	6
Alfred Smith	3	†Percy J. Johnson	7
Molly Ambler	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights (No. 75). Conducted by Ed. Jenkins.
* First peal of Surprise. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A 21st birthday compliment to W. (Billy) Ward.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

Frederick Leech	*Treble*	*Frederick W. Grocott	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Neville R. Holland	6
Edward V. Rodenhurst	3	Charles H. Page	7
Arthur Peake	4	†Edward T. Gregory	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Page.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First peal on eight bells.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Margaret A. Swann	*Treble*	*Raymond F. Smith	5
*Fredk. W. Stokes	2	John F. Hodson	6
*Owen A. Needham	3	*John E. Cook	7
H. Leslie Pask	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by John Freeman. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*Thomas E. Sone	*Treble*	Doris E. Colgate	5
†A. Robin Guy	2	*§Robert Collins	6
Reginald E. Lambert	3	John O. Weller	7
‡John B. Guy	4	Robert T. Lambert	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 25th peal together. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal. §First peal of Oxford.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Terence A. Thornber	*Treble*	*Frank S. Cheney	5
*Sidney O. Cheney	2	Edwin Lloyd	6
*Norman G. McCrum	3	*T. Edward Harrold	7
*Shirley Burton	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Wigston Surprise Major.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

Dorothy E. Beamish	*Treble*	James Draycott	5
*Margaret A. Bailey (15)	2	John Gibbons	6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	Arthur H. Beamish	7
John E. S. Moreton	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Comp. by Sir A. P. Heywood. Cond. by Margaret E. L. Beamish.
* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

J. Edward Cawser	*Treble*	‡Alan Rogers	5
*William H. Jackson	2	§Raymond C. Westney	6
†Milton C. Fowler	3	Arthur Firth	7
F. Bernard Ditcher	4	W. Eric Critchley	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. †100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. ‡First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.

Maurice Thurmott	*Treble*	†Claud Gimbert	5
*Marion Grain	2	‡Robert Brooker	6
Ronald H. Bullen	3	John B. Rowsell	7
John Acres	4	Frank Warrington	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' †First peal of Kent Major. ‡First peal in the method. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gimbert.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour, Oxton,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	*Alex. J. Webster	5
*Ernest T. Carvell	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
Frank Varty	3	Ernest F. Bennett	7
John E. Bibby	4	James C. E. Simpson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank Varty.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

NORMA BICKERDIKE	*Treble*	ALFRED SMITH	5
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ...	2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH...	6
*WILLIAM WARD	3	JOHN W. GIBSON ...	7
MOLLY AMBLER	4	EDWARD GIBSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALFRED SMITH.
* First peal of Superlative.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JOHN CHAMBERS	*Treble*	BRYAN J. LEWIS	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ...	6
JOHN KING	3	†HARRY RICHARDSON ...	7
ERNEST E. WHITMORE...	4	JOHN E. SKERRITT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Superlative.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WORTH ...	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
*ANNE WORTH	2	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	6
JUNE HENSHAW	3	ALAN A. POTTS	7
*MRS. C. K. LEWIS ...	4	ALAN J. BROWN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF HEREFORDSHIRE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

REGINALD T. JONES	*Treble*	E. PETER ROCK	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ...	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	3	REV. E. G. BENSON ...	7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ...	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
The first peal of Little Surprise.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*PAMELA A. WARREN	*Treble*	†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	5
GEORGE E. CLODE ...	2	HAROLD A. MAY	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON...	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	4	FREDK. A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*NORMAN HEPWORTH	*Treble*	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ...	5
CYRIL WARD	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ...	6
JEAN METHAM	3	JOHN F. HODSON	7
†MARGARET A. SWANN...	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat

ALBERT H. WARD	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
PATRICK PRESTON ...	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF...	6
*GEORGE H. CLIFT ...	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	5
*E. JOAN SALMONS ...	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD...	6
FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* 50th peal together.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK KINCHIN	*Treble*	REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	5
FRED C. LYNE	2	CHARLES J. CAMM ...	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	7
VIVIAN B. HUNT	4	†FRANCES POWELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

FRANK LINFOOT ...	*Treble*	ARNOLD ROTHERY	5
*DEREK SHARPLES ...	2	ALBERT W. BOND	6
*BRIAN E. MOORHOUSE...	3	GEOFFREY GEE	7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES...	4	HENRY H. SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by HENRY H. SMITH.
* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN MITCHELL ...	*Treble*	MICHAEL BOARD	4
JOHN CARTER	2	JOHN L. GLANVILL ...	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
A wedding compliment to Brian Pidgeon (district secretary).

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two extents of Kent Treble Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 150 and 151), and five extents of Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 49, 51, 34, 28 and 29).
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

VICTOR A. PERRY	*Treble*	†EDWARD G. BENNETT...	4
*GEORGE ROOME	2	KILBY R. HOLTOM ...	5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	3	ERIC NOBLES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal. † First peal in two methods 'inside.' Conductor's 75th peal.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 14 plain methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court, (2) Double Oxford and London Bob, (3) Thelwall and Lytham, (4) St. Clement's and College, (5) Childwall and Wavertree, (6) Double and Reverse Bob, (7) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; 170 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN ELLERTON ...	...*Treble*	FRANK LORD	4
GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	2	JACK BRAY	5
*G. LESLIE A. LUNN ...	3	GEORGE W. MOODY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal in 14 methods.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven 720's, these being: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London Bob, Lytham, College, Wavertree and Fulbeck, (2) Hereward; (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Single Court, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ...*Treble*		JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ...	4
RICHARD MANTON	2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ...	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
First peal in twenty Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD DENMAN ...	...*Treble*	HARRY BARNES	4
*GEORGE CHALLANS ...	2	*FREDERICK JACKSON ...	5
ERNEST SHORT	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in four methods.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

I. W. SMITH	...*Treble*	W. A. SMITH	4
MRS. M. WHITE	2	A. RICHARDSON	5
J. N. SMITH	3	E. ELLISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. ELLISON.
First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung as a compliment to ringers of 3rd and tenor after completing 26 and 25 years' service respectively.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Stamford Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ...*Treble*		MICHAEL STEPHENS ...	4
C. HENRY HARDING ...	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
RONALD J. SHARP ...	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

