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VETERANS' VIEWS

THE EDITOR has been gratified with the many words of wisdom he has received with the publication of the 2,000th issue. Some of these reflections are not only of personal value to him, but also of benefit to the young ringers of to-day. The story of a young man in a remote Devonshire village being fired with ambition following a visit by the Rev. F. E. Robinson on one of his tours, and how it was accomplished, is one that could well be read by the young ringer of to-day. It was achieved by walking miles to attend practices and getting home in the small hours of the morning, 'tired, but happy, and making all sorts of excuses to the wife.'

From another part of the country comes a tale of the difficulty in getting recruits. This ringer inaugurated a vigorous campaign. The Vicar appealed from the pulpit, church organisations were written to, and all without success. Numerous good churchfolk stopped him in the street and wished him luck, and remarked that it would be such a pity for the bells to be idle. Not one of them offered. There is the old story in the Bible of the invited guests who would not attend the feast. The moral is the alternative, 'Go into the highways for your recruits, providing you have asked the Church first.'

How much are we indebted in many towers to one man—who has stuck it through thick and thin. Too often, alas, these individuals are the backbone of Sunday Service ringing. These individuals at times get their reward, and one of them mentions with a degree of pride the quarter of Grandsire Caters rung recently with excellent striking, the first for 17 years.

From another correspondent the Editor is implored to continue, through his columns, to stress the importance of good striking and good handling, as the number of good ringers is still far too small. 'One of my reasons for no longer attending meetings is that the ringing is usually so bad—unless it is Surprise.' The standard of English ringing will never be improved if those who are fit and able stand aloof. Practical example and personal explanation go a long way.

From another of the veterans comes the complaint that 'The Ringing World' 'panders too much to ignorance, self-advertisement and youth. . . . The high wages now being earned have created a sense of arrogance which persuades the possessors that they know far more than they do and that skill in ringing entitles them to air their ignorance of affairs in print.' Well, gentle reader (to use a Victorian expression), if the cap fits, wear it. There is a strange assortment in 'The Ringing World' family, but the present generation, with all its faults, like its predecessors, has good and bad. Men and women are known by their acts, words and writings. Perhaps the Editor has been too free with his discretionary powers, but he maintains, with all his faults, that human interest has been preserved even if it causes chagrin among some of the veterans.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
LEONARD TREVOR ... 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Cinques. A wedding compliment to Mr. John D. Niblett and Miss Joan E. Withey.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	*WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 9
LEONARD TREVOR ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal on twelve bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	*EDWARD JENKINS ... 9
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 10
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. Birthday compliment to Mrs. Sidney O. Cheney.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 9
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 5	PERCY J. SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOS. H. FRANCIS.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 56½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Treble	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 2	*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 7
†PERCIVAL H. HULL ... 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 8
WALTER H. POOLE ... 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 9
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 5	†HERBERT A. PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

THOMAS HEMMING ... Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
LEONARD TREVOR ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal of Albanian Royal for the Guild and by all the band.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. F. A. PENN ... Treble	†LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS ... 6
*MISS B. CLEVELAND ... 2	PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	ERNEST PARKER ... 8
FRANK A. PENN ... 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 9
FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 5	†ROY HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Caters. To celebrate the 21st birthday and engagement of Miss B. Cleveland.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

HARRY MORGAN ... Treble	*†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	*ERNEST A. THORPE ... 7
*F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 8
*ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5	*JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal of New Cambridge Royal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... Treble	ROBERT G. FISHER ... 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 3	*BERT GOGLE ... 7
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* 50th peal for the Association. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Spight, for many years secretary of the local company, who retired in 1932.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
*†C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*†RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 7
*†ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. ‡ 50th Surprise peal.



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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ARTHUR R. FOWKES ... <i>Treble</i>	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.
First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

OLAVE E. BROYD ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5
*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	JOHN W. WARD ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	ERNEST W. PYE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.
* 300th peal. Tenor 14 cwt.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

EDMUND J. MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	FRANK C. PRICE ... 6
GWYN I. LEWIS ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 4	TONY PRICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 5
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

*JUNE HENSHAW ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise on the treble.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERNARD MADELEY ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS PRICE ... 5
*WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 6
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 3	*WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 7
FREDERICK PRICE ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Superlative.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Shipway's Reduced. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Treble</i>	†R. FRANK BAKER ... 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 2	FRANK W. LACK ... 6
GEORGE E. CRISP ... 3	STANLEY GILBERT ... 7
*PETER G. BARNES ... 4	HENRY DUNNINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. † First of Major. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Gilbert on their wedding anniversary.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOHN A. HILTON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. BAXTER ... 5
WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 2	*WILFRED S. PALIN ... 6
†PETER NEWING ... 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 7
†EILEEN S. WYLES ... 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by Wm. BOTTRILL.
* First peal. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ... <i>Treble</i>	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 46 cwt.

JOHN A. DOWNING ... <i>Treble</i>	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL GATEWAY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

EDMUND J. MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	FRANK C. PRICE ... 6
ARTHUR HOARE ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 4	TONY PRICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

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

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's. Tenor 29 cwt.	
WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7
JOHN A. DOWNING ... 4	JOHN S. MASON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ARTHUR W. BIRD ... <i>Treble</i>	*PETER KINDRED ... 5
*ARTHUR G. WIGMORE ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
†PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD ... 3	*ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... 7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. PYE ... 5
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	FREDERICK J. CRAPPELL ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

In honour of the marriage of Miss Margaret Rose Lyttelton to Mr. R. M. A. Bourne.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.		Tenor 24½ cwt.	
RONALD J. SHARP	Treble	C. HENRY HARDING	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Surprise.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 20½ cwt.	
*IAN N. S. JACKSON	Treble	FRANK S. TAYLOR	5
DOREEN COKER	2	SIDNEY MOODY	6
RICHARD WARD	3	ARTHUR F. JACKSON	7
SYLVIA COKER	4	F. DONALD BOREHAM	Tenor

Conducted by DOREEN COKER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.	
GILBERT H. HARDING	Treble
BETTY SPICE	2
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	3
WALTER F. JUDGE	4
Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.	
JOHN S. MASON	5
JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
RONALD G. BECK	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	Tenor

