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A GUILD'S PROBLEMS

'WE are beginning to wake up!' writes Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, in his annual report of the Suffolk Guild for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich for 1948. The aim of the Guild is to provide every church in the county which has ringable bells with a band of ringers to ring every Sunday. An enormous task but not an impossible one.

To reach this objective the Guild Committee is planning to work in a systematic manner. The co-operation of the diocesan authorities is being sought, but what is of equal importance is the co-operation of every single member. The procedure is to interest the public in the art of ringing by invitations to meetings with the ultimate aim of finding and training recruits on a greater scale than heretofore.

It is not merely ringing the bells but ringing them properly that Mr. Pipe has at heart, and he devotes space in his report to general observations that would improve striking and maintain open leads. He writes:—

'One ringer only who does not open and close his leads can upset the beat and good striking that may be set up by the others. On all numbers of bells, when leading, the sally must be allowed to rise at the hand stroke and not snatched away. This opens the lead nicely and the rope may then be smartly brought down from backstroke in order to close the lead. To lead properly, the ringer should endeavour to see the bell or bells that are led over, as a good lead is the forerunner of a good row, and if one row can be well struck then all subsequent rows should follow suit.

'A bad habit of not getting the arms high at both hand and back stroke is creeping in, resulting in poor bell control, and apart from the bad striking which follows, the reputation of the ringer suffers when he or she allows the arms to rise no higher than the face.'

Like most Guilds, the Suffolk is finding it difficult to make ends meet on a pre-war income. The cost of printing the report, for example, exceeds the income from members' subscriptions, the increase in the number of peals to 73 being a contributory factor. How is the additional income to be met? Mr. Pipe writes that he is loath to raise subscriptions and is not in favour of peal levies, as the peal ringers are the general force of the Guild and contribute greatly to training recruits and setting examples of good striking at meetings. The suggestion he puts forward is 'Belfry offerings' at meetings, and comments: 'If an afternoon and evening ringing and the social enjoyment that goes with it is worth a small piece of silver given voluntarily in the belfry to the secretary, there will be no need to increase subscriptions.'

The Exercise will follow with interest the suggested method of the Suffolk Guild to balance their accounts. Most Guilds have revised their annual subscriptions, others have imposed a small fee for recording peals, and in view of the money ringers spend in travelling and sustenance to ring peals, this small contribution is not a heavy imposition. The third method is steepleage. By compulsory methods a definite income is assured. We can well understand in an area where recruitment is extensive there is a hesitancy to raise Guild subscriptions. It is essential for the Exercise that all ringers should be paying members of their Guild. Where enthusiasm is lukewarm or is confined to Sunday ringing and a weekly practice and the sense of fraternity with the Exercise as a whole has not been developed, increases of subscription might be accompanied by lapse of membership. What is needed to-day, not only in ringing but in every other walk of life, is a mental adjustment to the new standard of values. Wages are higher and the cost of other forms of entertainment has correspondingly increased. And so should our contributions towards the cost of ringing, which in view of the heavy capital involved is one of the cheapest forms of pleasure.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALL...Treble	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	7
KATHLEEN TILLEY ...	2	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	8
*DOROTHY UDALE ...	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	9
†MRS. J. H. POOLE ...	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	10
JILL POOLE ...	5	PETER J. STANFORTH ...	11
HARRY G. WAYNE ...	6	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † 200th peal.

OXFORD

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

PHILIP WALKER ...Treble	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE ...	2	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	8
*MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	*REGINALD W. REX ...	9
MARIE R. CROSS ...	4	*H. PETER RAYNOR ...	10
*NOEL J. DISERENS ...	5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ...	11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	6	ALAN R. PINK ...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Composed by F. DENCH.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. A farewell peal for H. Peter Raynor.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ...Treble	2	ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	7
RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ...	8
ERIC E. SPEAKE ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	4	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	10
MAURICE G. TURNER ...	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	11
GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	6	ALAN ELSMORE ...	Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*JOHN SCOTT ...Treble	2	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	7
†MISS MARGARET BEAMISH	2	FRANK E. PERVIN ...	8
ALBERT WALKER ...	3	JOHN PINFOLD ...	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	10
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	5	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	11
HENRY H. FEARN ...	6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE H. CLIFT ...Treble	2	*FREDERICK G. HOOPER...	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ...	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	7
*†PATRICK PRESTON ...	3	FRANK W. BROWN ...	8
CLEMENT GLENN ...	4	WALTER NICHOLS ...	9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF...	5	†ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

*MISS SHEILA E. HARRIS Treble	2	*†ERIC DODDS ...	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	7
N. G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	*†THOMAS E. DAVIES ...	8
†SQUIRE CROFT ...	4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	9
MRS. KATHLEEN F. PARR	5	\$EDWIN C. HYNARD ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters 'inside.'

† First peal on ten bells. § First peal. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

WILLIAM CARNWELL ...Treble	2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ...	6
*WILLIAM EDWARDS ...	2	ARTHUR PEAKE ...	7
*FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	3	*NEVILLE HOLLAND ...	8
FREDERICK J. WILSHAW	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	9
*ARNOLD G. MOORE ...	5	ARTHUR W. HALL ...	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal as conductor on ten bells. Tenor 16 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt.

MAURICE G. TURNER ...Treble	2	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ...	2	HOWARD HOWELL ...	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
FREDERICK J. WILSHAW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...Treble	2	ALICK CUTLER ...	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	THOMAS J. LOCK ...	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	7
THOMAS E. DAVIES ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Duffield Major by all the band, and first in the method by all, except the tenorman. Tenor 10 cwt.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part.	2	KENNETH WHEELER ...	5
FRED KINCHIN ...Treble	2	CLARENCE STEED ...	6
FRED LYNE ...	2	C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	7
WM. COCKINGS ...	3	LEONARD KINCHIN ...	Tenor
ARTHUR T. SHOREY ...	4		

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT G. FREEMAN ...Treble	2	IVOR GOULTER ...	5
JOHN THOMAS ...	2	EDWARD EVANS ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	3	FRANCIS MILES ...	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.