J. DEREK SMITH ...	...*Treble*	KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	4
*MARY WALLACE	2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	5
*ARTHUR WATTS	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.
* First peal. For the christening of Susan Barbara Wallace, niece of the ringer of the second.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*M. VERNON (15) ...	...*Treble*	*M. ABBOT	4
N. WALKER	2	W. BRIGGS	5
R. C. TIPLER	3	*R. HAYWARD (16) ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. C. TIPLER.
* First peal.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GILBERT LATTY ...	...*Treble*	TERRANCE DAVIES ...	4
WHYNDHAM LEWIS ...	2	HARRY BOYCE	5
THOMAS SCOTT	3	*VICTOR EVANS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY BOYCE.
* First peal. All Sunday service ringers.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford, Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY ...*Treble*		CHARLES PERKINS	4
ERNEST BRITTAIN	2	FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
WILLIAM DUFFY	3	FRANK TAYLOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Norwich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

W. EDWIN GOUGH... ...*Treble*		PETER H. WRIGHT ...	4
BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ...	2	ERIC J. STERLAND	5
HAROLD FRANKLIN ...	3	R. MICHAEL E. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC J. STERLAND.
First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Peter H. Wright. The oldest member of this band is 19 years of age.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT E. R. SMITH ...*Treble*		GEORGE LARGE	4
MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM ...	2	ALFRED W. HEATH ...	5
DONALD G. CLARKE ...	3	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
Rung in honour of the 84th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones, who has been Master of the above Association on two occasions. He also held the office of secretary for 50 years.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL ...*Treble*		*RICHARD GRICE	4
BERT ELLIOTT	2	ALFRED T. M. PERRY ...	5
GEORGE SAUNDERS ...	3	H. WALTER SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WALTER SMITH.
* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E flat.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT *Treble*		EDWIN BROMLEY	4
*WILLIAM ROGERS	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	5
THOMAS E. SONE ...	3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Minor.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ...	...*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	4
JEAN M. BROWN	2	FRANK L. HARRIS ...	5
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	RONALD N. MARLOW ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDGAR QUICKE	...*Treble*	*GILBERT DAVIS	4
CLAUDE TARR	2	HARRY PURCHASE	5
*FRANK MORRIS	3	HARRY COMMINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

EDWIN G. MOORE	...*Treble*	*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ...	2	*HARRY P. FLOYD	5
*NOEL J. DISERENS ...	3	ALAN R. PINK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight Minor methods.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES. 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of eight extents of St. Simon's, eight of Plain Bob, six of April Day and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH	...*Treble*	*DAVID SMITH	4
HARRY W. HOWARD ...	2	HARRY PARKER	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	DOROTHY C. OSBORN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal of Doubles.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIAION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MARY CORNELL ...	...*Treble*	†R. A. COCHRANE ...	4
*D. HISCOCK	2	†S. HUCKLE	5
W. T. HOLMES	3	B. MCKIE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. MCKIE.

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*NAT SAVAGE	3	*HARRY BROWN ...	...*Tenor*

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(More peals on page 29.)

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QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS. — On Dec. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Hasting 1, W. A. Stote 2, C. H. Webb 3, J. Oughton 4, J. W. Taylor 5, G. Gardner 6, C. Aylett 7, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 8.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. Dear 1, S. E. Cooper 2, P. Mehew 3, W. D. Pooley 4, J. V. Livock 5, R. V. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor for 2, 3 and 5.

BASFORD, NOTTS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Pinder 1, S. Pinder 2, H. Bates 3, P. Ball 4, R. Carlisle 5, E. Pickering 6, H. Seagrave (cond.) 7, A. Scott 8. For the wedding of Miss R. Harrison and Mr. F. Selby.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mark's Church on Dec. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: S. Townsend 1, R. W. Perry 2, E. J. White 3, L. Coles 4, M. Helps (first as cond.) 5, C. S. Knott 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by 1, 4 and 5.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—On Christmas Day at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. A. Tomlinson 1, J. Skeats 2, L. Henrys 3, A. Swindelhurst 4, J. L. Morris 5, J. A. Tomlinson 6, T. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Heyes 8, H. Anderton 9, F. C. W. Knight 10. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First on the new bells.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. A. Peake 1, B. Bladon (first as cond.) 2, F. G. Wilton 3, A. Tickner 4, Miss E. L. Roberts 5, Miss C. Smith (first quarter) 6. All the ringers are still at school.

BULKINGTON, NUNEATON. — On Dec. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Warden 1, Miss F. Bailey 2, Miss R. Ashley 3, H. F. Ashley 4, C. Hughes 5, A. J. Hinde 6, H. Ashley (cond.) 7, C. Neale 8. First quarter peal on the augmented eight bells. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major by the same company, A. J. Hinde conducting.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Dob Doubles: A. Street 1, A. Worth 2, E. Pimlott 3, D. B. Ongley 4, B. J. Ongley (first as cond.) 5, R. Barratt 6. First quarter 1 and 4. First in method 2, 3, 5 and 6.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in the Cathedral Campanile: H. F. Dunford 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, R. G. Blackman 3, W. G. Challen 4, N. J. Smith 5, J. T. Finey (first 'inside') 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, F. S. Smithers 8.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bennett 1, W. Francis, jun. 2, E. Drew (cond.) 3, G. Newman 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, T. Davies 8. In memoriam Harry Jones, a sidesman at Claverley Church.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Read (first quarter) 1, J. Wells 2, C. Beadle 3, R. Hale 4, J. Read 5, E. Gardner 6, R. Collins 7, C. Wells 8. Conductor, C. W. Denyer.