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris J. Morris' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	Treble
JOHN KING	2
†ARTHUR D. COOK	3
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	4
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.	
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	7
BURLEY P. MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.	
JOHN E. BIBBY	Treble
WILFRED STEVENSON	2
CYRIL VALENTINE	3
HENRY O. BAKER	4
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.	
WALTER ALLMAN	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
JOHN WORTH	7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

A belated 80th birthday compliment (July 26th) to Mr. Charles Edwards, of Bowdon, sometime Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
TERENCE THORNER	Treble
HAROLD J. POOLE	2
JILL POOLE	3
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4
Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.	
SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
ALAN JACQUES	6
FRANK K. MEASURES	7
ALFRED BALLARD	Tenor

First peal in the method by all the band and first for the Guild.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.	
BERNARD V. COLLISON	Treble
ALBERT RELFE	2
THOMAS E. SONE	3
ROBERT COLLINS	4
Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.	
*DORIS E. COLGATE	5
CHARLES A. BASSETT	6
ALEC E. RICHARDSON	7
*ERNEST J. LADD	Tenor

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
*RICHARD DUKE	Treble
ROGER KEELEY	2
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL	3
G. FRANK HAYSON	4
Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.	
FREDERICK W. PRECEY	5
†PETER G. FOOTE	6
WILLIAM C. SHUTE	7
S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK	Tenor

* First peal on eight. † First peal.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.	
*HERBERT G. LAWN	Treble
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	2
CYRIL H. KINCH	3
JAMES W. BARBER	4
Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.	
TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	6
EDMUND E. PEARSON	7
*JOHN S. MCGINLAY	Tenor

* First peal.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
CYRIL E. LANXON	Treble
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	2
CLARENCE DREWETT	3
E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS	4
Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.	
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	5
R. GEORGE CLEMENS	6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	7
PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS	Tenor

A wedding peal for Miss Joan E. Withey, married on July 29th at this church to Mr. J. D. Niblett. First peal in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.	
DAPHNE M. WAIN	Treble
A. TREVOR SUTTON	2
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3
Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.	
ALFRED W. CUSICK	4
*ERNEST T. CARVELL	5
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	Tenor

* First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

GREATFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Canterbury Pleasure Reversed, April Day, Antelope, Plain Bob and Grandsire.	
*JAMES CLARE	Treble
RAYMOND WADE	2
Conducted by CECIL WADE.	
CECIL WADE	3
LYDIA CROWSON	4
*SAMUEL CLARE	Tenor

* First peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's Kent Treble Bob (C.C.C. 150, 151), five 720's Plain Bob (C.C.C. 34, 49, 51, 28, 29). Tenor 11 cwt.	
*EDWARD G. BENNETT	Treble
PHILIP JONES	2
*PHILIP DELMON	3
Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.	
ARTHUR GIBBS	4
RONALD C. NOON	5
ERIC NOBLES	Tenor

* First peal of Minor in two methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Thelma Rainbow. A welcome to the new Vicar.

More Peals on Page 394.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. C. Belton 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, F. W. Grocott 3, C. R. Belton 4, W. P. Whitehead 5, J. W. F. Trotman (cond.) 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. Arranged for the ringers of 2 and 3, of Stoke-on-Trent.

BENWELL, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Livingstone (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, W. Mann (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. Carse 4, R. S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, J. Carse 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on Aug. 7th: L. Miller 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, R. S. Mallaburn 3, G. Carse 4, J. Carse (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BONVILSTON, GLAM. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Carter 1, A. Hannington (cond.) 2, H. Blick 3, I. Jones 4, R. E. Coles 5, W. Blick 6. In memoriam Mrs. E. Thomas.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. B. Robinson 1, A. G. Clarke 2, H. Reynolds 3, F. Pannall 4, T. Wilde (cond.) 5, H. Hooley 6, W. Carter 7, C. E. Tomkinson 8. First quarter in method for 3, 4 and 7.

GARSINGTON, OXON. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Adams 1, D. Woodley (first 'inside') 2, Miss N. Honey (cond.) 3, B. S. Nichols 4, W. Fern 5, G. Webb 6. For David Woodley's 15th birthday.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS. — On July 31st 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, D. P. Jones (first in method) 3, L. Fidler 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON. — On Aug. 7th at All Saints', 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Peacock (first quarter in method) 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, C. H. J. Gravette 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First of Minor by all resident Sunday service band.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS. — On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Audrey Mandeville 1, B. J. Eaton 2, B. Austin 3, R. F. Turner 4, C. W. Bird 5, B. P. Morris 6, R. G. Black (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. A birthday compliment to Miss A. Mandeville.

QUARTER PEALS

MARCH, CAMBS. — On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, F. Bevis (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6. First quarter-peal for all except conductor.

OXFORD. — On Aug. 7th, at St. Ebbe's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. R. Paton (first quarter) 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. G. Cross (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss M. R. Cross 4, W. H. B. Wilkins 5, M. Barrow 6, E. Moore 7, C. Coles 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS. — On Aug. 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. P. Cook 1, J. D. Harris 2, S. E. Cook 3, F. S. Taylor 4, W. Upton 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. First in method for 4 and 5.

SEVENOAKS, KENT. — On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Andrews 1, P. Turley (cond.) 2, H. Baker 3, Miss D. Corke 4, L. Turley 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins 7, G. Davey 8. A birthday compliment to P. Turley and his grandson (son of L. Turley).

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE. — On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Owens 1, W. G. Smith 2, J. L. Gwynne 3, D. J. Griffiths 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. A. Smith 6. In honour of the 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Skyrme.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS. — On July 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. H. Morton 1, G. Darlington 2, W. Powell 3, H. Morton 4, A. Hubble 5, A. H. Hingley (cond.) 6, D. Knowles 7, D. Tranter 8, K. Knowles 9, J. Gaden 10. A 21st birthday compliment to D. Knowles. All Sunday service ringers at St. Bartholomew's.

