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A TOUCH OF THE FUTURE

BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

I WALKED up the short drive and approached the front door. On it was a neat plate, 'Professor Backstroke.' There was, of course, no need to ring, as doorbells had long gone out of date.

He invited me in and I explained that I was interested in ringing and would like to see his famous private collection of ringing exhibits.

When he saw I was genuinely interested, he sallied forth into waves of enthusiasm. 'The history of change ringing is unique,' he said. 'By 1948 it was well established, and had reached its peak as an art. Then in 1950 the educationalists, seeking for something without material gain, introduced it as a subject in schools. That was the start of the great Ringing Revolution, 1950-75. Every tiny village had its ring of bells, and everyone of any social standing learned to ring. The School Certificate Exam. was superseded by a peal test.

In 1971 the first great peal was launched — the extent of Bob Maximus was started at a special tower built on Dartmoor beyond earshot of habitation. It was to take 90 years, and various ringers of the National Guild (which had by then 3 million membership) volunteered in shifts to ring. The British Society ridiculed the attempt. But the peal went on night and day until 2023, when the planet war with Mars ended it abruptly. During that time over four thousand ringers took part in three-hour shifts. There was a great demand for standing in the portions with the tenors unparted.'

He showed me the library section, the first edition of 'Tintinnalogia' holding the place of honour. In the first shelf I saw the ancient Snowdon series, dwarfed by the mighty volumes which filled three sides of the room. I glanced at some of the books—'The Electronics of Lead End Detection,' 'The Neovibratron applied to Composition of Maximus Methods.' My head reeled at the titles.

'Now we must continue the story while I show you the machine section,' he said. We saw Carter's and Woodhouse's machines in a glass case. Having been purchased for thousands of pounds, they had been stolen during the planet war and had been found hidden on an asteroid by a Space Seeker.

'For a long time these were the only machines made for ringing,' the Professor said. 'Then in 1967 church bells were first rung mechanically.' He showed me a light ring of eight and rang a course of Bristol on them—perfectly struck. The bells were driven by torque amplifiers worked from a ringing machine (the tenor was 3 cwt.). 'All the big churches installed them,' he said, 'and ringing ceased to be an art. People developed taste for methods and the old classical music became very lowbrow. It was all done by machinery.'

He took me to another room, and showed the False Peal Detector of 1969. 'The idea was first suggested by a Norwich ringer in 1947, and this machine was his design.' It had a seat and in front was one of the old-fashioned gas jets. 'The composer of a peal had to sit here, and if a change repeated, the gas jet flared out and scorched him. By an Act of Parliament (Ringing Act, 1973) every new peal registered had to be rung on it by the composer.'

Next we saw the Method Producer, 1979. The Professor set it to produce all the double plain maximus methods, and I was amazed to watch it working. The lower part was a mass of radio valves, condensers and wiring. 'This machine concocts methods by the places every thousandth of a second. If a plain bob lead end results, a special circuit takes a photograph of the places.' As I watched, a strip of microfilm came irregularly out of a slot. We examined it under a lens and saw on it the methods in code form. 'There are many thousands of the methods,' he said. 'This machine is slow—it would take an hour to find them.' He switched it off.

I left the house in a whirl. Peals in a split second! The wretched jangle of bells at high speed started again. I put out my hand to the knob to slow down the striking and it stopped. The alarm clock snarled 'half-past seven' at me.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... Treble	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 11
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6	*FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

TEN BELL PEALS

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	ALAN WHITE ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 8
*DONALD C. PRICE ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... 9
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 5	HAROLD V. FROST ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

WEST HAM, LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANK V. GANT ... 7
FRANK E. DARBY ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
*N. G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	THOMAS G. FOX ... 6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 8
HORACE BELCHER ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 5	JAMES RUMLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 6
ALLAN CATTELL ... 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 8
FRANK TROTMAN ... 4	JOHN THOMPSON ... 9
JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 5	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

Mrs. A. DISERENS ... Treble	PERCY J. DYKE ... 5
BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 2	*WILLIAM EVANS ... 6
JOHN S. TAYLOR ... 3	ARTHUR WIGGINS ... 7
CHARLES M. PULLEN ... 4	*WILFRED MAXTED ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First peal.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*HAROLD J. PESKETT ... Treble	†GEOFFREY ANDREWS ... 5
*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... 2	HENRY WEAVER ... 6
†MISS J. HUMPHREY ... 3	HAROLD F. WOOD ... 7
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

* First of Major. † First in method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDK. G. LEAKER ... Treble	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 5
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 7
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD (C.C.C. 32).

Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

First peal of Major as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK ... Treble	*JOHN JACKSON ... 5
*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 2	*ARTHUR HATCH ... 6
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 7
*EDW. COWPERTHWAITHE ... 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.

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

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALICK CUTLER ... Treble	*FREDK. A. FINCH ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
MAURICE HODGSON ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 18½ cwt.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 5
*DOREEN COKER 2	A. REGINALD BLABY ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 7
PERCY NEWTON 4	WALTER LEE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal of Major.

BASFORD, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEO DE GARIUS.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. A. SALTER ... Treble	*HORACE SEAGRAVE ... 5
SAMUEL PENDER 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 6
GERLING RIGBY 3	PHILIP L. PARROT ... 7
*REUBEN E. CARLISLE ... 4	*RALPH W. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sun., Mar. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

LEONARD FIDLER ... Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 2	ERIC T. LEE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	T. MARK WHITE 7
ALBERT DISERENS ... 4	FRED. A. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. NEWSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIE T. TUDBALL ... Treble	HENRY W. LLOYD 5
SIDNEY WYBURN 2	ISAAC FARMER 6
†RAYMOND YOUNG ... 3	ARTHUR R. TUDBALL ... 7
JACK TUDBALL 4	*REGINALD J. HERROD ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.
* First peal. † First of Triples.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	†FREDK. E. DUKES ... 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
*FREDK. P. MEAD 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal. † First of Stedman Triples.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON ... Treble	JOHN E. PLANE 5
MISS MARGARET ADDISON 2	ADAM DEAS 6
*H. STANLEY GRISDALE ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal. In memoriam Oswald Simm.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. A. FINCH ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
RUSSELL G. SPEARS ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, 112 changes of method, and all the work of all methods.
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

J. MARTIN THORLEY ... Treble	THOMAS D. LEASK 4
CHARLES THORLEY, SEN... 2	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 5
RONALD F. LUNN 3	ERNEST THORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER D. DUNN ... Treble	*C. JOHN GIBBS 4
ALFRED MOULD 2	JACK BAILEY 5
†JAMES MOULD 3	KEITH HUDSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, HEALEY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS AUDREY ODDIE ... Treble	IVAN KAY 4
ALBERT MELS 2	ALLAN SMITH 5
ALWYN TAYLOR 3	JAMES TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 St. Clement's Bob, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOS. W. LOCKWOOD ... Treble	LESLIE FORSTER 4
BERT CHILVERS 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of an extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 8½ cwt.
MRS. F. C. GOODMAN ... Treble | WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 4
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2 | ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... 5
*FRANK C. PHILIPPO ... 3 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor
Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

* First peal in more than one method.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
*ALLAN F. KIRKMAN ... Treble | JOHN SHATFORD ... 4
MISS ENID WALKLAKE ... 2 | GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 5
*BERTRAM F. LUMBERS ... 3 | BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor
Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First of Minor in four methods.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 21 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
REGINALD FINCH ... Treble | †BASIL L. SMART ... 4
*BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2 | WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 5
†ERIC NOBLES ... 3 | †CHARLES H. BUSHELL ... Tenor
Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in two methods and 90th peal. † 50th peal.
† First peal. In memoriam Mr. Jim Trasler, late tower captain of Dallington.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
SIDNEY CLEMENTS ... Treble | STANLEY GILBERT ... 4
*WALTER PAPWORTH ... 2 | G. HENRY DUNNINGTON... 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3 | JOHN PERKINS ... Tenor
Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF COLLEGE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.
HARRY BAKER ... Treble | MARK W. MARSHALL ... 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2 | FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in the method by all the band.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 21 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
*JOHN C. NEWCOMBE ... Treble | †EDWARD G. BENNETT ... 3
†WILLIAM J. NORTON ... 2 | WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 4
ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor
Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in two methods. First peal on the bells.

