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PEAL RINGERS, 1949

WE make no excuse for presenting in this issue the records of the leading peal ringers of 1949, although there are some of our readers who would prefer such records to be unpublished and unsung. They are obsessed with the opening words of the Epistle of last Sunday, 'Be not wise in your own conceits,' and assume that achievement is a pandering to the vanities of the flesh, overlooking the sheer enjoyment of achievement.

The past year has been phenomenal in the number of peals rung, and the fact that five ringers have rung 100 peals or more is an indication of the degree of enthusiasm attained. The history of ringing contains very few century makers in one year, viz.: Alfred W. Grimes, 136 in 1913 and 114 in 1932; J. W. Washbrook, 127 in 1888; G. R. Pye, 100 in 1933, Bertram Prewett in 1912; and George E. Fearn, 108 in 1948. The record of Mr. Harold Poole is unique with 143 peals to his credit, of which over 100 were conducted by him. Perhaps more striking is his performance of 100 peals in the last six months of the year. The president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild has set a pace that is not likely to be surpassed for many years to come. There is also quality among his peals, which indicates not only his personal powers but the clever band of ringers associated with him at Leicester Cathedral.

High on the list as regards the total number of peals are those two Bournemouth enthusiasts, Daniel T. Matkin and Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, with 121 and 113 peals respectively. Their peals were mainly 'in hand.' At 23, Wellington Road, no fewer than 103 handbell peals were rung during the year, in which 30 ringers participated—13 'locals' and 17 visitors. Mrs. Marshallsay is the first woman to reach the century mark in a year. She is at business during the daytime and has also a home to look after. In the previous year she rang 43 peals.

The Leicester Guild have also another century maker in Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Burbage, with 118 peals to his credit. This has been accomplished without neglecting the work of the Guild. Mr. Ballard has attended every meeting in his own district as well as Guild general meetings and special practices for the district. He was one of the participants in the recent four peals in one day.

Another Leicestershire man, Walter P. Whitehead, a staunch supporter of the Midland County Guild, also reached the century mark. His 100 peals include three long lengths of Bristol, 9,344, 10,976 and 13,024, all of which he conducted. In two of these Ernest Morris

participated. This Leicester veteran is the only 1,000 peal man to appear in this year's list, and his 88 ranged from five to 12-bell peals.

Mr. George E. Fearn, who headed last year's list with 108 peals, rang 91 this year, of which 88 were on tower bells. His tower-bell record for 1949 was only exceeded by Mr. Harold J. Poole, with 102. Three other members of St. Martin's Guild figure in the list—John Pinfold 56, Henry H. Fearn 45, and Arthur D. Cook 43.

The Leicester Guild is rich in youngsters of promise who will have an important influence on the Exercise in years to come. Alan Cattell, who was associated with many of Mr. Ernest Morris' peals, rang in 77. The Leicester Cathedral band had a strong contingent, with Alan Jacques (18) 76, Herrick B. Bowley 70, Peter J. Staniforth 64, Shirley Burton 56, John R. Smith 55, Sidney O. Cheney 51, Miss Jill Poole 50, and Brian G. Warwick (who rang his first peal on November 6th, 1948) 42.

As usual, the Chester Diocesan Guild also made a valuable contribution to ringing. In the list are Walter Allman (Runcorn), John Worth (Macclesfield), John Bibby (Frodsham), C. Kenneth Lewis, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson (Sale) and Ralph G. Edwards (Birkenhead).

An interesting list has Arthur V. Pearson, of Wolverhampton. Of his 55 peals, 40 were in Surprise methods, and included 23 different methods or extension. His list contains 155 ringers who had obtained 'stars' for 'first in the method.' Two Stoke-on-Trent ringers deserve congratulation for their year's work in Frederick W. Grocott (41) and Frederick E. Wilshaw (42). Oxford University ringers will note with satisfaction the name of Wilfrid F. Moreton (54), of Hereford, in the list. F. W. Frank Trotman, of Nuneaton, has improved on his last year's total of 40, reaching 52, and including the three long lengths of Bristol.

Heading the East Anglian list is Nolan Golden, who conducted 60 peals. In most of his peals he was accompanied by George Sayer. The Suffolk Guild had three representatives, George A. Fleming, William J. Button and 14-year-old George W. Pipe, whose mother's name appeared in last year's list. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild had two in the honours list, Jack L. Millhouse (52) and George E. Feirn (44). The sole representative of London and the Home Counties is Philip A. Corby, with 41 peals. He has maintained an average of 51 peals a year over the last five years. From Ireland appears the name of Fred E. Dukes (41), with eight 'firsts' on tower bells. Mention should also be made of Howard Howell with 41 and Ernest W. Rawson (Leicester) with 40.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY <i>Treble</i> | HENRY H. FEARN ... 7 |
| WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2 | *NOEL J. DISERENS ... 8 |
| GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3 | *ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 10 |
| JOHN PINFOLD ... 5 | PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 11 |
| *TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6 | *ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. In memoriam Harry Withers.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| ALAN JACQUES ... <i>Treble</i> | ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7 |
| KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2 | MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 8 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3 | SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9 |
| JILL POOLE ... 4 | HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10 |
| JOHN R. SMITH ... 5 | PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11 |
| SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6 | WILLIAM J. ROOT ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus to be rung in this method.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| *F. ERIC ROBERTS ... <i>Treble</i> | WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ... 6 |
| JOHN D. ROCK ... 2 | *†GEORGE DAVIS ... 7 |
| WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3 | *†E. PETER ROCK ... 8 |
| AUSTIN T. WINDGATE ... 4 | *†MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 9 |
| REGINALD T. JONES ... 5 | *†LESLIE EVANS ... <i>Tenor</i> |

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

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together. Rung on M. P. Moreton's 18th birthday.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM S. MAY ... <i>Treble</i> | *SYDNEY C. EASTER ... 6 |
| HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2 | *FRANK C. MAY ... 7 |
| *DONALD COOMBS ... 3 | ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 8 |
| *PERCY GREEN ... 4 | FRANK R. LUFKIN ... 9 |
| WILLIAM PERRY ... 5 | *GERALD FRONT ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

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| MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Treble</i> | RONALD H. DOVE ... 6 |
| JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 2 | *NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7 |
| CYRIL WRIGHT ... 3 | GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 8 |
| JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4 | G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 9 |
| *HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 5 | JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* 50th peal together. First of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| *TERENCE A. THORNBUR <i>Treble</i> | SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6 |
| *†PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2 | *JOHN R. SMITH ... 7 |
| *MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 3 | *ALAN JACQUES ... 8 |
| ALFRED BALLARD ... 4 | *HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 9 |
| *ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 5 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal in six months.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| RAYMOND SUART ... <i>Treble</i> | ALAN CAPSTICK ... 6 |
| ELIZABETH M. SUART ... 2 | JAMES E. BURLS ... 7 |
| SYDNEY USHER ... 3 | WILLIAM T. TURNER ... 8 |
| JOHN BAGNALL ... 4 | GEO. E. BRAITHWAITE ... 9 |
| JAMES W. METCALFE ... 5 | THOMAS METCALFE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

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| *ROY COLEMAN ... <i>Treble</i> | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6 |
| THOMAS C. BELTON ... 2 | CHARLES R. BELTON ... 7 |
| ALAN H. HOUGH ... 3 | *†THOMAS K. DEACON ... 8 |
| W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4 | GEORGE P. GARNER ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by a Barwell band. A farewell to the Rev. J. D. Wake-ling, M.C., M.A., curate of Barwell, and member of the local band, who is leaving for Cambridge.

RICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| ISAAC P. BENNETT ... | <i>Treble</i> | GEORGE R. DAWSON ... | 5 |
| NORMAN B. FOVARGUE ... | 2 | CYRIL WANDER ... | 6 |
| ALBERT H. BENNETT ... | 3 | STANLEY E. BENNETT ... | 7 |
| *MAURICE BENNETT ... | 4 | JOHN P. MORRIS ... | <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. In honour of the wedding of Joyce Bennett, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd, and Mr. R. Darling.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| PATRICK PAGE ... <i>Treble</i> | FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 5 |
| EDWARD T. DRAKE ... 2 | JOHN W. MEADE ... 6 |
| WILLIAM UPTON ... 3 | *FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7 |
| BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4 | *JOHN H. HUNT ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* 100th peal together.



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FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

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| DAPHNE LLOYD Treble | DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 5 |
| *HENRY O. BAKER 2 | †BRIAN HARRIS 6 |
| JOHN W. BEST 3 | *JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7 |
| GEORGE F. SPERRING 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.

