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GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

THE Grandsire Doubles band which aspires to ring a peal in its own tower has little difficulty about practice, for the peal will be mainly a repetition of familiar work. This is not necessarily so with the Grandsire Triples band. Peal compositions may be the same in method as the service ringing, but they differ greatly from it in their construction, and in these days when young learners are very rightly given so much of the precious practice night, it is not always easy to fit in long touches.

Consequently neither conductor nor band is likely to make much progress towards ringing a peal if they confine their service ringing to three bobs Right (or Home). The two favourite peals for first-timers both lend themselves to shortenings which bring them into the fifteen or twenty minutes' limit for service touches, so that every Sunday can be made a peal practice. Apart from peal considerations, the adoption of more advanced callings such as these will greatly improve the standard of our prime consideration, the service touch.

Parker's Twelve-part, either in its original form (with —765 part-ends) or in Groves' variation (with —567 p.e.), has in each part a single on the same two back bells throughout the peal—in the original they are 5 and 7, in Groves' 5 and 6. If this single is omitted the last bob in the first part brings up 423567, when another bob produces rounds at 406 changes. A quarter-peal is obtained by calling the first three parts with no alteration except that the single on the two back bells must be omitted in one of the parts—it is immaterial which.

Holt's Ten-part (Reeves' variation) has the leads of the plain course in their natural order for the last lead of each part. It will, therefore, run round true from a single part, and the calling of either the first half or the second may be used. If you wish to incorporate two Holt's Bob Singles in your touch begin with two bobbed leads 752634, 467352, and then call the first HBS, which will bring up the first change of the second half 235476. Now let the bells run for four plain leads before calling one part of the second half from 257364. It will actually be the last part of the peal, and it is imperative to run these plain leads first; otherwise your touch will not end with a bob lead and a HBS will not bring the bells round.

A quarter-peal of Holt's requires some adjustment, since two parts are not enough while three are too many. You can call the first two parts from rounds and the third part as far as the third bob, which will bring up 257643. From this leadhead call single at 4, bob at 1, single at 1, bob at 4, which is rounds; total 1,260 changes.

If you wish to use HBS in your quarter it is recommended to add the extra leads at the start. From rounds call bobs at 2, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, and let the bells run on for two plain leads further to bring up 246375. Now call the fifth part of the peal, ending with HBS. You should then let the bells run for four plain leads before starting to call the tenth part of the peal, ending with the coming round HBS. This quarter has an extra lead, making 1,274 changes.

ANDREW CORRIGAN.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	H. LESLIE PASK 7
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 2	*HERBERT LOWMAN ... 8
*S. DNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 3	*WALTER TOMLINSON ... 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	*GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 10
†JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5	*KENNETH W. MAYER ... 11
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6	†JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus and first of Maximus on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Surprise Maximus. First of Maximus as conductor.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
*THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 10
JAMES BENNETT ... 5	†REUBEN SANDERS ... 11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
* 100th peal for the Association. † 50th peal on the bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

ALAN F. THIRST Treble	†CYRIL TABERNER 6
*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
†J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 8
†JOHN GOODMAN ... 4	†HARRY BOSWELL ... 9
†ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method. First of Little Bob Royal on the bells and for the Society. Tenor 20½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 28½ cwt.	
NOREEN BRAIN Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
GEOFFREY HAIR ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6
FREDK. G. FRETWELL ... 3	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 7
GORDON HARRISON ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRED BRIGHTMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 5
†MAURICE BENNETT (14) 2	HORACE BENNETT ... 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... 7
CYRIL WANDER ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 22 cwt.	
DORIS BENNETT Treble	ALBERT M. TYLER ... 5
DONALD G. CLIFT ... 2	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 3	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 7
*ALBERT V. BENNETT ... 4	†CECIL H. WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Triples. In memoriam the Rev. T. H. Bland, M.A., Vicar for 32 years.

BURNHAM, BUCKS

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... Treble	*T. MARK WHITE ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 6
MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 3	†HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN R. HART Treble	REGINALD F. CROOK ... 5
PEGGY E. HART ... 2	*ALBERT DISERENS ... 6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 4	VINCENT T. CHERRILL ... Tenor

* First peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

ALL SAINTS' FULHAM, SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans'. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.	
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT Treble	JOHN B. SANSON ... 5
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
*GORDON R. ALLSOP ... 3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 7
*JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 4	HORACE BELCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PERRY BAR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F sharp.	
GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 2	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

JOHN SCOTT Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 7
*T. R. HAMPTON (R.N.A.S.) 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Major. The conductor's 400th peal.



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FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

W. E. MAULDEN	Treble	FRANK L. FISHER	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
ALBERT E. WHITING	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE	Treble	† WILLIAM YATES	5
ALBERT J. GREEN	2	FRANK J. GREEN	6
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	3	*GEORGE E. GREEN	7
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4	JOHN A. GREEN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.
* First of Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

KILBURN, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MAUD D. F. LANE	Treble	R. MARY DAVIES	5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	2	RICHARD H. GILBERT	6
ELSIE LANKESTER	3	ALFRED BONE	7
ALAN TOZER	4	E. MAURICE ATKINS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal. Rung for the conductor's 25 years' service here.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*MARGARET E. BEAMISH	Treble	FRANK TROTMAN	5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	2	LEONARD TREVOR	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	*JOHN E. MORETON	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	4	JOHN THOMPSON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HAROLD FOLWELL	Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN	5
†GEORGE RATHBONE	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	3	†WILLIAM H. MALE	7
ROBERT J. EDDEN	4	ERNEST H. BOSWORTH	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER J. CLOUGH	Treble	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
FRANK K. MEASURES	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
*RALPH MAYNE	3	CECIL E. CARR	7
HECTOR A. KNIGHT	4	FRANK MELLOR	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY	Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	†STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
ALFRED W. DURHAM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY	Treble	ALAN A. POTTS	5
*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	*CHARLES W. LAWTON	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in this method. In memoriam Mr. H. Langley.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