WHITNASH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... Treble | JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4
*ROY D. HAYNE ... 2 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3 | WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.
MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
GEORGE E. FEERN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8
Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Mar. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT 34, ASTON LANE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor size 15 in C.
ALLAN SHORT ... 1-2 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3-4 | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7-8
Conducted by GEO. F. SWANN. Referee: FREDK. W. RISHWORTH.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6624 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD ... 1-2 | ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4 | EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8
Composed by A. KNIGHTS (274 Reversed). Conducted by E. W. PYE.
Umpire: R. YOUNG.
In memoriam William Pye, March 8th, 1935.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT 21, THE CHINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 1-2 | ALBERT M. TYLER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | DONALD G. CLIFT ... 7-8
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Major on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C sharp

BEDMINSTER, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT 5, ADDISON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hold's Original. Tenor size 16 in B.
ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 3-4 | DONALD G. CLIFT ... 7-8
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

FOREST HILL, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, S.E.23,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*FREDK. E. DUKES ... 1-2 | WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 5-6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3-4 | PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7-8
Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal on eight handbells.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 1-2 | FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5-6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3-4 | HUBERT SUMMERS ... 7-8
Composed by W. GARRARD. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on handbells for the Guild.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
AT BROAD ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.
REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 1-2 | THOMAS BIRD ... 3-4
RALPH BIRD ... 5-6
Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1948, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT MEROK 3, CARLTON TERRACE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor size 17 in A.
MRS. R. G. CROSS ... 1-2 | FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4
*R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
* 100th peal. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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A correspondent is anxious to obtain a loan of a photograph of Mr. J. A. Trollope. Please forward same to Editor.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Hatfield was a 70th birthday compliment to J. T. Kentish, who rang the eighth.

With less than 10 changes to go, a quarter-peal of Grandire Doubles was lost at Brampton, Hunts, on March 18th, by the rope of the fourth breaking. It was the first attempt for a quarter by two of the company.

Down Dunster, Somerset, way there was a golden wedding peal on March 9th for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elliott. Mr. Elliott has been a member of the local band for 62 years and except during the ban never missed ringing the old year out throughout this period.

A note to Mr. E. A. Barnett from Mr. E. W. Pye: May I be permitted to point out that the peal of Superlative Surprise Major which he called for his 200th peal on December 18th, 1935, was composed by the late Ernest Pye before he was born?

From Australia comes the January issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the N.S.W. Association. 'During the year the Association scored two peals and 20 quarter-peals. Practically all towers report increased activity, and the spirit of co-operation and cordiality has never been more evident,' states the editorial.

The new look made its appearance at the meeting of Kent ringers at Great Mongeham on March 13th, and a new link was made when the Ringwould band was elected member of the Association for the first time. 'Welcome, Ringwould.'

In reply to Mr. R. Collins, there have been many peals at Chobham. Mr. G. N. Price called Stedman Triples on August 31st, 1901, the Rev. F. E. Robinson the same method on January 3rd, 1903, and January 25th, 1904. A peal of Double Norwich was called by Mr. John S. Goldsmith on June 12th, 1905.

Of interest to all Lancashire is the peal at Penwortham on March 6th, a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shuker. It was attempted in the same tower a fortnight previously, but came to grief in the next to last course. Another golden wedding peal for the worthy secretary was at Rochdale on March 6th.

The Rev. Arthur Talbot, Rector of Wrington, is appealing for £15,000 for the restoration of All Saints', Wrington. He writes: This great task of church restoration owes much to the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, as he was the first to draw up a detailed report on the work most urgently needed and was always so eager for work to be commenced before the damage by weather, erosion and now death-watch beetle grew worse. Unfortunately he has not lived to see the work put in hand.

Apocryphal Cheltenham's claim for consideration as a meeting place for the Central Council. A correspondent points out that the ringing facilities are ample with twelve-bell towers at Cheltenham, Painswick and Tewkesbury, a ten and three eights at Gloucester and eights at Prestbury, Charlton Kings and Leckhampton within 2½ miles of the centre. There are many six-bell towers within a radius of ten miles.

Mr. E. A. Barnett informs us that the longest length of Double Norwich 'in hand' was 6,240 changes, rung at Bushey on Feb. 11th, 1940, by the same band that created the recent record, except that his father rang instead of Mr. Harold Cashmore. This was conducted by Mr. E. A. Barnett and was his first peal of Double Norwich 'in hand' as conductor. Probably on account of the war the performance was not brought to the notice of the Record Lengths Committee.

Record Handbell Peal

Sir,—The passing of time has left its mark on the Exercise. Thirty years ago your item on the Belfry Gossip of March 12th announcing a record peal of Double Norwich in hand would quickly have brought letters informing the band that notice was required of the attempt. Up to the present no observation has been passed on this omission. All the band are members of the Central Council, two being very prominent members; they knew the rules and ought to set an example.