*50th peal together. †First peal of Bob Major. To celebrate the wedding of Miss Brenda Mary Richards (a ringer at this church) and Mr. William Ewart Lewis.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 6496 CHANGES;

Containing 1,504 Bristol, 1,152 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, and 768 each of London and Watford, with 178 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

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| OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble | CYRIL VALENTINE 5 |
| EDWARD JENKINS 2 | ERIC J. GILBERT 6 |
| WALTER ALLMAN 3 | RAIPLI G. EDWARDS 7 |
| JOHN E. BIBB 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

This is the longest length of Spiced Surprise Major yet rung and the longest length which has been composed in six methods.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| Middleton's. | Tenor 12 cwt. |
| WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble | ALAN A. POTTS 5 |
| ANNE WORTH 2 | JOHN WORTH 6 |
| JAMES A. MILNER 3 | PETER LAFLIN 7 |
| C. KENNETH LEWIS 4 | JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *JOSEPH H. BRITTAN ... Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY 5 |
| WILLIAM J. LEACH 2 | SIDNEY H. JONES 6 |
| *ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 3 | *PERCIVAL W. GRICE 7 |
| *JOSEPH WM. COTTON 4 | *WM. F. WOODWARD ... Tenor |

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *GEOFFREY PERKINS ... Treble | THOS. W. STRANGEWAY ... 5 |
| ARTHUR G. WOOD 2 | PERCY MASSAM 6 |
| GEORGE W. STEEL 3 | *ERNEST SPENCER 7 |
| *EDWARD MARSH 4 | HARRY HOMER Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. STRANGEWAY.

*First peal. In honour of the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. F. E. Mercer, to an honorary canonry of Ripon.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Thurstons' Four-part. | Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F. |
| MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... Treble | TOWER R. TAYLOR 5 |
| *LESLIE D. DUGUID 2 | ERNEST F. SALMONS 6 |
| FREDK. W. ROGERS 3 | JOSIAH D. HARRIS 7 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4 | HENRY T. MACEY Tenor |

Conducted by JOSIAH D. HARRIS.

*First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

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| MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... Treble | PETER COXALL 5 |
| THOMAS HORRIDGE 2 | RONALD KENRICK 6 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 3 | THOMAS HESKETH 7 |
| JACK ASHCROFT 4 | JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. To celebrate the wedding of Miss Ruth Bradley, daughter of Mr. Geo. Bradley, of Whittle-le-Woods.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Davies's Transposition. | Tenor 21½ cwt. |
| THOMAS BARKER Treble | JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5 |
| SYDNEY TUSON 2 | JAMES BLACKBURN 6 |
| E. ROGER MARTIN 3 | ARTHUR HATCH 7 |
| G. ALEC DIMMOCK 4 | JOHN CHARNOCK Tenor |

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

For the wedding of Miss Ruth Bradley (of the local band) and Mr. Frank Mansley, of St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| HARRY BAKER Treble | FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5 |
| *PERCY PAGE 2 | HARRY PARKES 6 |
| *PETER D. HUCKSTEPP 3 | *HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 7 |
| THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 4 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.

*First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 3,200 Superlative and 1,856 Cambridge, with 86 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

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| ERNEST T. CARVELL ... Treble | WILLIAM DEAN 5 |
| JAMES H. COOKE 2 | BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 6 |
| *CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 3 | JOHN COOKE 7 |
| *ALFRED W. CUSICK 4 | ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

*25th peal together. First peal of Spiced Surprise Major by all the band and on the bells. First peal of Spiced Surprise Major to be rung in Wirral Peninsula. A 21st birthday compliment to B. D. Threlfall.

BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *STANLEY J. MABBITT ... Treble | †JOHN H. PHILLIPS 5 |
| SIDNEY F. CARTER 2 | *GEOFFREY FREESTONE ... 6 |
| *DOROTHY H. JACKSON 3 | *REGINALD A. FARNHAM ... 7 |
| *EDWARD J. PHILLIPS 4 | *ARCHIE H. WHITE Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

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

BIRLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *MARGARET H. BAKER ... Treble | PETER C. WRIGHT 5 |
| †WILLIAM R. MANSEY 2 | REGINALD L. SILLS 6 |
| *JOHN H. R. BETTS 3 | FRANK P. WRIGHT 7 |
| EDNA M. SILLS 4 | *ALFRED CHAPMAN Tenor |

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Triples. †25th peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all. A 17th birthday compliment to Margaret H. Baker.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb.

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| GIBSON JACKSON Treble | *ERNEST A. THORPE 5 |
| LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2 | ARTHUR FIRTH 6 |
| *MILTON C. FOWLER 3 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7 |
| WILLIAM BARTON 4 | J. EDWARD CAWSEY Tenor |

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

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

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE APPS Treble | RAYMOND OVERY 5 |
| EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2 | CECIL NICE 6 |
| LEONARD STILWELL 3 | KENNETH SNELLING 7 |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS 4 | GEORGE W. CECIL Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| Washbrook's No. 1. | HERBERT F. AUDSLEY 5 |
| ROBERT G. RAYFIELD Treble | FRANK I. HAIRS 6 |
| JOHN WHEADON 2 | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7 |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3 | WALTER J. LEMON Tenor |
| FRANK E. WALKER 4 | |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| PATRICK S. CHAPMAN Treble | *JOHN E. SKERRITT 5 |
| RONALD C. NOON 2 | *HARRY WOODING 6 |
| JOHN KING 3 | BURLEY P. MORRIS 7 |
| RAYMOND H. IDLE 4 | BRIAN AUSTIN Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRIAN AUSTIN.

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

Birthday compliment to Patrick I. Chapman.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| *CYRIL COUSINS Treble | EDWARD BARKER 5 |
| STANLEY G. ELSEY 2 | CLAUDE COUSINS 6 |
| CLAUDIA A. HARDING 3 | ERNEST H. MASTIN 7 |
| JOHN FOX 4 | F. JOHN ELSEY Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all.

Rung half-muffled.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE DAWSON Treble | *THOMAS G. FOX 5 |
| *C. RONALD SMITH 2 | *CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON 6 |
| FREDK. W. HOUSDEN 3 | *JOHN F. GROVE 7 |
| *CHARLES A. HUGHES 4 | JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal in the method.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TRIPLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| DOROTHY C. OSBORN Treble | CECIL RADDON 5 |
| HARRY W. HOWARD 2 | HARRY PARKER 6 |
| ERIC HORNEY 3 | DAVID SMITH 7 |
| HAROLD WORRALL 4 | A GORDON LAWRENCE Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| *EDWARD F. M. SAMSON Treble | ALFRED BALLARD 5 |
| *KATHLEEN TILLEY 2 | HAROLD J. POOLE 6 |
| DOROTHY M. UDAL 3 | HERRICK B. BOWLEY 7 |
| MICHAEL D. STANFORTH 4 | *PETER J. STANFORTH Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major in the method. The conductor's 100th tower-bell peal this year.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

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| *JOHN E. LLOYD Treble | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 5 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2 | W. HARRY DUNCOMBE 6 |
| JOHN BRAMLEY 3 | JOHN J. MORRIS 7 |
| MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD 4 | WALTER BEEBE Tenor |

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal on a working bell.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TRIPLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ELSIE K. FULTON Treble | THOMAS J. CLARK 5 |
| *FREDK. A. H. CATTELL 2 | *ALBERT C. WENBAN 6 |
| ALFRED BONE 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN 7 |
| HENRY G. HART 4 | JOHN E. ROOTES Tenor |

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as an appreciation of Mr. G. A. Hughes' 54 years' Sunday service ringing at this church.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ALBERT TURNER Treble | GEORGE SPARKES 5 |
| CLAUDE TARR 2 | *GEORGE ALDERMAN 6 |
| *WILLIAM G. HARTNELL 3 | *CECIL BELLEW 7 |
| FRED CASLEY 4 | *ARCHIE GALE Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE SPARKES.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
On the Dixon eight. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

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| FREDERICK SHERATON Treble | WILLIAM E. ROBINSON 5 |
| MARGARET FIDELL 2 | THOMAS W. CROWE 6 |
| JOHN A. BROWN 3 | DENIS A. BAYLES 7 |
| JOHN ANDERSON 4 | W. NORMAN PARK Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

Rung on the golden wedding anniversary of the Ringing Master of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, Mr. J. E. R. Keen, and Mrs. Keen.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

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| *ALAN ELSMORE Treble | GEORGE W. HUGHES 5 |
| †P. GEORGE GOLDER 2 | HOWARD HOWELL 6 |
| †NORMAN J. HADLEY 3 | JOHN N. LINDON 7 |
| RICHARD C. INGRAM 4 | †MAURICE G. TURNER Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *COLIN HALL Treble | FREDERICK WATSON ... 4 |
| †GEORGE PICKERING ... 2 | JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5 |
| †PETER HALLAM ... 3 | *HERBERT NEEDHAM ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung half-muffled in memory of the men of Whetstone, who fell in the two world wars.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores and six 240's of Grandsire, 8 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 12 six-scores of April Day.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| DAVID BEACHAM Treble | MRS. J. ROBERTS ... 4 |
| CHARLES HAYTINGS ... 2 | JACK ROBERTS ... 5 |
| KEN SPIERS ... 3 | PETER BENNETT ... Tenor |

Conducted by JACK ROBERTS.