*REGINALD ABBOT	Treble	HERBERT G. PRATT	5
*MRS. F. E. COLLINS	2	FRANK E. MITCHELL	6
ROYDON DAVIES	3	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	7
*WILLIAM F. OATWAY	4	FREDK. E. COLLINS	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRED E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Major. A welcome to Canon C. F. Tonks.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*VERNON SYKES	Treble	DAVID VINCENT	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	6
TOM WILDE	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS	7
SELWYN DEARDEN	4	FRED DUNKERLEY	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	Treble	LEONARD TUFFERY	5
*T. R. HAMPTON, R.N.A.S.	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
H. JAMES TURNER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR D. COOK	4	WM. T. FROGGATT	Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

PHILIP BARNES	Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON	5
GEORGE W. MOODY	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
*RONALD TRAVISS	3	JACK BRAY	7
†ARTHUR CROWDER	4	FRED JEFFERY	Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. In memoriam Rupert Richardson, on the first anniversary of his death.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILFRED W. RING	Treble	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
HARRY BAKER	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP	6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS	Treble	MARK ROSIER	5
*MISS PEGGY E. HART	2	RAYMOND G. BURTON	6
S. FRANK TUFFLEY	3	REGINALD F. CROOK	7
CHARLES J. GARDINER	4	REGINALD W. REX	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.
* First peal of Major.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

R.E.M.1 JOHN V. DAVIS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Barrosa' ... Treble	...
*INST. LIEUT. JOSEPH MERRITT, R.N., H.M.S. 'Excellent' ... 2	...
WRITER AUBREY D. MILLS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Victory' ... 3	...
†C.P.O. A. LESLIE PEARSON, R.N., H.M.S. 'Glasgow' ... 4	...
WRITER PHILIP H. SPECK, R.N., H.M.S. 'Battleaxe' ... 5	...
INST. LT.-COMDR. R. G. CROSS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Excellent' ... 6	...
O/SEAMAN BRUCE B. ROGERS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Glasgow' ... 7	...
P.O. ERNEST F. SALMONS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Vernon II.' ... Tenor	...

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by LT.-COMDR. R. G. CROSS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The first peal ever rung by serving officers and rating of the Royal Navy.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ALEC HAFFENDEN ... Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
CHARLES BRASIER ... 2	FRANK HAMMOND ... 6
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 3	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	HAROLD HINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BRASIER.

First peal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

HENRY H. FEARN ... Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	*EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
T. R. HAMPTON, R.N.A.S. ... 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*ALLAN SMITH ... Treble	ALWYN TAYLOR ... 5
†GEORGE NEWTON ... 2	‡JAMES TAYLOR ... 6
WM. O. ROWLAND ... 3	FRANK APPLETON ... 7
SIMEON K. TAYLOR ... 4	†MISS M. LEACH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK APPLETON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A welcome to the Rev. F. M. Buffett, Vicar.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble	*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	WM. C. PORTER ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
†EDWIN G. MOORE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*JEAN C. BROWN ... Treble	†JACK BARKER ... 5
MARY ELKINS ... 2	†A. RICHARD ELKINS ... 6
†DOREEN WILDE ... 3	TOM WILDE ... 7
FRANCES M. LAFLIN ... 4	ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD A. MAY ... Treble	HAROLD F. WOOD ... 5
HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 2	ERIC T. LEE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS J. FOWLER ... Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2	JESSE E. ALDRIDGE ... 6
MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER ... 3	*ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 7
WILLIAM WALKER ... 4	*HARRY ASHTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 17 cwt.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	JOHN HARTLESS ... 5
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 2	COLIN W. REED ... 6
PETER ANGER ... 3	DAVID R. REED ... 7
RONALD MARLOW ... 4	LESLIE A. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 9½ cwt.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 6
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

HIGH LITTLETON SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Old, Plain Bob and April Day and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*MRS. E. FORD ... Treble	†W. J. GAIT ... 4
MRS. T. KIMBER ... 2	F. SAVAGE ... 5
MRS. J. NAISH ... 3	J. NAISH ... Tenor

Conducted by F. SAVAGE.

* First peal. † First six-bell peal. First in four methods by all except conductor. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. J. Chick, an old ringer.

SANDY BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Ipswich; (2) Bourne; (3) York; (4) Durham; (5) Surfleet; (6) Beverley; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH SPAVINS ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... Treble	HARRY PARKER ... 4
ERIC HORNBY ... 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
*MISS ELIZABETH MORTON ... 3	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. WORRALL.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Norwich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Plain Bob.

ALBERT E. LAKER Treble	*RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY... .. 2	*CECIL LONGHURST ... 5
*ERNEST TREAGUS 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

F. J. LAMBERT, JUN, ... Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 4
*RONALD W. PANKHURST 2	FRANK H. HICKS 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells for 28 years.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... Treble	†RALPH E. W. WENBAN 4
*H. GEORGE HART 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
†WILLIAM WENBAN 3	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* First peal of Minor. † First seven method Minor peal.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
C. PICKERING Treble	MISS F. M. PRICE ... 4
H. G. DWELLY 2	F. A. ADAMS 5
J. W. PRICE 3	*G. C. BRIGGS... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. C. BRIGGS.