While heartily congratulating them on their performance, I think for their own satisfaction it would have been better if they had given notice of the attempt, as they were creating a new Major record. The fact that the peal was rung on a Sunday and in a school suggests that it was a private affair. When we rang our record peal in 1912 the late Mr. Goldsmith impressed upon us that the attempt should be made where anyone could come and listen. The church and belfry were open and ringers were coming and going all day long.—Yours, etc.,
A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

AMPLIFYING SETS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pipe's comments on the above in 'Suffolk Reports,' published in March 19th issue, brought to my mind an experience I had not long ago. I am 'bell adviser' in this district and I was approached by a vicar of a church which had a tower with one bell. He said he had thought of installing a set of this type and what was my opinion. I told him it was a capital idea, as it would save the parish a lot of money. He agreed and said that was one of the matters he had in mind.

I continued, however, to explain other purposes for which it could be adapted. I said, in addition to being a substitute for the bells, it could be a substitute for the organ and choir, and I reminded him of the large collection of records that would fit in with the service, and again, if this idea became popular, 'records' would be available for a whole service, and a collection of good 'preachers' would be in the repertoire of such a church. Ringers' and choir expenses, vicar's salary and vicarage all saved. He dropped the idea, and my parting words were, 'If it's for a place of worship, let it be the real thing.'

He took my advice and went into the matter of having a ring of bells installed. Unfortunately, the tower would not stand the strain.

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On March 13th, at the first meeting to be held at Feltham since the restoration of the bells, members and friends were very impressed with the magnificent results attained from what had always been considered a very ordinary ring.

The front four have been recast and the peal rehung and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated. It was generally agreed that at their weight (11½ cwt.) it would be difficult to find a better eight in the country. Even J.F.S., in spite of his legpulling, was obviously enjoying the music.

This restoration would not have been possible but for the efforts of Mr. Tony Price (tower secretary) and his band, who have created almost a precedent in their efforts to reduce the cost. They completely dismantled the old ring and lowered the bells to the ground, no mean task, particularly in a tower where little or no provision had been made in the past against the possibility of their ever being removed. Congratulations were accorded Mr. Price and his band by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey.

Some good ringing under the supervision of Mr. T. Bannister (Master) and Mr. W. W. Webb, his deputy, was enjoyed by the thirty members.

Dedications

DENHAM, BUCKS.

The rededication of Denham bells took place on March 11th, the Bishop of Buckingham officiating. During the service Miss Katharine Wyld read 'In Memoriam' (Tennyson), which preceded the ringing of the bells.

Early last year it was discovered that the old timber framework was seriously affected by dry rot and the 4th bell, cast by James Bartlet in 1683, found to be cracked. It was decided to have the bells rehung with modern fittings in a new cast iron and steel frame, the fourth bell recast and the entire ring retuned. This work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., the cost being met by Major R. H. Way. A tablet records that the bells were rehung 'in happy memory of Lt.-Col. B. J. Way, D.S.O., died Maritzburg, Natal, October 1st, 1932, Major G. O. Way, D.S.O., died June 28th, 1938, Constance Way, died May 31st, 1930, and as a thankoffering for the survival of his two sons through all the perils of the World War.'

Visiting ringers rang Grandire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge after the service, and hopes are entertained of arranging at an early date a joint meeting here of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Middlesex County Association. Satisfaction was expressed at the go and tone of the bells.

WALTON-LE-DALE, PRESTON.

A complete restoration of St. Leonard's bells has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The old six, which were cast by Lester and Pack in 1761, have been recast, with the addition of two trebles to make a handy ring of eight, the tenor being 15½ cwt. in F. The frame is of oak (rather unusual in these modern days), with all the latest fittings and the bells will go like the proverbial tops.

The dedication by the Lord Bishop of Blackburn was arranged for March 31st at 7.30 p.m. On April 17th there is to be a branch meeting, which will serve as an open day for all who are interested.

ARBITRARY DEFINITIONS AND FALSE IDEAS, EXPOSED BY GEORGE BAKER

Previous to my discovery in 1924 of Round Blocks and Transpositions in Methods, Principles and Systems, there was some excuse for the false ideas and arbitrary definitions laid down from time to time. There is no excuse since because the science of change ringing is based on the science of permutations, which has no use for arbitrary definitions, and less for false ideas, and, to my mind, it is high time that the Exercise put its house in order.