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On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

NESTA D. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE... 5
*NELIA LEAHY 2	†ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL 6
*OSCAR G. SMART 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Major.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS M. E. RIDYARD...Treble	†ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 5
*MISS MURIEL REAY ... 2	†JOHN ASHCROFT ... 6
†THOMAS BARKER ... 3	RONALD KENRICK ... 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 50th peal. † First in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ...Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 6
HAROLD KILBY 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 7
JOHN F. CLARKE (80) ... 4	*GERALD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...Treble	ERIC T. LEE 5
*SGMN. GORDON WALFORD 2	T. MARK WHITE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY... 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brook's Variation.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ...Treble	*LEONARD G. HALL ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
HARRY G. WAYNE 3	COLIN HARRISON ... 7
PAUL LEA TAYLOR 4	RONALD G. EDWARDS... Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*DAVID BEVERIDGE ...Treble	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
*C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	*HAROLD P. BURTON ... 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
*RONALD J. SHARP... .. 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*LEONARD WEBB Treble	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
EDWARD DALINGWATER... 2	*CYRIL TOYNE 6
*LUCY MOTTISHAW ... 3	*HARRY ASHTON 7
*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY... 4	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

*CYRIL H. GODFREY ...Treble	DONALD COOMBS 5
WILLIAM S. MAY 2	RODERICK W. CROUCHER... 6
WILLIAM PERRY 3	ROY BROWN 7
PHILIP SADLER 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Plain Bob. First peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Mitchell, donor of the bells, who died on March 1st. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM HARRISON (12) Treble	ALFRED ROBERTS 5
ARTHUR TAYLOR 2	†JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... 6
†JAMES B. ROBINSON (13) 3	†DEREK OGDEN 7
ROBERT H. WIMPENNY 4	RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' A 16th birthday compliment to the 7th ringer.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

STELLA M. WICKENS ...Treble	*PETER F. ROMNEY ... 5
EDGAR R. RALEY 2	FRANK HOWE 6
MAURICE O. THOMAS ... 3	BASIL W. WHITE 7
MICHAEL J. CAUSLEY ... 4	*REGINALD A. CRAGG ... Tenor

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.

* First peal. First of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Stalham.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ALFRED SMITH Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*WILLIAM BARTON 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, also first in the method on the bells. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CUTHBERT W. POWELL Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
*ROGER KEELEY (13) ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
*REGINALD BEALE 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
*JACK W. DREW 4	*JOHN T. LOCKE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. S. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 22 cwt.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	*LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* 50th peal together. First peal of Bristol on bells. Tenor 32 cwt.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

THOMAS GRIFFITHS ...Treble	FRANK SADLER 5
*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 6
MRS. J. G. THOMAS ... 3	*FRANCIS MILES 7
*FREDERICK G. NURDEN 4	JOHN THOMAS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the Rector and ringer of the 6th. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

DEREK WHITFORD Treble	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	4
ROGER LEIGH 2	EDWARD IDDON	5
KENNETH HARTLEY 3	PETER CROOK	Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... Treble	†ALLEN MORGAN	4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	5
DENIS R. MORRIS 3	FRED HYDE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS JOAN HILLS... .. Treble	COLIN E. WRIGHT	4
†MISS C. CHINNERY 2	*FREDK. G. RICHARDSON	5
DAVID W. BEARD 3	FRANK V. GANT	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER NEWING (15) ... Treble	†WILFRED C. E. GOLDUP	4
*RONALD PEPPER (14½) ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	5
†JOHN H. BAXTER (17) ... 3	EDWARD J. WELLS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

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

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS HILDA PRESCOTT Treble	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ...	4
LEONARD DERRICK 2	*WILLIAM A. BROWN ...	5
*MISS AUDREY TIBBOTS ... 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

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

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD V. COOPER ... Treble	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4
*MONICA A. DAVIS 2	*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5
*JOHN LLOYD 3	JOHN BASS	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † 400th peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Wallater.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

STANLEY PROUD Treble	CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ...	4
STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON	5
GEORGE WALL 3	THOMAS W. DODD	Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

For the marriage of Mr. Ernest Roddam and Miss Jean Chapman.

(More Peals on page 157)

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS M. L. LEESON ... Treble	DENIS D. WRIGHT... ..	4
HERBERT GOAKES 2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ...	5
GEORGE S. BUSH... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SLAIDBURN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

JAMES LITTLEFAIR ... Treble	CHARLES CLEGG	4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY 3	ERNEST J. GOWER	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

To celebrate the 819th anniversary of the church.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	SALVIA R. E. PIPE	4
GEORGE W. PIPE 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3	CECIL W. PIPE	Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. In memoriam to Lord Woodbridge. Rung half-muffled.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 St. Dunstan's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS M. PARSONS ... Treble	FREDERICK BROOKINGS...	4
HAROLD HOBBS 2	LESLIE BARRY	5
JOHN WHITING 3	*CHARLES SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Michael Barry.

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

*KEITH SMITH (14) ... Treble	REG. STACEY	4
†JOHN SMITH 2	†SIDNEY SMITH	5
WALTER SMITH 3	†HAROLD GROOM	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD GROOM.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells since rehanging.

UPTON GREY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JACK MARLOW Treble	*CYRIL HERRIDGE	4
†OLIVE J. OSTLER 2	†ALWYN E. A. SMITH ...	5
*CHRIS. URWIN 3	*FRANK GILBERT	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK GILBERT.

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

WOOD EATON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Columba, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Nicholas', St. Giles', Winchendon Place, St. Miles', and two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

LOTTIE R. PIMM Treble	*DOUGLAS O. WILKS ...	3
NORA HONEY 2	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
ALAN R. PINK		Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 25 methods. The first peal on the bells.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. R. Belton 1, H. Duncombe 2, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 3, H. A. Knights 4, A. H. Hough 5, T. C. Belton 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. In memoriam Mr. H. Duncombe, father of the ringer of 2nd.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill (first on working bell) 1, T. C. Belton 2, R. Lord (first 'inside') 3, W. P. Whitehead 4, A. H. Hough 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, G. P. Garner 7, G. Armstrong 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Clark 1, P. Leech 2, George W. Reed 3, R. Tomlin 4, F. Gosden (cond.) 5, J. Bridges 6. First quarter for all except 3 and 5. In memoriam J. C. Pettingell.