* First peal of Minor. For the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Price.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

HARRY C. JONES Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 4
HARRY WINGROVE 2	ROLAND BIGGS 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	WALTER LEE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

First peal as conductor.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

BERNARD H. DALTON ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES 4
HAROLD BARSLEY 2	*HORACE BENNETT 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	CYRIL WANDER Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

Peals continued on page 71.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

The first Royal Navy
peal, rung at Fareham,
was actually planned by
Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross in 1939, but was
stopped by the outbreak of war. The com-
pany would like to associate with the peal
Commissioned Mechanician Cecil L. Grey, who
is at present serving in the Home Fleet based
at Portland and could not be included.

Congratulations to Mr. George E. Fearn on
ringing his 400th peal.

The coming-of-age of Mr. Philip M. J. Gray
was celebrated by his ringing his first of Sur-
prise Royal at Croydon on January 17th.

The order to rehang the bells of St. Thomas',
Salisbury, has been placed with Messrs. Gillett
and Johnston.

Captain of Hungerford tower is Mr. William
Wiggins. He was able to listen to a peal of
Bob Major on his 84th birthday.

Mr. Harry Ashton, of Maidenhead, has
accepted an appointment with the Doncaster
Borough Council. For his farewell peal he
turned in the tenor to Double Norwich.

Messrs. J. L. Millhouse, S. A. Chambers, W.
Tomlinson, K. W. Mayer and J. Freeman, of
Lincoln, have rung peals of Cambridge from
Minor to Maximus.

Twin brothers, Messrs. W. J. Clough and
J. E. Clough, of Burbage, Leicestershire, had
birthday honours paid them by the peal at
Claybrooke.

The Editor has closed the voluminous cor-
respondence on Essex peal deletions. No fewer
than four letters were typed on the same
typewriter, although being sent in from dif-
ferent towns or villages.

The peal at Rotherfield was specially ar-
ranged to allow Mr. Charles Brasier to conduct
his first peal on his 73rd birthday, and by
ringing the second he has 'completed the
circle.' It was an all local band performance,
the first here for 36 years.

BELFRY GOSSIP

At the age of 12, George
W. Pipe has rung his first
peal of London, and he
is probably the youngest ringer to achieve this
honour. The conductor, Mr. L. C. Wightman,
describes George's performance as masterly.

Mr. William Woodyatt, of Bromyard, Here-
fordshire, is leaving for South America. Bon
voyage was said by a peal of Grandshire
Doubles.

Mr. Alfred J. Lee, who learnt to ring at St.
Peter's, Fairfield, Buxton, rang his first peal
on the bells with one of 17 methods.

Another of P.H.'s cartoons appears this
week. Of course, the answer to the question
will be found in 'College Youths,' Mr. J.
Armiger Trellope's masterpiece.

Sussex Association has lost one of its oldest
members by the death of Mr. Edmund Lindup
at the age of 78. He had been leader of the
Heene band for 62 years.

With reference to the peal of Doubles at
King's Bromley on January 3rd, the conductor
was Miss Joan Beresford and not as reported.

Five of the participants in the peal at Kil-
burn were pupils of the conductor, Mr. E. M.
Atkins. In commending Miss Maud Lane on
her first peal, he writes: 'The treble weighs
162 lb. only, and is thus not everybody's cup
of tea.'

Mr. Reuben Sanders rang his 50th peal on
the bells of Southwark Cathedral on January
17th and his 125th peal on 12 bells. His record
of twelve-bell work reads: Stedman Cinques
75, Cambridge Maximus 42, Treble Bob Maxi-
mus 4, Superlative Maximus 2, Yorkshire
Maximus 1, Cambridge and Superlative Spliced
1.

Errata.—In the peal at Dalton-in-Furness,
Lancashire, reported in our last issue, the
ringer of the seventh was the conductor, Mr.
James E. Burles. Mr. Frank E. Pervin did
not ring in this peal. We deeply regret the
error.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In my notes last week on the method of splicing complete six-scores into a 240, I inadvertently omitted to say that, on a rigorous interpretation of the C.C. recommendations regarding peals of Doubles, it is not permissible to include extents or 240's (a) which do not begin at and end with rounds at backstroke; (b) which are not rung in one piece without interruption.

The whole question of Doubles in peals is rather anomalous, and was the subject of correspondence in 'The Ringing World' at the end of 1939. For instance, one of the recommended 240's in the Doubles and Minor Collection consists of a six-score interpolated into another six-score virtually in its entirety.

However, I should be very sorry indeed if I had been the means of causing an inexperienced conductor to break the rules, and to imperil the recognition of his performance. Until such time as another ruling may be given by the C.C., therefore, the handstroke position cannot be used in peals, though it may be used in touches for the sake of much-needed variety.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. CORRIGAN.
Bitton.

APRIL DAY MINOR?

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Gait's letter, a true 720 can be called using the ordinary bobs as in Plain Bob and Grandsire Singles, by calling a single every time the 3 is about to make seconds and adding bobs when 23 dodge together the right way in 5-6. In such a 720 all the 65's come at handstroke.

Surely, however, the prospect of six consecutive blows in 6ths place, or four in thirds, is enough to deter any band from wishing to ring such a 720.—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN P. LINDLEY.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

TRURO CATHEDRAL'S 16 BELLS

Sir,—Mr. R. F. Deal tells us that St. Paul's possesses 17 bells. It may interest readers to know that Truro Cathedral has one less of that number. Besides the famous Taylor ring of ten in the north-west tower, there are six bells in the tower with the green spire, which is the modern tower of old St. Mary's Church. These consist of old St. Mary's tenor, now the hour bell, but is hung for ringing and was last rung on Armistice Day, 1918. It weighs about 18 cwt., has a very fine tone, and is about 250 years old. Then there is an older bell weighing about 5 cwt., which has not been heard at all for several years, and four modern Taylor bells for the Westminster quarters. This tower is not an ideal place for bells to sound their best, and it is hoped one day that the clock and bells will be moved to the central tower.—Yours truly,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.

