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These famous bell-founding firms have kindly consented to this adaptation of their advertisements to meet the pressure on our space, due to the compulsory reduction in the number of our pages this week.

SUFFOLK REPORTS

TO hand this week is the annual report of the Suffolk Guild for 1947. This Guild operates through 16 districts in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, with Mr. C. J. Sedgley as Ringing Master and Mr. C. W. Pipe as general secretary and Treasurer. The great desire of the secretary is to put Suffolk back into the premier position it once occupied, and the report is full of personal encouragement.

As it was, 54 peals were rung during the year, and of those of special interest which Mr. Pipe recalls was one of Bob Major at Ufford called by his son at the age of 11. Two peals were rung at Clapton, where the bells were condemned many years ago. The first peal of Royal at Mildenhall was rung soon after the ring had been augmented to 10 and was conducted by Mr. Harry Lister. Spliced Oxford and Kent Major at St. Mary-le-Tower was conducted by Mr. O. G. Barnard, and Cambridge Maximus, when Mr. W. P. Garrett rang his 100th peal of Maximus at the age of 80. This well-struck peal reflected great credit on the part of Mr. Garrett and Mr. George E. Symonds. A peal of Cambridge Major at Stradbroke made news and caused surprise, and the secretary congratulated Mr. Ernest Page on the masterly handling of the 23 cwt. tenor. Stradbroke bells are very fine, but the tall tower oscillates badly and affects the go of the bells. It was nearly 40 years since a peal was rung on them.

The presence of amplifying sets is a cause of concern. Such a set has been installed in the belfry at St. Mary Stoke, Ipswich. When asked by the Rector for his opinion of this innovation, Mr. Pipe replied, 'It is a departure from the truth.' A similar apparatus, he states, may find its way into the tower at St. John's, Felixstowe. With the nice little ring of six at St. Mary Quay, Ipswich, waiting for a new home, he wonders why the Diocesan Authorities could not arrange for the transfer to Felixstowe. His concluding comment is, 'This undesirable practice, if allowed to continue on the grounds of cheapness, will surge into our churches like a mighty flood and will, ironically enough, ring the changes on our present bells, sounding their death knell and that of our art.'

But there are some restorations to report. The new trebles at Mildenhall were a splendid piece of work by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and two trebles may be added at Stowmarket, which should result in another fine ring of ten. Blythburgh Church is to have six new bells, the contract being in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Clapton bells, condemned 20 years ago, have been touched up and are now a worthy six with a 14 cwt. tenor. The reclapping of the tenor at All Saints', Sudbury, is promised. An order has been provisionally placed with Messrs. John Taylor for Grundisburgh, and the fund for this work, the special pride of Mr. Pipe, has reached £720.

Lastly, Mr. Pipe's Priority No. 1 is the finding and teaching of beginners to become regular attendants and good strikers. Every ringer should endeavour to ring for Sunday service and regular practice when progress in method and striking should be the keynote. Worthy sentiments. It is in the regular performance of Sunday service ringing that the justification of our craft exists, and when once that is neglected then bellringing will recede. Peal ringing has one end—more perfect Sunday ringing, and that fact must be kept constantly to the fore.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... Treble	ALAN CATTELL 6
†DOROTHY UDAL 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	‡LAWRENCE GREENHOW... 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	‡HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 9
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE
 * First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise and of Royal. ‡ First of Cambridge Royal.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

*ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER... 2	†ALFRED SMITH 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	ARTHUR FIRTH 9
WILLIAM BARTON 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
 * First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	JOHN GOODMAN 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 3	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5	*JOHN H. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
 * First peal on ten bells. First peal on the ten bells since being rehung.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER ... Treble	†EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
JOHN S. WALTON 2	*LEONARD TUFFREY 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD 8
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	HENRY H. FEARN... .. 9
*ARTHUR D. COOK... .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
 * First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS E. MORTON ... Treble	†GORDON LAWRENCE ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
HARRY PARKER 3	WALTER ALLMAN 7
*REGINALD W. WORRELL 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
 * First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Pitstow's Transposition. ... Treble	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	T. MARK WHITE 6
PATRICIA HOLMES 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WM. H. INWOOD Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOE GADEN Treble	A. HUBBLE 5
†G. DARLINGTON 2	D. HINGLEY 6
W. POWELL 3	A. H. HINGLEY 7
H. MORETON 4	†JOHN H. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. HINGLEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	*DENNIS MADDOCK 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Superlative.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