BROWNEDGE, STAFFS.—On March 23rd, at St. Mary's (R.C.), 1,440 Bob Major: B. Jackson 1, E. R. Martin 2, A. Dimmock 3, H. Hardacre 4, J. Jackson 5, J. Livesey 6, C. Hardacre 7, F. McCarthy (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 6. In memoriam Mr. T. Harrison, a ringer at Brownedge for many years, who was killed at work and was buried that day.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On March 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. P. Wain 1, Miss J. Brown 2, N. A. Brown 3, R. Broom 4, F. Arrowsmith 5, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 6, A. R. Elkins 7, J. C. E. Simpson 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Audrey Castell 1, D. Read 2, J. R. Pease (first in method 'inside') 3, F. O. Castell 4, C. J. Castell (cond.) 5, A. G. King 6. First in method 1 and 2.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on March 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. O. Hume 1, H. Allen 2, E. J. Runter 3, P. Childs (first 'inside') 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, A. Edwards 6, W. Barrett 7, A. H. Everett 8, R. C. Thrift 9, R. E. Dannatt 10. First in method 7 and 10. A tribute to Dr. J. Roland Middleton (organist) before leaving for Chester.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Bowden 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, H. A. May 3, J. A. Etherington 4, A. E. Brown 5, E. T. Lee 6, C. E. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Mullard 8. First of Stedman by 2, 4 and 5.

EWELL, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Babara Pottinger 1, H. E. Good 2, Josie Milborrow 3, R. Spittle 4, A. Williams 5, J. Hill 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, J. E. Beams 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Denyer 1, Miss R. Moore 2, R. Whittington 3, L. Warner 4, C. Stephens 5, C. Charman 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, A. Tidy 8. An 81st birthday compliment to R. Whittington.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Manuel 1, F. Pack 2, P. Jemmett 3, H. Chaplin 4, Miss E. Wyles 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. C. Curling 8. For the christening of a daughter to the Rex and Mrs. E. Stunton.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. S. Brown 1, G. W. Holliss 2, Miss E. Lonnen (first as cond.) 3, G. Lee 4, E. Treagus 5, W. J. Bristow 6.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On March 20th, for Confirmation service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Pegg 1, H. L. Martin 2, C. W. Smith 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, S. Brown 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, A. Ravner 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob. 720 Oxford Bob): W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, L. Runnacles 3, E. W. Winters 4, F. W. Croft 5, W. J. Croft (cond.) 6.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Beryl Hughes (first quarter) 1, Miss Daphne M. Lloyd (first 'inside') 2, J. E. Bonny (first 'inside') 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (first as cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On March 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Salway 1, J. Arbury 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, W. Reeks 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. G. Betts 7, J. Glanville 8. First of Treble Bob by 3 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Biaby 1, D. Cox 2, Miss M. E. Davis 3, J. Kape 4, Miss A. Smith 5, R. P. Newton (first quarter of Stedman) 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. C. C. Cox 1, R. Keeley 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, S. H. Green 7, G. S. Morris 8. A compliment to C. W. Powell on his election as churchwarden; also a birthday compliment to C. W. Powell and his son Christopher.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On March 20th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, D. Sankey 2, H. Carter 3, W. Brooker 4, J. W. Cotton 5, P. W. Grice 6, G. W. Clayfield (cond.) 7, D. Yates 8.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—At St. James' on March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Porteous 1, Ian Peacock 2, N. Sharpe, jun. 3, Mrs. W. Caldwell 4, R. J. G. Thom 5, R. W. M. Clouston (first as cond.) 6, N. Sharpe, sen. 7, R. J. Smith 8. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving for the U.S.A.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cave (first of Triples) 1, G. J. Boomsma 2, E. J. Rowe 3, C. W. Ridgway 4, R. F. Deal 5, A. J. W. Appleton 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, T. G. Fox 8.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's, Wood Green, on March 21st, 1,344 Norfolk Surprise Major: M. G. Turner 1, B. G. Key 2, A. V. Pearson 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, J. D. Holden 5, H. Howell 6, E. E. Speake (cond.) 7, G. E. Fearn 8. First in the method by all the band.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On March 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Ian Couch (first quarter of Minor) 1, L. W. Skinner 2, Wm. A. Hughes 3, R. Hartley 4, W. Hollamby 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that their subscriptions became due at the end of March, and a remittance of 4s. 3d. should be sent to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, without delay.

Miss Margaret Beamish, who is not 14 until June, has rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Birmingham. Her claim to be the youngest person to ring a peal of Maximus on tower bells will not be disputed?

Mr. W. Eric Critchley has 'circled' Campsall tower.

Mr. Albert Relfe has conducted 125 of his 250 peals, which have been rung in 150 towers.

The Rev. W. H. Trickett, of Westerfield, clerical secretary to the Suffolk Guild, is leaving for Canada.

Eighty-year-old John E. Clarke, one of the Leicester Guild veterans, scored another peal at Gilmorton on March 13th.

Mrs. Harold J. Poole will, we are sure, receive many congratulations on her 200th peal. They have been rung in 17 different counties for 19 Associations.

Anxious moments were caused during the last 20 changes of the peal at Ditchling on March 19th, when the belfry light was momentarily extinguished.

The peal at Stowmarket on March 19th was a compliment to Mr. W. E. Tydeman, veteran captain of the Stowmarket company, in anticipation of his 83rd birthday on March 23rd.

The British Horological Institute invite ringers to the lecture on bells by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, at the Hall of the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C., on Thursday, April 28th, at 7 p.m.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has been bereaved by the passing of his mother, Mrs. Mary Shepherd, at the age of 87. She was born at Solihull, the youngest of 12 children, and she lived to a greater age than any of the others. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung to her memory.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers who have visited St. Giles', Wrexham, will have happy memories of Mr.

William Jones, who retired recently after over 50 years as sexton and bellringer. It is with great regret that we learn that he has had to have a leg amputated, the result of an old injury. He is now home from hospital and is going on as well as can be expected. Mr. Jones is one of the few surviving founder members of the North Wales Association in 1903.

Mr. Frank K. Measures has rung Plain Bob 'in hand' from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. H. Peter Raynor, of Oxford, is leaving for Southern Rhodesia. A farewell peal was rung on the Cathedral bells on March 18th.

Pressure on our space necessitates us holding over the final instalment of Mr. W. Taylor's article on Method Extension.