St. Crantock Vicarage, Cornwall.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION

Dear Sir,—With reference to letter by Mr. Knight in issue dated January 30th re 'membership qualification,' the following as applied to myself, also countless others, may, without much reading between the lines, answer the objection raised.

Years ago (more than I like to remember), when but a few weeks old, and unable even to sneak, I was, through baptism, made a member of the Church of England, and later on, when able to understand things more fully, accepted, through Confirmation, as a full member of that same Church. In the ensuing years, with the help of that body and its associated members, I have, not by ringing only, but in other offices, endeavoured to live the ideals of that calling.

Without enlarging upon the above, what might have been the result if, because of my lack of understanding in the first place, I had been refused membership?—Yours sincerely,
Sutton Vaience, Kent. F. S. MACEY.

DOUBLE NORWICH COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—The composer of peal No. 41 in the C.C. Double Norwich Collection has just discovered that it is labelled 'false' in the list of errata. He points out to me that the peal is perfectly true, and that although the course ends are printed correctly, both calling and instructions are at fault. In justice to an old ringer and composer, now, alas, an invalid, would you be good enough to print the correct figures as appended, so that possessors of the collection may make the necessary alterations?—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

23456 1 4 6

42356 1 2
53246 8 S
32546 1 1
45236 1 1
62534 8 S
25364 8 1
23564 S

Omit S at 4 in one part of the first half peal, and in the corresponding part of the second half peal.

H. H. TUCKER.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

At the annual meeting at Irthingborough on January 24th, there was a record attendance of 90 ringers and friends from 25 parishes.

The Vicar of Bozeat (the Rev. S. F. W. Powell) accepted the office of president, and Mr. J. Shatford (Wellingborough) was elected representative to the Central Committee. Other officers were re-elected. First peal certificates were presented to three Irthingborough youths.

The Rector of Irthingborough, who conducted the service and presided over the business meeting, was elected an honorary member, and three new ringing members from Bozeat and one from Higham Ferrers were also elected.

Mr. C. P. Osler has been re-elected as captain of the Bramley (Hants) ringers for the 25th year. Writes the tower correspondent: We hope that the second 25 years may be as happy and successful as his first have been.

Three of the foremost change ringers at Holywood, Northern Ireland, have sailed for Rochester, U.S.A. They are Mr. John Savage and his two sons, Nathaniel and Joseph.



What's a College Youth, Dad?

Peal Ringing in 1947

Peal ringing during the latter part of 1947 reached proportions that would compare favourably with the best pre-war years. The record for 1947 so far received at this office is:—

Tower bells 1,955
Handbells 221

2,176

Comparative figures are: 1946, 1,797 peals (240 in hand); 1945, 1,304 peals (178 in hand).

Monthly totals for 1947 are as follows: January, tower 126, hand 14; February, 92, 9; March, 126, 12; April, 163, 17; May, 182, 19; June, 139, 24; July, 116, 21; August, 152, 18; September, 150, 17; October, 160, 24; November, 331, 18; December, 218, 28.

Leading Association for tower-bell ringing is Lancashire with 133, followed by Kent with 128 and Cheshire 113. If handbells are taken into consideration, Kent is placed first with 136; there were no handbell peals rung for the Lancashire Association in 1947. Fourth Association is Oxford Diocesan with 110.

KEMPSTON, BEDS

The Archdeacon of Bedford dedicated two new bells at Kempston Parish Church on Jan. 25th in the presence of a full congregation, which included 61 ringers.

The local company rang the last touch on the six before the service and also a few rounds after dedication. Some really good ringing was enjoyed.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank supplied the new bells and Mr. A. Hughes was congratulated on making a really good splice. The new bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble: E. P. Inskip, leader, 1946.

2: T. H. W. Barker, Vicar, 1946.

Of the other six bells, one is dated 1633, and the tenor, by Hugh Watts, Leicester, 1603.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

When the quarterly district meeting was held at Rainham salutations were given to the old brigade. First to be congratulated was 82-year-old Mr. C. Belsey, who completes this year 51 years' membership of the Association and was until recently captain of the Rainham band.

Another octogenarian member of Rainham is Mr. W. J. Walker, who claims 52 years' membership and still climbs the tower twice every Sunday to call the people to worship.

The secretary was asked to convey congratulations to Mr. H. E. Simpson, captain of the Sittingbourne band, who this year completes 60 years' membership and is also a regular Sunday service ringer.

Five new members were elected. About 70 members were present, the service being conducted by the Rev. F. W. Jordan.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The January meeting was held at St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, with its unusual tower standing on the main road with an arch built over the footpath for pedestrians. The bells are rung the opposite way round and are a light musical six (tenor 16 cwt.), but rather noisy in the bell chamber. A great improvement would be the construction of an extra light deadening floor to check the sound.

The business meeting at Holy Trinity vestry was presided over by Mr. G. F. Williams. A lucid account of his investigation of the bells of all Saints', Duffield, was given by Mr. F. Huddleston. In spite of over 60 years of neglect, he found the general conditions satisfactory. The Vicar promised to have the tower examined by an architect. Voluntary help would be required to swing the bells for observations as to vibration and loose masonry. Offers of help for this and promises of ropes were readily forthcoming.

Three new members were elected. In the evening ringing on the ten bells at Holy Trinity was enjoyed.

OBITUARY

MR. HUGH DUNSTAN.

Mr. Hugh Dunstan, for many years treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, died on January 31st. He was 76, but was quite active until the day before he died. He was born at Churchtown Farm, Towednack, where he had lived all his life until he retired from farming just over two years ago, when he went to live at St. Ives. He had been, and still was, churchwarden at Towednack for over fifty years, and had done much for the church. It was only in November last that the six bells were rededicated, and two trebles added at his expense. Seeing the completion of this had given him great delight, and within three weeks they have been rung half-muffled, first for the late Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Streeter, and then for him.