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral on Christmas Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Sargent 1, J. L. Stanier 2, J. Hutchinson 3, R. O. Street (cond.) 4, Miss R. M. K. How 5, L. Boumphrey 6, E. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Latham (first quarter) 1, A. W. Barber 2, B. Hammond 3, A. G. Chambers 4, G. Bunning 5, S. Marshall (first as cond.) 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Helen Gorringe (first of Stedman) 1, S. C. Driver 2, W. Gorringe 3, J. A. Downing 4, J. A. Pennells 5, G. Billeness 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Dec. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Carrott 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, J. G. Macdougal 5, A. Salisbury (first 'inside') 6, T. East 7, C. E. Wright 8.

ILLSTON, LEICS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (180 St. Simon's, 360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire): N. T. Dyer 1, J. H. Wadkin 2, G. Lee 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, A. N. Geary 5, A. E. Dyer 6.

KEYMER, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cragg (first quarter on the treble) 1, W. Small 2, J. Backshall (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Backshall 4, P. Romney (cond.) 5, A. Backshall 6.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beale 1, Miss J. Lear (first quarter) 2, L. F. Ellis 3, T. Harris 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, J. Owen (cond.) 7, E. Veale 8. First quarter by a local band.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Duffell 1, N. Carr 2, W. Avery 3, J. Meakes 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Tattersall (first quarter) 1, G. Salter (first 'inside') 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, D. T. North 5, A. E. Hawkins 6.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine's on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Ward 1, S. A. Jesson 2, G. H. Hebborn 3, C. Kirk 4, C. P. Walker 5, J. Morris 6, S. Harrison (first as cond.) 7, E. T. Clements 8. First of Grandsire Triples 'inside' by 2, 3 and 4.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Hepworth 1, Mrs. F. Metham 2, Margaret A. Swann 3, Jean Metham 4, R. Stallibrass 5, J. F. Hodson 6, S. A. Chambers (first as cond.) 7, C. Ward 8.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM. — On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Yeomans 1, F. Rowsell 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, F. Bailey 4, W. Oatway 5, J. Evans 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, R. Davies 8. First in the method 3 and 6.

LONDON.—On Dec. 26th, at Westminster Abbey, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pasmore 1, W. S. Langdon 2, H. Belcher 3, R. Green 4, A. B. Peck (cond.) 5, H. Langdon 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. Phillips 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Keeley 1, R. Keeley 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, E. C. Tett 8 For the Confirmation by the Bishop of Sherborne.

MARGATE, KENT. — On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. J. Dadds (first quarter, age 14) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, L. Everest 3, A. J. Dadds (first as cond.) 4, L. Twyman 5, R. G. Dadds (first 'inside') 6, F. G. Gadsden 7, H. Lade 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gadsden.

MAULDEN, BEDS. — On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wallis (first of Minor) 1, M. Lockey 2, A. C. Sinfield 3, C. Mann (first 'inside') 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, C. E. Jeffries 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' on Dec. 23rd, 1,949 Stedman Triples: A. Higgins 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, R. Higgins 3, V. J. F. Bennett 4, W. F. Judge 5, W. Collett 6, J. Higgins (composer and conductor) 7, H. Gardiner 8.

PAULTON, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Minor (720 Single Court and 720 Oxford Bob): V. Savage 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, A. G. Clare 3, J. Naish 4, F. Savage 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's on Christmas Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Skinner (first quarter) 1, G. H. Myers 2, D. F. Wheeler 3, A. S. Weatherby 4, J. H. Tippett 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, H. F. Myers 7, S. O'Shaugnessy 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, A. W. Myers 10. During this ringing these bells were broadcast in the B.B.C.'s 'Christmas Bells' programme.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: S. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Holbrook 2, F. Carter 3, H. Griffin 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, T. Griffin 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Claydon 1, G. F. Hoad 2, J. W. Euston 3, R. M. Foreman 4, G. Oliver 5, A. T. Shelton 6, J. W. Crouch 7, A. J. Hughes 8, E. G. Talbot 9, F. T. Hoad 10.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ransome 1, R. Clements 2, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, C. Goodyear 5, W. Ransome 6.

ANALYSIS

ASSOCIATION	MAXIMUS: Cambridge	New Cambridge	Yorkshire	Lincolnshire	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob	Little Bob	Plain Bob	CINQUES: Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge	Yorkshire	Pitsfield
An. Soc. College Yths.									4	1			
Bath and Wells Dio.											2		
Bedfordshire													
Cambridge Univ. Gld.													
Chester Diocesan	1	1									1	2	1
Coventry Dio. Guild	1							1			1	2	
Cumberland County													
Derby Association											1		
Devonshire													1
Dudley and District													
Durham & Newcastle													
East Grinstead Guild													
East Derbyshire													
Ely Diocesan													
Essex Association													1
Gloucester & Bristol									3				
Guildford Diocesan													
Hereford Diocesan													
Hertford County	1								1		2		
Irish Association													
Kent County													1
Lancashire Assoc.					1						3		
Leicester Dio. Guild	2		2						1		2	1	
Lincoln Dio. Guild	2								3		1		
Llandaff & Monmouth									1				
London County Assn.				1					1		1		
Middlesex County									2		1		
Midland Counties													
North Staffs Assn													
North Wales Assn													
Norwich Diocesan									1				
Oxford Dio. Guild									2		1		
Oxford University Soc.													
Peterborough Dio.													
St. David's Dio. Guild													
St. Martin's Guild			1						11		3	3	
Salisbury Guild									1				
Scottish Assn.													
Shropshire Assoc.													
Soc. R. Cum. Youths									3				
Southwell Dio. Guild													
Stafford Archdeaconry							1		3		1	1	
Suffolk Guild	1								2				
Surrey Association									2		2		
Sussex Association													
Swansea and Brecon													
Truro Diocesan													
Universities Assoc.													
Win. and Portsmouth											1		
Worcester & Districts													
Yorkshire Assoc	1										3	2	
Unattached													
TOTAL	9	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	40	3	27	12	1

* Other Surprise peals: Kent Coun
Norwich Diocesan, Southgate; Oxf

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Guy 1, J. B. Guy 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley 4, E. Andrews 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, H. Baker 8. First in method 1 and 2.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): M. J. Dodd 1, G. J. Townsend 2, G. K. Dodd 3, S. F. Tuffley 4, R. W. Rex (cond.) 5.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Adams (first quarter) 1, S. Brown 2, C. Gilby (first 'inside') 3, E. Orland (cond.) 4, G. Wykes 5.