WESTERHAM, KENT. — On July 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: J. S. Igglesden 1, Edna M. Sills 2, J. L. Morris 3, G. W. Ashdown (first in method) 4, J. O. Weller 5, E. L. Sills 6, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 7th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: G. E. Green 1, F. C. Case 2, G. W. Holland 3, J. A. Green 4, G. F. Burton 5, W. Yates 6, T. E. Roberts 7, A. J. Green (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

A Cornish Ringer Marries

The marriage took place on July 29th at Camborne Parish Church, Cornwall, of Miss Joan E. Withey, of Camborne, to Mr. J. D. Niblett, of Birmingham. Miss Withey learned to ring at Camborne after the ban was lifted, and soon became an enthusiastic member of the Truro Guild, and apart from her Sunday ringing at Camborne and other duties for the church there, was always willing and ready to stand in anything that was arranged. Mr. and Mrs. Niblett's future home will be in Nottingham, where the bridegroom lectures at the University, and has also recently himself made good progress with ringing. Cornwall's loss will be Nottingham's gain.

A peal was attempted at Camborne on Saturday, July 30th, in honour of the marriage, but came to grief. The Rector (the Rev. G. F. Sandfield) readily agreed to a further attempt on August 6th, and this was successful. The band would like to associate Mr. H. C. Spencer with the peal as he was in the first attempt.

GOLDEN WEDDING

The bells of St. James' Church, Leyland, Lancs, were rung on the evening of August 2nd in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Miller. Mr. Miller has been ringing at St. James' for over fifty years, and also ringing with him are a brother and a son. Mr. Miller's father was a ringer there for many years.

A large gathering in the Masonic Hall, to celebrate the event, included friends, neighbours and ringers. Mr. William Holmes, also a ringer at St. James', 83 years of age, and with 63 years' service to his credit, was present, after taking part in the ringing. He is the only surviving member of the band which rang on Mr. Miller's wedding day.

A few days later a peal of Minor was rung by members of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association, with Mr. Miller's son as conductor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller enjoy good health.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the
year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
remained its proprietor and editor until his
death in 1942.*

The dedication of Black-
burn Cathedral bells takes
place at the 8 a.m. service
on Sunday, August 21st. The dedication prayers
only will be said at this service. The bells
will be rung for morning service, which is at
10.30, by the Cathedral band, and the dedica-
tion completed at this service. Civic recogni-
tion will be given to the service by the attend-
ance of the Mayor. Work on the bells, the
new synchronous clock and adaptations to the
tower have involved an expenditure of more
than £3,500.

Mr. Frederick S. Sutton has circled Acton,
Cheshire, tower.

Congratulations to Mr. W. Eric Critchley and
Mr. Arthur D. Cook on their 100th peals.

Messrs. George Packer and Richard D.
Langford, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, have
rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

We regret to learn that Mr. Charles Dean,
of Croydon, convener of the Peals Analysis
Committee, has been incapacitated with mus-
cular rheumatism. He has tendered his resig-
nation as convener of the committee. His
many friends will wish him a speedy restora-
tion to health. His illness has resulted in a
delay in the publication of the committee's
statistics for 1948.

Two rings of three in the Bicester Deanery
Branch, Oxfordshire, are being augmented. A
treble is to be added to St. Olave's, Fretwell.
Here the treble and tenor were cast in 1612
and 1618 by Robert Atton, of Buckingham. A
frame for six bells is being put in at the same
time.

The other is at Caversfield, where two trebles
are to be added. In this church there is a
13th century bell hanging in an oak frame,
complete with all its fittings, in the belfry on
the ground floor. The present treble was cast
by Mears and Stainbank in 1927, and the
second and tenor by J. Taylor and Co. in 1876
and 1874.

BELFRY GOSSIP

During a week's tour in
the West Country, Mr.
Walter F. Judge and his
party scored peals at Ditcheat, Sherborne
(where Mr. Alan R. Pink turned the 46 cwt.
tenor in to Yorkshire Surprise Major), Chew
Magna and Martock.

The ringer of the third in the quarter-peal
at Allesley on July 17th was Miss A. Timms.

By ringing the treble at Ibstock on July
30th, Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary of the Mid-
land Counties Guild) has now circled this tower.

Manchester Cathedral has been closed for
the whole of August to allow the contractors
to repair bomb damage.

The ringer of the fourth bell in the peal of
Plain Bob Major at Lowton, Cheshire, on July
16th, was Miss Margaret Flackett and not as
stated.

The peal at Tunbridge Wells on August 5th
was a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank H.
Hicks, of Hailsham, and Mr. Ernest J. Ladd,
the conductor.

A party of Leicester ringers are visiting Ire-
land towards the end of this month. The Irish
Association meeting at Drogheda is arranged
to coincide with their visit.

The Hon. Librarian regrets the delay in the
execution of orders for C.C. publications. It is
unlikely that he will be able to fulfil these
before the first week in September owing to
absence from home.

In a letter thanking all their new and old
friends as the result of their week's tour,
Messrs. Arthur D. Cook, Terry R. Hampton
and Antony W. T. Cleaver write: Everywhere
we went we were welcome and had a most
enjoyable time. We were rather disappointed
at the failure of Stedman Caters at Watford
and very sorry that Don Mears' umpteenth
attempt for Stedman Triples went the way of
his others. However, our other peal attempts
were all very successful in spite (?) of one
conductor 'singing a song' in the middle.

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MORE MESSAGES FROM FIRST ISSUE READERS

In Reminiscent Vein

We publish this week our second instalment of messages from No. 1 readers. We hope at a later date to compile a list of those who have been with us through the years.

PRACTICAL VALUE.

Rev. F. Ll. EDWARDS, Kington Magna, Dorset.

It would be remiss on the part of the convenor of the Literature Committee to let the production of your 2,000th number pass without appropriate recognition. The noble achievement of the founder of 'The Ringing World,' the grand work of Mr. Trollope in a period of extreme difficulty and your own conduct of the editorial office undertaken at such brief notice and carried out with such conspicuous success all merit a tribute of the highest praise.

When the late Mr. Goldsmith asked for support in his new venture I told him that I would be one of his readers, provided that he issued his journal with the leaves properly cut! (Readers of 'Bell News' in ancient days will appreciate the point.) I have read every one of the 2,000 numbers, in whatever part of the world I have been. One experience illustrates in a remarkable way the practical value of 'The Ringing World' as a means of communication between ringers the world over.