The funeral took place on Feb. 3rd, and the church would not hold all who attended. There was a large gathering of Freemasons. The Vicar of Towednack with Zennor (the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield) conducted the service, Canon C. H. S. Buckley (Gulval) read the lesson, and the Rev. A. S. Roberts the committal. Ringers attended from Gulval, Ludgvan and Carbis Bay. Immediately after the service 336 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by V. Wood 1, Miss M. L. Lidgley 2, Miss E. Symons 3, H. Miles 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 6, G. W. Taysom 7, W. Wood 8. The Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila (Diocesan Secretary), Mr. W. H. Southard (Master) and Mr. H. J. Clark were prevented from attending.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD

Officers re-elected at the annual meeting of the Guild at Hawkhurst on January 17th were: President, the Rev. H. Thornton; chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. L. Pope; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Gorringe; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Tappenden; assistant secretary, Miss H. Gorringe; committee, Mr. W. Gorringe, Mr. R. Tappenden, Mrs. C. Hannington, Mr. G. Waters, Miss A. Woods and Mr. M. Cloke.

Five new members—Miss Gill, Mr. Pilbeam, Mrs. Bassett, Mr. F. Tomlin, Miss Woods—were elected.

The business meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. G. Waters for entertaining the company to tea. The meeting sent its good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. F. Rummy (a local ringer), who is in hospital at Lenham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTH-EAST DIVISION.

Visitors to the North-East Division annual meeting at Mistley on January 17th included Mr. R. G. Heazel (general secretary), who presided at the business meeting.

The 36 ringers present stood in silence in memory of Mr. G. Ellis, District Master. His successor is Mr. G. Waterman, and Mr. H. J. Millatt was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. A. Andrews and G. Moss committee. New ringing members are Messrs. D. Andrews, J. Butler, R. Duesbury and F. Southgate, and probationers the Misses Pamela Peck and Jean Constance (Harwich). Mr. A. Gillings was elected non-resident member.

Mr. A. Auston conducted the service, and the wives of local ringers arranged a very good tea.

NORTH-WEST DIVISION.

For the annual meeting of the Division at Harlow there was an attendance of 38. The hon. secretary reported that 1947 had been a very successful year with increases of membership and towers in affiliation to the Association.

The Master (Miss Snowden), secretary and committee were re-elected and eight new members admitted. The meeting supported Miss Snowden's amendment to alter the date of the Association's annual general meeting at Chelmsford.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, LONDON.—On January 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Cutler 1, Lieut. J. D. Richard (first quarter inside) 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, E. Taylor 4, K. Brown (cond.) 5, F. A. Finch 6.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hunt 1, H. A. Nobes 2, J. Merrett 3, E. A. Jurd 4, F. W. Bishop (first in method) 5, S. E. Cook 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Homewood 1, Miss R. Upton 2, E. S. J. Hatcher 3, J. Homewood 4, L. Wells 5, J. Upton (first as cond.) 6, G. Avis 7, A. Green 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Groves' Variation: H. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, E. J. Fry 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, E. White 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, Ken Medway 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Merrett.

BICKER, LENC.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. B. Fovargue 1, R. Howard 2, C. Wander (cond.) 3, W. B. Dawson 4, J. P. Morriss 5, G. R. Dawson 6.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Baxter 1, A. H. Idle 2, G. E. Watson 3, L. W. Kilborn 4, C. Bird 5, B. Austin 6, R. H. Idle (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. First quarter for 2, 4 and 7.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, F. Smallwood 2, H. Belcher 3, M. Chilcott 4, J. Stephenson 5, J. Sansom 6, W. Langdon 7, W. J. Paice 8, R. Clouston 9, J. Chilcott (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal for 4, 5 and 6.

GILLINGHAM, DORSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Deverill 1, A. Rothwell 2, H. P. Sparks 3, G. Talbot 4, F. A. Coward (cond.) 5, J. Gray 6, E. G. Coward 7, P. O. Baker 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 18th, at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. M. Stepney (12) 1, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (14) 2, M. G. Collins (13) (first inside) 3, F. H. Hicks 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Silver 1, R. Grimwood 2, J. Gill 3, G. Curtis 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Brent 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, E. Colcombe 8. First quarter by 1 and 6.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. H. F. Warren (first quarter) 1, R. Stone 2, C. Tarr (cond.) 3, R. Winter 4, D. Bellamy 5, H. Commins 6.

LAUNTON, OXON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Gregory 1, F. Sharpe (cond.) 2 and 3, E. Smith 4, H. Massey 5, H. Gregory 6. First quarter by 1 and 5, and first quarter double-handed by conductor.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Webb 1, P. Bousford 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, F. A. Sedgwick 4, D. Beresford 5, W. J. Cope 6, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 7, M. N. Culling 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. Williams 1, W. Townshend 2, B. Patmore 3, A. Phillips 4, N. Patmore 5, S. Carter (cond.) 6. In memoriam W. H. Lawrence.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. A. Corby 1, P. A. Corby 2, G. A. Parsons 3, F. A. Barker 4, A. E. Hoare 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, T. J. Lock (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Clifford 8.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 18th at St. Maurice's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1 and 2 leading: C. Richards 1, J. Parsons 2, A. Cawse 3, G. Lavers 4, W. Hayman 5, R. Southwood 6, W. Lavers (cond.) 7, D. Rice 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,104 Minor (720 Cambridge, 240 Kent, 144 Oxford): Miss M. Rigby 1, A. Peake 2, C. H. Page 3, F. E. Wilshaw 4, W. P. Deane (cond.) 5, N. R. Holland 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—