Condolences to Mr. Daniel T. Matkin's handbell band. In one week they rang two peals which both turned out to be false. One was Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major.

John L. Morris, who rang his 13th peal for his 13th birthday, called his first peal at Wrotham. He has made good progress in his first 18 months of ringing.

For sixty years a member of the Witham, Essex band, Mr. A. J. Evers had died, aged 75. His reliability at practice and Sunday service ringing was an example to all who knew him. A peal to his memory was rung on March 26th.

T. Richards, one of the younger enthusiastic ringers of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, has successfully passed the entrance examination to the Royal College of Art, London, where he will begin his studies in September, 1949. His friends wish him every success in his new sphere and trust that his ringing activities will continue.

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THE BELLS RING AGAIN IN THAXTED

By ETHELIND FEARON

FROM quite early in the morning it had been obvious that something special was afoot. 'Lovely day for it,' said the milkman to the postman. 'Lovely day for it,' said the road sweeper to the newspaper boy. And they didn't mean for the Boat Race or the Grand National either; it was just that our bells had come home again, and to-day—this lovely 26th of March—people from all over the county and further afield were coming to ring them.

Bells mean a lot to a village community. They are at once a summons, a pride and a means of self-expression. But ours had been expressing us on every saint's and wedding day; every funeral and royal birth or coronation; every peace celebration (and that was quite a lot) and three times a day on Sundays since 1730 or so. And if one were quite honest about it, one had to admit that three of them were definitely cracked and the others so precariously hung that it was a wonder they hadn't come clattering down years ago. They must be recast and rehung, according to their needs, and, after certain high-speed begging and much in the way of sales, fetes, raffles and other such unscrupulous attacks on the pockets of sympathisers, we collected the whole £800 to pay the bill.

Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were the chosen firm, not only because they have fine craftsmen and a grand reputation, but because Mr. Michael Howard, their designer, has been Morris dancing in these same ancient crooked streets. The bells came down, jackdaws' nests and all, chipped round the edges where the travelling founders had tuned their inscriptions half away in some forgotten age, and, wanly tolling, were rolled away on to a lorry and thence to Croydon, and from time to time we journeyed thither to see one cast.

UNIQUE FRIEZES.

The moulds were made of sand and loam and goats' hair, and carefully pressed into them by a man inside the bells were unique friezes, designed by Michael Howard and carved by Mr. Todd. I say unique because neither I nor any one of the ringers here to-day have ever seen the like. Take the Morris bell, for instance, the donors of which were the Morris Ring and the Friends of Thaxted, with dozens of dancing figures hurrying round its shoulders, each fold in their handkerchiefs, every crease in their trousers, every little bell on their braided legs, distinct and clear, and in noble lettering, 'I ring for the General Dance,' and 'Praise Him in the cymbals and dances, Praise Him upon the strings and pipe,' running round its capacious waist.

The Justice bell and Peace bell are equally lovely, wreathed, the one in the River of Life and the other in a twisting vine, but all three are museum pieces and enduring examples of loving craftsmanship.

Everyone had taken a day off from work and was in holiday attire, it was the hottest day of the year, all the village sunblinds were out in a quite continental effect of stripes, and trains, buses, bicycles, cars and their own feet were bringing ringers from here, there and everywhere. There were the Master, the Deputy

Master and the General Secretary of the Essex Association; the Master of the Herts County Association (Mr. W. Ayre), who had come the night before and arranged the ringing; members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded in 1637, and members of the Saffron Walden Society, who were founded in 1623. There were men (and women) ringers from Woodford, Hornchurch, Dunmow, Stanford-le-Hope, Finchingfield, Easton, Fulbourne, Ely, Dagenham and Barking. Men who have been change ringing for fifty years, men whose first season it is, and men from Croydon who had cast and tuned the bells.

There were also vicars from all the parishes around to assist in the dedication service which the Bishop of Colchester—a very popular and well-loved man—performed. The lovely church, as high and white and light as a cathedral, was filled with unaccustomed chairs and thronged with unfamiliar faces. Strong lusty



A frieze of Morris Dancers on one of the new bells at Thaxted, Essex.

(Photo: Ian Campbell.)

voices carolled the well-known hymns; robes of cherry and peach, jade and scarlet and apple green came and went; cross and candles made flickering patterns in the smoky incensed air, and the sun threw dappled diamonds from the old windows on the high whitewashed walls. Everyone was ecstatically happy. The bells rang, the people sang in a full-throated roar with half the men singing 'seconds' as they called it and making a fine job of it. The choir took up the challenge and threw out their chests. 'Heaven and earth and all creation laud and magnify His name,' they cried, while the trumpet threw high excited notes like a startling up to the groined roof, drums rolled, and the organist pulled out every stop and let himself go.

A VOCIFEROUS BURST OF PRAISE.

It was a beautiful service, and after the Bishop had dedicated the new bells and rededicated the old to the Glory of God and the service of His Holy Church, they lifted up their tongues and sang again, bells, congregation, choir, orchestra and organ altogether in one grand vociferous burst of praise. And, even after the Bishop had retired, people hung back and talked and sang again, just as they do at Christmas time, because they were too happy to go home.

They rang all day, from ten in the morning until half-past eight at night. Rang Grandsire Doubles, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich (Continued in next column)

Grundisburgh's Great Day

The dedication of the new bells at Grundisburgh took place on March 26th in the presence of a very large congregation of parishioners and ringers from all parts of Suffolk and the adjoining counties.

The old bells, which had become badly dilapidated, had been taken out, retuned, two new trebles added and rehung on plain bearings in a cast iron frame. They now form a pleasing and musical ring of ten, with a tenor of 8½ cwt. This part of the work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, and has been carried out in their customary efficient manner.

The tower, which had developed a bad crack and been declared unsafe, has been strengthened by two bands of reinforced concrete, into which has been grouted six massive steel girders. This has been done in a very satisfactory way by Mr. Arthur Goodchild, builder, of Grundisburgh; the whole work has been under the surveillance of Mr. B. A. Thatcher, the Diocesan Surveyor.

A special form of service was used, the ceremony of dedication being performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who was attended by his chaplain (Canon H. B. Graham), the Rector of the parish (the Rev. R. M. Verity), and several of the neighbouring clergy.