*KATHLEEN HARRISON ... Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 5
†ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 2	W. ARCHIE LOCK 6
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
FREDK. C. ROPER 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal, age 15. † 150th peal.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HILDA STOBBS ... Treble	J. WILFRED ADDISON ... 5
*STEVEN THOMPSON, JUN. 2	THOMAS COOKE 6
THOMAS W. DOBSON ... 3	JACK R. WORRAL 7
ELIZABETH LONGSTAFFE 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Major.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... Treble	*RONALD KENRICK 5
*THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise Major on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD KENT ... Treble	STANLEY SLANEY 5
JOSEPH SAXTON 2	ARNOLD HILL 6
CYRIL WRIGHT 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 5
GORDON HARRISON ... 2	ALFRED MOULD 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 7
GEORGE F. BAILEY ... 4	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

**HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Ilkstone Variation.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS 5		
JOHN THOMAS 2	*PATRICK HARRIS 6		
*MISS M. ROWLAND 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7		
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor		

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal in the two combined methods.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.		Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.	
FRANK CLAYDON ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5		
*GEORGE TRENDELL 2	RONALD SUCKLING 6		
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	ERNEST BRIGHT 7		
*EDWIN G. BUCK 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor		

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in the method.

**NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES 5		
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6		
PATRICIA HOLMES 3	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7		
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor		

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method.

**REDRUTH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EUNY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation).		Tenor 13 cwt.	
*SYDNEY A. REED ... Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS 5		
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	JACK S. DEAR 6		
MISS JOAN E. WITHEY 3	VIVYAN WILLIAMS 7		
HARRY MILES 4	*R. GEORGE CLEMENS ... Tenor		

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal on eight.

**BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.			
*R. E. LAMBERT ... Treble	A. V. BROMLEY 5		
T. E. SONE 2	E. BROMLEY 6		
F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	R. T. LAMBERT 7		
F. BROMLEY 4	A. W. DURHAM ... Tenor		

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by T. E. SONE.
* 250th peal. A birthday compliment to F. J. Lambert, sen., and J. Beach; both are 81 years of age.

**BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR 5		
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6		
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	THOMAS SHEPPARD 7		
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor		

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

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

*On Mon., Feb. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

THOMAS HEMMING ... Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5		
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6		
JOHN PINFOLD 3	*LEONARD TUFFREY 7		
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor		

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal of London. First peal in the method as conductor.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.			
BRIAN AUSTIN ... Treble	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 5		
MISS ENID WALKLATE ... 2	HARRY RICHARDSON 6		
RONALD NOON 3	*JOHN SHATFORD 7		
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON Tenor		

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

**UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 17½ cwt.	
*FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY ... Treble	*F. ALBERT REA 5		
HAROLD WILLET 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6		
EDGAR C. BARBER 3	CHARLES J. CAMM 7		
EDWARD MAUND 4	HENRY BISHOP ... Tenor		

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

**HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Feb. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.		Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.	
HAROLD HODGE ... Treble	*OLIVER NORMAN 4		
GERALD NICHOLLS 2	STANLEY GILBERT 5		
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	JOHN PERKINS ... Tenor		

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

**MORRISTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two Morris' 240's, 38 six-scores, 10 callings.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
*JULIAN MORGAN (15) ... Treble	LEONARD PELZER 4		
*LEONARD JONES (15) ... 2	GEORGE LEWIS 5		
ARTHUR HOARE 3	*ROYSTON JONES (18) ... Tenor		

Conducted by ARTHUR HOARE.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

**HEDDINGTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
HERBERT MARSH ... Treble	THOMAS R. DAVISON ... 3		
ERIC A. DENCH 2	*HENRY HEATH 4		
FREDERICK JACKSON ... Tenor			

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on five bells by all the band. First peal on the bells.

**BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*MISS M. D. REEVES ... Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW 4		
ROY D. HAYNE 2	HAROLD FOLWELL 5		
DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

**EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ELY AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

*On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.		Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.	
*SAMUEL P. MARDLIN ... Treble	WILFRED C. YOUNG 4		
A. LESLIE MARDLIN ... 2	STANLEY GILBERT 5		
LIONEL J. CLARKE 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor		

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

W. CORE	Treble	J. POUNDS	4
*MISS VERA DRAPER	2	A. MAWDSLEY	5
C. ACKERS	3	R. CRITCHLEY	Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

* First peal 'inside.' To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shuker. Tenor 12 cwt.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RICHARD HIND	Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	RICHARD REECE	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	FREDERICK FLINT	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor, seven different extents.