On Jan. 18th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, A. Sheppard 2, Wm. E. Simpson 3, G. Rigby 4, C. Geary 5, D. Carlisle 6, P. L. Parrott 7, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 2.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—At Christ Church on Jan. 18th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss M. A. Prockson (first on ten) 1, A. W. Coles 2, S. G. Peck 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, R. Charge 5, R. H. Begrie 6, H. Miller 7, J. G. Nash 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. E. Clarke 1, G. V. Deacon 2, J. L. Willars 3, A. Patrick 4, A. E. Bodycote (first in method) 5, W. A. Riddington 6, C. Marshall (cond.) 7, E. J. Jolley 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons 2, W. Dickenson 3, S. Smedley 4, F. A. Adam 5, A. B. Cooper 6, G. C. Briggs (cond.) 7, W. Allwood 8. In memoriam Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. White, wife and mother respectively of W. T. Palmer and A. White, members of the local company.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 1, F. J. Daniell 2, H. Bishop 3, G. Wells 4, T. Townsend 5, W. Carter 6, W. W. Daniell 7, E. Vincent 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, W. H. Trueman 3, W. E. Court 4, I. H. Trueman 5, T. Townsend 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 8. First in method by all except 1 and 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Doris Sheppard 1, G. Latham 2, A. Harmer (first on eight) 3, B. Latham 4, T. Price 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, R. Thain 7, T. Pritchard 8.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. J. Hill 1, Joan Yearseley 2, E. T. Chapman 3, Helen Gardner 4, G. Carter 5, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Dolley 1, C. N. Leman 2, G. Seaman 3, A. R. Dawes 4, R. G. Bell 5, S. H. Hoare (cond.) 6, H. G. Timms 7, F. H. Crook 8. First of Major by 1 and 3.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Payne (first of Doubles) 1, R. J. Bowden 2, L. H. May 3, J. Upton 4, P. J. Mayne (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Bond 1, A. J. North 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, C. J. Stevens 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Rhodes 1, J. Curwin 2, B. Thomas 3, Bryan Thomas 4, P. Coote 5, G. Preston (cond.) 6, T. Cutts 7, N. Chadcock 8. In memoriam G. W. Brothwell, R.A.F.V.R., former ringer.

WINDSOR.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Drewitt (first quarter) 1, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 2, T. Smith 3, A. Smith 4, K. Buckingham (first quarter) 5, A. J. Glass 6, N. V. Harding 7, G. Adcock 8. A farewell to N. V. Harding.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Lovell 1, W. G. Hartnell 2, A. Turner 3, W. Hartnell 4, C. W. J. Tarr 5, F. Casley 6, G. Sparkes (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. First in method by 1, 6 and 8.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch, held at Terrington St. John on Jan. 17th, Mr. E. Barker presided, when the following officers were elected: President, Archdeacon Evans; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Cousins; deputy, Mr. E. H. Mastin; district secretary, Mr. W. Buckenham. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Sturgiss-Jones).

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DORCHESTER BRANCH HAS 200 MEMBERS.

Seventeen towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch on January 24th. In the afternoon the bells of St. Peter's and Fordington St. George were available for the visiting ringers, who afterwards attended the ringers' service at St. Peter's, conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby.

After tea at the St. Peter's Institute, the annual meeting was held. The branch secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, of Abbotsbury, reported a year of continued progress, during which for the first time the membership had exceeded 200. Of this total 171 were ringing members and Mr. Hayne expressed his pleasure that so many of the new members were young folk whose interest in change ringing had led to many requests to the Ringing Master for instruction. The chief event of the year had been the installation of a fine ring of six at Martinstown as the village's war memorial. The only peal of the year was a half-muffled one of Grandsire Doubles at Martinstown on Remembrance Sunday. In addition there were four quarter-peals, two at Dorchester St. Peter's, and at Abbotsbury and Upwey. He referred to the death of two ringing members, Mr. Peter Johnson, a young ringer at St. Peter's, and Mr. H. Coombs, who had been actively connected with ringing in Dorchester for over 50 years.

Canon A. Wilkinson Markby was re-elected chairman, and on Canon D. F. Slemek (Rural Dean of Abbotsbury) tendering his resignation as vice-chairman, the Archdeacon of Sherborne, the Ven. J. C. Chute, was elected to that office. The Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Precey, of Bovington, was re-elected and thanked for his great efforts for the branch. Both the deputy ringing master, Mr. F. Stedman, of Wyke Regis, and the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne, were also re-appointed and thanked.

The branch also decided to give £10 towards the appeal being raised to rehang the bells of Fordington St. George at a cost of £220, and it was stated that almost half the total needed had been raised since November.

The branch made a good start for 1948 with the election of another 14 new members from the towers at Abbotsbury, Fordington St. George, Wyke Regis, Sydling St. Nicholas and Upwey.

During 1948 meetings will be held at Abbotsbury, Stratton, Maiden Newton and Wyke Regis, with the fortnightly practices at Dorchester unless otherwise arranged.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**SOUTH OXON BRANCH.**

Despite showery conditions, a well-attended and representative gathering of members and visitors took place at Dorchester, Oxon, on January 24th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the South Oxon Branch.

The bells of the famous Abbey Church were rung prior to the service, conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the address being given by the branch chairman (the Rev. F. B. Girling). Appropriately the lesson was read by the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz), whose father was a former Vicar of Dorchester.

It is a great pity that this noble ring of bells is silent on Sundays, as there is no regular band of ringers resident in Dorchester. Another disappointment was to find that no one was present from Dorchester at the meeting, which was specially held there with the object of stirring up enthusiasm.

It was, however, gratifying to know that a young band of ringers had been formed at Watlington, and nine new members from Watlington and Benson were elected that day.