LS RUNG ON TOWER BELLS DURING THE YEAR 1948

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LATE NEWS

The longest length of Spliced Surprise Major, 6,496 changes, was rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on December 31st. The year at Leicester closed with three peals on December 31st, Aldenham Surprise Major and Maximus and New Cambridge Surprise Royal. Participating in all three were Messrs. H. J. Poole, H. B. Bowley, P. J. Staniforth and M. D. Staniforth.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Apropos the Leicester Guild's four peals in a day, Mr. James George recalls the ringing of three peals of Stedman Cinques in 24 hours at Quex Park on April 22nd-23rd, 1905. The first peal started at 6.30 p.m. and ended at 10.8 p.m.; the second from 7 a.m. to 10.31 a.m., and the third from 2 p.m. to 5.34 p.m. The respective conductors were John H. Cheesman, George R. Pye and W. Pye. Mr. George thinks he is the only survivor of this record.

Regarding the peal of Minor on 19 methods at Copt Oak on December 9th, Mr. C. K. Lewis only composed the 720 containing 13 methods.

Mr. Frank Blondell has been seriously ill with lung and heart trouble and has to give up ringing and walking. He is living with a married son at 5, Whitton Manor Road, Isleworth, Middlesex. Frank, who is 79, is very cheerful and faces the new situation philosophically.

Miss Mary Cornell, who rang the treble to the peal of Major at Hatfield, Herts, on Dec. 27th, is the first lady of the Hatfield band to have the honour to ring a peal on the bells. It was her first attempt and the conductor, Mr. S. Carter, congratulated her on her steadiness and striking. The day before at Tewin she had rung the treble to a peal of Minor.

A ringer from Cheshire named Walter,
Whose car has a horrible falter,
Would better by far
Take a rope with his car,
And lead it along by the halter.

Inspired by the ringer concerned failing to arrive for a peal at Birkenhead. The band are indebted to Lester Gray for standing in at a moment's notice.—F.V.

The visit of the Universities Association to Croydon was a great success. Pressure of space necessitates holding the report over to next week. A snag has developed in regard to the Nottingham week (August 18th and 26th), and Dr. Hatcher would welcome a solution. American visitors have booked in advance most of the accommodation.

Miss Dorothy C. Osborn has 'completed the circle' of Davenham tower, Cheshire.

The peal of Rochester Maximus at Macclesfield was the 150th together by John E. Bibby and Edward Jenkins—28 years' happy comradeship.

Nearly 50 years after his first attempt to call a peal of Stedman Triples, Mr. J. D. Harris, the oldest member of St. Mary's, Portsea, company, completed the performance there on December 31st. In all, however, he has only made five attempts during this time.

A silver-mounted and inscribed walking stick was presented to Mr. T. Upshall on Christmas morning to commemorate his 50 years as a bell-ringer at Farnham Parish Church. The Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes) made the presentation.

The friends of Mr. D. C. Birkinshaw will rejoice to see his name again in a quarter peal at Kilburn. He has now almost completely recovered from the illness with which he was smitten in August, 1947, and we should like to congratulate him on the event.

Congratulations to Norman G. McCrum on ringing his first handbell peal, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and two days later in ringing an 'inside' pair to Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Young Terry Thornber rang the tenors to the Maximus and demonstrated his appreciation of rhythm and his ability to keep a good Maximus beat.

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THE STORY OF FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY

THE LEICESTER GUILD'S ACHIEVEMENT

TO ring four peals in one day is a rare achievement, but on a recent Saturday eight members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild were successful in ringing a peal each of Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Such an occasion was a 'red letter' day, and, apart from the general arrangements, it was thought advisable to put the band under 'starter's orders' the night before. Some of the younger members had other ideas about the Friday evening, but the gaffer was emphatic, 'Early to bed, early to rise, is the way to be fit for major surprise.' Nothing was left to chance and the doubtfuls were placed in lodgings under complete supervision and so all went to bed in good time.

The Saturday morning found us astir very early and the two chariots set off to pick up the remainder of the party. Two of the band from the same lodgings were so intent on the peals that they left behind their mid-morning sandwiches. 'Don't worry,' said the chauffeur, 'you can share mine.' It was not very far on the journey—but too far to turn back—when the driver discovered that the sandwiches to be shared had also been left at home. Undaunted and by no means dismayed, we arrived at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, ten minutes late on schedule. A hot meal had been booked for lunch and therefore no time could be lost.

Superlative Surprise had been chosen for the first peal and the bells set off into changes at 7.45 a.m. It very soon became obvious that lost time would be made up, for the bells settled down to a fast pace in good ringing. The speed was such that any serious trip would certainly have proved fatal. The bells ran into rounds at 9.52 a.m., and the 2 hours 7 minutes taken to ring the peal was one minute longer than the fastest peal on the bells.

Without delay the two cars were soon speeding off to Thurcaston and it was on this journey that those whose memory had not failed them were able to partake of some sandwiches.

Upon arrival at All Saints' Church, we were very pleased to find that Mr. Bindley, the local steeplekeeper, had prepared for us even to the extent of pulling up the bells. Without delay a start was made for the London Surprise at 10.30 a.m., and the bells ran into rounds after a very good peal at 1.12 p.m. Only one member of the band had mentioned blisters after the first peal, and enquiries revealed that they were no worse after the London.

A DIVERSION.

We journeyed on to Anstey, where the midday meal had been arranged. Interest was diverted from ringing by two pictures on the walls at the cafe of two pin-up girls. Indeed, one youthful member of the party nearly became cross-eyed in trying to look at both walls at once. It was at the cafe that some of the missing sandwiches caught up with the party, thanks to the ladies, bless 'em.

After the meal it was a case of 'on with the show' and into St. Mary's belfry at Anstey for Bristol Surprise Major. From the indifferent start which was made it appeared that London Surprise had not properly cleared itself from the minds of some of the band, and at the end of the first course the order, 'Stand—that won't do,' stopped the proceedings. A second start—after some good but straight advice—was made at 2.38 p.m., and the bells came into rounds at 5.5 p.m.