One arbitrary definition laid down that should be rescinded is the dictum that a method to be the same must have the same lead-head from Minor upwards. This is a false idea, for if the 5th is the fixed pivot bell of method the *lead-ends* will be:—

Minor 146253, Lead-head 142635 or 164523.
Major 18765432, Lead-head 18674523 or 17856342.
Royal 1970583624, Lead-head 1907856342 or 1795038264.

Maximus 19765302846, Lead-head 196715038264 or 179563120486.

Or if the 6th is the fixed pivot bell:—
Minor 132546, Lead-head 135264.
Major 17583624, Lead-head 17856342 or 15738264.
Royal 1098765432, Lead-head 1089674523 or 1907856342.

Maximus 1018e6947253, Lead-head 10816e492735 or 110e89674523.

Or if we take the 'Norwich' method for another example the *lead-heads* of the Single Method are all different, with a different pivot bell for each pair of bells added, whereas the Double method is all one progression with 4th the pivot bell.

Single Method: Minor 135264, Major 15738264.
Royal 1795038264, Maximus 19715038264.

Double Method: Minor 156342, Major 18674523, Royal 1860492735, Maximus, 186042e3957.

(To be continued)

Midland Counties Guild

Netherseale, situated on the southern border of the Diocese of Derby, was the former home of Mr. W. W. Worthington, president of the Midland Counties Guild, and is noted throughout the area for its beautiful ring of eight.

Upon entering the ringing chamber visitors become immediately interested in the fine array of peal tablets recording the achievements of Mr. Worthington and his colleagues before the Great War 1914-18.

The outstanding tablet is the one recording Mr. Worthington's 50th peal, when stalwarts of the Exercise assembled and rang on August 2nd, 1914, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major as follows:—

W. W. Worthington 1 (50); B. Prewett 2 (939); I. Shade 3 (1,065); G. R. Pye 4 (635); E. Pye 5 (984); A. Grimes 6 (413); J. Flint 7 (332); William Pye 8 (1,184); making the total number of peals rung between them 5,602.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, who expressed greetings to the members. A pleasant surprise awaited the company to find that tea had been provided in the Village Hall by the Rector and Mrs. Beale (memories of Netherseale pre-war days). Thanks were extended to the Rector and Mrs. Beale by Mr. B. G. Key and carried with applause.

At the subsequent business meeting it was decided to visit Tutbury on April 3rd. Correspondence was read by the secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, from the Midland district of the Ladies' Guild regarding the possibilities of a joint meeting at Burton, and hopes were expressed that such a meeting would be arranged in the near future.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

VISIT TO KIRK ELLA.

For their monthly meeting on March 13th at Kirk Ella the Society were the guests of Mr. A. H. Fox, vice-president of the Eastern District, Yorkshire Association, the Rev. R. Poord (Vicar) and the churchwardens.

The unusual features of this church are the many stained glass lancet windows and a so-called Leper's Window, dated about 1256 A.D. The bells, a musical six with tenor 20 cwt., are rung from the ground floor. They were raised in peal and rung to various methods, the service touch being of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The service was taken by the Vicar, with Mr. Fox as organist, and this was followed by tea.

Fifty-five members from 16 towers attended the business meeting, at which Mr. G. F. Williams (president) presided. Meetings were arranged for Sutton-on-Hull, April 10th, Patrington, May 8th, and Pocklington, June 12th.

The Ringing Master (Mr. L. Rodmell) reported steady progress. Three new members were elected, bringing the membership to 160 from 22 towers. Thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Fox and the choir were moved by Mr. Kneeshaw, seconded by Mr. F. Wilkinson.

The Rev. G. Storer, Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, reported that owing to the increased cost of copper and tin, the price for his bells would be about £150 more. His parish was almost entirely a working class and agricultural area. The meeting wished him every success.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The Association's general secretary, two masters and two secretaries from other districts were among the attendance of 51 at the meeting at St. Nicholas', Witham, on March 6th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Payne) conducted the service, and a collection for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 8s. 3d.

Miss H. Snowden (District Master) presided at the business meeting. The Dean of Bocking was elected an honorary member and also four probationers from Bocking. Stebbing was chosen for the next meeting on May 22nd. The chairman thanked the Vicar and all who had made the meeting so successful. The Vicar and Mr. W. S. Butler responded.