The Bishop, in his sermon, paid tribute to Mr. C. W. Pipe, hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild, a resident in the parish, who by his devotion and energy had raised the sum of £1,175, which will defray the greater part of the cost of the work. The Bishop also made an appeal for young people of both sexes to come along and be trained to exercise this ancient, fascinating and most English of arts.

After tea, at which the whole assembly were entertained by ladies of the village, the many ringers present had the pleasure of ringing on the bells; all expressed their delight at the fine job made of them, the excellent 'go' being much commented on. The methods rung included Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman.

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Court Bob Major, a short touch of Stedman Triples, rounds for the beginners, Grandsire Triples, more Stedman and Cambridge all over again. And if you listened carefully and knew the pattern you could hear the bells dodging about, under and over in their places like a bit of tabby weaving, with the tenor steadily humming BONG-NG-NG-NG at the bottom of the line all the time. But every 'method' began with a plain round, like casting on knitting before the pattern begins.

The day was over, but people still stood about the wide streets under the eaves of Tudor houses in happy groups chatting and listening to the song of the bells high up in the slender tower. The sun blinds were put away, the lamps were lit, so that the weaver's cottage opposite the north porch looked like a stage set, with loom and spinning wheel, and about the time when the first owl flapped, hooting from the belfry, the visitors went away.

But to-morrow is another day. It is a Sunday, and, God willing, the bells will ring again.

Dedications

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

The dedication of the augmented six bells at Bredfield, Suffolk, took place on March 20th. The tower contained four bells, of which three were cracked, and these have been recast and the old fifteenth-century Brayser bell retained with the addition of two new trebles.

Addressing the packed church of parishioners and visiting ringers, the Bishop of Dunwich congratulated Bredfield on this latest addition to the parish, and said he hoped many young people would come forward and learn to ring and so conserve a great art handed down from the centuries.

Six ladies of the Suffolk Guild of ringers were chosen to ring the opening touch, but one was prevented from attending, and her rope was taken by a male.

Touches were rung on the bells until a late hour, and congratulations were extended to Mr. Bert Newson, the representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have executed the work in their usual thorough manner. The bells are now a beautiful ring of six with a tenor of 11½ cwt. in G.

ST. PAUL'S, SALISBURY.

Another ring of eight has been provided for Salisbury by the dedication on March 26th of two new trebles, the work of Mears and Stainbank. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Sherborne (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key), the service being well attended. Some 60 ringers from all parts of Wiltshire were present and visitors from Southampton, Eastleigh, Swindon, Trowbridge, North Bradley, Cranbourne, Fordingbridge and Swanage. After the service the ringers and friends were entertained to tea by Mr. C. Harris (churchwarden). The ringing ranged from rounds to Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Cambridge Major.

The critical listeners outside heard the full beauty of the bells and passed favourable comments upon them. The new bells blend very nicely with the former six, and are a credit to the Whitechapel Foundry. F. E. M.

ST. CLEER.

The six bells in the fine 100ft. tower of St. Cleer Church, Cornwall, have been restored. The old frame has been retained, but new wheels, fittings, ball bearings and new clappers have been provided and the bells have been quarter-turned and tuned. The work has been dedicated by Canon F. Boreham, Canon Missioner of Truro Cathedral, and a large number of ringers from East Cornwall gave the bells good use afterwards. The tenor weighs 14 cwt.

ST. GLUVIAS.

St. Gluvias Church, near Falmouth, had a ring of six bells which were hung anti-clockwise in 1808. They were renovated in 1897, but the local ringers realised for a long time that a complete restoration would be necessary, and with the support of their Vicar, Canon J. A. Simcock, they opened a fund. Almost £1,000 was raised so that the bells could be completely rehung in a new frame, with new fittings, and for the retuning of the bells. The amount included the provision of two new trebles which have been given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tripp, and the second is a memorial to Ernest and Ema Webber, and is the gift of their children, several of the family being ringers.

The Bishop of Truro (Dr. J. W. Hunkin) dedicated the bells on March 19th. About 100 ringers attended. The local band rang rounds during the service, and afterwards Mr. W. H. Southeast (Diocesan Ringing Master) saw that all had a pull. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have carried through the restorations with the usual good results.

Surrey Association

PROBLEM OF INCOME.

Due possibly to several other meetings the same day, the attendance at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Camberwell on March 18th was disappointing, some 40 members being present. The meeting was preceded by an excellent tea in St. Giles' Parish Hall.

In the absence of the treasurer, the statement of accounts was read by the secretary, Mr. C. Parks. The meeting's attention was drawn to the fact that, despite a grant of £10 to the Southern District, and also a substantial payment for reports, the balance carried forward was approximately the same as last year. The statement was adopted.

The committee's report for the year revealed that an old member, Mr. E. Bish, of Streatham, had died recently, and the meeting stood in silence to his memory.

The number of peals rung during the year was 20 (four on handbells). In these were included two peals each of London Surprise Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal, as well as a peal of Spliced Surprise (four methods).

Mr. W. A. Theobald, of Salisbury, was elected a non-resident life member, and Mr. A. S. Watt, of Egham, a ringing member. The retiring officers were re-elected.

In accordance with a notice on the agenda the Master, Mr. D. Cooper, on behalf of the committee, recommended an increase in the annual subscription from 2s. to 3s. under Rule 8, and in addition under Rule 17 that the percentage of such subscription allocated to the district funds be increased to 50 per cent., the remainder going to the general fund.

RULES TO BE ALTERED.

Although the feeling of the meeting was that it would probably have been possible to carry through the recommendations, the operation of Rule 15, which called for at least one-sixth of the total members to be in favour of any alteration of the rules, prevented this. Mr. F. E. Collins then stated he would like to see this condition removed from the rule, but appreciated that to alter the rules there must be the required attendance.

After some discussion Mr. Razzell proposed, and Mr. Parry seconded, that a special meeting of the Association be called with a view to making the desired alteration of the rules, and on a vote being taken Croydon, St. Peter's, was selected as being the most convenient spot, the meeting to be held on the last Saturday in May or as near to it as possible.

Mr. Collins proposed and Mr. Crouch seconded that Reigate be the place of the next annual meeting.