On return to the cafe for tea it was found that both pin-up pictures had been placed on the same wall. Obviously to prevent further eyestrain.

Now for the last lap. Michael D. Staniforth and Terence A. Thornber, two very promising youths of 17 and 16 years respectively, had agreed at rather short notice to stand in the last peal upon the suggestion to make it Cambridge Surprise Royal.

On to Loughborough for the 'grand finale,' and at the Bell Foundry we were met by Colin Harrison, who turned up unexpectedly in case of any last fence casualties. Thanks were duly expressed to him for his kind thoughts and interest. There certainly was no lack of enthusiasm in between peals number three and four, and, as one younger member said at the start, 'If I ring in the first three they'll have to chop my hands off to stop me ringing in number four.'

The light ring of ten went off into changes for Cambridge Surprise Royal at 6.32 p.m., and the bells soon settled down to quick ringing as with the Superlative Surprise Major in the morning. The peal finished at 8.57 p.m., taking 2 hours 25 minutes, and is believed to be the quickest peal of Royal on the bells. All finished up in good form, certainly in good spirits, and so ended another day to make history in the annuals of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Those taking part in the four peals were:—

ALFRED BALLARD, Central Council member for the Leicester Guild, who rang over 100 peals last year and has been one of the most enthusiastic members.

SHIRLEY BURTON, the Guild peal secretary and member of the Leicester Cathedral company for over 30 years.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY, Deputy Ringing Master at Leicester Cathedral, an enthusiastic peal ringer, exceeded the 50 mark last year.

ALAN JACQUES, the youth from Woodhouse, who rings regularly at the Leicester Cathedral on Sunday evenings. Had rung three peals when he joined the Cathedral company in January, 1949, and compiled a good record for 18 years of age with a total of 76 last year.

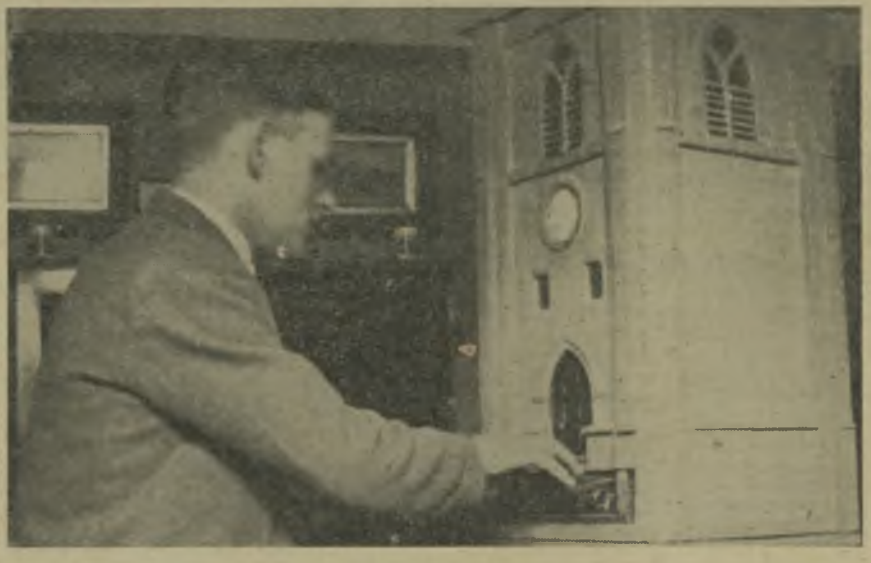
NORMAN G. McCRUM, a pupil of R. F. Elkington, of Anstey, for whom he deputised in the four peals. At home from Oxford for Christmas, he jumped at the opportunity of the four-in-a-day effort.

HAROLD J. POOLE, president of the Leicester Guild and Ringing Master at the Cathedral. He conducted over a hundred peals last year.

WILLIAM J. ROOT, secretary for the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Member of the Cathedral company and a recognised backender.

JOHN R, SMITH. the Norfolk born member of the Cathedral band, with which he learned his change ringing. Was looked upon as the mascot of the company. Scored his first 25 peals without losing one. Rang over 50 peals in 1949.

The band would take this opportunity of expressing thanks to those persons who contributed to making this four-peal-in-a-day possible and to the two boys for standing in the Cambridge at short notice.



Mr. W. H. Male, of St. Mary's, Warwick, at the keyboard of his chime of 10 bells. The apparatus and tower were made by his father, Mr. T. Male. The tower contains an eight-day clock.

On Monday, December 26th, Mr. Male tapped 5,040 Plain Bob Caters, from figures, written out in full, it being his own composition, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. He now taps touches of Grandsire Triples, courses of Stedman Triples and Caters and Plain Bob Major without the aid of figures.

'A MENACE'

Dear Sir,—For Heaven's sake protect the public and the ordinary ringer from the menace of a number of peals per day competition.—Yours faithfully, W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION DATES

Dear Sir,—Having commenced another year, ringers will soon be looking forward to the coming summer and more ringing outings.

May I ask all those who are arranging outings, and thinking of including Cambridge in their list of towers to be visited, to please avoid the period May 20th-June 10th, both dates inclusive, owing to university examinations being in progress, making it difficult to arrange ringing.

With best wishes to all ringers for happy outings.—Yours sincerely,

H. L. MARTIN.

Cambridge.

Death of Mr. Harry Withers

FEATS AS AN UMPIRE.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham has suffered another heavy loss in the death of Joseph Henry Withers at the age of 74 on Christmas Day. For many years in the employment of Cadbury Bros., of Bournville, he had charge of the fine carillon in the garden village, and gave frequent recitals there and elsewhere. H was acquainted with M. Josef Denyn, the celebrated Belgian carillonneur, and on several occasions was sent abroad by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to open carillons and to give recitals upon them. These visits included trips to Canada and Scandinavia.