First peal as conductor.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble | JOHN F. HODSON ... 4 |
| EVELYN WRIGHT ... 2 | JOHN E. COOK ... 5 |
| GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| GEORGE W. PIPE Treble | FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 4 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2 | WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 5 |
| CHARLES E. FISHER ... 3 | CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| WILLIAM GORRINGE ... Treble | ALBERT H. KEMP ... 4 |
| HELEN GORRINGE ... 2 | S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 5 |
| LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 3 | MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... Tenor |

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

For the wedding of Miss Edna Mary Argyle and Mr. Harry Wilson Smith-Wood, celebrated that day at Burton-on-Trent Parish Church.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *FRANK MITCHELL Treble | EDWIN ATKINSON ... 4 |
| †DOUGLAS HALL ... 2 | FRED PRICE ... 5 |
| STANLEY DANCE ... 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor |

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. H. B. Pare, who had been in practice at Royston for the last 39 years and retired last September.

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WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire (five 240's each by Pitman and Price and 10 ordinary 120's). Tenor 8½ cwt.
FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble | PETER HALLAM ... 4
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2 | JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3 | *JOHN H. BURBAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal. Four of the ringers are vergers, viz.: 1 Croft; 3 St. Margaret's, Leicester; 5 Thurlaston; 6 Whetstone.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
FRED LACEY ... Treble | GEORGE W. MOODY ... 4
JACK BRAY ... 2 | GEORGE DOBBS ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 3 | PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in D.
*HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... Treble | J. HARRY COOK ... 4
DENNIS TOON ... 2 | HUGH BELL ... 5
†REGINALD LOOKER ... 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal.

CLEWER, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.
*AUDREY EWINS ... Treble | ROYSTON PURCHASE ... 4
WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 2 | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
JAMES BROOKS ... 3 | A. JAMES GLASS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. BUTLER.

*First peal of Minor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.
FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble | LEON WATKINSON ... 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 2 | PETER HALLAM ... 5
GEORGE PICKERING ... 3 | JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
*WALTER SHAW ... Treble | *WALTER STEEN ... 4
JOHN W. GLEW ... 2 | *BEN BARKER ... 5
JACK BAILEY ... 3 | WM. LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

*First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to J. W. Glew (captain).

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.
FREDERICK JACKSON ... Treble | HENRY WILLOWS ... 4
WILLIAM BRETT ... 2 | JOHN NEWBERT ... 5
JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3 | HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1949.

GREAT GADDSDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Beverley, Bourne, York, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.
EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble | AUGUSTINE V. GOOD ... 4
*ANNE M. DICKINSON ... 2 | TERENCE G. MORTON ... 5
PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 3 | WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal of Surprise, and in seven methods.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, and 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.
*TERRY ELLARD ... Treble | MARJORIE LEGG ... 4
EDWARD THOMAS ... 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
WILLIAM HART ... 3 | JOHN WEAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

*First peal.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5100 CHANGES;

Being 42½ scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).
*CHARLES SMITH ... Treble | *CECIL POOCK ... 4
†PEGGY HART ... 2 | †REGINALD HUNT ... 5
*MARY HART ... 3 | *LESLIE FOGG ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD HUNT.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on these bells since March 27th, 1909.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 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. Tenor 11½ cwt.
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble | STUART SMITH ... 4
DEREK WHITFORD ... 2 | ROGER LEIGH ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3 | CHARLES CLEGG ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents each of Raveningham Slow Course, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, Stedman, three each of Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon's and Winchendon Place and six of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.
*REV. A. G. G. THURLOW Treble | †GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 3
†ERNEST A. LONG ... 2 | †GEORGE SAYER ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal of Doubles. †First peal in nine Doubles methods. Rung in honour of Sir Edmund Bacon, premier baronet of England and a ringer at this church, being created His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant.

TRULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.
*ROBERT W. SHIRE ... Treble | *REGINALD HARRIS ... 4
*REGINALD PERRY ... 2 | HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 3 | *LEONARD VICKERY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CHURCHILL.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A compliment to Mr. A. S. Pyke, who has been a ringer at Trull for 50 years.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

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| *JOHN A. HAILE (15) ... Treble | *ROBERT A. JOHNSTON (17) ... 4 |
| *GRAHAM MCKAY (14) ... 2 | *JOHN H. BOADLE ... 5 |
| †J. NEVILLE HAILE ... 3 | STANLEY RICHARDSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells and first peal on the bells by a local band. First peal by local ringers for the Association since its formation in 1947. A welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Last.

EAST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Court and Single Oxford and one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| LEWIS NEWMAN ... Treble | *FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 4 |
| EDNA M. SILLS ... 2 | LUTHER J. HONESS ... 5 |
| PETER C. WRIGHT ... 3 | REGINALD L. SILLS ... Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* 25th peal.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

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| *BRIAN HEGINBOTTOM ... Treble | MARJORIE LEACH ... 4 |
| BEATRICE BRIERLEY ... 2 | ALLAN SMITH ... 5 |
| †IAN TAYLOR ... 3 | JAMES TAYLOR ... Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the centenary of the church.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| HERMON J. OLIVER ... Treble | GERALD FROST ... 4 |
| MRS. C. G. WOODGATE ... 2 | *FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5 |
| *WILLIAM PERRY ... 3 | PETER J. EVES ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 50th peal together.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

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| C. JOHN PIPER ... Treble | *CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4 |
| FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 2 | E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 5 |
| WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 3 | FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 25th peal for the Association. First peal in eight methods by the band and on the bells.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

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| MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble | JOHN F. HODSON ... 4 |
| GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 2 | JOHN E. COOK ... 5 |
| OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

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LATE NEWS

Coventry Diocesan Guild have accepted the design of Mr. W. B. Ellender, of Stoke Coventry, for a Guild badge.

Farnham District of Guildford Diocesan Guild had an increase of 25 members last year.

The Royal Exchange Chimes, London, are now electrically operated. The Lord Mayor officially inaugurated the new equipment last Friday.

Congratulations to the new band at Mapledurham, Oxon. They started from scratch on February 14th and have now rung their first peal. Handbell ringing is also indulged in. Carolling on four evenings before Christmas (playing tunes and Grandsire on the handbells), £13 8s. was raised for tower funds. Hopes are entertained for progress in other methods during 1950.

Mr. Michael D. Staniforth, who is 17 years of age, took part in three peals of Surprise (Major, Royal and Maximus) in a day. Congratulations.

Mr. A. S. Pyke has completed 50 years as a ringer at Trull, Somerset, 27 years of which he has been captain. A peal of Stedman Doubles, his favourite method, was rung on December 31st in honour of the event.

An unusual feature during the peal at Whitworth, Lancs, rung for the centenary of the church, was that during the ringing the church, including the tower, was floodlit. Mr. Heginbottom, who rang his first peal, was responsible for the floodlighting.

The peal of Plain Bob Triples at Bengoe, Herts, by the Bengoe Society was the first peal on the bells for nearly 15 years. This band decided to go over to change ringing in February, 1948, and there has been practically no service at which changes have not been rung.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, is arranging, in co-operation with Mr. J. Dyke, four days' ringing in Somerset during July or possibly August. He plans to visit seven or eight towers a day. No peals will be attempted unless specially requested. He requires about 10 good ringers to complete the party. The headquarters will be either at Glastonbury or Wells. The journey will be made by coach, leaving Clopton about 8 a.m. on the Monday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George Cross was re-elected Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths on Saturday. Mr. Peter N. Bond is the new secretary of the Society, Mr. G. W. Steere carrying on in the less onerous role of treasurer.

Another instance of a son conducting his father's first peal occurred at All Saints', Basingstoke, on October 1st, 1938, when Mr. C. W. Munday called the first peal of the late Mr. H. Munday.

This is the season of ringers' suppers. The Vicar of Wellow (Somerset) has revived the function after a lapse of 40 years, due to the bells being silent through 'death-watch' in the tower. For the first time the Vicar of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, and his wardens entertained the ringers and their wives on January 14th.

Mr. William Packer, of Lewisham, celebrated his engagement by standing in a peal of Double Norwich, his second peal, at Eynsford. The peal could not be attempted at Lewisham, as the 7th bell there has been condemned for ringing owing to a cracked gudgeon plate. An earlier attempt was made at Cubitt Town, but was lost because the ringers concerned thought one of the bobs sounded like the rattling of a rope guide and so ignored it!

Mr. Albert F. Hughes, of Bangor, who unfortunately is in the County Hospital, Bangor, writes of Mr. Harry Withers: He never forgot a face he had once seen. I was with him the whole of the time he took down the lead ends of the long peal of London at Kingsworthy. When the peal was completed he handed the figures to Gabriel Lindoff and said, 'That's the peal you have rung to-day.' There was a sealed copy at 'The Bell News' office. I took back to Birmingham two borrowed bell ropes after the peal.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1949

Five Pass the Century Mark

The year 1949 was unprecedented in the history of peal ringing. No fewer than five ringers rang 100 peals or over, and Mr. Harold J. Poole accomplished no fewer than 143 peals, a feat never before having been accomplished in the history of ringing. Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say, of Bournemouth, had the honour to be the first woman to ring 100 peals in a year.