*CHARLES H. J. ARSCOTT Treble		*LESLIE H. ARSCOTT	4
*HENRY L. ARSCOTT	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
*RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT... ..	3	HENRY W. LLOYD	Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First of Minor in three methods.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD WOODVATT ...Treble		DENIS R. MORRIS	4
*ALLEN MORGAN	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* 100th peal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, HIGHER SUTTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. LAWTON ...Treble		WILFRED STEVENSON	4
JOHN WORTH	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... ..	5
ALAN A. POTTS	3	MRS. C. W. LAWTON	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one each of Reverse Canterbury, Oxford Single, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN HALE	Treble	THOS. S. HORRIDGE	4
SYDNEY FLINT	2	ROBERT GUY	5
THOS. W. HAMMOND	3	WM. H. DEACON	Tenor

Conducted by WM. H. DEACON.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Capel, Sandal, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, London Scholars'; (2) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise; (3) Stamford, Rossendale; (4) Wells, London; (5) Ipswich, Cambridge; (6) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet; (7) Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRYAN SIMS	Treble	*RONALD J. SHARP	4
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD... ..	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 50th peal together. First peal in 21 methods by all, in the county and for the Association. 76 changes of method.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores (10 callings) and eleven 240's by Morris (11 calling Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CLIFFORD BOOTH	Treble	BENJAMIN STEPNEY	4
*REGINALD L. HUGHES	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
*FRED R. T. BOOTH	3	*BOB BOOTH	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

MADRON, CORNWALL

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...Treble		MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	4
*W. ARNOLD WHITE	2	*GEORGE W. THOMAS	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON... ..	3	*THOS. J. WOOLRIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. TAYSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOOD DITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3-4	REGINALD HEATH	7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT 110, KNOWLE STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

FREDK. A. SALTER	1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: T. Groombridge, sen.

* First handbell peal in method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Feb. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT 21, THE CHINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*MISS ANNIE BROWN	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
ALBERT M. TYLER	3-4	ROYSTON G. BRYANT	7-8

DONALD G. CLIFT 9-10

Composed by WILLIAM KENT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., Feb. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A

ERNEST MORRIS	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT MEROK, 3, CARLTON TERRACE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. R. G. CROSS	1-2	R. GORDON CROSS	5-6
FREDERICK PAGE	3-4	*WM. H. HARGREAVES	7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First handbell peal, first of Plain Bob and first 'inside.'

'THE RINGING WORLD'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Diane Tyler has been elected vice-captain at St. Martin's, Salisbury.

The peal of Spliced Minor at Maulden was Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield's 75th peal.

Three peals of Cambridge Royal, at Leicester, Ossett and Birmingham, in the same week is unusual.

Mr. H. Upex has completed 25 years as towerkeeper and verger at Cuckney, Notts. A peal honoured the occasion.

With his 200th peal for the Yorkshire Association, Mr. J. H. Brothwell 'circled' Handsworth tower.

Bishop Holden, Archdeacon of Cornwall, has ordered his Rural Deans when visiting churches in their deaneries to ask: Is there a ring of bells and how often is it rung?

Group Capt. T. V. Lister, R.A.F. (ret.), presided at the meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch, reported on page 109. He informs us that no new members were enrolled from Eldersfield.

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, organiser of the Bournemouth Festival, is anxious for an early indication of support for this venture. Last year's programme was most enjoyable.

Miss Daphne Johnson, daughter of Mr. J. D. Johnson, is engaged to Mr. T. W. D. Martin, of Sale, Cheshire. The betrothal was announced by a peal of Treble Bob at Hinton-on-the-Green on February 21st.

Veteran leader of the St. Mary's, Lewisham, ringers, Mr. Harry Warnett celebrated his 85th birthday on March 13th and is still going strong. He hopes to call 'the Original' again before long.

Friends of Mr. Harry Wingrove, foreman of Beaconsfield tower, will regret to learn that he has had to enter Amersham Hospital for an operation, which took place on March 18th; he is making good progress. A speedy recovery!