When I held a temporary chaplaincy in Cyprus in 1926 it was forwarded to me weekly there. As I was arranging to spend a few days in Switzerland on my return journey, I gave orders for the first issue in June of that year to be posted to a Swiss address, where it was duly delivered. On perusing its contents I saw to my surprise a notice that owing to the general strike the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild, which was to have been held in May, had been postponed till June 18th. That just enabled me on the day after arrival in England to go to Trowbridge and take my due part in the proceedings before returning to Kington Magna.

In offering you my hearty congratulations and good wishes I venture to associate with myself in those sentiments my colleagues on the Literature Committee and the members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

EDITORS REMEMBERED.

Mr. Cecil EBBERSON, Snettisham, King's Lynn.

Am pleased to say that I am one of those who took No. 1 and have not missed a single copy since. It was sent out to France, 1914 war, while I was there!

We lost a dear friend in Jack Goldsmith and I lost a dear friend also in Jim Trollope; he was a real friend to me the six years I worked in London; his end was sad to me. I trust he is now R.I.P.

STUDENT DAYS RECALLED.

Mr. A. YORK-BRAMBLE, Netley Abbey, Hants.

May I add my congratulations to all concerned in the production of the quite unique 'Ringing World' and my sincere good wishes towards the attainment of the 3rd et seq. tenth centuries of issue.

As a young student (rather a long time ago!) I opened my copy of 'The Ringing World' with something of a thrill each week, and the degree of interest has in no way diminished with the passing of the years.

I believe the value of the influence of our paper in widening the interest in bellringing has yet to be fully assessed; and I've no doubt this remarkable milestone in its history will be suitably marked by peal dedications. May your circulation increase!

YOUNG ONES GET A CHANCE.

Mr. T. H. VALLANCE, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.

Let me congratulate you on the 2,000th appearance of 'The Ringing World.' I have read every one except for a few Jerry intercepted in 1916-17-18. I admire how well you are making the cloth run out. What do I see during these years? Not a single item to the detriment of the furtherance of the art. I see much of the old trouble of competition causing ill-feeling rubbed out. Also the young ones getting a chance in a few weeks which they could not have had in years. All to the good in the long run.

As regards friction like sixths place hobs and calling London what may not be, well, many an old hen goes on the table now and is called chicken. As regards peal ringing, always a thorny subject with the haves or have nots, personally I never rang a peal which did not cause me a good deal of physical discomfort. But as my very good friend pointed out, others have had to help get yours, so stand in when you are wanted. All rules should be framed wide enough for anyone to try and make progress.

STARTED IN DEVON.

Mr. L. A. WILSON, Wootton Bassett.

I am one of those who have taken 'The Ringing World' from its first number. I took 'The Bell Ringer' and afterwards the old 'Bell News.' My first thought on a Friday is, has my paper come?

I was taught to handle a bell at Ottery St. Mary by the Godfrey boys in 1890. At that time it was a call change band and cards were put in front of the various bells. Then came a new Vicar, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who started to teach the band. I rang my first quarter of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled for the funeral of the president of the Devon Guild, Acland Troyte, and I remember the Vicar saying afterwards, 'Well, Louis, you are entitled to a certificate now.'

I remember the Rev. F. E. Robinson bringing a band for a peal of Stedman. I saw them go into the church and remarked to my Vicar that I hoped to ring with some of those men one day, and he replied, 'You will never be good enough for that.'

In 1897 I went to Wootton Bassett, where I made the acquaintance of Mr. E. Bishop, of Swindon. I walked the seven miles each way for practice and rang my first peal of Grandsire on the fifth at Wootton Bassett in 1898. I continued to practise at Swindon on the old eight, tenor 13 cwt., and rang standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

I began my real ringing career about this time and rang peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Challis Winney, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and others in various parts of the county. My first peal of Stedman was at Chippenham St. Paul's in 2 hours 36 minutes, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This peal was interrupted by a neighbour flinging stones through the tower window, which just missed the tenor man.

I lost a peal of Stedman at Beaminster in the last course owing to the tenor man having a fit. All eight ropes seemed to fly about and everybody was in danger of getting hung. We went back to Axminster. After dinner there was a question of beds. Everyone was fixed up except myself. I offered to sleep in the bath, which was quite all right until the morning when some of the others wanted a bath. I was in possession and stayed put until 9 o'clock.

We went for a peal of Stedman at Winham, near Crewkerne, where the ropes fell in the chancel around a candleabra lit with oil lamps. Here I had the misfortune to get hitched up with the lamps, bringing some of them down

with a crash. Mr. Winney whereupon looked at me and said, 'Young man, we are here to ring Stedman. Please try and do so.' Starting off again, we rang the peal in 2 hours 40 minutes.

We then proceeded to Crewkerne and rang the first peal of Stedman on the bells. In the peal Mr. Baker appeared to be asleep and Mr. Winney gave him such a kick telling him to wake up and strike his bell!

I also remember the first Devonshire peal in London at Putney. Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's ringers have always given me a welcome when in London, for which I thank Mr. Langdon and others.

After upwards of 60 years of teaching ringers it is a pleasure to us old ones to see so many young faces at various meetings. We of the old brigade have smoothed the path for them, making great sacrifices of time and money. Still there is something to be said for having ambitions. I think of my humble beginnings at Ottery St. Mary and having the pleasure during my ringing career of ringing with most of the notable ringers and conductors on all numbers of bells from five to twelve. Just at this moment we are very excited, as Taylors, of Loughborough, have got Ottery bells for them to be rehung. I am hoping to be present when they are rededicated. It was here that my great-grandfather was a ringer and rang for Queen Victoria's Coronation.

HOURS OF PLEASURE.

Mr. Frederick S. PRICE, Beeston, Notts.

On receiving my 'Ringing World' this morning I am proud to state I join the number who have taken it in since its inception. It has given me hours of pleasure and been the means of making many valued friends.

I wish it continued success. My name was published in the previous list as a No. 1 subscriber; I feel sure there are very few of those left in this district.

I had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Goldsmith on two or three occasions.

READ EVERY WORD.

Mr. W. W. WORTHINGTON, Lichfield, Staffs.

In reply to your request, I am one of those who have taken in 'The Ringing World' from the start. I don't ring any more, but I read every word of the paper. Best wishes.

MR. GOLDSMITH'S WORK.