The following table has been compiled from returns submitted by ringers in response to our appeal:—

| | Tower | Hand | Total |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Harold J. Poole | 102 (93) | 41 (38) | 143 |
| Daniel T. Matkin | 12 (1) | 109 (76) | 121 |
| A. Ballard | 54 | 64 (17) | 118 |
| Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say | 11 | 102 (24) | 113 |
| W. P. Whitehead | | | 100 |
| George E. Fearn | 88 | 3 | 91 |
| E. Morris | 67 (30) | 21 (5) | 88 |
| W. G. Young | 3 | 77 (3) | 80 |
| Alan Cattell | 51 (10) | 26 (5) | 77 |
| Alan Jacques | 76 | | 76 |
| Herrick B. Bowley | 70 | | 70 |
| P. J. Staniforth | 40 (6) | 24 (1) | 64 |
| Nolan Golden | 57 (57) | 3 (3) | 60 |
| Roy C. Hurst | 2 | 57 (1) | 59 |
| Shirley Burton | 56 (1) | | 56 |
| John Pinfold | 56 | | 56 |
| A. V. Pearson | 55 (8) | | 55 |
| John E. Bibby | 55 (6) | | 55 |
| John Worth | 53 | 2 | 55 |
| John R. Smith | 54 | 1 | 55 |
| W. Allman | 55 (5) | | 55 |
| Wilfrid F. Moreton | 48 (22) | 6 (3) | 54 |
| J. W. Frank Trotman | 49 (19) | 3 | 52 |
| J. L. Milhouse | 49 (24) | 3 | 52 |
| C. K. Lewis | 50 (16) | 1 (1) | 51 |
| Sidney O. Cheney | 51 | | 51 |
| J. C. E. Simpson | 51 (27) | | 51 |
| Miss Jill Poole | 37 (1) | 13 | 50 |
| G. Sayer | 50 | | 50 |
| Henry H. Fearn | 45 | | 45 |
| George A. Fleming | 45 (2) | | 45 |
| George E. Feirn | 29 (15) | 15 (9) | 44 |
| Arthur D. Cook | 43 | | 43 |
| Alan A. Potts | 42 | 1 | 43 |
| Brian G. Warwick | 23 | 19 (3) | 42 |
| F. E. Wilshaw | 37 | 5 | 42 |
| P. A. Corby | 41 (28) | | 41 |
| W. J. Button | 41 | | 41 |
| F. E. Dukes | 22 (1) | 19 (8) | 41 |
| Howard Howell | 41 (19) | | 41 |
| F. W. Grocott | 31 (6) | 10 (6) | 41 |
| E. W. Rawson | 40 | | 40 |
| R. G. Edwards | 37 | 3 | 40 |
| George W. Pipe (14) | 40 (7) | | 40 |
| Ronald J. Sharp | 40 | | 40 |

Number conducted in parentheses.

MR. HAROLD J. POOLE'S RECORD

The record of Mr. H. J. Poole for 1949 is as follows:—

PEALS ON TOWER BELLS.

Surprise Maximus (16): New Cambridge, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire 4, Rochester, Bedford, Lindsey, Lincolnshire, Belgrave, Albanian, Wigston, Leicestershire and Aldenham.

Surprise Royal (20): Cambridge 5, Rochester 2, Bedford, Lindsey 2, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire 2, Belgrave 2, Albanian 2, Aldenham, Leicestershire and New Cambridge.

Surprise Major (58): London 10, New Cambridge, Bristol 9, Cambridge 10, Rochester 2, Bedford 2, Lincolnshire 5, Spliced (4 methods), Dublin 2, Yorkshire 4, Belgrave 2, Superlative 4, Aldenham 4, Wigston and Leicestershire.

Stedman (8): Cinques 2, Caters 1, Triples 5. Conducted all except nine as follows: Stedman Triples 3, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, and Cambridge Surprise Maximus 1.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Kent Treble Bob: Maximus 1, Royal 5, Major 6.
Plain Bob: Maximus 1, Royal 7, Major 4.

Cambridge Surprise: Major 1, Minor 1.

Stedman: Cinques 2, Caters 3, Triples 5.

Grandsire: Cinques 1, Caters 2, Triples 2.

Conducted all except one peal each of Grand-sire Triples, Plain Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Rung with 110 different ringers and for six different guilds, viz., 130 Leicester Diocesan Guild, 2 Peterborough Diocesan Guild, 2 North Wales Association, 7 Irish Association, 1 Coventry Diocesan Guild, 1 Salisbury Diocesan Guild.



MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY,
of Bournemouth, the first woman to
ring 100 peals in a year.

MONTHLY PROGRESS.

| Month | Tower | Hand |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| January | 4 (4) | |
| February | 3 (1) | 2 (1) |
| March | 7 (6) | 1 (1) |
| April | 6 (6) | 3 (3) |
| May | 7 (7) | 2 (2) |
| June | 6 (6) | 1 |
| July | 9 (8) | 3 (1) |
| August | 14 (12) | 4 (1) |
| September | 9 (7) | 5 (5) |
| October | 7 (7) | 5 (5) |
| November | 11 (11) | 4 (4) |
| December | 19 (19) | 11 (11) |
| Total | 102 (94) | 41 (34) |

First half-year: Rung 42, conducted 37.

Second half-year: Rung 101, conducted 94.

Number conducted in parentheses.

FOUR PEALS OF MINOR IN 1934

Dear Sir,—On May 21st, 1934, six members of the Herts Association rang four peals of Minor in one day, at Anster, Great Munden, Ardley and Walkern, Herts. Each peal had seven different extents, ringers being Stanley Carter, A. Lawrence, W. A. Tack, R. Howard (conducted 1), B. Patmore (conducted 1), Sidney Carter (conducted 2). I am sorry that I cannot tell you the volume number of 'The Ringing World' that they were published in.—I am, Yours faithfully,
Hertford, Herts. SIDNEY F. CARTER.

Christmas Quiz Answers

Appended are the answers to our Christmas Quiz:—

1. St. Editha, Tamworth, Staffs.
2. St. Mark, Worsley, Lancs.
3. Sacred Trinity, Salford, Manchester.
4. The six at his church of Fittleworth, Sussex.
5. St. Lawrence, Appleby, Westmorland.
6. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin ('R.W.', 1949, p. 453).
7. On meridian, All Saints', Danehill, Sussex (ring of 4 bells); 69 yards west of meridian, St. Andrew's, Swavesey, Cambs. (ring of six bells); 80 yards west of meridian, St. John-the-Baptist, Somersham, Hunts (ring of 6 bells); 115 yards west of meridian, Waltham Abbey, Essex (ring of 12 bells). These are the nearest with bells.
8. St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand. The New Year starts on the Date Line and moves west.
9. 16. 5 to finish a 720. An extra touch of 6 singles. Then 5 to commence a 720. This is quite within rules.
10. 4, 6, 8 in Major. (2, 5, 7 on 7 bells also strictly true, but unlikely.)
11. 72.
12. 1920.
13. 168 changes (7 leads).
14. Blackpool Tower.
15. Sticking plaster; Marlinspike; Smelling salts; Castor oil.
16. A certain young ringer of Deal
Was blowing his nose in a peal.
The hanky got fanned
By a sneeze of large brand,
And flew up and jammed in the wheel.
There was a young lady of Peel
Got her rope-end mixed up round her heel.
The conductor said 'Stand,'
But the rest of the band
Went on ringing and finished the peal.
There was a peal-grabber of Seale,
Rang all day and all night with no meal.
When rounds came as planned
He didn't say 'Stand,'
But launched out again with great zeal.

KEWSETT.

THE WINNERS.

No competitor succeeded in sending a correct solution. Those nearest to Kewsett's solutions were:—

T. G. HAWKINS,
1, Cherry Orchard Close,
Stoke Poges,
Bucks.

FRANK E. HAYNES,
102 Vicarage Road,
Smethwick 41,
Staffs.

S. H. HOARL,
56, Acme Road,
Watford,
Herts.

MARRIAGE OF MISS RICHARDSON

The wedding took place at St. Peter's, Parkstone, between Miss Dorothy T. Richardson and Mr. Ralph Gardiner on Jan. 14th. As St. Peter's has only tubular bells, handbells were rung afterwards by the bride and her three sisters. Mr. E. H. Lewis and Miss Betty Spice also joined in ringing Bob Major.

The bridal toast was proposed by the bride's uncle, Mr. E. H. Lewis. Among the presents was a dinner bell cast in the shape of a church bell, presented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner will be living in Bristol.

The University of Bristol Society rang its first peal of Major as a compliment to the bride, who was one of its stalwart members.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (3)

(A Series of Open Letters)

Dear Beginners,—It seems that other ringers—even instructors—are reading our correspondence! And finding this feature interesting and useful. But some, possibly, think little of it and some may even consider what they find new to them as 'quite daft.' Still, the steps in tuition here detailed will prove their worth, and, in any case, we like to hear all views. As we said in our first letter, there are more ways than one of teaching a pupil ringer, and what proves excellent for some learners under one instructor may not be so successful under another, and vice versa. One thing is most encouraging: owing to the increased interest our new-found friend, Tom Truetouch, is running our special practice night for beginners only. So let's get along to the tower.

This week Tom begins with a short talk, reminding us that he started our training by showing us the bells themselves and then letting us handle one—gently, in chiming attempt only. He maintains this has proved best in awakening early a keen and intelligent interest in all his successful pupils, and he then surprises us by saying we shall not touch a bell-rope again during these next two 'practices.'