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawton have 'circled' St. James', Sutton, Macclesfield, with a peal of Stedman Doubles. The peal was also of special interest to Mr. John Worth and Mr. W. Stevenson, as they have now a complete Stedman family of peals from Doubles to Cinques.

The scoring of a peal at Morrision, Glam., should serve as an incentive to the young members of St. John's tower. It is hoped, as interest is increased, to improve the bells and bell frame. Mr. L. Pelzer, who rang the fourth, has only one arm.

We record this week the first peal at Madron, which has the most westerly ringable bells in Cornwall, made six in 1898, just 50 years ago, in memory of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The peal was a farewell to Mr. G. W. Thomas, who is leaving for Herefordshire.

It is likely that the Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol at their annual meeting at Cirencester on Easter Monday will extend an invitation to the Central Council to meet at Cheltenham at an early date.

Two old Horsmonden (Kent) ringers had birthday honours accorded them by a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Brencley on Feb. 21st. They were F. J. Lambert, sen., and J. Beach, both 81. The peal was also on the eve of the 64th wedding anniversary of Mr. F. Butcher.

LETTERS

ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE, LAMPETER

Dear Sir,—May I claim a little of your much depleted space to place among the list of universities and colleges which have added campanology to their cultural activities the name of St. David's College, Lampeter?

When the writer arrived here in 1938 the lack of any kind of interest in bells led him to resolve to remedy this deficiency to the end that more clergy might have an interest in one of the important parts of Church activity—that of calling together the faithful to worship.

Before this object could be achieved, however, the course of events made it necessary for me to leave my studies temporarily. On my return to civilian life I was encouraged by the revival of the St. David's Diocesan Guild, which has since done much to advance the interests of ringing in these parts.

Having obtained a set of handbells, I returned in 1946 and, encouraged by the Rev. C. E. Cox, a member of the staff, commenced instruction in change ringing. As all were absolute beginners and I myself at the time not too proficient, progress was slow at first, but 120 Grandsire Doubles was attained by the end of the year.

At the commencement of the present academic year we were fortunate to count among those coming into residence Mr. W. F. Moreton, who, I am sure, needs no further introduction to readers of 'The Ringing World.' Henceforward progress was greatly accelerated until we now have a band of seven enthusiasts, three of whom figure in the accompanying report of 1,360 Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Moreton.

It may safely be said that ringing is now firmly established in the college, and is so much a feature of college activities that we hope to report a broadcast in which the ringers will participate in the near future.

Meanwhile we have not lost sight of our original object, and as soon as opportunity offers we intend to establish official connection with the Diocesan Guild and thus take our place in the wider fraternity of ringers, thereby helping to bring the clergy of the future into somewhat closer contact with that important body.—Yours faithfully,

ROY HALLETT.

St. David's College, Lampeter.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the comment in 'The Ringing World' of February 20th that Mr. C. K. Lewis' peal of Superlative is believed to be the first rung with the maximum number of pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 at course-ends, if Mr. Worth will refer to 'The Ringing World' for December 27th, 1935, he will see that a similar claim, which was not disputed, was made for a peal rung at Christ Church, Erith, on December 18th of that year. The composition, given below, was conducted by the composer, who was—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

5,056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

23456	B	M	W	H
56234	2	—	—	—
63254	3	2	—	—
52436	—	—	3	—
43526	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	3
32546	x	—	—	—
52643	—	—	3	—
62345	—	—	3	—
35426	—	—	—	2
23456	—	—	—	—

NOTE.—Mr. E. A. Barnett also called peals of Superlative with 6 pairs reversed at Milton-next-Gravesend on September 7th, 1935, and Crayford on October 15th, 1938. A peal with 5 pairs reversed was rung at Crayford on June 17, 1938, conducted by Mr. P. A. Corby.—Ed.

Dedications

ST. MICHAEL'S, SOUTHAMPTON.

Recently, the eight bells of St. Michael's Church, Southampton, have been augmented to ten by the addition of two treble bells. Originally there were two rings of eight in the parish since the Church of Holy Rood also had bells, but this church was destroyed in an air raid in 1940. Much of the bell metal, however, was salvaged from the ruins, and it is this metal which was used for the two new trebles which were cast as a memorial to Holy Rood Church and suitably inscribed to this effect.