Mr. Albert J. HUGHES, Bangor, N.W.

Heartiest congratulations on the 2,000th number. I have taken 'The Ringing World' from the first number, except about three years of the 1914-18 war, when I was on active service abroad. My earliest acquaintance with the late proprietor, Mr. Goldsmith, was through meeting him at the Johnson dinners. We were always struck and impressed by his attention and devotion to his invalid wife. I only rang one peal with him as far as I can recollect, which was Stedman Cinques at Winchester Cathedral. He was always hail fellow well met, and how he always managed to have a chat with everyone at ringers' functions was something to remember. Also the quality of his regular leading articles and his ideas for them left a grand memorial behind him. The continued success of 'The Ringing World' is my earnest hope and wish.

'TO THE END OF MY TIME.'

Mr. Joe HARDCASTLE, Wibsey, Bradford, Yorks.

I, for one, have taken 'The Ringing World' since its inception, and I hope to continue to the end of my time. I started with 'The Bell News' in 1887, afterwards 'The Bellringer,' and I don't think I have missed a copy of one or the other since. All the best for 'The Ringing World.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROUND CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—Having had a lifelong connection with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, I was naturally interested in the paragraphs appearing in the Belfry Gossip column of 'The Ringing World' dated July 22nd and 29th respectively, anent the number of round churches remaining in this country.

Your first correspondent gave it as three, while Mr. John Sharman says four, presumably forgetting that the Temple Church in London was practically destroyed during the late war. That being so, it would be true to say there are now three, viz., the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, founded by Simon de Senlis, first Norman Earl of Northampton, A.D. 1100, the Church of St. Sepulchre, Cambridge, said to have been built by Pain Peverill and consecrated in 1101, and the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, Little Maplestead, late 12th century.

W. H. ASHBY, Churchwarden,
Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton.

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY

Dear Sir,—Probably I am not the first to write on the subject of round churches, but if Mr. John Sharman's list is correct in the four he gives, the total must be raised to five to include St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

I thought it was well enough known by reason of its fine ring of twelve, but I admit the band does not distinguish itself these days as regards peals.

However, we ring twice every Sunday, Grand sire and Stedman Caters, Grandsire Cinques sometimes.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. FARMER.

Shrewsbury.

MARKET WEIGHTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following account of the cost of restoring a ring of bells 165 years ago and the cost to-day is interesting. Market Weighton Church bells, a badly toned ring of six, with a 9½ cwt. tenor, were cast by G. Dalton, of York, in 1783, and the following is taken from old records:—

'On the 28th of Jan., 1783, a Parish meeting resolved to exchange the 3 old bells, valued at £117, for 6 new ones to cost about £206, exclusive of hanging. The sum actually paid for the bells was £92 4s. 0½d., being only a little more than the estimated difference between the value of the old bells and the cost of the new. William Clarkson and James Hopwood were paid £34 for making the bell frames and T. Gardom £1 10s. 6d. for ropes, and the carriage from York (20 miles) was £1 10s.'

As soon as a faculty can be obtained these bells are to be recast by J. Taylor and Co. and rehung in a new metal frame for eight bells at a cost of approximately £1,000, for which we now have about £800. The two other bells to complete the octave will cost a further £250, but will most likely have to be added at some future time. Any contribution towards the cost will be thankfully acknowledged by Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. KNEESHAW.
Londesborough Road, Market Weighton,
Yorks.

MANY THANKS TO ALL!

Mr. Geo. W. TEMBEY, Cleator, Cumberland.

Many thanks to all those, both past and present, who have helped in any way to make the 2,000th issue possible. I have enjoyed reading it for many years and would be one of its early subscribers. I used to take 'The Bell News' before that. I was introduced to 'The Ringing World' by the late Mr. Harry Chapman, who used to visit this part of the country and came into our tower (Egremont St. Mary's) on one occasion.

FOUR-BELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the letter written by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, but being rather a novice in matters of composition and proof, I am confining my remarks to his last paragraph relating to the number of extents that are obtainable on four bells.

I have so far 'discovered' sixty different extents of Minimus; in addition to the eight extents each of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob and Plain, Reverse and Double Grandsire (obtained by treating each bell twice as the plain hunt bell, once leading right and once wrong), six extents are obtainable with 'Stedman' Minimus. This method is as follows:—

1234

2134

1243

2143

2413

4213

4123

1423

4132

1432

1342 etc.

The reverse of the above method produces another six extents.

Thus it is possible to ring a quarter-peal of Minimus without repeating any extent, showing that even four-bell ringing is worthy of consideration.—Yours faithfully,
Bedford.

J. M. STEPHENS.

Mr. L. J. Malings, of Rhooose, Glam., writes: I should be grateful if you could persuade Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd to publish some of the more unusual 24's for the benefit of we '4-bellers.' We rang 13 variations this evening, but would like a change.

BLUE LINE RINGER

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Newman's letter in last week's issue, I would like to oppose his statement concerning the 'blue line' ringer. He said that ringing is often choppy and the bells to strike over cannot be found. But surely does not this apply to the ringer who does not follow the blue line? He notes where he meets the treble and so this tells him whether he is to miss his dodge or perhaps make places. This method is all right until a fault develops. The treble may be a bit slow or too quick in its position or the ringer may not see the treble coming down, and so he falters, not knowing what to do. Thus the striking becomes choppy.

If, however, the ringer knows what he is to do before he meets the treble or discovers his course bell, he can decide on the rhythm of his bell and let his bell drop with confidence knowing that he is to run through from back to front, and that he will meet the treble in 5-4.

Referring to a football team, how does Mr. Newman think they obtain that perfect rhythm? It is because they do not wait until the ball is passed to them before they run up the field, but they foresee such a move and so prepare for it by moving upfield.

It is a very unsafe policy to wait until the ringer passes the treble, and if only all ringers rang by the blue line, the standard of ringing from the point of view of striking and method ringing would greatly improve.—Yours faithfully,
JOHN GOODALL.

North Finchley, N.12.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—The Grandsire Triples peal claimed to be rung at Marshfield, Gloucestershire, on November 6th, 1948, has proved to be a false effort, one part having been repeated. I therefore withdraw it from all peal records.—Yours faithfully,
Bristol.