Now we all come under a series of quick-fire questions as Tom asks us what we remember from last week of each of these: Frame, pit, headstock, bearings, stay, slider, stop, wheel, rim-channel or wheel-groove, sally, rope-end, chiming, raising, clappered wrong, ringing, bell up, bell set, bell raised, lowering, bell down, Treble, Tenor, tone-telling striking, ringing-mat, correct stance, balance-base, and 'Cease!' Tom is not very lenient, I'm afraid, with those who have forgotten. Indeed, he tells us that any of us who haven't made up our minds, by the end of this practice, to learn thoroughly from week to week, determining to stick to it so as to become reliable change ringers, had better drop out; thus avoiding a waste of everyone else's time and making way for others.

Having introduced our other new friend, Mary Makebob, to this week's newcomers, Tom tells us she is the most promising of his last batch of pupils and that he is training her as a Beginners' Instructor. They are now going to show us what the rope action of 'ringing proper' looks like, Mary ringing, while Tom explains.

We get up from our seats round the ringing chamber and go and stand opposite the rope of No. 3 that we chimed last week, and watch Mary carefully as she takes her stance at that rope. Tom reminds us that to 'ring' a bell she must have been 'raised' from 'down' to 'up'; and that when raised she swings full circle, her large wheel taking up the rope until the full length is in use. So Mary will have to undo the rope-end loop for this demonstration.

Setting the mat and taking her stance, Mary coils the rope-end in her left hand and grasps the sally, well up, with both hands. Tom tells us not to worry about the coiling up at this stage, nor how it is let out as the bell rises, since we shall learn this after we have acquired bell control. As Mary's chiming action extends into longer pulls, with the sally rising higher and higher and the striking interval widening, we notice the coils disappearing, until the last is out and the sally is high up with Mary's arms unstretched at the rope-end. Now a pause, with the bell held 'up' at 'back' before Mary pulls her off the balance with a downright pull called 'back-stroke.' As the sally 'dances' at the bottom of the stroke Mary catches it and checks its rise to pause with the bell 'up' at 'hand,' before she pulls her off again, this time at 'hand-stroke.' The bell is now being truly 'rung,' and is performing the full-circle motion we observed last week in the bell chamber itself.

'Watch carefully this action of "ringing,"' calls Tom to us, 'noting especially: (1) the

reaching well up at both "hand" and "back."
(2) The touching of the two hands when they grasp the rope at both "hand" and "back."
(3) The dead-straight full-length down-pull action at both "hand" and "back." These are the secrets of absolute bell-control of even the heaviest bells.'

We observe all this as Mary's apparently effortless performance arouses our admiration. 'Stand!' calls Tom. And as the sally comes up to pause at 'hand,' Mary holds the bell steady for a moment, then eases up on tip-toe as she sets the bell, and ties up the rope-end loop as before.

'Now,' says Tom, 'any questions?' Well, of course, we have many things to ask. Most questions Tom answers right away, but to some he promises an answer later when we have learnt more about the whole thing. 'You've seen raising and ringing,' he goes on, 'now Mary will lower. Being the reverse of raising, as the bell drops lower, the spare end-rope is gathered up in loops again. But don't worry about that now, as you'll learn how to do it later.'

As Mary lowers the bell Tom tells us to take our seats again, as he's going to introduce us to the promised 'Pole and pig-tail,' a useful device for giving us safely and accurately the preliminary instruction and practice in the action of 'ringing' that Mary has just demonstrated so well.

But I see that we've used up our space, and I must stop, anyway, to catch the post, so, till next practice, Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch was held on January 7th at Tiverton. A very pleasant feature of the service was that it was conducted by two past chairmen of the branch, the Rev. F. Carter and the Rev. J. M. Turner, the latter giving the address. Visitors came from near and far, about 40 sitting down to tea.

At the subsequent business meeting the hope was expressed that the Guild president, Preb. E. V. Cox, who was prevented by illness from being present, would speedily be restored to health. Ten new members were elected, and the retiring officers—chairman, Mr. E. J. Taylor; secretary, Mr. C. J. Dymond; and Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley—were re-elected. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Canon Coleridge and Mr. John Heard.

Tiverton's grand ring of bells was kept going to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening, some of the striking—notably that of the service touch—being very good.

The spring meeting will be held at Huntsham on April 15th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD DEVIZES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Jan. 7th and was attended by some 80 members and friends.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Dabbs, of St. John's Parish Church. An excellent tea was served, being followed by the business meeting.

Six new ringing members and one life ringing member were elected. The secretary's report and accounts were presented and accepted. The retiring officers were re-elected for another year, and Mr. S. G. Grant, Bishop Cannings, was added to the list of ringing masters.

Bradford-on-Avon was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, with Devizes for the annual meeting in January, 1951.

Ringings at all three churches in the town was of a good standard, methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major and Minor being rung.

Television Features

Twice recently ringers who have access to television sets have had excellent features presented. The visit of Richard Dimbleby to St. Paul's Cathedral was one of the finest new features presented. The ringers were introduced to Mr. Dimbleby on the steps of St. Paul's by Mr. Herbert Langdon. They were seen climbing the stairs and finally in the ringing chamber. Here Mr. Frank Smalwood explained points to the famous broadcaster. Then came rounds and Stedman Cinques, followed by shots of the bells revolving.

The second was the dedication of Burnham bells, which was shown last Friday. The handing over of the bells by Mr. P. L. Taylor to the churchwarden and their dedication by the Bishop of Oxford were well done. Mr. George Gilbert was clearly seen receiving from the Bishop the bells for his care and attention. The young ladies of Burnham performed in a manner which must have given Mr. Gilbert a sense of pride. At any rate, they were unperturbed by the glare of the lights and added grace and charm to the general scene. Shows were also taken of the bells in motion.

Bells as news features are undoubtedly popular, and the televising of performances should add materially to general interest.

WELSH BROADCAST

In connection with the broadcast in the Welsh Home Service on January 10th, a ringer narrates his experiences as follows:—

For the 15 minutes of radio time some 25 ringers were drawn from their usual routine. Some spent from 7 to 8.30 p.m. whilst a plain course of Grandsire Doubles and a few rounds were recorded. A dance band burst upon the microphone during a 'cut' and in the change a ringer wandered. Motor-cycles and screaming children caused some delay. Even the clock had to start chiming (without bells) during an interview. Ringers going in for a broadcast must not arrange any other pursuit or pastime for the evening!

At the second church flies were a nuisance and settled on ringers and speakers frequently.

Microphone nerves affected our champion caller. After a booming instruction to an errant ringer to move rapidly from 4th place to lead it was hard to realise that it was the same timid voice at the microphone.

It is hoped that many ringers will express their appreciation or otherwise of 'Plain Bob Minors' (as it was called). If there is a great demand for a more advanced talk we can get it.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

About 67 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the South-Western Division at Hornchurch on January 7th, when some good ringing was heard on this grand night.

The very impressive service was conducted by Canon Courthope, and Mr. Page was at the organ.

The liveliness and virility of the Division was reflected at the meeting which followed, when many provocative arguments were debated.

In his report, the secretary reported a satisfactory financial position, with ringing membership standing at 227, honorary membership at 28 and three new towers in union—Haverhill (6), North Ockendon (6) and South Benfleet (6). Appealing to towers where Sunday ringing was irregular, the secretary said that bells on Sunday were a part of the English way of life and he hoped that very soon all towers in the Division would be ringing regularly for divine service. Crusader meetings had been well attended and much good work had been done.

The following officers were re-elected: Master Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead); secretary, Mr. F. V. Gant (Hornchurch); committee, Mr. J. Grove (Leytonstone), Mr. J. Sitch (Brentwood).

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

MR. G. W. CRITCHLEY NEW RINGING MASTER.

An extremely well-attended meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 7th at the Tamworth Arms, Birmingham, the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presiding.

The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had suffered by the deaths of Ernest Mansell and Harry Withers, and asked all present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to their memory. Ernest Mansell had been a loyal member of the St. Martin's Sunday band for many years, whilst Harry Withers was famous throughout the ringing Exercise for his exceptional abilities.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

It was decided to invite the Rev. S. Harvie Clark, Archdeacon of Birmingham, to preside at the Henry Johnson dinner on Saturday, March 4th. Criticism having been received regarding overcrowding at last year's dinner, it was agreed to restrict the number to the capacity of the Connaught Room, tickets to be issued in order of application. All other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the Guild's officers.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, and, in view of the heavy expenditure during the year, the finances were considered to be satisfactory. The treasurer drew attention to the cost of writing up peals, and estimated that some 300 awaited recording in the books.

Mr. J. Pinfold, having given notice of motion at the previous meeting, proposed that the subscription be raised by 1s. per annum. This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Dowding, and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrins seconded by Mr. J. Pinfold. On the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. T. H. Reeves, Mr. Albert Walker was unanimously re-elected Master for the ensuing year. In acknowledging his re-election, Mr. Walker thanked the members for their continued confidence.

The Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, gave a résumé of the peals rung during the past year. They numbered 61, and included Lindsey, Prittlewell and Albanian Maximus. The practices, said Mr. Shepherd, had been well attended by numerous young ringers, who had been helped by more experienced Maximus ringers. He thanked the Master and the hon. secretary for the assistance they had given him towards making it a successful year. Unfortunately, owing to increasing professional duties, the calls upon his spare time had grown considerably, and he regretted that he could not possibly hold office for the ensuing year. The Master expressed his regret that Mr. Shepherd found it impossible to continue, and thanked him for his valued services during the past year.

The hon. secretary proposed and the chairman seconded that Mr. G. W. Critchley be elected Ringing Master. Mr. Critchley, said the hon. secretary, was an excellent conductor who would have the support of every member. No other nominations being received, Mr. Critchley was elected, and returned thanks to the members.

The trustees, Alderman Paddon Smith and Mr. E. T. Allaway, were re-elected. Mr. H. H. Fearn was re-elected auditor, and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway was elected in place of Mr. Critchley. The librarian, Mr. J. F. Harvey, and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. E. Fearn) were also re-elected.

NEW MEMBERS.

Fourteen full ringing members were elected, including eight ringers attached to Hampton-in-Arden Church, and the following life members were duly ratified: Miss J. E. Askew

(Osterley) and Messrs. J. E. Turley (Sheffield), J. A. L. Thompson (Nuneaton) and W. H. Pickett (Edinburgh).

Mr. A. Short gave a warm invitation to the Guild to hold the next meeting at Aston on April 1st, which met with approval.

Sympathy was extended to Mr. J. W. Pemberton and Mr. S. Grove, who were both suffering from long illnesses, and the hon. secretary was asked to write and express the best wishes of the members for their speedy recovery.

The Master said how pleased he was to welcome back to Birmingham Mr. William H. Barber, who, after leaving many years ago for Dublin, Edinburgh and Newcastle, had now found his way back to Birmingham and had joined the St. Martin's Sunday band.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman proposed by Mr. V. A. Hemming, and carried with acclamation.



MR. DANIEL T. MATKIN, of Bournemouth, who created a new handbell record with 109 peals in 1949.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION
ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting took place at Martock on January 7th, attended by members from Martock, Stoke-under-Ham, Limington, Drayton, Yeovil, West Coker, Hardington Mandeville, Shepton Beauchamp, North Cadbury, Templecombe, Castle Carey and Ditchat.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and branch chairman, Preb. G. W. Saunders. Mr. R. Higgs was the organist. An excellent tea was served in the Church House by Mesdames Moorey, Strickland, Richards and Miss Strickland, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the chairman.

The retiring officials were re-elected, namely, Preb. G. W. Saunders, chairman; T. Setter, vice-chairman; F. Farrant, secretary; W. H. Poole, Ringing Master. Six new members were elected, which included the Rev. D. Ballard, Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham.

East Coker, Stoke-under-Ham and South Petherton were chosen as meeting places. The next annual meeting will be held at Yeovil. Preb. Saunders warmly welcomed those present, and, reviewing the past year, made special reference to the augmentation and restoration carried out at Stoke-under-Ham. The meeting closed with thanks to the organist and the ladies who had served tea.

OBITUARY

MR. ALLEN BROWN.

The death occurred on December 28th of Mr. Allen Brown, of Gorseinon, at the early age of 16 after a few days' illness. He will be a great loss to Gorseinon, as he was always at service ringing.

The funeral took place on January 2nd. On the following Sunday a quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles with the bells half-muffled was rung by the following with 1 and 2 as leading bells: R. Edwards 1, B. Thomas 2, A. Trew 3, A. Jones 4, R. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. T. Williams (cond.) 7, C. Pettit 8.

MR. RICHARD HAYES.

For over 40 years a ringer at Haslemere (Surrey) Church, Mr. Richard Hayes died suddenly on January 13th, aged 71. A Nottinghamshire man, Mr. Hayes came to Haslemere in 1901 and was for many years associated with the late Mr. J. H. B. Hesse.

An accomplished ringer, he served his own tower as captain and secretary at various times and was for a period ringing master of the Guildford district of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. A skilled craftsman in wood, many of the peal boards in West Surrey churches were his handiwork. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters, the younger of whom, Miss V. Hayes, is a missionary in India.

The funeral service was at Haslemere on January 17th, the Rector (the Rev. Gordon Shelford) officiating, assisted by the Rev. K. Jardine and the Rev. R. Newham. A course of Grand-sire Triples was rung over the open grave by C. Hazelden 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, F. Bowden 5-6, Mrs. Hazelden 7-8. A number of other ringers attended the service, and in the evening 1,260 Grand-sire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by H. Mullahd 1, C. Hazelden 2, G. Grover 3, Mrs. Bowden 4, A. J. Bartlett 5, F. Radford 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, F. Maybee 8.

MR. W. SPARKES.

The death is announced of Mr. Whitted Sparkes, of Streatham, S.W., after three weeks' illness, at the age of 66. He was a native of Chippenham, Cambs, where he learnt to ring, and was a member for many years of the Surrey Association.

Mr. Sparkes was a member of the Mitcham Parish Church band until the bells were put out of action by fire in 1915. He then joined St. Leonard's, Streatham, band and was most regular in ringing for the Sunday services. He took part in a number of peals of Triples, mostly at Mitcham, and was a good striker.

The funeral took place at Streatham Cemetery on January 8th. Ringers present were Messrs. R. Charge, J. Chapman, S. Howard (Streatham), A. Miller, T. G. Miller (Christ Church, Mitcham).

ESSFX ASSOCIATION
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Bocking was the venue of the annual meeting of the Northern District on January 7th. Only a small number of members attended, which was disappointing to the local ringers, as they had a bountiful tea prepared. The service was Solemn Evensong for the Epiphany, conducted by the Dean, who also gave an address. Tea was prepared in the Workman's Hall.

Miss H. G. Snowden presided over the business meeting, supported by the Dean, Sub-Dean and Mrs. Rush. At the outset, the company stood in silent memory of Mr. H. Collins, of Braintree, who died the previous Thursday night.

The following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: District Master, Miss H. G. Snowden; district secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. A. Pratt; committee, Messrs. G. Trendell and H. W. Smith.

Pebmarsh was chosen for the next meeting on March 18th. Afterwards handbells as well as the church bells were rung.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A REALLY FINE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to congratulate Mr. J. C. E. Simpson and his band through 'The Ringing World' on their success in ringing the peal of 6,486 Spliced Surprise Major, rung in six methods, at Frodsham on December 31st. I had the great pleasure of being in the vicinity most of the time, only leaving for a cup of tea. The striking was simply grand, a good beat being kept up. Having a copy of the lead ends with me, I was able to check them as they came up quite distinctly. It was a really fine peal.—Yours sincerely,
Port Talbot. A. J. PITMAN.

THOSE OUTSIDE THE PALE

Dear Sir,—Having read 'The Ringing World' for at least 20 years, and having been a member of the Central Council and travelled many miles, more than most working men, I feel rather disappointed reading Mr. Lister's letter. Does he really believe what he wrote? Is it just so around Apperley? What is most required (it would appear) is for someone of Mr. Lister's ability to get around and educate. My ringing history and records tell me that it would be tragedy if the Central Council and 'The Ringing World' stopped. We are all cogs in a great ringing machine—associations, branches to the small village band. One God, one service.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

PERSONAL ANIMOSITY

Dear Sir,—Your editorial of the first issue of 1950 warns readers to eschew spleen in their correspondence, yet in this same copy you print a glaring example of this regrettable trait.

As a non-ringer, I have no interest or side to take in the argument started by your correspondent Lister, and for all I know the reply from Theobald is a very good answer, but I am sure the Services rank of Mr. Lister has no bearing on his views or ability to conduct his case. Mr. Theobald's gibe is just another example of the bigotry now and then displayed by ringers.

The next obvious step is for some mud-slinger on the other side (possibly an amateur psychologist) to enquire what rank Mr. Theobald attained in the late war, or whether he secured a comfortable job in civil life of national importance, and so it goes on. For all I know, Mr. Theobald may have been a Marshal of the Air Force, but nothing excuses his cheap sneer.—Yours truly,

CHURCHWARDEN DARK.

Bristol 7.

ITCHINGFIELD SLOW COURSE

Dear Sir,—Is there somebody who can give me the origin of the method, 'Itchingfield Slow Course'? I found the method in a book which had been written completely by hand, and I do not know if it is a recognised method. The book was in Shipley Church, and the parish of Shipley joins Itchingfield. The method is for five bells, and there are five bells at Itchingfield. Has this any connection with the church at Itchingfield? The Itchingfield ringers have never heard of it, and I should be very glad if someone would give me some information of its history.

I should also be very glad if somebody could quote for me a rhyme about ringing in Bugbrook Church, Northants. It runs something like this:—

He who rings and breaks a stay
Shall have half-a-crown to pay.

There was also a line:—

He who rings in hat or spur.

These are the only lines I know. — Yours sincerely,
C. HONE.
Takeham.

CHANGE RINGING IN SPAIN

Dear Sir,—Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, writes in your issue of December 30th that neither Spain nor Portugal has ever possessed a *ringing* ring of bells.