The Bishop of Winchester performed the dedication, and in his address complimented all concerned who had had the happy thought, not only to 'gather up the broken fragments that remained,' but more than that, to create something of value from them.

Loudspeaker equipment in the belfry and church enabled the large congregation to hear the dedication ceremony, and ringers in the church, at the end of the dedication touch, held their breaths when they distinctly heard the conductor say 'Stand' over the loudspeakers—but all did so! This touch was rung by the Sunday service band, among which are several beginners.

Afterwards the large number of ringers present spent the remainder of the evening trying out the bells, and all were agreed that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had made a very good 'splice.' Mr. Paul Taylor was present at the ceremony, representing the founders, and also various town officials, including the Mayoress.

In the afternoon of the dedication, the Vicar (the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead) recorded a short talk about the ceremony for the Western Region of the B.B.C. This was broadcast after the 6 p.m. news bulletin.

The weekly practice is attracting ringers from quite large distances—this being, at the moment, only the second ten-bell tower in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and already several courses of London Surprise Royal have been rung, as well as the usual nine and ten bell methods.

ST. MARY'S, BATHWICK.

The rededication of the reconditioned bells of St. Mary's, Bathwick, Bath, was before evensong on March 7th, the Rector (the Rev. W. Jennings) officiating. The service was relayed from the belfry to the congregation in the church, and was followed by a service touch of 419 changes of Grandsire Triples. Those taking part were A. E. Baverstock treble, G. J. Hawkins 2, J. Hallett 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, E. White 5, E. J. Fry 6, R. O. Fry (conductor) 7, K. Medway tenor.

More ringing took place after evensong when several visitors tried out standard methods on the bells.

The restoration was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been relung in self-aligning ball bearings and now go perfectly. They are a mixed ring, being cast by John Warner (1880 and 1897), T. Mears (1819) and J. Rudhall (1818). However, the retuning has improved the ring beyond recognition, and Bathwick possesses a mellow, sonorous octave with a tenor 19 cwt. 2 gr. 12 lb. in E flat, undoubtedly one of the finest in the West Country. R.O.F.

50lb. OF 'RINGING WORLDS'

Sir,—Having now practically retired from the active list of ringers, I find myself with a formidable pile of 'Ringing World' back numbers for which I have no further use.

I shall be pleased to give them to any ringer who would find them of interest. They date from 1931 and weigh about 40 to 50 lb.

Will anyone who would like this ponderous gift please write so that arrangements can be made for the transfer?—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD SAUNDERS.

18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

OBITUARY

MR. TOM GUEST.

Mr. Tom Guest, one of the first members of the Victoria, B.C., Guild, who rang at the dedication of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, in 1936, died on February 24th, aged 82. He had been an active ringer up to the end of 1946, when his health prevented him continuing.

Mr. Guest learned to ring at Leigh, Lancashire, where he rang for several years. He came to Canada approximately 40 years ago and was an official of the Canadian National Railways. His favourite bell in Christ Church Cathedral was No. 6. On Sunday, the 29th, the bells of Christ Church Cathedral were rung half-muffled as a tribute to his memory, and towards the end of a touch of half-muffled Grandsire on Sunday evening the muffle came off his favourite bell, which gave a very appropriate finale to the ringing, with one bell tolling out by itself.

MR. J. MOULE.

The passing of Mr. John Moule brings to an end the last of the original Leytonstone six-bell band, which was formed on June 20th, 1898. Mr. Moule was in his 81st year and had rung many peals of Surprise Minor and others on eight and ten bells.

He died recently at Offley (Herts), where he had resided since 1940 after being bombed from his home during the air raids of that time. G.D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PRESTON BRANCH LOSE TWO STALWARTS.

The February meeting, held at Chorley Parish Church, was very well attended, and a good variety of methods was rung. A pleasing feature was the presence of several young recruits.

The members stood in silence in memory of William Sharples, of Brindle, and Edward Banister, of Leyland, who died recently.

Mr. Banister was a reliable ringer in various methods until his health began to fail.

Mr. Sharples had been a most active member of the branch during his 40 years' membership, and had done much to foster the practice in higher methods. He had carried out the duties of Ringing Master of the branch for several years. His peals numbered 162, a considerable number of which he had conducted. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Perhaps the event which gave him most pleasure was the first peal in Lancashire of London Surprise Minor, rung by the local band at Brindle in 1931, in which he took part, and the success of which was largely due to his coaching.