Dudley and District Guild

SUPPORT FOR DUBLIN VISIT.

The annual meeting, held at Dudley Parish Church on March 13th, proved to be a record both for weather and attendance. Over 100 members and friends were present at the service and tea.

The president (Canon J. Waring) presided at the business meeting. The officers were again re-elected with two additional vice-presidents.

The treasurer and auditor gave their report and it was unanimously decided to increase the subscription from 6d. to 1s. per year. The Guild decided to support the Central Council in its decision with reference to the proposed visit to Ireland for the 1949 conference.

Mr. B. Ashford moved a resolution that members who had given valuable service to the Guild over a number of years should be honoured by being made lay vice-presidents. This was adopted, and Messrs. J. Goodman and F. Colclough were the first to have this honour conferred on them. Nine new members were elected. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

THE MINSTER ATTRACTS VISITORS.

Southwell Minster was the happy hunting ground of a large number of ringers on March 20th, visitors arriving from Rugby, Chesterfield, Lincoln, Derby and elsewhere.

The central tower houses eight fine bells—tenor 28 cwt.—hung in a massive wooden frame. The ringing chamber itself is something of an oddity, it being a balcony hung round the inside of the tower. Heavy wire netting prevents the unwary ringer toppling into the body of the Minster. The bells are hung anti-clockwise, two ropes falling on each side of the 40ft. square tower. The poor visibility, combined with the great distances between ropes, tends to slow up the rate of striking, and the yawning chasm below strikes awe into many a ringer's breast.

The ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major, the latter being rung in masterly style by a very distinguished band.

A healthy feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present, most of whom were undeterred by the strange conditions.

The Provost of Southwell conducted a service and was later elected a vice-president of the Guild.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

The annual meeting at East Grinstead on March 15th attracted nearly 40 ringers, including visitors from Truro Cathedral and Sudbury. At the service the address was given by Bishop Hordern, late Bishop of Lewes, who said that bells were one of the few things left to remind the public of Sunday, and he hoped that all would put Sunday ringing before anything else, and encourage youngsters to enter the service of the church via the belfry.

Tea, as usual, was given by the Guild president, the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird, who also took the chair at the business meeting. Mr. E. J. Ladd was elected chairman for the Guild's 21st birthday year, and Mr. B. Collinson, the retiring chairman, took Mr. Ladd's place on the committee.

The Guild accepted an invitation to a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Reigate on May 8th, and fixed the date for the summer outing, a tour into West Kent, for July 17th.

On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Oliver, the rule whereby the Guild paid the excess of 1s. 6d. on members' teas was rescinded, but a lively debate ensued when Major Jones proposed that the old rule should still apply to young members. In the end this was referred back to committee, but it was passed that members under 16 should only pay 1s. per year and that subscriptions of new members joining the Guild on and after October 1st in any year should not be due until the following January.

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—On March 7th, at the Abbey Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. D. Bond 1, W. J. Prescott 2, T. F. King 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, F. S. Merrett 5, E. J. Fry 6, J. Hallett 7, H. D. Taylor 8, R. O. Fry (composer and conductor) 9, H. Merrett and K. Medway 10. First quarter on ten for 1 and 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Wolledge (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Frost 2, R. Godfrey (first of Triples) 3, K. Medhurst 4, D. Hall 5, A. Williams (cond.) 6, A. Ball 7, Mrs. E. Roscoe 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. May (first in method) 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, Miss S. Davis 3, G. Stocker 4, G. Davis 5, A. Hawkins (first inside) 6, R. Crook 7, R. W. Rex (cond.) 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On March 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: M. C. F. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, J. G. Collett (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (first in method as cond.) 7, J. J. Westmacott (first in method) 8.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Richardson 1, E. A. G. Allen 2, D. T. Hills 3, R. Skinner (first 'inside') 4, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 5, E. D. Sills 6, R. E. Norris 7, C. E. J. Norris 8.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral on March 9th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: P. Swindley (cond.) 1, J. Haynes 2, J. E. Best 3, J. Webb 4, H. O. Baker 5, J. W. Griffiths 6, J. E. Cook 7, H. Pye 8. First quarter 'inside' 5 and 7.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.—On March 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Nicholson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Bertee 2, J. W. Robson 3, F. Sheraton 4, S. C. Walker (cond.) 5, H. Jarret 6, C. Mordue 7, D. A. Bayles 8. First quarter in method for 2, 3, 6 and 7.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dennis Rayes (age 15, first quarter of Triples) 1, W. Higdon 2, Miss B. Look 3, E. Elliott 4, H. Lintern 5, W. Higgins 6, J. Lintern (cond.) 7, A. Lintem 8.