There is a church in Madrid—I think, St. Francis—which possesses eight bells hung for ringing. A full account of the story can be found in 'The Bell News'—I am afraid I cannot quote the volume without search—and it is interesting to note that the English bell-hangers sent by the firm to Madrid remained after completing the work, in order to teach a band of Spaniards to ring. The extent of their efforts was certainly no more than Grand-sire, but the art did not catch hold, and it was reported that the band died out.—Yours faithfully,
K. S. B. CROFT.

Lincoln.

SPANISH JANGLING OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—The correspondence headed 'Christopher Columbus Greeting' prompts me to write as one of the few who read these letters with the background of Spanish bells. If only those who at home protest about practice and peal ringing could have a sufficient dose of Spanish jangling and clashing, incumbents would be saved many a difficult interview. 'The Ringing World' week by week both keeps us, who are at present exiled from active participation, in touch with the Exercise, and is a valuable medium for promoting interest abroad.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT J. COBE.

Bella Vista, Minas de Rio-Tinto,
Prov. de Huelva, Spain.

GROUPED NAMES—A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—Seeing Margaret Woolley's recent letter reminded me of a job never done. When Mr. Ernest Morris was compiling his book some 20 years ago he sent me a short list of grouped names. The list covered about 40 pages of foolscap and I was fairly flummoxed. Ernest needed a few verses for a preface, but had to go without. This is what I think he was after:—

Said Pye to the Baker,
That Miller's a Quaker,
With his Beans, Barley, Wheat and Oats,
He'll go for a quarter
When he know's he didn't oughter.
He'll send them Whitehead
Before they are half Breadcr.
Leaving the Tarts and the Cakes in the Poole.

'A FLAT.'

FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY

Dear Sir,—To my mind, no further comment is necessary when one observes that 2 hours 25 minutes was the time taken for the peal of Surprise Royal.

Any ringer of experience can draw certain obvious conclusions regarding the quality of the peal. I am not suggesting for one moment that it was false in any way.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

Kingston-on-Thames.

A MEMORY OF CANON COLERIDGE

Dear Sir,—I am not a ringer, but I had the privilege of playing at the service when Canon Coleridge dedicated the war memorial in his native village of Cadbury after the first world war. During the ringing, in which he took part, one of the team collapsed. Still ringing, Canon Coleridge caught him and placed him on a chair, and went on ringing. I, for one, much deplore the passing of such a personality.—Yours truly,
S. A. WELCH (Miss).
Thorverton, near Exeter.

Holsworthy Celebrations

NEW OCTAVE AND CARILLON.

Since 1904 the old carillon ceased to function, though the Mears octave (tenor 12½ cwt.) were regularly rung. But Holsworthy people loved their carillon, and, led by their Rector (the Rev. E. Royle), a committee of townsmen, with Mr. A. E. Axtell as secretary, decided on a job worthy of the fine old granite tower and the town. The bells must be recast and a new electrical carillon installed. The work was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and Dr. Mortimer, Bishop of Exeter, dedicated the bells and carillon on Dec. 20th last.

On January 14th, the 500th anniversary of the building of the tower was celebrated, with thanksgiving for the recast and rehung bells and new carillon.

More than a hundred ringers from Devon and Cornwall rang the bells during the day, and the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston was represented by Messrs. M. Howard and B. Newson.

In the morning Eucharist was sung and a special service of thanksgiving was held at 3.30 p.m. This was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill, R.D., read the lesson, and the Rev. J. A. Durling, Rector of Bideford preached. Mr. Fulford Oke, a prominent Free Churchman, gave an account of the tower and the choir sang the anthem, 'Holsworthy Church Bells,' composed by Dr. S. S. Wesley and set to words by Mr. F. J. Sluman, the Rector's churchwarden. The sum of £60 was realised from the public luncheon and tea, and the work, costing over £2,100, is now clear or nearly so.

There is no question of the excellence and 'go' of the new bells, which, in the opinion of good judges, will rank high amongst Devon's many first-class octaves. The Croydon firm must be congratulated on doing a fine job.

A broadcast of part of the service, the carillon and the bells will occur on February 5th, West Regional. Details of the bells:—

Treble.—F sharp. Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836. Recast 1949 by Gillett and Johnston, founders, London. 5 cwt. 5 lb.

2nd.—E sharp. As No. 1 bell. 5 cwt. 5 lb.

3rd.—D sharp. As No. 1 bell. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

4th.—C sharp. As No. 1 bell. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

5th.—B. Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836. Given by the family of the late Rector, Owen Lewis Mayrick, consisting of two sons and four daughters. Recast 1949 by Gillett and Johnston, founders, Croydon. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

6th.—A sharp. Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836. The expense incurred by placing a set of eight bells in this tower was defrayed by a subscription, which was raised through the persevering exertions of Francis Thorne and his nephew, Francis Thorne Honey. Roger Kingdon, Rector. Francis Thorne, Chh. Wardn. 8 cwt.

7th.—G sharp. Thomas Mears, of London, founder. F. Donn Humfredi P. Davie Baronetti A.D. MDCCCXXXVI. Recast 1949 by Gillett and Johnston, founders, Croydon.

Tenor.—F sharp. Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836. The gift of Philip Henry Earl Stanhope, 1836. Recast 1949 by Gillett and Johnston, founders, Croydon. 15 cwt.

'CHURCH BELLS OF CORNWALL'

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Stuart Worth's enquiry, 'The Church Bells of Cornwall' was published by Bemrose and Sons, of Derby, in 1878, being reprinted from a series of articles in 'The Reliquary.' The author was E. H. W. Dunkin. The book is extremely rare, and is now much out of date in view of the extensive work done in Cornish towers in recent years.—Yours truly,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Bicester, Oxon.

BIRMINGHAM.
NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE BASILICA OF ST. CHAD, R.C. METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF
BIRMINGHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.
*GWYNETH M. BUTLER... Treble | †ALBERT H. FITTER ... 4
†JOHN SCOTT ... 2 | JOHN F. BUTLER ... 5
JOHN N. LINDON ... 3 *BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First six-bell peal on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ... Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... 4
HAROLD KILBY ... 2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 3 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's and 20 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.
*JACK ASHDOWN ... Treble | FREDERICK MEETENS ... 4
HENRY WEAVER ... 2 | RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 5
SIDNEY ANSELL ... 3 | HANLEY WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

HANDELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
IN THE VICAR'S VESTRY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
ALAN CATTELL ... 1-2 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal to Thomas C. Belton, of Barwell.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

No. 38. Tenor size 17 in A.
*JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8
*Composed by M. I. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
ALAN CATTELL ... 1-2 | †HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | †JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8
*Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* 100th peal in 1949. † First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | *PATRICK PRESTON ... 5-6
*CLEMMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMMENT GLENN.

* First peal in method with an 'inside' pair.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES;

In eight methods, comprising 1,456 Plain Bob, 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 464 Reverse Bob, 304 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method. 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
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

'Go' was called at 10.17 p.m. and 'This is all' at 12.18 a.m.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | *ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8
Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;

Composition No. 5126. Kent County Association Report, 1949.
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
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Being 12 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College; Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob and Plain Bob; 281 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.
MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal in 12 Major methods 'in hand' by all and for the Guild.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT PERCY HOUSE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.
*ALAN F. THIRST ... 1-2 | †JACK R. WORRALL ... 5-6
GEOFFREY DODDS ... 3-4 | *DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 7-8
Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 in G.
HARRY POYNER ... 1-2 | JILL POOLE ... 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6 | *TERENCE A. THORNBERRY ... 11-12
Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5149 CHANGES;

Being seven methods, comprising 1,520 Plain Bob, 1,140 Gainsborough Little Bob, 784 Reverse Bob, 576 Little Bob, 392 Crayford Little Bob, and 368 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College, with 405 changes of method. 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
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): K. Good 1, Gwen Good 2, T. Morton 3, E. Upton 4, A. V. Good (cond.) 5, W. Hughes 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles J. Stringfellow 1, J. Carter (first as cond.) 2, Miss J. Carter 3, L. Hill 4, N. Ledger 5, C. Cheetham 6. First quarter 1, 5, 6. First 'inside' 3, 4.