He was a change ringer of outstanding merit, a meticulous striker and a clever conductor, and he had rung peals in all the well-known methods and on all numbers of bells. Despite his great abilities as a ringer, he was not fond of peal ringing, and in all rang only 99 peals. As Ringing Master and ringing member at Edgbaston Parish Church he always stressed the importance of Sunday service ringing and insisted on a very high standard of excellence in this work.

His two most notable faculties, however, were his remarkably sensitive ear and his great talent for tapping changes on bells, piano, carillon or dulcimer. In 1903 he took down from outside the tower every lead of the 14,112 of London Surprise rung at King's Norton Church on May 11th. On October 4th, 1947, he repeated this feat at Heydour, Lincs, when the Lincoln Diocesan Guild beat the King's Norton performance. This peal lasted for 8 hours and 25 minutes, and (be it noted) Harry Withers was then well over 70 years of age.

In the previous year he attended at Oxford when the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang the record length of Stedman Cinques, and for 8 hours and 48 minutes concentrated on umpiring this great peal. On one other notable occasion he conducted a peal of Superlative at Selly Oak Church from outside the tower, notifying the bobs by an electric push-bell communicating with the ringing chamber.

His gift of tapping changes was a constant delight to all his friends. His favourite instrument was his dulcimer, and upon this he would tap any method from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques, including the Surprise methods, and would invite anyone to conduct for him. The writer remembers with gratitude having the great privilege of calling a touch on the Bournville carillon, the changes being perfectly tapped off on the huge clavier by this most remarkable man. All visitors to the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner years ago will recollect the delightful entertainment Harry Withers provided with his dulcimer: even now the strains of 'Killarney' and 'The Huntsman Chorus' are full of wistful memories of past dinners, carefree enjoyment, and Harry Withers.

The funeral service was held at Edgbaston Parish Church, conducted by the curate, the Rev. W. Fuller, and the lesson was read by Mr. W. C. Dowding. The widow and family were present, and the St. Martin's Guild was represented by the Master, Mr. A. Walker; the Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. Shepherd; the secretary, Mr. G. E. Fearn; the librarian, Mr. J. F. Harvey; Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Messrs. H. H. Fearn, J. Eafon, T. H. Reeves, H. Williams, E. T. Allaway, W. T. Froggatt, A. W. T. Cleaver, R. T. Russell, W. Mumford, A. Timmins, W. Dyer and that grand old veteran, W. H. Barber. The bearers were Messrs. Dowding, Dyer (Croydon), G. E. Fearn, Fitter, Russell and Timmins.

The interment was at Lodge Hill Cemetery, and after the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. Walker 1-2, W. H. Barber 3-4, E. C. Shepherd 5-6, G. E. Fearn 7-8.

E. C. S.

Canon G. F. Coleridge

FORMER CENTRAL COUNCIL SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION.

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago the Exercise learned from your journal that we had sustained, as members of the same, from the highest to the lowest, and from the youngest to the oldest, an irreparable loss. I have read and re-read your leader; it is, indeed, a worthy obituary. It frames our beloved friend, from Wordsworth's opening lines, to your own conclusion in likening him unto 'one of the pillars upon which the temple of the Exercise has been built.'

You are good enough, sir, to add that you would welcome letters of appreciation of Canon Coleridge's services, covering various aspects of his activities in 'ringing.' And I would like to add a few words as to his presidency of the Central Council, to which we were both elected upon the same day—Whitsun Tuesday, 1921—thenceforward, he and I conducted the affairs of the Council, he as one of its most distinguished presidents and myself as its hon. secretary and treasurer.

It was during the ensuing nine years when we were so closely thrown together (I under the shelter of his wing, as it were) that I got to know and love the man himself. Of course, his very presence, vocation, voice and manner all won immediate attention and respect; there then followed also as a matter of course not only a feeling of regard and esteem, but one of a full confidence. One instinctively knew that, with such a skipper, our ship would ride out all difficulties. I think it was with such a knowledge that the Council justified itself when in 1921, faced with the unexpected choice of filling its two chief posts on the same day by two fresh men, it elected Canon Coleridge and myself to the double vacancy. The confidence at the moment was well expressed by the late W. T. Cockerill, who said, 'Our new president can easily "fill the chair"!' And, with regard to myself—when the late C. D. P. Davies recalled that, though almost unknown to the Exercise till now, I had carried through with skill and success the recent general memorial service for the fallen (war of 1914-18).

And so it turned out. We leaned upon each other, fulfilling our several parts. He with his great knowledge of public affairs, his urbanity—both so delightfully blended to suit either the man or the occasion; and I, for my part, seeing that he was properly supplied with just that modicum of notes upon which he could extemporise, in his happy and well-known manner. He was never at a loss for the fitting word, nor did I ever know him perturbed but once. That was at Chelmsford in 1929. It was a hot afternoon and produced a hot and acrimonious discussion on the 'Methods' debate. (In the midst of the turmoil the late Rev. Law James threatened to resign the Council.)

Upon one occasion that afternoon, when the president was appealing to the noisy, dissident factions, he was directly challenged upon a certain statement. During the interruption he bent and whispered to me, 'That was not exactly as I had meant to express it.' It was, however, a difficult afternoon with much counting of hands, at narrow margins. In the end we sailed out with a sigh of relief, and he gave me his usual parting gift of thanks. 'Many thanks, my dear fellow, for all you have done.' (He never missed a point.)

The day may have left its mark, for a few months afterwards I heard that he was resigning at the next meeting of the Council. This led me to tell him that I, too, had thought of doing so, as I was off to South Africa for a long holiday. But Canon Coleridge and others pressed me to stay on for another year, because it was inadvisable to relinquish the two offices simultaneously, nor was there a suitable secretary in the offing at the moment. Thus it was, by eventually agreeing to return earlier, I had the pleasure of serving under Mr. E. H. Lewis, the new president, and helping to install my successor—the admirable Mr. G. W. Fletcher. Many happy memories stand out from the years we were together. Particularly our going down to Coventry to save the famous bells. We put up a good fight, but lost them. (Though, as the opposing counsel, Sir Charles Maddocks, upon meeting Canon Coleridge afterwards at a City function, told the latter, that the Chancellor's judgment was against the weight of evidence, and that the Exercise ought not to have lost the day, nor Coventry its famous bells.) Another memory, which I often recall, is when we stood together at the Abbey, holding the large wreath, one given by the Exercise, and which we had to lay upon the grave of their 'Unknown Warrior.' As the solemn service proceeded I could not but be impressed by the deportment and gravity of this giant who stood beside me and, indeed, towered over me despite my being well over the 6ft. mark and the 13 stone.