He will be very much missed, as he was rarely absent from a meeting in his own district, and was always ready to assist any ringer present.

SUFFOLK GUILD IPSWICH DISTRICT.

Touchees were rung at St. Mary Quay, St. Clement's and St. Lawrence's at a ringing meeting at Ipswich on March 6th.

The business meeting in St. Margaret's vestry decided to hold the next meeting at Tuddenham, with the possibility of Rushmere tower being included. Mr. Charles Sedgley, Master of the Guild, congratulated St. Margaret's company on ringing a peal of Double Norwich.

New members elected were: Ringing, J. W. Crapnell and D. J. Crapnell (St. Margaret's) and D. Collins (St. Clement's); honorary members, Mr. C. F. Gould and Mr. G. H. Wilding.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob: F. Bullock (first in method) 1, D. Cattell (first 'inside') 2, T. J. Clark 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, J. E. Rootes 5, J. R. Mayne 6, C. C. Mayne 7, W. J. Nudds (cond.) 8.

Truro Diocesan Guild

The annual business meeting was held in Truro on February 28th, when members were present from all four branches and from the Mid-Cornwall Association.

The peal secretary reported that 12 peals had been rung for the Guild during the past year.

Miss E. Symons was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. Southard; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Clark; peal secretary, Mr. Lanxon; secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

The Guild had sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. H. Dunstan, who had been treasurer since 1934. The Rev. C. K. Peeke was elected to succeed him.

The Dr. Symons memorial would take the form of a bell to be placed in Madron Tower, where the ring of six was being increased to eight. About £50 had been received so far.

It was reported that the Mid-Cornwall Association held a meeting on March 6th and decided to become a branch of the Guild.

Mr. Hicks, of Marhamchurch, wrote asking if it was allowable to hold ringing festivals on Sundays. The meeting thought that this would not be desirable, as it was members' business on Sundays to ring in their own towers. It was proposed to send four members to the Central Council in future instead of one, and the Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Miles and Mr. F. D. Teague were elected.

The members were entertained to tea by the Rev. C. K. Peeke, the Misses Peeke, Miss Penrose and other ladies, after which there was ringing at the Cathedral, consisting of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

THE APPLETON FESTIVAL

Springlike conditions prevailing at the Appleton Festival on March 6th were compared with the deep snow a year previously. A company of 42 ringers kept the bells going to well-struck Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major throughout the afternoon and evening. It was a disappointment that the peal attempt for Grandsire Caters in the morning came to grief only two leads from the end.

Tea at the Thatched Tavern was followed by a high-class entertainment on handbells. Change ringing and tunes all came from the bells with ease, whilst the vocalists rendered the same old songs without which the Appleton Festival would not be complete.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Severe weather conditions for the Thorne meeting on February 21st induced one of the 30 ringers to bring with him an electric fire. It made conditions more amenable and he received the blessings of all except perhaps one unfortunate who stood a little too close.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. Weaver) conducted the service and presided over the business meeting, when four new members were elected and three belfry elections ratified. Mr. H. Ludkin, one time captain of Gooles ringers, sent his good wishes for the Society's success.

Thanks to the local company were expressed by Mr. J. Taylor, who mentioned specially the ladies who prepared the enjoyable meal. Mr. J. Thorley, in reply, said that was the first independent meeting of the Society at Thorne and hoped there would be further visits.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Wisbech Branch at Watlington on February 21st, in spite of the wintry conditions, attracted 25 members and friends. The service in church was conducted by the Rector, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. The annual outing was discussed, and it was decided to try and arrange a visit to Leicester on June 2nd.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Wisbech on March 20th.