BERWICK, SALOME, OXON. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Smith 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3 J. Godman 4, T. Selwood 5, J. Cherrill 6. First of Grandsire Doubles 1, 4, 5 and 6.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Audrey D. Eldridge 1, Miss B. R. Cowlin 2, C. Verdon 3, Rev. P. J. Boulsover 4, Shirley Rhymer 5, Mrs. M. Silva 6, F. H. Hicks 7, E. G. D. Tonkin (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by 1, 3 and 5.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. Martin's Church, with the bells half-muffled, 1,319 Stedman Cinques: J. Scott 1, Miss M. Reay 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, W. C. Dowding 4, H. J. Turner 5, T. R. Hampton 6, E. T. Lloyd 7, A. W. T. Cleaver 8, A. V. Pearson 9, J. N. Lindon 10, A. Walker (cond.) 11, G. E. Fearn 12. A tribute to the memory of Harry Withers.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Jan. 1st, 1,264 Double Norwich: G. F. James 1, I. Emery 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, J. E. Lyddiard 4, E. C. Bishop (first in method) 5, G. Waterman 6, M. F. Oakshett 7, P. J. Spice (first as cond.) 8.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles D. W. Lewis 1, R. W. Pennell 2, F. W. Hutt 3, J. E. Smith (first quarter) 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6. First quarter on the rehung bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. W. Muttock (first quarter, aged 13) 1, R. E. Burt 2, F. Pearson 3, T. C. Browne 4, F. C. Arnold 5, C. F. Phillipppo (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,950 changes (30 Bob Doubles, 600 Duke of York, 600 Sandal and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor): K. H. Wood 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Gowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON. — On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, M. Sindon 3, C. Taplin 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS. — On Dec. 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. T. J. Roberts 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. 2, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Saunders 1, B. Elliott 2, R. C. Heazel 3, G. Schleuter 4, Dr. Castleden 5, A. T. M. Perry 6, H. W. Smith 7, J. C. Jennings (cond.) 8.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,560 Plain Bob Minor (half-muffled): J. Latham 1, H. Barber 2, B. Hammond 3, G. Chambers 4, G. Bunning 5, S. Marshall (cond.) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. F. Todd 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Symonds 5, L. Fidler 6, D. C. Mears 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Biggs (first of Major) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Cox 3, J. Kape (first of Cambridge) 4, E. Timpon 5, D. Cox 6, P. Newton 7, W. Lee (cond.) 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Just 1, D. Davies (first in method) 2, R. F. Grisdale 3, F. Hogarth 4, T. Hogarth 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, H. S. Grisdale (cond.) 7, F. Barnes 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—

On Dec. 20th, 1,320 Minor (360 Kent, 360 Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Elliott (cond.) 3, J. E. Elliott 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. First quarter in three methods for 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to J. Papworth.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY. — On Jan. 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: R. Joyce Pett (first in method) 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, H. J. Eldred 5, E. Dodds 6, F. C. Grimwood 7, S. Croft 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

LLANDILO, CARMS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Davies 1, R. E. Scudamore 2, B. Morris 3, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 4, A. Reynolds 5, J. H. Price 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

MAISEYHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,949 Grandsire Doubles: G. Millsom 1, Miss E. Morse 2, Miss J. Morse 3, Miss F. Hope 4, G. Peare 5, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 6. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Baldwin.

MAULDEN, BEDS. — On New Year's Eve, 1,949 Doubles, being 600 April Day, 600 Plain Bob and 749 Grandsire: J. Wallis 1, M. J. Lockey 2, A. C. Sinfield 3, C. Mann 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, S. Sharp 6.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Pinder 1, Mrs. D. R. Carlisle 2, S. Pinder (cond.) 3, R. W. Carlisle 4, H. Lewin 5, H. Seagreave 6, H. Bates 7, D. R. Carlisle 8. First quarter in the method by all.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Sneller 1, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, F. Tufley 4, R. F. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6. Rung by guests at the wedding of Miss E. Rosier, daughter of the tower foreman, and Mr. G. H. Wells.

PYTHCHLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Cantabury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): E. E. Church 1, G. S. F. Brian 2, P. I. Chapman 3, C. E. Brown 4, B. Austin (cond.) 5.

RADLEY, BERKS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 of Stedman and 1,020 of Grandsire: Hilary Eason 1, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. G. Cross 3, Margaret Paton 4, Ruth Paton 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter by 1, 5, 6, and first of Doubles by 3 and 4. First quarter by a Sunday service band on the bells.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,950 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mitchell 1, D. Hall 2, L. W. Carbutt (cond.) 3, S. Dance 4, P. Carbutt 5, E. Atkinson 6. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar's wife after being in hospital 17 months.

SANDY, BEDS.—On New Year's Day, 1,260 Plain Bob: J. Daniels (first quarter) 1, D. Munns 2, H. Gurney (first 'inside') 3, C. Blain 4, J. Ashton (first as cond.) 5, C. J. Ball 6.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Pridgeon 1, J. Howe 2, R. Challen 3, H. Gearing 4, M. Thomas 5, F. Howe 6, F. Page (cond.) 7, J. Arnold 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, F. C. Maynard 2, Sonia Coles 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. T. Coles 6, C. Finch (cond., first in method) 7, F. Taylor 8.

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bush (first quarter) 1, L. Townsend (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. Seaton 3, S. Manning 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

WINDSOR, BERKS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Wratten (first quarter) 1, J. Brooks 2, Audrey Ewins 3, K. Curtis 4, A. Wratten 5, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. J. Glass 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS. — On Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, G. Latham (cond.) 2, S. C. Thain 3, E. Risbey 4, R. J. Thain 5, F. Garland 6.

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MEETINGS

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30, St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9). Service 4.15. Tea 5. 6388

FINCHLEY (St. Mary's).—Dedication of two new bells—one a memorial to Charles T. Coles.—Jan. 28th, 4 p.m. 6396

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. 6405

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George's), Jan. 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 6439

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual meeting of district at Guildford, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Cathedral and S. Nicolas' 2.30. Service, S. Nicolas', 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall. The evening will conclude with a social arranged by the Ladies' Guild.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 6389

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—St. Paul's, Chippenham (8), Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.45. Please notify Marsh, 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham. 6438

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's 2.30, followed by service there at 4.30 and tea and business in Parish Room. St. Chad's available 7.—C. A. Barron. 6459

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Christchurch. Priory bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Rev. A. L. E. Williams, M.A. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6434

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye District.—Meeting, Yaxley (6), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Short meeting to follow.—W. A. Lock, Diss, Norfolk. 6432

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Thomas' and St. Martin's bells available in evening. Names to F. L. Harris, Briford, near Salisbury. 6454

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Bray Vicarage, Jan. 28th, 3.30. Bells 6. Names for tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6455

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ringing Day, Jan. 28th, St. Mary Redcliffe, 2 to 3.30 p.m.; SS. Philip and Jacob's, 4 to 5 p.m. Service, St. Michael's, 6 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 6491

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th. St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5. Evensong, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral. Names early, please. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 6th, 7.15 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6463

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District annual meeting) and **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Bolsover, Feb. 4th. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to Mr. A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 6457

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Diss, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) from 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Corn Hall. Meeting follows. Also Diocesan Standing Committee meeting immediately after ringing meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 31st. Suffolk ringers invited.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 6458

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's Church, Hensingham, Feb. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. meeting 5.30. 6461

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual district meeting at Chertsey, Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Room, 5. Numbers for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey, by Wed., 1st.—F. Hawthorne. 6453

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss Sprittles, Bulwell Rectory, Nottingham, by Wed., Feb. 1st, latest. 6456

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting at Horley, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea and business. Election of district officers for 1950. Nominations for general officers, 1950. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 31st, to Mr. A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley. 6448

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room, near church. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by Monday, Jan. 30th.—A. Wray, Hon. Sec. 6386

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Annual district meeting, Feb. 4th, St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 6441

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray (10) on Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Blakeney Institute 5. Names to Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road, Melton Mowbray, not later than Jan. 31st.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6444

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—District annual, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 6462

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Audley, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Rowley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6467

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton (6), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 1st. Bicester (8) available 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop H. J. Buxton.—C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 6468

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Sharnbrook (6), Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.—Michael Stephens, District Sec., Durler Avenue, Kempston. 6472

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Buckden, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6481

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, St. James', Poolstock. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea provided to those who notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsby Street, Wigan, by Feb. 1st.—J. Burns. 6479

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Babbacombe, Torquay (8), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Usual arrangements.—A. Bennett, Cornwags, Buckfastleigh. 6477

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Feb. 1st.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 6476

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Philip's (8), Feb. 4th 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Cafe Royal, Old Market Street, 5. Important to notify by Feb. 1st.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol. 6469

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Longcot, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 6492

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hilperton (6), Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6484

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6486

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Annual meeting, Brading, Feb. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Notify for tea by Feb. 1st.—Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 6490

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Jan. 31st. 6489

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be at Cockerham, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. All ringers welcome.—John Woods, Branch Sec. 6494

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Supper and social, Angel Hotel, Feb. 11th, 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names to be sent to Mr. W. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, by Feb. 7th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec. 6450

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Willesborough, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 8th, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6485

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Peasemore (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, Newbury, by Feb. 8th. 6487

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Feb. 11th, Braunston. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 6488

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held in Cambridge on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing at all towers in the afternoon, details later. Members wishing to attend should write to A. S. Watt, Pembroke College. 6475

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting at Ludlow, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 8th to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 6471

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Farleigh (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6496

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual district meeting at Elveden, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. S. Atkins, The Dell, Elveden, by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—Miss D. M. Reeve, District Sec. 6493

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—The 62nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street. Dinner 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets to fully paid-up ringing members, 6s. each; to other members and friends, 10s. 6d. each. Early application essential, with remittance, to G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 6495

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Taunton. A Wrington lunch will be provided. Please get your names in early.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 6497

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): S. V. Hall 1, W. J. Norton 2, G. F. Webb 3, G. A. Atkins 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5. First in two methods for 1, 3 and 4.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Holbrough (first quarter) 1, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, V. R. Williams 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, R. R. Wallis 8. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocent's Day.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): Mrs. J. Naish 1, T. W. Kimber (first quarter Doubles) 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6.

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