Derbyshire Association**ILKESTON DISTRICT FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.**

In response to a very hearty invitation from Mr. P. L. Parrott and the Sandiacre band, the first annual meeting of the district was held there on January 17th, most of the churches in the district being represented. For the occasion Sandiacre members had redecorated the ringing chamber. Ringing on this splendid six ranged from Bob Doubles to London Surprise. A short service, conducted by the Rector, who gave a very thoughtful address, was much appreciated. Over 30 sat down to an excellent tea, arranged by Mr. P. L. Parrott.

At the business meeting following, the officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. James F. George; committee, Mr. P. L. Parrott, Mr. A. Hickton; secretary, Mr. F. W. Shaw. Thanks were tendered to Mr. E. C. Gobey, Ringing Master, for his very efficient services during the year, and hope was expressed that both he and his son, Mr. E. F. Gobey (Assistant Ringing Master) would long continue in office. Mr. Gobey, in his reply, appealed to members to endeavour to advance the art in the higher methods and not to be content merely with plain method ringing.

New members were elected, the total membership showing an increase on the year. A programme of monthly meetings for 1948 was adopted.

JOINT MEETING AT PUDSEY

The Leeds transport workers' strike reduced the attendance at the joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Leeds Society at Pudsey on January 31st to about 40. The Rev. E. C. Manby, Vicar, presided over the business meetings.

The Leeds Society admitted to membership Messrs. J. A. Bowers, C. Charlton, C. Eaglen, H. Lawn, Misses N. Hartley, B. Daniels, M. Rhodes and E. Bickerdike (Kippax), Messrs. C. Vesey and L. Naylor, Misses M. Lingard, H. Walker, J. Gledhill, of Bradford Cathedral, John Shaw (Guseley) and A. Johnson (St. Chad's, Headingley).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. O. Whitehouse. Mr. W. Barton replied and promised to pass on to the wardens the vote of thanks.

The next Leeds Society meeting is due to be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, and the Ladies Guild have been invited to visit the Chesterfield district in March.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Miss Reeve, of Hockwold, a member of the Lakenheath company, is the new secretary of the Mildenhall District, her election taking place at the branch annual meeting at Newmarket on January 31st. Mr. S. Brown, of Exning, was elected Ringing Master.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. A. Gillings called for unstinted support for Miss Reeve in her new office to enable her to pull Mildenhall district out of the rut into which it had unfortunately fallen.

THE WEBBS OF LYMINGE

January 29th was the 90th birthday of Mrs. E. E. Webb, of Lyminge, near Folkestone. As a compliment to her nine members of the family rang the bells at Lyminge Church. They were Jennifer Webb (9), Margaret Webb (12), Elizabeth Webb (16), Thomas Webb (16), Frank C. W. Knight (grandchildren), Alec A. G. Webb, Gordon L. Webb, Robert E. S. Webb and Antonio J. Webb (sons).

At the family gathering later a toast was drunk to Mrs. Webb, whose late husband Thomas and late son Frank were also ringers at Lyminge. Other members of Thomas Webb's family were ringers at various churches on Romney Marsh.

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A masterpiece in research into the art of change ringing, 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d., post free. — 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Ewhurst, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Bull's Head. — Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3009

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Feb. 14th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.15.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3004

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Feb. 14th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea to G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley. 3023

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Joint meeting, Bulkington Feb. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. L. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, near Nuneaton. 3014

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting at Tilehurst, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5, followed by meeting. 3027

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Tonbridge (8), Feb. 14th, 3. Tea 5, Carlton Cafe. Committee will meet after. Names to Mr. H. Trumper, 2, Mill Crescent, Tonbridge.—C. A. Basset. 3036

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. 3032

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Good Shepherd, Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 3031

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting at the Cathedral Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3040

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Yalding (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3045

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester, Feb. 21st. 2.30. Service and tea. Names (by 19th) to E. Treagus 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3028

RINGERS' 'AT HOME' and service at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, on Sunday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 5 to 6.30 p.m. followed by special ringers' Evensong. Ringing after service. We need your support. Will tower secretaries please note and send representatives?—Ernest J. Rowe, Hon. Sec. 2989

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30. S. Nicolas'. Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, limited to the first 70 names received by A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Widford (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual district meeting, Heston, Feb. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. C. Chandler, 44, New Heston Road, Hounslow, by Feb. 19th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320. 2997

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Alphington (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 17th.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec., Alplidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 3054

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 3048

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Cups of tea only.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3052

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—South Wingfield (6), Feb. 21st. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Wheeler, Beech House, Oakerthorpe, Derby, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 18th. Executive, important. 3055

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 18th H. J. Hobbs, 2, Council Houses, Moor-end, Slimbridge, Glos. 3056

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, Feb. 21st, 4 p.m. Portbury bells available 6 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3058

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, 3 p.m., Feb. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for names sent by 18th to G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton Leics. 3059

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, Feb. 21st, St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), will be available from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. St. Stephen's (6) from 4 to 5 p.m. No tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3061

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3062

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Meeting, Lantton, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bicester (8) after tea. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Lantton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3045

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton (8), on Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided. It is hoped that the memorial to the late Mr. H. S. Brocklebank will be ready for dedication immediately after service.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3060

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, 18th.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 3071

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service, St. Leonard's, 4.30. Business meeting 5.45. Regret no facilities available for tea.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 3070

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barkby, Feb. 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cups of tea only.—H. Morton. 3069

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO. GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 21st, Hinton Admiral, five bell practice, 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, ten and twelve bell practice, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea, Warren Cafe, Christchurch, 5.15.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3066

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thorne, Feb. 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5. Notify J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, by Feb. 19th. 3065

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Trumpington (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at The Green Man. Committee please attend.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3063

FLY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Watlington (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3064