ARTHUR PRINCE.

Kent County Association

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The ancient Parish Church of Cudham was visited by 50 ringers and friends on the occasion of the summer meeting of the Lewisham District. The light ring of ten was put to good use under the direction of Mr. F. A. Coley, Ringing Master.

Tea preceded the service, the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. P. Hunt) reading the office, acting as organist and giving an interesting address.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Three practising members were elected and two non-resident life members' elections were ratified.

Support was promised for the combined meeting with the North-Western District of the Surrey Association arranged for October 1st at St. Peter's, Croydon. Crayford was chosen as the place for the annual district meeting.

Mr. I. Emery informed the members that reconstruction work was about to commence at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley. The good wishes of members were extended to Mr. H. Hoverd (Dartford), who is still ill.

Further ringing, in which welcome visitors from Bushey, Croydon and London took part, followed until 8.30 p.m.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS

RODBOURNE CHENEY.

Rodbourne Cheney ringers and friends held their annual outing on August 6th and visited towers on the Berks-Oxon border. Cholsey was the first call, then on to Pangbourne, where the treble was undergoing repairs, so some Doubles methods were rung on the back five.

Over the river to Whitechurch for some very good ringing on this handy six, and back to Pangbourne, where an excellent tea was provided at the Cosy Cafe. Bradfield was made then through the lanes to Yattendon, a very pleasant and easy going six. A call was made at Newbury for refreshment, and a slight delay occurred here while 'the Bishop' did some visiting. Home was reached at 10.30 after another very good outing.

GUILDFORD AND GODALMING.

On August Bank Holiday, Miss Rosemary Brading, of Godalming, ran a very enjoyable coach trip to Southampton and Bournemouth, returning to Guildford and Godalming via Romsey. Owing to last minute disappointments the ringing company was considerably reduced, but in spite of this the available band rang at St. Mary's, Southampton; St. Peter's, Bournemouth; St. John's, Poole; and at Romsey Abbey.

The very musical ten at Southampton were particularly appreciated, and the band, feeling very doubtful of their capabilities, were considerably heartened to hear that a passer-by had commented on the beauty of the bells.

At St. Peter's, Bournemouth, the party were interested to read, on the notice board, a letter signed 'Christian Scientist,' complaining of 'those vile bells.' 'You have been cautioned before,' threatened Christian Scientist. '... you make no effort to stop it, people will have to take it into their own hands. . . . The two lady ringers in the company hung on to their ropes in fear and trembling with visions of fire-eating revolutionaries bursting into the tower at any minute.

Two little boys greeted the band at Poole with joyous shouts, 'You the bellringers?' and then another incredulous enquiry of one of the ladies, 'Are you a bellringer?' One of them went on, 'Our captain's going to learn us.' Agreeing silently that this seemed more than likely, we ascended with them to the ringing room. Half-way through the ringing the captain disappeared and did not come back until we were about to ring down. He announced that the two boys had dropped the catch of the door so that he locked himself out—and we gathered that the boys' education had already begun!

The day's ringing closed with a visit to Romsey Abbey, where the perilous ascent struck awe into the hearts of the more timorous. As most ringers will know, the broad stairs at the beginning of the climb are no true prophet of what comes after, and at least one of the party expressed a fear of 'getting stuck half-way.'

On the homeward journey everyone agreed that it had, in spite of difficulties, been a very good day, and as the evening shadows fell romance bloomed on the back seat of the bus, and all the ringers confidently prophesied a new recruit to the ranks are long.

RAINHAM, KENT.

St. Margaret's ringers, joined by others from Sittingbourne and Chatham, held their annual outing on July 23rd. Lewisham (St. Mary's) was the first call, then to Wimbledon, and Ewell, with lunch at the last-named place.

St. Martin's, Dorking, was the first objective in the afternoon, with its fine ring of eight, and all too soon a move was made to Westerham for tea. After tea the lovely eight of St. Mary's were set going in a variety of methods. Ightham was the last stop of the day with its light six. There was a final stop at the Walnut Tree for light refreshments, the highlight being the handbell specialist of the party on the roadside competing with an accordion band inside.

SOUTH NORFOLK.

On July 16th, 32 ringers and friends from Redenhall, Saxlingham, Diss and Pulham left Diss at 7 a.m. for a tour of Lincolnshire. Sutterton (8 bells) was the first call, then on to Boston, and after ringing on the ten bells an excellent lunch was served. Surfleet (12) and Pinchbeck (8) were visited.

On arrival at Spalding a meat tea was served, after which votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Cyril Barber, of Redenhall, who organised the outing, and to Mr. Cecil Thompson, who acted as guide. Ringing followed at the Parish Church. The last call was at King's Lynn on the heavy ring of ten at St. Margaret's. Diss was reached at 11.15 p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

Methods rung included Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Major, Kent Royal, Plain Boh Major and Royal, Oxford Major and Stedman Triples.

A. G. H.

GRAPPENHALL.

The annual trip of members and friends took place on July 23rd, when a tour of North Wales was made by coach. Leaving Runcorn at 8.30 a.m. to pick up en route rural members, the first stop was Farndon, where the ringing programme was opened. The following churches were visited during the tour—Wrexham, Abergelle, Bodolwyddan and Buckley. Dinner was taken at Llangollen, refreshments at Swallow Falls and tea at Abergelle. The weather was ideal and one could go from bus to belfry ready for ringing.

The arrangements were made by Mr. Cecil Raddon, of Stockton Heath, who has always taken a keen interest in these annual events. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Randles, of Frodsham, seconded by Mr. Allman, of Runcorn. Mr. Raddon, accepting the many thanks, replied it was a pleasure to him to know he was doing a little to further the interest in visiting towers the average bell-ringer would never normally meet.

ALL SAINTS', ISLEWORTH.

Members and friends of the All Saints', Isleworth, band set out on July 16th for their annual outing. The round trip covered some 130 miles and seven towers were visited.

The first call was at Rickmansworth, where the ten at St. Mary's responded to Stedman Caters. The grand ring at St. Mary's, Watford, was next visited. The ringing here was somewhat curtailed on account of a wedding, although several members would probably have been content to stay here and ring for hours. So on to St. Albans, where the first touch, Stedman Cinques on the Abbey bells, seemed to suffer from the effects of the long climb, apart from the fact that the band were not accustomed to playing 'hide and seek' with the back bells round the oak beams. Kent Treble Bob Maximus was more satisfactory, and Cambridge Royal was also rung well.