Mr. E. G. Talbot here pointed out that when he attended the annual meeting of the Southern District he gained the impression that that district was making considerable effort to restore its pre-war position, and as a gesture to them of the Association's goodwill he suggested that a summer meeting be held annually in the Southern District on the lines of the Rammore meeting held in August. The meeting gave its warm approval to the proposition, which was seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins. It was suggested that the first meeting be held in July, subject to confirmation.

A hearty vote of thanks was here accorded to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Woolley for making the arrangements, including the excellent tea. After the meeting, members adjourned to the tower of St. Giles', where ringing of a varied nature, including a good course of Cambridge Royal, was enjoyed.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. White (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, F. Hacker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5.

OBITUARY

MR. F. S. W. BUTLER.

The death of Frederick S. W. Butler at the age of 77 will be read with regret, particularly by the older generation of ringers.

He spent his life in Gainsborough, and rang his first 720 at All Saints' Church in 1893. The following year he scored his peal—Grandsire Triples, also at Gainsborough.

He rang 33 peals, all of them before the First World War. They consist of Minor 1 method 1 (conducted 1), 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 1(1), Grandsire Triples 9 (2), Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 6 (1), Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2. Total 33, conducted 6. One peal of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major were rung 'in hand,' the latter rung in 1909, being the first handbell peal in the county.

This carefully kept record, not only of peals but quarter-peals and 720's, makes fascinating reading. What a wonderful story of sheer enthusiasm was behind many of these bare records. The first 720 on heavy bells in a remote village in the days when there were no buses shows this. An affliction of the legs prevented him cycling or walking far.

A member of the old North Lincs Association, he was a foundation member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, secretary of the Gainsborough District from 1899 to 1905, and from 1909 to 1923; he resigned to take over the secretaryship of the Northern Branch. On his relinquishing this office in 1937 he was presented with a wallet of notes in appreciation of his very great services.

A keen ringer but as keen a churchman, he was an example to all who knew him.

G. L. A. L.

MRS. GEORGE BAKER.

The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, in the death of his wife, Mrs. Annie Baker.

With a friend she had attended a service at the Gloucester Road Baptist Chapel, and while walking through the grounds of a disused churchyard a man attempted to snatch her friend's handbag.

Both women fell to the ground and were taken to hospital suffering from shock. Mrs. Baker, who was 73, developed hæmorrhage, from which she died.

MR. JOSEPH HERBERT.

Readers will regret to hear of the passing on April 1st, after a long illness, of Mr. Joseph Herbert, of Twickenham, Middlesex.

His connection with ringing extended over 50 years. Never spectacular, he worked in a quiet way. For some years he was secretary of the London Diocesan Guild, and he was also actively connected with the Middlesex County Association. His main work, however, was in the local belfry, teaching and encouraging the young ringers. In this capacity he made many friends, who will mourn his loss with his family.

MR. WILLIAM S. SMITH.

We regret to announce the death of William S. Smith, of Mitcham, on March 28th, aged 81 years.

Mr. Smith was for many years a prominent member of the Surrey Association, and a first-class ringer. He had rung over 200 peals for the Association in a great variety of methods.

The funeral took place on March 31st, at St. Mary's, Merton, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by H. Langdon 1-2, R. Lathbury 3-4, W. H. Passmore 5-6, D. Cooper 7-8. Among other ringers present were Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mrs. F. E. Collins, Messrs. C. Dean and C. Parks.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 13, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.
JOHN T. LOCKE ... Treble | FREDERICK WELCH ... 4
*DENNIS R. BEST ... 2 | REGINALD BEALE ... 5
REGINALD WELCH ... 3 | JACK W. DREW ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Agatha,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.
*MISS AUDREY CASTELL Treble | *SIDNEY TURLEY ... 4
*DENNIS READ ... 2 | C. JOHN CASTELL ... 5
†J. RAYMOND PEASE ... 3 | FRANK C. CASTELL ... Tenor

Conducted by C. JOHN CASTELL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

NORTH CAVE, EAST YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.
LEONARD RODMELL ... Treble | DAVID FEWSTER ... 4
G. RICHARD HESSEY ... 2 | PHILIP H. SPECK ... 5
*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3 | FRANK C. LISTER ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

* 200th peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

PERMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT L. DIXEY ... Treble | †FRANK J. BLOOMFIELD 4
*VICTOR BUTTLE ... 2 | REGINALD A. RIPPINGALE 5
GEORGE A. TRENDELL ... 3 | RALPH BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Minor.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JACK KEFFORD ... Treble | †JACK S. DEAR ... 4
RAY V. WEBB ... 2 | EDWIN G. BUCK ... 5
†HORACE A. WERRETT ... 3 | †WALTER D. POOLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.

* First peal. † First in three methods. First as conductor and 25th peal.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 London Surprise, and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*NEVILLE OLIVER ... Treble | RAYMOND OLIVER ... 4
JACK LISHMAN ... 2 | STEPHEN THOMPSON, SEN. 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3 | THOMAS W. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

* First peal. Rung for the centenary patronal festival.

NORTH RAUCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 Morris' 240's Grandsire, 2 Pitman's 240's, 2 Price's 240's and 18 120's Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS IRIS KING ... Treble | HENRY P. COLLIN ... 3
RICHARD E. MANTON ... 2 | †BERNARD H. DALTON ... 4

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss Iris King.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM

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

On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
In the Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | WILLIAM ROGERS ... 7-8
Composed by C. MARTIN. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
In the Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part Tenor size 16 in B.
*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 7-8
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand' away from the tenors.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the African Oil Mills,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JULIA M. PRESTON ... 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
*FRANK VARTY ... 3-4 | RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7-8
Composed by SIR A. P. HEEWOOD. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' pair. Tenor size 11 in G.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At the Holywell Stores, London Road,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
*EDGAR VALLANCE ... 3-4 | HECTOR KNIGHTS ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Major in the method with an 'inside' pair. First peal in the method as conductor.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At Newstead, Stoke Road,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2 | FRANK K. MEASURES ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | EDGAR VALLANCE ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
FREDK. E. DUKES, (cond.) 5-6

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | FRED PRICE ... 7-8
*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 9-10

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part Tenor size 15 in C.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 7-8
Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
At OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.
ROSEMARY SMITH ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
BRENDA FELS ... 5-6
Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

LETTERS

KEEP THE STATUS QUO

Dear Sir,—May I comment on some inconsistencies in Mr. Woolley's last letter? First he tells us that 'The Ringing World' is a newspaper, and that 'surely peals are news.' Then he goes on to plead that a great part of this 'news' should not be reported!