EGERTON, KENT.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Young (15) 1, D. Hopkins (13) 2, Miss D. Turk (17) 3, F. Roberts 4, A. Waddington 5, J. Pack 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. First by the local band for nine years.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On March 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford. 360 Kent and 180 Plain Bob): W. Norman 1, A. Eilbeck 2, W. H. Cook 3, I. H. Rothery 4, W. Douglas 5, G. W. Tembey (cond.) 6.

HEMMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On March 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: Miss C. Dunnington 1, Miss M. Green 2, F. Nicholls 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, G. L. Perkins 5, G. H. Dunnington 6. First quarter in method by 2, 3 and 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Oliver 1, J. Ribbans 2, R. Andrews 3, R. Collins 4, W. Goldstone 5, D. Sleet (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by 1 and 4.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Kape (age 13) 1, R. Biggs 2, T. Cox 3, A. G. Jones 4, A. Heywood 5, W. Lee (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, A. R. Blaby 8. First of Major for 1 and 3.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, E. J. Berry 3, W. H. Trueman 4, H. W. Bishop 5, I. H. Trueman 6, W. W. T. Daniel 7, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 6 and 7.

WINDSOR.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, K. Buckingham 2, T. Smith 3, A. Smith 4, E. E. Gosling 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, C. H. Vitler 8. Rung after the christening of the conductor's granddaughter.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On March 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Duffield 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, F. Wigmore 3, A. Upsall (first of Caters 'inside') 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, W. Jarvis 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means (cond.) 9, F. Moyes 10.

NOTICES

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement was announced on March 28th between Edward, youngest son of Mrs. and the late ex-Police Insp. G. Armstrong, of Addlestone, Surrey, and Iris Pauline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ewins, of Farnham Royal, Bucks. 3289

ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—Board residence, moderate terms. One minute buses to all parts. Comfort assured. Children welcomed. Personal attention.—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 3286

WANTED

'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' parts other than 5, 6, 7 and 10 wanted to complete set. Write Mrs. Maud M. Gatehouse, 96, Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent. 3277

MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, April 3rd. Tea 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3210

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.

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. 3190

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 Hothe Hotel at 5.15. 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. Amended ringing arrangements: The Cathedral (12), 2 to 4 and in the evening; St. Peter's (10), 2 to 3.45 only; St. Stephen's (6), 2 to 3.45 and in the evening; St. Michael's (6), 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; Hatfield bells (10) available from 11 a.m. to 12.30 and in the evening if required.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead. 3212

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Beighton (6), April 3rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 3217

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Godstone, April 3rd. Bells (2) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting 5.30. 3238

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Walthamstow, Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing, St. Saviour's (8) from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) after meeting.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3237

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's Church (8), April 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 3240

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Tutbury (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Service 4.15 p.m., ringing afterwards.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 3282

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice and social evening afterwards at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Social 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Admission to social in Victoria Hall, Ash, is 2s. Proceeds in aid of the Ash Bell Fund. £1,000 is needed. Will you help us and buy a ticket or send a donation? Please send to G. S. Joyce, District Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3251

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silverton, April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea early to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 3255

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A meeting specially for the benefit of five-bell ringers has been arranged at Whepstead, near Bury St. Edmunds, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 3272

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Burnley, April 3rd, not St. Peter's as previously advertised.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3284

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General Body.—Monday, April 5th, 7.15 p.m. at St. Mary's, Lambeth, practice meeting. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3270

CHISLEHURST, ST. NICHOLAS.—Weekly practice changed to Wednesday on and from April 7th, commencing at 7.45 p.m. Sundays 5.45 p.m. (alight at Chislehurst War Memorial). 3235

LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting at Bolsover, Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 6th Arthur R. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanon. 3230

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Wombourne, April 10th. Bells 3. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4. Service 5.30. Replies by Monday, April 5th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 3218

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, Wymondham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage Room. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 6th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 3223

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting, St. Osyth (6) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 3 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by April 7th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3225