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Cheshunt, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me before Tuesday, Feb. 24th, please.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Committee will meet at Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 3 p.m.—Robert G. Black, Guild Hon. Sec. 3057

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Over (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to M. Ginn, Station Road, Over, by 25th.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3051

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Those wishing for tea, please notify Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, by Feb. 25th.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—The 60th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 6th, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets to fully paid up ringing members 4s. each, to other members and friends 8s. 6d. each. Early application essential, with remittance, to T. H. Reeves, hon. sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11. 3041

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Ipswich, St. Clement's, St. Lawrence's, St. Mary Quay, March 6th. Please book the date. Details later.—Edward Ellenger, Dis. Sec. 3051

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

Mr. George Williams, the Guild Master, made the journey to Basingstoke for the district annual on January 31st, when over 100 ringers were present. Mr. G. Chesterman (district secretary) reported a membership of 7 honorary and 135 ringing.

The Archdeacon (the Ven. A. W. Chute) was elected district chairman and other officers were re-elected. A change took place in representation on the Executive Committee, Mr. E. Austin taking the place of Mr. C. W. Munday, who is leaving the district. Quarterly meetings were provisionally arranged for Sherborne St. John, Upton Grey and Deane with Oakley. Good use was made of both St. Michael's and All Saints' towers, the ringing including Cambridge and London Surprise.

The address at the service was given by the Rev. J. E. Brashaw, of Shenfield.

SOLIHULL'S VETERAN

The man behind the scenes at St. Alphege's, Solihull, is Mr. John Bragg, for many years the towerkeeper and a ringer for 54 years. The excellent going of the bells and the comfort and orderliness of the belfry appointments are well known.

Opportunity was taken on his 70th birthday for his fellow ringers to express their high regard. A supper and a social evening were spent on Feb. 3rd, and Mr. H. Shepherd presented Mr. Bragg with an illuminated address and wished him many years of health and good ringing. Others paying tribute were the Rector, the Ringing Master and Mr. Roland Bragg.

On February 1st, 1,259 Grandshire Caters was rung, followed by 70 rounds, by W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, C. Bragg 3, J. N. Jukes 4, T. Warner 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Bragg 7, H. Bragg 8, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 9, V. W. Rigg 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The best attendance on record was present at the annual meeting of the Bolton Branch on January 31st. An encouraging sign was the election of 12 new members. Re-elected hon. secretary for the 30th year, Mr. Peter Crook announced that this was his last year in office. Most methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung.

ST. MICHAEL'S, HAWKSHEAD.

At the invitation of the Vicar, the Bishop of Penrith, ringers and probationers of St. Michael's, Hawkshead, were entertained on January 29th in honour of the 77th birthday of their captain, Mr. C. E. Webb, who has been a ringer at the church for over 60 years. Also honoured was Mr. Robin Shuttleworth (deputy captain) on his 50th birthday and 25 years' ringing in the same tower.

After ringing, which included Queens and firing the bells, the Vicar gave a short address in the belfry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

One new tower, Great Mongeham, with four members, was elected in union with the Association at the quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District at Deal on January 24th. New members elected totalled 21.

The Rev. E. D. Bowser conducted the service, and an excellent tea was arranged by Mr. H. Ansell, the 70 members and friends being waited on by ringers' wives. Ringing was at Deal and Walmer.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Single and Double Court; (4) Plain and Double Bob; (5) Single Oxford; (6) Double Oxford; (7) St. Clement's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

EDWARD BARKER	Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	4
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. EDWARD WOODYATT	Treble	*WILLIAM WOODYATT ...	4
GEORGE T. ROSS ...	2	FREDERICK MERRICK ...	5
THOMAS COOPER ...	3	*ARTHUR F. WALL ...	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT E. DAVIES ...	Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ...	2	JOHN D. ROCK ...	5
LESLIE EVANS ...	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of College Exercise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BETTY SPICE ...	Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ...	4
CYRIL PRINDVILLE ...	2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	3	BRYAN F. SIMS ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MARGARET RIGBY ...	Treble	R. H. DOVE ...	4
C. H. PAGE ...	2	W. P. DEAN ...	5
F. W. WILSHAW ...	3	N. R. HOLLAND ...	Tenor

Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Minor.

WEST HATCH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 21 of Stedman and 21 of Grandsire.

EDGAR QUICKE ...	Treble	JOAN SIMMERHAYES ...	3
FREDERICK CASELY ...	2	GEORGE SPARKES ...	4
HARRY PURCHASE ...	Tenor		

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*HERBERT MOORE ...	Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ...	4
FREDERICK LEECH ...	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	5
JOHN F. BUTLER ...	3	ROBERT DAVIES ...	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FREDK. S. SLATFORD ...	Treble	WILLIAM G. MORTIMER ...	4
SYDNEY G. GRANT ...	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ...	5
HARRY PROUT ...	3	WILLIAM C. WEST ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two Morris' 240's, three Pitman's 240's, 32 six-scores, 11 callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*KENNETH BRAKE ...	Treble	*H. REGINALD MOORE ...	4
†MRS. E. S. POWELL ...	2	JACK W. DREW ...	5
*WILLIAM WARR ...	3	*DENNIS TANNER ...	Tenor

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* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE WHITE HORSE INN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS ...	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ...	3-4	OLAVE E. BROVD ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ...	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ...	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	7-8

JOHN WALDEN ... 9-10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

SHERWOOD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ...	1-2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ...	5-6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ...	3-4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: T. Groombridge, sen.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ...	7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON ...	5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS ...	11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 16, 1948, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ...	1-2	PETER NIX ...	3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	5-6		

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours,

IN THE JUVENILE COURT, ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ...	7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	9-10
CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5-6	†SIDNEY HARRISON ...	11-12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' † First peal on 12.

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