Apart from this, there are other fallacies in his argument. He claims, quite rightly, that most peals in themselves are nothing very remarkable. However, the number of asterisks and other symbols used each week would indicate that to a great many people these ordinary peals represent significant and important events. Surely, too, we do not take 'The Ringing World' merely to gloat over our own names when they occur, nor simply to follow with awe the achievements of the great names of ringing, but rather to keep in touch with the ringing progress of those of our friends with whom we are not in close postal or geographical contact. Admittedly, a peal of Bob Major is less sensational than one in 22 Spliced Surprise methods, but if we see that one of the 'inside' ringers is someone whom we last saw struggling with the treble to Grandsire Doubles, we feel that 'The Ringing World' that brings this news to us is just as valuable as one containing half a dozen records by people we have never met.

In fact the best answer to the theoretical persuasiveness of Mr. Woolley's letter is simply the appeal to the general experience of the ringing fraternity. Let us keep the status quo, Mr. Editor.—Yours faithfully,

P. T. ROBBINS.

WESTCOTE'S OF BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any of your readers could tell me whether they know of any other ring of bells cast by Westcote, of Bristol, 1823, other than that of St. Leonard's, Brompton, a neighbouring parish to mine? It seems very strange that they cast only one such melodious ring as that of Brompton. Any information on the matter I shall be very grateful for.—Yours truly,

F. C. CHAMPION (REV.).

The Rectory,
Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

THE HARRISON FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—Looking at the front cover of last week's 'Ringing World,' 'Barton Bells,' you state that the Harrison family were the bell founders from 1789 to 1833. Our bells at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead, North Lancashire, were put in by James Harrison in 1765, a ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., at a cost of £228 4s. 6d.—Sincerely yours,

ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH.

Ambleside, Westmorland.

MRS. H. J. POOLE'S 200 PEALS

Doubles, 1.

Bob Minor 3, St. Clement's Minor 1, Minor in 2 methods 2, 3 methods 5, 4 methods 2, 5 methods 4, 6 methods 1, 7 methods 12, 8 methods 2, 9 methods 1, 10 methods 1.

Grandsire Triples 9, Grandsire Caters 4.

Stedman Triples 15, Stedman Caters 6, Stedman Cinques 8.

Bob Major 5, Bob Royal 2, Kent Major 2, Double Norwich 5.

Lincolnshire Surprise Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 3, London Surprise Major 8, Cambridge Surprise Minor 5, Major 25, Royal 17, Maximus 8, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Royal 1, Maximus 2, York Surprise Minor 1, Major 1, Royal 1, Maximus 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 5, Royal 3, Maximus 8, Superlative Surprise Major 14, Maximus 3, Pudsey Surprise Maximus 1.

Total 200. Rung in 17 different counties for 19 Associations.

Leeds & District Society

The society's annual nomination meeting was held on March 26th at Armley. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m.; ringing continued until 8.30 except for the usual breaks for tea and the business meeting.

The president, Mr. T. Hill, presided. The secretary reported that he had been unable to obtain an estimate for dinner under 10s. 6d. (which he considered to be excessive), and so the proposed dinner would not be held. It is hoped to have a special tea at the annual general meeting.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. T. Hill and seconded by Mr. F. Hutchinson. Mr. Lofthouse replied for the local company.

A letter from the Selby and District Society suggesting a joint meeting was read, and after discussion it was agreed to hold a joint meeting at Kippax in June.

The following nominations for officers were received: President, Mr. T. Hill; three vice-presidents, Messrs. S. W. Barron, F. Hutchinson and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; auditors (1948-49 accounts), Messrs. J. W. Benten and H. Lawn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
WIRRAL BRANCH.

The Branch again proved its willingness to progress by holding a dinner, entertainment and dance at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Wirral, on March 26th. This function was probably the first of its type to be held by a branch of the Guild.

Eighty-six persons sat down to dinner presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. J. Cooke, who was supported by Mr. A. J. Martin (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. T. Rogers (Ringing Master), Miss M. E. Webster, together with members from Bidston, Bromborough, Bebington, Birkenhead St. Mary, Eastham, Heswall, Oxtown, Wallasey St. Hilary, and visitors from Liverpool and Frodsham.

As a full programme had been arranged, speeches were drastically curtailed and, having 'toasted,' members settled back and enjoyed the entertainment provided by Miss M. Kent Bannister (soprano), Mr. Melville Thompson (baritone), Sergt. L. W. Briscoe (comedian). Dancing followed, and at midnight special buses conveyed all to their respective homes. Many have since expressed a desire for a repeat performance next year.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

As a means of fostering fellowship, the annual supper of the South and West District at the Catholic Hall, Heston, on March 26th, proved most successful. Mr. Fred Goodfellow presided, supported by Messrs. A. W. and W. H. Coles (vice-presidents), E. C. S. Turner, W. G. Wilson, J. E. Lewis Cockey and F. A. Finch.

Speeches were of an informal character, but the chairman, in welcoming the company, said that having restarted the suppers they hoped they would go on from year to year.

He asked those present to remember one or two old friends—Mrs. Charles Bird and Mr. Joe Herbert—who had not enjoyed very good health. In thanking the supper committee for their work, he specially mentioned Mr. Harry Chandler, who has been a ringer for 60 years, and has been at Heston for 57 years.