After lunch there followed a visit to the ten at St. Peter's—the result of an unexpected but greatly appreciated invitation. A wedding had been arranged here too, and the band rang for the arrival of the bride. Due to an oversight, the ceremony must have been nearly over before the signal to stop ringing was received! Broxbourne (8) was the next tower on the list, and after a variety of methods the party adjourned to the Bull Hotel for the tea.

After tea Bishop's Stortford and Saffron Walden were visited. Thanks are due to Mr. H. W. Rogers for arranging the outing, which was a great success.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. R. Cockell 1, A. W. Angel 2, Ruby Gibbons 3, Mary Kennelly 4, A. J. West 5, H. Proutt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7. C. Gibbons 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Legg, a ringing member of the tower for 72 years.

OBITUARY

MR. A. T. C. OSBORNE.

The death occurred on August 5th of Mr. A. T. C. Osborne, of Norton-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, after a comparatively short illness. 'Archie,' as he was known to many ringers in the district, had been a ringer for 53 years and captain of the Norton tower for the last 31 years. He was not a peal ringer, having rung only two or three peals at his own church, but in a quiet way he did an enormous amount to foster and encourage an interest in change ringing. He will be greatly missed. The burial took place on Tuesday, August 9th, at the Parish Church.

In the evening 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect: E. Minchington 1, W. Warr 2, H. J. Gaylard 3, T. W. Osborne 4, J. W. Drew (conductor) 5, T. Sweet 6.

THE REV. A. M. BASHFORD.

The Middlesex Association had a firm friend in the Rev. A. M. Bashford, Vicar of St. John's, Hillingdon, since 1934, whose death on July 31st is deeply regretted. He was secretary of the London Diocesan Fund. A keen cricketer, he was a member of the M.C.C. and had played for Middlesex.

The annual joint meetings with the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hillingdon were a source of delight to him, and he was an honorary member of the Middlesex Association.

He was fearless in his criticisms, but his sincerity was without question. He was a most kindly and generous man, and his influence will be much missed in Hillingdon, not least among his ringers.

After the funeral service in the church a touch of Grandsire Triples, with half-muffled clappers, was rung as the procession left for Golders Green Crematorium.

The churchwardens have agreed that the joint meeting at Hillingdon will take place as usual this year on Saturday, September 3rd. The Vicar of Bray, the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman, will take the service.

DEDICATION

BULKINGTON, NEAR NUNEATON.

The Right Rev. Bishop Heywood, Assistant Bishop of Coventry, dedicated two trebles to complete the octave and also a war memorial tablet at a service in St. James' Church, Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, July 16th.

Members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild turned up in good numbers with visiting ringers and friends, all pronouncing the splice to be perfect. Mr. Paul L. Taylor represented the founders. Eight members of the local band rang rounds immediately after the dedication, while after the service good use was made of the bells, all tastes being catered for.

A buffet tea in the school was followed by the Guild's business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dingley. It was decided to hold the October quarterly meeting at Monks Kirby. New members elected were A. Allen and A. Elson, of Wolvey, with the ratification of the election prior to peals of J. Bramley, G. Olliffe, A. Mould and D. Carlyle.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

The meeting at Mattishall on July 23rd was attended by 22 members from Attleborough, Caston, Norwich, Mulbarton, Hethersett, Reepham, Gressenhall, Watton, Wymondham, Camborne, Cornwall, and the local band.

At the business meeting the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) was in the chair in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. Blyth. Miss J. E. Goodman, of Mulbarton, and Mr. H. J. Larwood were elected new members.

The Rev. Heard thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, also Mr. and Mrs. Moore for arranging tea. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Bracey. The next meeting will be held at Salle on Saturday, October 8th.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 2	ALAN JACQUES ... 5
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

A silver wedding compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Rowley.

STOWTING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B. and two of Kent T.B. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PHILIP J. EASTLAND ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 4
HARRY PARKES ... 2	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of Grandsire, 16 six-scores of Plain Bob and 16 six-scores of April Day. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*F. S. WHITE ... Treble	W. HARE ... 4
ROSEMARY HUTCHINGS ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
MARJORIE LEGG ... 3	MARTYN HUTCHINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal in three methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Muriel Legg, sister of the conductor, and ringer at the above church.

BEOLLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*MRS. E. D. WILSON ... Treble	WILFRED R. JACKSON ... 4
FREDERICK W. JAMES ... 2	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 5
E. DUDLEY WILSON ... 3	*REV. LEONARD J. BIRCH ... Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* First peal.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob and 30 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK E. MANSER ... Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 2	*ALBERT KELVIN ... 5
WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 3	HENRY J. MANSER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal of Doubles.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

C. JOHN PIPER ... Treble	WILFRED BOOTH ... 4
RICHARD G. GRIMWOOD ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

A birthday compliment to Frank H. Hicks and the wife and daughter of the conductor.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... Treble	GEORGE PACKER ... 4
*JOHN E. BROUGH ... 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5
*HERBERT SUTTON ... 3	FRANK BARNARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT 9, SCHOOL LANE, BIDSTON,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 4 callings. Tenor size 18 in G.

ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 1-2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 3-4
ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 5-6	

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN. Umpire, A. T. SUTTON.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band and for the Wirral Branch.

Believed to be the first handbell peal ever rung in Wirral Peninsula.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

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

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal 'in hand' away from tenors.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JILL POOLE ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9-10

*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6 *BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 11-12

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

* First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. A compliment to George Thompson, of Hincley, on his 82nd birthday.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD H. BULLEN ... 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 5-6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 3-4	*MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 7-8

*MARIAN GRAIN ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Royal. Tenor size 15 in C.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, in 1 Hour and 20 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT MOORCOCKS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 1-2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 5-6
WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*PETER T. ROBBINS ... 1-2	+ ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 3-4
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 5-6	

Conducted by CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD.