You have, sir, in your obituary, referred to Canon Coleridge's ever alert intellect and his ready sense of humour. The Council has always been fortunate in its presidents, but never more so than during these nine years. I observed that, whenever we had to meet the particular 'authority' of a place, he always had the just punctilio at command, quietly instructing me beforehand as to the part which I had to play in my minor role. Thus the Dean or a Bishop, my Lord Mayor or any other dignitary received a suitable reception, hearty thanks and decorous adieu. (I would receive them at the door and bow them out at the same.)

Yes, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge has left deep imprints in the 'sands of time.'—I am, your obedient servant,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley, Kent.

A PEAL IN IRELAND

A peal is a rare occurrence in some parts of Ireland. Mr. John T. Dunwoody gives his experiences of the peal at Ballylesson on Boxing Day.

When we arrived at the church we found that the belfry door could not be locked and to lock the church would not have been permissible. Two of the local ringers appeared on the scene before the start and stated that they would stay for a while during the peal attempt.

After about three-quarters of an hour, they left and must have locked the church on their way out. Shortly afterwards someone started throwing pebbles at the windows of the belfry and cracked some of the panes. About the half-way mark there arrived in the belfry another local ringer, his wife and two children, who sat down and watched the ringing. (We later discovered that this was the stone thrower as he wanted someone to let him in.)

Two more ringers later appeared and one of them tried to start a conversation with the ringer of the treble, only to be ticked off severely by the conductor. Shortly afterwards the family departed with one of the others leaving the other watching the changing very carefully.

Shortly afterwards our friend who had been ticked off for talking appeared with a plate of cake, only to be greeted by a yell from one of the ringers to 'take it out of here.' Later the other ringer left, leaving us to complete the peal in peace.

It showed how much the peal band were on their toes that they completed the peal without a hitch. In explanation of the local ringers' interruptions, it is only fair to say that they do not practise change-ringing and did not appreciate what a peal meant. Evidently they thought that we could stop and start as we pleased.

HORNCASTLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of College Exercise, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, and one combined 720 of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	*LOUIS WILLDERS	4
JEFFERY PARKER	2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ...	5
MOSES BILLINGS	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal in eight methods. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS	1-2	ALAN CATTELL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Non-conducted.
The first peal of Major non-conducted in the diocese of Leicester.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ...	1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN... ...	3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal away from the tenors.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Consisting of Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob. 176 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	3-4	PHILIP BARNES	7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* 250th peal. To celebrate the engagement of Miss Enid Bray and Mr. Peter Worley.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris J. Morris's Variation of Parker's. Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	1-2	ALAN CATTELL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY	7-8

Conducted by JOHN BRAMLEY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 in A.

*ALFRED BALLARD	1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE	5-6
*PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	3-4	†HARRY POYNER	7-8

TERENCE A. THORNBER ... 9-10
Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. A birthday compliment to G. Stedman Morris.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;
In seven methods, comprising: 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 768 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College, 576 Little Bob, 384 Reverse and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 455 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Longest peal by all except the conductor. Believed to be the longest peal in seven Spliced Major methods on handbells. A birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE AFRICAN OIL MILL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

*RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	1-2	JOHN E. SPICE	5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON	3-4	*FRANK VARTY	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD	1-2	*HARRY POYNER	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	*DEREK G. GOODMAN ...	7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE RESIDENCE OF GEORGE WIGHTMAN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1-2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	5-6
FRANK L. FISHER	3-4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7-8

Composed by G. PATRICK. Conducted by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN.
First peal as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Containing 206 calls, all singles. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ...	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
Umpire: MICHAEL J. E. BEST, who checked every lead-end.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris G. Morris' Variation of Parker's. Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOHN BRAMLEY	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3-4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal away from the tenors.

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DEATH

THORPE.—On Jan. 6th, 1950, at 3, Oakdene Road, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, Hugh Reginald Thorpe, aged 67 years. Interred in Buckland Churchyard, Surrey. 6426

RETURN THANKS

WITHERS.—The wife and daughter of the late Harry Withers wish to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Taylor and Co., ringers of Edgbaston Old Church, St. Martin's and other churches throughout the country for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their sad loss. 6429

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AT BOURNEMOUTH. —Board-residence, h. and c., good table; 5 minutes sea (cliff lift), 2 minutes buses, shops. Terms, till June, 12s. per day; June to September (both inclusive), 15s. per day, all inclusive. — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fishermans Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone, Southbourne 2693. 6238

MISCELLANEOUS

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—Ringing practice will be held on Saturdays, 2.30 p.m. to 5.30, except on the third Saturday in the month. Rounds to Surprise. Everybody welcome. 6341

PUBLICATIONS

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

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual general meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. H. Everest, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6307

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 6286

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) from 2 to 5 and 7 to 8. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting, St. Peter's Hall. 6315

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Uckfield (8), Jan. 14th. Names for tea to Miss J. Durrant, The Mount, Cooper's Green, Uckfield. Buxted (8) in evening, Uckfield not available.—C. A. Bassett. 6332

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Cotton. 6310

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 14th, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. Business 5.45. Ringing afterwards. Afternoon tower to be announced later.—Hart, 29, Edna Street, S.W.11. BAT. 3946. 6428

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 14th, North Wingfield (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. 6372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6329

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. —J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6335

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, 87a, Mill Street, Macclesfield. 6336

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. 6363

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual, Littleport (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Lincoln's Cafe. — C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6358

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All Saints' (6) available after tea.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6356

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy 6355

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton (10 bells), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting following tea. Social 7.30 to 11.30. Whist, games, dancing. Tickets 2s. each from district secretaries and general secretary. Private bus to Coventry and district following social. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 6348