For the entertainment which followed, Mr. W. H. Coles was M.C. Mrs. Lock gave piano-forte solos, there were character studies by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter, the Hillingdon handbell ringers were much in evidence, and games amused youth and age. The Editor attended, and joined in the story-telling, a popular feature.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion. Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

BAKER.—At 8, Queen Square, Brighton, on Apr. 1st, 1949, following a bag-snatching incident on Mar. 30th, Annie Eliza, the beloved and devoted wife of George Baker, aged 73 years. 5050

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Richard White and family of Appleton, wish to thank their many friends for the messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent to them in their recent sad bereavement. 5052

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—12, Highfield. Board residence or bed breakfast. Comfortable and reasonable. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton. No vacancies July 23rd to August 13th. 4997

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

For sale, set of 12 handbells; tenor in F; 18in. circumference: good condition; £12 or best offer.—Wood, 40, Guildford Road, West Worthing, Sussex. 5032

HANDBELLS WANTED

Set of thirteen handbells in 'F' diatonic scale.—Edgerton, 50, Ward End Park Road, Alum Rock, Birmingham 8. 5011

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. W. J. Root, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Leicester District secretary, is now 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 5039

MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—National Union Teachers' Conference, Margate, 1949. To those delegates interested, special ringing for Conference Week. Tuesday, April 19th, St. John's, Margate (8), 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 20th, Birchington (8), 1.30 p.m.; Thursday, April 21st, Ramsgate (10), 7.30 p.m.; Friday, April 22nd, Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12), 7 p.m. Further particulars J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, Kent. 5024

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

PUBLICATIONS

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE.' Complete sets of parts, price 6s. 6d.; bound volumes, 10s., post free. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Laulton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 5053

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

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

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

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

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

MEETINGS

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. —Quarterly, St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) —B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4972

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —Meeting at Bingley, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Apply Mr. A. Hopewell, 15, Westleigh, Bingley. 4994

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District). —Joint meeting at Clowne and Barlborough, April 9th. Tea available at Church Barn, Clowne, 5 o'clock. 5043

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. —Staplehurst (8), April 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4963

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), April 9th. Tea at Dorset Arms. Names to Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 4996

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —South and West District. —Meeting, Feltham, April 9th, 3 p.m. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea nearby cafes. 5004

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry E.1, Saturday, April 16th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5030

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 18th, Norwich. Mancroft bells available 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards, and the other city towers by arrangement. Standing Committee, Mancroft, 11.30. Service, Mancroft 12 noon; preacher, Rev. G. B. Chambers. Lunch 1, Samson and Hercules, followed by business meeting. Lunch 4s., plus 10 per cent. service. 4962

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Bristol (10), 11 to 12 noon; All Saints' City (8), 11 to 12 noon; St. John's (6), 11 to 12 noon; St. Ambrose's (8), 12 to 12.30 p.m. Lunch in Church Hall 12.45 p.m. Business meeting 1.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tea after service. Appication for lunch (3s.) and/or tea (2s.) to be made to me with remittance not later than April 11th. All the above bells available after tea, also St. Mary Redcliffe (12).—Cyril B. Harding, Gen. Sec., 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. Phone Fishponds 55110. 4995

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Towers with ringing times next week. Service, All Saints', 12 noon. Lunch at Corn Exchange. 1 o'clock. 5015

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —A meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Kingston-on-Thames (10 bells), 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30. Also St. Mary's, Walton, 11 a.m. to 12, and St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. As tea is being arranged in the Church Hall, all notification to me by April 11th, please.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5012

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Joint meeting with the Eastern Branch at Bicker, at the opening of the new trebles, on Easter Monday at 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 5002

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. Bells (12, 8 and 6) available from 9.30 p.m. Committee meeting 11.15. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch (4s. each) 12.45. Apply to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk, by April 13th. 5026

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Neots on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells: St. Neots (8) and Eynesbury (6) from 12 noon; Great Staughton (6) from 10.30 to 3.30. Service, St. Neots, 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 5000

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 18th, annual meeting, Blackwell (6). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derby. 5046

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Burton-on-Trent, Easter Monday. All Saints' 2.30 to 4; Parish Church, 2.30 onwards. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by April 16th J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 5045

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Yeovil. Service 12 noon. Lunch to follow. A few seats left. Bells during the day—Yeovil, East and West Coker, Preston Plucknett. From 5.30 p.m., Sherborne Abbey. Business meeting 3 p.m. Tea will also be available.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 5042

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 18th. St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (8) available from 10.30 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. St. Paul's Hall, followed by business meeting. Names by 14th inst. to Mr. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 5036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Towers: Aylesford, 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 4; Leeds, Linton, Boxley, Bearsted, Barming, East Farleigh, 9.30 to 11.30 and after 3 p.m. Other particulars as previously advertised. 5034

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —Next meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 3. Bring own food.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 5027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. —Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Banbury (10) bells 7.15.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 5028

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. —Meeting, Nutfield (6), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss N. C. Kempell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield, by Wednesday, April 20th. 5041

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available: All Saints' (10) from 2 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8) from 2.30 p.m.; Bengoe (8) from 2 p.m. All towers available in the evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel, North Road. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford, by Wednesday, April 20th. Hertford bells (5) are available if desired. Information of any other bells which may be used will be given next week.—W. Ayre, Gen. Sec. 5031

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District. —Meeting at Lakenheath, Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Requests for tea by April 20th to Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5047

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Babcar, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat. 5040

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells available 2 p.m. Committee meeting in St. Mary's vestry 11 a.m. Tea and business meeting, Milton Cafe, 5 p.m. For tea reservation send card to Walter Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, by 19th.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. —Meeting, Walton-on-Thames (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Otlands Park, Surrey, by 20th.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 5029

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. —Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey, near Doncaster. All ringers welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 5048

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Carlton (6) on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those notifying Mr. W. Graves, Chestnut Cottage, Carlton, near Goole, by April 19th. Snaith bells (6) available after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5049

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. —Annual meeting, Beaconsfield, Saturday, April 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea, White Hart, 4.45. Names by 19th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5037

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Jubilee meeting, April 30th. Ringing at Cathedral 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 and 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. St. Giles' 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., St. Botolph's 10.30 a.m. to 12, St. Peter-at-Gowt's 2.30 to 3.30. All bells available after meeting. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Luncheon (3s.) 1 p.m., tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. (followed by meeting) in Baigate Chapel Schoolroom. Luncheon and tea by ticket only obtainable from Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, or from the branch secretaries before April 21st.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4999

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS. —The annual business meeting will be held in the Corfield Hall, Taunton, on Friday, April 30th, at 8 p.m.—Prebendary E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 5044

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Helens on Apr. 30th. Bells at Prescott, St. Helens Parish, St. Thomas', St. Helens, from 2. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea 2s. 6d. each; names to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, before April 20th.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley, Secs. 5051

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wychbold, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Numbers for tea essential by Tuesday, Apr. 19th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5056

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