QUARTER PEALS

BLACKSTONE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. M. Wickens (cond.) 1-2, C. R. Longhurst 3-4, C. H. Wickens 5-6. First quarter Bob Doubles by all.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Nicholas' on Feb. 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. Church 1, F. Bennett 2, A. Humphreys 3, G. Wiggins 4, F. Page 5, G. Ades 6, J. Whitehead 7, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 8, H. Stalham 9, A. Hobden 10. First of Stedman Caters by 1 and 4.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's on Feb. 29th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. E. Lyddiard 1, Miss Hilda Oakshett 2, E. C. Bishop (first of Major) 3, G. F. James 4, C. Cullen 5, S. J. Humphrey 6, P. J. Spice 7, M. F. Oakshett (first of Major as cond.) 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Butler (cond.) 1, R. Posnett 2, F. Steward 3, J. Brooks 4, K. Curtis 5, R. Purchase 6. First Stedman Doubles by 3 and 6. For gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. K. Curtis.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Major: S. Croft 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, E. W. Furbank 5, C. W. Otley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Bullock 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Superlative Surprise: G. Goldman 1, A. H. Wincin 2, Mrs. Coldman 3, A. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, C. Smart 6, G. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): H. Jones 1, G. Holland 2, H. Jones, sen. 3, E. Nickolls 4, W. Yates (first of Doubles as conductor) 5.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): B. Mabbutt (first quarter) 1, Miss V. E. Callis (first inside) 2, R. C. Noon 3, C. W. Partridge 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6.

MERE, WILTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Paul 1, A. J. Gray 2, Miss F. Edgar 3, F. A. Coward 4, P. Sparkes 5, W. Keates 6, E. G. Coward (cond.) 7, C. Deverill 8.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tanner 1, A. T. Osborne 2, W. Warr 3, T. Osborne 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, E. Minchington 6. First by 1 and 6.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kingston 1, P. Underwood 2, R. W. Monk 3, W. Sleet 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, R. J. Andrews (cond.) 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Minor, being Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob: F. J. Cheal 1, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 2, T. A. Cross 3, E. Naylor 4, F. G. Southgate 5, W. A. J. Knight 6.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Hughes 1, T. H. Mather 2, R. Hulse 3, C. Ward 4, A. Billington 5, W. Allman 6, Wm. F. Allman (first 'inside') 7, J. D. Maddock (first as conductor) 8.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Denton (first quarter) 1, Joan Yearsley 2, Helen Gardner 3, V. Benning 4, P. M. J. Gray (first as cond.) 5, P. R. Blackman 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,344 Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, F. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, G. Nicholls (first quarter Major) 5, H. W. Pratt 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

WALSALL.—At St. Matthew's on Feb. 22nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Ellsmore (first quarter) 2, G. W. Hughes 3, H. T. Higgins 4, E. T. Smith 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, A. M. Pickering 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, W. A. Walker 10.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob): A.C.2 F. Jackson (first as cond.) 1, A.C.2 J. Blythe (first quarter) 2, A.C.2 E. Dench 3, A.C.2 R. Manton 4, A.O.2 A. Rogers (first quarter) 5.

NOTICES

All notices must be prepaid.
Notices must be received not later than Monday.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The First Session of the Twentieth Council (51st Annual Meeting) will be held at Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C. (by kind permission of the Master, the Rev. Canon Adam Fox, D.D.), on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1948, at 11 a.m.

All nominations for Officers—President, Honorary Librarian and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer—signed by two members of the Council, together with all notices of Motions, signed as above, must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting.

Subscriptions became due on January 1st.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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MEETINGS

SOUTHWELL GUILD invite you to the Minster to-morrow. Bells 2.30. Why not come and enjoy good fellowship? Excellent transport facilities.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & L.D.G.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner on Saturday, March 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3169

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, March 20th, at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, 4.45 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3178

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Penistone (8), Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. District Sec. 3171

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash (6), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Tea available.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 3213

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hughenden, Saturday, March 20th, 4 p.m. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3178

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Snaitth (6), Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring food, tea provided.—T. H. Foster. 3183

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5, cafe nearby. Meeting at 6.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 3191

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bexhill (8), March 27th, 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by March 24th to Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 3204

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Open Ringing Day at Saddleworth Church (8) on Easter Saturday, March 27th. Old and new ringing friends welcome. Names for tea to Mr. J. Carter, Lea Cross House, Diggle, Saddleworth, by Wednesday, March 24th.—I. Kay. 3214

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Rededication, Bletchingley bells (8), March 27th. Service 3. Ringing 3.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 23rd, to J. Knight, 19, White Cots, Oxted. 3201

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, March 29th. Service, All Saints' 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells—Cathedral (12), All Saints' (10), Clames (10) and Hallow (8)—times later. Own arrangements for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3185

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting at Norwich, Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells, Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles', 10 to 11.45 and 2.15 onwards; also St. John de Sepulchre 2.15 onwards. Service, Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. W. G. Bridge. Lunch, Samson and Hercules House, 1 p.m., 4s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Names for lunch to me by March 20th.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 3079