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Harrietsham (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6346

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Salisbury, originally on Jan. 14th, is postponed. Details of new arrangements later. — F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 6380

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Saviour's (8), Oxton, Birkenhead, Jan. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 6382

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6303

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell Minster, Jan. 21st, 2.30. Service. Tea if you notify Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by 19th. A cordial welcome to all ringers.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 6328

SELBY AND DISTRICT SECRETARY. — Annual meeting and dinner at Selby, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (approx.), followed by annual meeting. Dinner to be held in George Hotel, 8s. 6d. each. Names and fees to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, by Jan. 14th. — L. M. Woodhead, Act. Hon. Sec. 6344

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual, Withycombe Raleigh, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by Jan. 16th. 6345

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available 3 to 5 p.m., followed by tea (5.15) and meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea by Saturday, Jan. 14th, without fail, please.—No name no tea!—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 6351

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. —Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Abbey Restaurant, 5 p.m. Cathedral (12) in evening. Names for tea, please, if possible, by Tuesday, Jan. 17th, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Parish Hall. Brief service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, only to those who notify me by Jan. 19th. General meeting, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 6370

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. — Annual meeting, Wells, Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Cuthbert's bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Cathedral bells after tea. Notify by Tuesday, 17th, for tea.—W. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 6361

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st Usual arrangements. Tea, by kind invitation, to those who inform Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, Kent, by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—B. W. May, Hon. Sec. 6349

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Walthamstow.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6350

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Benson, Oxon. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 6368

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Edenham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Holmes, The Retreat, Edenham, Bourn, Lincs, by Tuesday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 6367

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. Hurry, 2, Portobello Lane, Sawston, Cambridge, for tea by Jan. 19th.—H. L. Martin, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6381

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Hackney, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. Further ringing to follow.—R. H. Begrie, Dis. Sec. 6385

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley (8), Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6400

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Draycott, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6401

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6378

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names, tea, H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 6379

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Storrington (6), Jan. 21st, 3. Names for tea (by 18th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6398

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting at Tichmarsh on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 6383

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Annual meeting at Syston, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Payne, The Green, Syston, Leics., by Tuesday, Jan. 17th. All ringers and friends welcome. 6400

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 21st. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by Jan. 17th. — Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 6384

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Jan. 21st, 2.30 p.m. A tea can be obtained at the Wheatsheaf Hotel.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6406

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) at 3. No tea arrangements, cafes available.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6404

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District. — The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those only who let me know by Wed., 18th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 6407

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual branch meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, names essential.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6408

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, Jan. 21st, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6409

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Cirencester, Jan. 21st. Watermoor (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Parish Church (12) after tea. Card for tea by Jan. 16th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester. 6411

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Nicolas', Chiswick, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Further ringing until 8.15. Names for tea to T. Thurley, 35, Paxton Road, W.4, by Wed., 18th.—F. Finch. 6413

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — Annual meeting. St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby, by Jan. 18th. 6414

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Shildon (8), Jan. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please notify, by Jan. 18th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington 6417

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual district meeting at Royston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells 3. Service 4,30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6419

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Ramsbury, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. — T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6422

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. Portsmouth District. — Annual meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by business, 4.40, in St. Faith's Institute (10 minutes from church). Names by Jan. 17th to Mr. H. A. Nobes, 72, St. Andrew's Road, Gosport.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6391

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 21st, Crewe (10), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea. Names by 18th, please.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 6423

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Jan. 21st, 4.30 p.m All ringers welcome. — Richard Benson, Branch Sec. 6424

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting at Calne on Jan. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Please advise M. Bury, Church Street, Calne, for tea.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 6397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District. — The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6430

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Annual meeting, Evercreech, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for all who notify by 25th inst.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet. 6421

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Revelstoke, Jan. 28th. Usual arrangements. Names by Jan. 21st to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6278

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.-Western District.—Annual meeting, Epsom, Jan. 28th, St Martin's (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Christ Church bells (8) after meeting. Nominations for general officers at this meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 14th. Notifications for tea by Jan. 26th, first post, to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6357

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion, Wraxall, Jan. 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Jan. 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6410

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Rectory Room. Names for tea by Saturday, Jan. 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6418

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names by 23rd to P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, Hon. Div. Sec. 6416

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30, St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9). Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, by Tuesday, Jan. 24th. 6388

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Annual, Heanor, Jan. 28th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45. Names to H. Farnsworth, 5, Godfrey Street, Heanor, by Jan. 25th. 6378

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — Annual meeting, Towcester, Jan. 28th. Names for tea to V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester, by Jan. 24th. 6377

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Rooms after service. Ringing, St. Paul's, 3 to 4 and 7 to 9: All Saints' 7 to 9. Please notify for tea by Jan. 23rd.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 6399

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury (6), Jan. 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 25th to H. K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 6393

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ilminster (8), Jan. 28th, 3. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 6390

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 26th to Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 6403

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. It is essential that names for tea reach Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6405

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual meeting of district at Guildford, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Cathedral and S. Nicolas' 2.30. Service, S. Nicolas', 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall. The evening will conclude with a social arranged by the Ladies' Guild. See separate notice. — A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 6389

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Social evening to be held at S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District annual meeting. Tea 1s. 9d., social 1s. 9d., combined 3s. Tickets by Jan. 23rd from Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 6425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District annual) and LADIES' GUILD (Midland District). — Joint meeting, Loughborough, Jan. 28th. Parish Church and Foundry bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Fearon Hall. Names to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough, by Tuesday, 24th.—C. W. Hall/J. Poole. 6394

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual dinner at Newark Town Hall, Jan. 28th, 6.30. Parish Church bells (10) available 2.30. Admission 10s. 6d. by ticket only to be purchased by 25th. A noble ring of bells, food, drink, entertainment, good fellowship; what more do you require? Get your ticket now from J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 6395

FINCHLEY (St. Mary's).—Dedication of two new bells—one a memorial to Charles T. Coles —Jan. 28th, 4 p.m. Names for tea before 24th to Ernest Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. Ringing afterwards. 6396

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