Witness: GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' + First peal of Minor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

C.C.C. No. 73 SECT. II. (Adapted). Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

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MEETINGS

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Barnby Don, August 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. 5628

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hungerford (8), Aug. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5612

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Crewkerne.—Combined meeting, Curry Rivel, Aug. 20th. Notice for tea essential.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 5616

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Brightling, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 5620

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Godstone, Saturday, Aug. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. 5633

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Brad- ing, Aug. 20th. 5622

IRISH ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Drogheda (8), Aug. 27th, 2.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.30. Names by 22nd. Visitors welcome.—John T. Dunwoody, 49, Victoria Road, Holywood; Fred E. Dukes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk. 5627

THREE GUILDS FESTIVAL.—GUILD-FORD GUILD (Farnham District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch).—To be held at Hawley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Service 4. Tea (2s.) 4.30. Hawley (8), Yorktown (8), Sandhurst (6) and Yateley (8) from 2 to 9; Farnborough (6) and Bagshot (8) from 2 to 3.30. Finchamstead (6) to 9 p.m. A coach will run between towers in the evening, fare 2s. Tickets for coach and tea, 3s. 6d. under 16 years 2s. 6d.), from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants.—J. Chesterman, B. Castle, G. S. Joyce, District Secs. 5587

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Hutton (5), near Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, Aug. 27th, 5 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Sec. 5652

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bray-on-Thames.—Annual garden party, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Teas and refreshments on river fronted Vicarage lawn. All ringers and friends welcome. Tower open 2 p.m. Bells (8) recently rehung. Tenor 27 cwt. Two sets of handbells available. No need to notify for tea. 5634

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—North Stoneham, Aug. 27th, 2.30. Names for tea by Aug. 24th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 5658

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Dallington, Aug. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5638

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Olveston (8), Aug. 27th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5642

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at East Ardsley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, members carry own food. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 5660

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 27th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Jones, 6, Brook End, Repton, by Wednesday, Aug. 24th. 5647

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Wells (8) with Holkham (6), Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5644

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Easingwold (6 bells), Saturday, Aug. 27th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Burton, Long Street, Easingwold, York, before Aug. 25th.—Edward Hudson, District Sec. 5654

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Kingston Seymour, Aug. 28th, 8.30 a.m. Bells 7. Breakfast for those notifying by 24th.—E. R. Norton, Goat House Farm, Kingston Seymour. 5653

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Middleton Stoney (6), Sept. 3rd, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by Aug. 29th.—C. H. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester. 5643

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Preliminary notice.—The joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Tea and social evening. Full details later.—F. A. Finch and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs. 5641

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division.—Meeting at Hutton (5), Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Hutton. Brentwood (8) in the evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. J. Allberry, Felsted, Sylvia Avenue, Hutton. 5649

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Holbrook, Stutton and Harkstead meeting, Sept. 3rd. Meet Stutton 3. Tea 5 at Holbrook. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Henley, Sept. 17th. Bells 3. Bring own food. 5641

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Olney, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5650

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Bengoe, Hertford, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 1st.—A. S. Carter, Sec., 93, North Road, Hertford. 5651

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Llanelly, Carm., Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea and business to follow. Numbers to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, by Aug. 27th certain. 5655

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—The annual cup contest will take place at Clowne (6 bells) on Sept. 3rd. For tea write to Mr. J. E. Edwards, 367, Creswell Road, Clowne, near Chesterfield.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 5656

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Shipbourne (6), Sept. 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Fairweather, The Green, Shipbourne, near Tonbridge, not later than Sept. 1st. 5662

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Quarterly meeting at Keresley, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing at Corley (5 bells) 3 o'clock. Tea at Keresley 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Keresley bells (5) available from 6 to 7.30 p.m. To be concluded by a social and dance, price 1s. 6d., to be held at 7.30 p.m. in Keresley Women's Institute. Names for tea to Miss R. M. Griffiths, 71, Dickens Road, Radford, Coventry, by Monday, Aug. 29th. 5661

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Moorcocks, Brasted, Sept. 10th, by invitation of Mr. E. H. Lewis, M.A. Details later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5657

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanbadarn Fawr, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Number for tea to C. O. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 5646

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

The North and East District meeting, supported by Messrs. A. W. and W. H. Coles, active vice-presidents, held at Stanmore on August 6th, was attended by nearly sixty ringers from near and far, including friends from Hampshire and Surrey. The occasion was arranged particularly to coincide as nearly as possible to the Stanmore tower's completed fifty years' membership of the Association and, incidentally, also to recognise a similar term of membership by Mr. George A. Hughes, whose presence was appreciated.

Another long term member of the Association and a local ringer, Mr. William J. Nudds, was also present, and the meeting was reminded of a record he took part in just 40 years ago—the long peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough.

The meeting paid silent tribute to the memory of Messrs. E. B. Hartley and F. A. Smith, Bushey. Provisional elections of R. Bird (Croydon), L. H. Bywaters (Henlow) and J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln) were ratified.

In the tower much ringing was done in the time available, and a number of 'firsts' were recorded, particularly in Erin Triples, the chosen method for the day, and plain courses in a number of Surprise methods were also brought round. The short evensong service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. Carpenter, Rector, who, together with Mr. E. J. Leversuch, is to be thanked for ensuring the success of the meeting.

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A meeting of the branch was held at Poynton on July 23rd, and some sixty members and friends took advantage of the fine weather to visit this delightful village. The six bells were in use from early in the afternoon until service in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Winstanley, who in an interesting address made the members welcome at his church.

After tea the usual business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the branch chairman, Mr. Elkins, who expressed the members' pleasure at being able to visit Poynton, and welcomed an old friend of the branch, Mr. W. H. Shuker, of the Lancashire Association. It was reported that several people of Knutsford had voiced their appreciation of the standard of ringing during the meeting there. Mrs. Way, of Marple, was elected an honorary member, and David Robinson, also of Marple, a ringing member. It was decided that an additional meeting be held at Mottram, if permission could be obtained, on August 27th.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, local ringers, organist and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Further ringing was enjoyed until a late hour, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Aug. 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. Vinter (first quarter) 1, S. Proctor (cond.) 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, E. Nidd 4, H. Thorpe 5, F. Parsons 6, T. Relf 7, F. Proctor 8, H. R. Woods 9, T. Hall 10. In honour of the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. H. Thorpe.

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