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on April 10th. Bells ready at 10.30 a.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 at 4s. 6d. each. Names to Mr. Ivan Kay, 69, Fir Tree Lane, Bardsley, Ashton-u-Lyne, before April 7th. Limit 100.—W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson, Hon. Secretaries. 3236

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Saturday, April 10th, St. Mary's, Battersea. Ringing 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 7.30. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3271

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Caythorpe (8), April 10th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. No names, no tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 3268

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Mendip, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by April 7th to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 3256

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford-Arundel, April 10th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please. Rockwell Green bells after meeting.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 3253

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, April 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The George and Dragon. Names for tea to the Hon. Sec. by Monday, April 5th. Horbling bells available during evening.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 3259

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Great Shefford (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by April 7th to Rev. C. E. Seamer, Great Shefford Rectory, Newbury. 3273

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Chislehurst, April 10th. Bells available Eltham Parish Church 1.15 to 2.30; Chislehurst, Annunciation, 2.30 to 4.15; St. Nicholas', 6.30 to 8 p.m.; and Sidcup, 7.30 to 8.45. Service at Annunzio 4.15, followed by tea and business. Tea applications must reach Frank Knight, 4, Cambray Road, Orpington, by April 6th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 3245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Wenden (6), Saturday, April 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 7th, please to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3239

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Barford St. Martin, April 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by April 7th to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 3243

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunty District.—St. Neots, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3269

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, April 10th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3275

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Lymm, April 10th. Advise J. Thomason, 41, Barsbank Lane, Lymm, if requiring tea by 7th.—Jn. E. Ashcroft, Sec. 3282

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wortley, near Sheffield, April 10th, 3 p.m. Bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3283

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), April 10th. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Roudbourne, Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 3281

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill, Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3280

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Hurworth, April 10th, 2.30. Names for tea by April 8th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 3278

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. James', Sutton-in-Holderness, April 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) only those who notify first post: Thursday, April 8th, Mr. C. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 3285

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Rose. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3287

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Maulden, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Radishes with tea at 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3288

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted, Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify by 7th Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Burgess Hill. 3294

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3300

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Husbands Bosworth and Theddingworth, April 10th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5, the Bell Hotel.—L. W. Allen. 3299

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Rothley (6), April 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Vicarage, 5. Own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 3298

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell (8), April 10th, at 3. Names for tea by 18th to C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leics. 3293

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), April 10th, 3. Tea, Dorset Arms, 5. Names to Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 3297

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District.—Next meeting, Harlington, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Nelhams, School House, High Street, Harlington, by April 7th.—F. A. Finch.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, April 17th. Clerkenwell, Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 2.30, Clerkenwell also after meeting. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30. Names for tea before April 14th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual general, East Retford, Saturday, April 17th. Bells (10) 2.30. West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) also available. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Elsworth Hall. Names to Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford, by April 14th.—T. Groombridge, jun. 3301

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 3257

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Lutterworth (8), Saturday, April 10th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Denbigh Arms 5. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, April 7th. All ringers very welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Tuddenham, April 17th. Bells 2.45. Buses from Ipswich 2.20-3.45. Tea 5. Bring own food to be pooled. Cups of tea at small charge. Rushmere bells 7 to 9.—Edward G. Ellenger, District Sec. 3261

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Downham (6), Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3019

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Standon, April 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 13th, please, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3267

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those who require tea must inform Miss D. M. Jenner, c/o Vye and Son, High Street, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Saturday, April 10th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. District Sec. 3274

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea (limited to 60), Duke's Head, 4.45. Meeting, Poplar Road School, 5.45. Names for tea to Mr. George Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by April 14th.—C. de Ste G. Parks, Hon. Sec. 3295

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Kimpton (6), Saturday, April 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 15th to T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans, Herts. 3292

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley, Oxon (6 bells), April 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by April 13th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame. 3286

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Slough, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Henley, Oaklands, Farnham Royal, Slough, Bucks, by the 19th. Non-members welcomed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. F. Davis, District Sec. 3291

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Another quarter century. The 325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Lunch and tea. Book the date.—L. E. Pistow, Secretary 3215

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practices, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, first Wednesday each month; St. Stephen's, Hampstead, second and fourth Wednesday, all 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Chislehurst (St. Nicholas'), last Wednesday each month, 7.30 to 9 p.m. (not Tuesday as previously advertised). Annual dinner, October 9th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton. 3302

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