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells 2 to 4 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. St. Woolos' bells available all day to 3.30 and after the meeting.—F. J. Hannington. 3168

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wells, Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral, 12 noon. The Right Reverend the Bishop will preach. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Wickenden's Restaurant. Names essential, 1 p.m. Committee meeting, Priest Row, 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Bells—St. Cuthbert's 10.45 to 11.40, 2 to 3 and in the evening except from 6.30 to 7; Cathedral, after lunch till 2.45 and during the evening from 4.45. The following towers will be open on notice being given: Dinder, Croscombe, Glastonbury (both towers), Chewton Mendip.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 3172

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Six towers available from 9.30 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch, Nightingale's, 12.45, followed by business meeting. Application for lunch by March 27th (limit 70) to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3189

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, March 29th, Ashover (8). Bells available 2 p.m. Executive 3 p.m. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. P. P. Fleming. Tea 5 p.m. Red Lion Hotel. No names, no tea. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) not later than Tuesday, March 23rd, to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross. 3193

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Easter Monday. Service 4. Business and tea, Fortes Cafe. Names to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, before March 22nd. Ringing from 3 to 8.—J. Arbury. 3162

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday. Bells, Great St. Andrew's, 11 to 3.15 and after tea; St. Benet's, 11 to 3.15 and after 7; Great St. Mary's, 1.30 to 3.30 and after tea; R.C., 11 to 12.30 and 6.30 to 8. Service, Great St. Mary's, 3.30, followed by tea at Dorothy Cafe and business meeting. Cups of tea will be provided at St. Andrew's between 12.30 and 1.30 for those bringing luncheon sandwiches.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 3199

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting, Walton-on-Thames, on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall. St. Mary's bells, Oatlands Park, will be open at 7 p.m. Notice for tea by March 22nd.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 3203

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. St. Paul's 10 bells will be available from 10.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. St. Peter's 6 bells will be available from 9.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lunch will be held in the St. Paul's Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names, please, for lunch as early as possible to Mr. S. Foskett, 38, Miller Street, Bedford. 3200

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Dartford, on Easter Monday. Arrangements as previously advertised. Applications for luncheon tickets by March 23rd latest. Those requiring afternoon tea (1s. 3d.) please notify by same date if possible. Central Council nominations by March 26th.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 3208

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Wisbech (10), Saturday, April 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Means, Melbourne, 56, Queens Road, Wisbech, not later than April 1st.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3209

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, April 3rd. Tea 1s. 9d.; apply Frank Rhodes, Overdale, Kebroyd Lane, Triangle, Halifax, before April 1st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3210

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting, Hursley, Saturday, April 3rd. Wedding 2.30 p.m. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at the King's Head. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, c/o Mrs. Hayes, 39, St. Bernard's Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, by Monday, March 29th. 3190

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), April 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify. Train from Banbury 3.15. Return 7 p.m.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 3206

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY AND DINNER, APRIL 24th.—Tickets are now available for the dinner and the proposed short coach tours. Dinner tickets 8s. 6d. Coach tours 6s. Will all who intend coming please make application at once for leaflet of details and/or tickets.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3202



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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ellice Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Donington, April 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, by March 27th. 3197

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — Wigston Magna (8), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names before Tuesday, March 30th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 3207

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Talgarth (6), April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea for certain by March 30th. — D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 3206

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 3rd. Cathedral and St. Alkmund's, 2.30 till tea. Committee 4 p.m., St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Tea 5 p.m., St. Peter's, followed by meeting. Cathedral and St. Peter's available after tea. Names to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, not later than Thursday, 1st. 3192

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Aston Parish Church, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at the Holte Hotel at 5.15 for those only who notify Mr. W. L. Whiston, 174, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 23, not later than April 1st. Cost of tea 2s. per head. Business meeting to follow. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Albans. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) at Christ Church Parish Room, Church Crescent, 5.15 p.m. Numbers by March 27th at latest. Ringing: Cathedral, 2 p.m. to service and in evening; St. Peter's, 2 to 3.30 and in evening; six-bell towers, 2 to 3.30 (St. Stephen's only) and after the meeting. Hatfield bells (10) available in the morning. Notice has been given that the rules will be revised at this meeting. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead. 3212

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