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RINGING IN 1948

THE Peal Analysis Committee have prepared a preliminary report on ringing in 1948, which indicates the unprecedented enthusiasm in the country to-day for peal ringing. The total of peals rung reached a new high level with 2,637, made up of 2,364 on tower bells and 273 'in hand'. This is a big advance on the total for 1947 of 2,174 (1,965 on tower bells and 221 'in hand'). The upward trend since the war is indicated by the following figures: 1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; and 1947, 2,174. There is a feeling in some quarters that peal ringing has reached its zenith. In both 1947 and 1948 national rejoicings on account of Princess Elizabeth's wedding and the birth of Prince Charles added materially to the total, and there were a large number of ringers who performed on those occasions whose names do not normally appear in our peal columns.

The trend of ringing can be gauged by the monthly totals, viz.: January 207 (140 in 1947), February 193 (101), March 188 (138), April 253 (180), May 234 (201), June 177 (163), July 182 (137), August 231 (170), September 177 (167), October 236 (184), November 334 (349), December 225 (246). The abnormal climatic conditions that prevailed in 1947 during the months of February and March were responsible for the drop in the totals. Successful peal tours during the summer months added substantially to the figures of 1948, although there were tours in the previous year.

For the third year in succession there has been no change in the leading Associations, viz., Kent County 156 (136), Lancashire County 147 (133), Leicester Diocesan 141 (125). Other Associations in the forefront are Chester Diocesan 127 (120), Oxford Diocesan 124 (110), Lincoln Diocesan 113 (112), Yorkshire 110 (99), Ely Diocesan 105 (47), Norwich Diocesan 96 (73), Bath and Wells Diocesan 91 (74), Sussex County 85 (102), St. Martin's Guild 80 (71), Suffolk 73 (54), Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan 72 (68), Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan 62 (42), Coventry Diocesan 61 (42), Worcestershire and Districts 61 (51), Essex 59 (55), Middlesex 58 (52), Peterborough Diocesan 58 (42), Archdeaconry of Stafford 54 (40), Hertford County 53 (45), Salisbury Diocesan 50 (52).

In arriving at their total the committee have excluded a peal of Minor with the tenor covering rung for the Ely Diocesan Association. Our readers will remember that this point was raised by the New South Wales Association, and the committee announced that the Central Council deprecate the use of more than one cover on 5, 7 or 9 bells, and also the use of one or more cover bells on 6, 8 or 10 bells. Two peals of London Royal rung for the Surrey Association have been included in the total. The treatment of extensions of London will be a matter for the Central Council at York to decide. The opinion was expressed by Mr. E. H. Lewis at the Universities' Association dinner that there was no question that these were peals; it was one of nomenclature. Before next Whitsun thoughts on this thorny subject might possibly be crystallised.

There is no question that the number of peals rung during 1948 brought with it editorial problems for 'The Ringing World' staff. Those who handle guild reports are conscious that if the traditional style of typography is to be maintained, the cost of setting is very much increased. The same applies to editorial costs of 'The Ringing World.' To deal with arrears of peals this issue is of 16 pages. Reluctantly at times the Editor has had to reduce footnotes and place the weight of the tenor in with the latter so as to conserve space. We ask readers to forbear with us in these matters. It is a choice of necessity. To set peals in the accustomed style is far easier for us than constantly watching space. Nevertheless, we realise that the non-peal ringers have to be catered for, and it is our endeavour to ensure that lesser brethren who ring quarter peals and those who enjoy their ringing at Saturday afternoon meetings have an appropriate place in our editorial columns.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... Treble	DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	*JOHN G. AMES ... 9
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 10
JOHN WALDEN ... 5	JOHN S. MASON ... 11
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6	†BERNARD H. DALTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. In memoriam Rupert Richardson. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 8
*DOROTHY UDAL ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
*MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	†HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Maximus in the method. † 150th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
JOHN SCOTT ... 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9
JOHN S. WALTON ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
A birthday compliment to William C. Dowding.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES ... Treble	*ANTHONY E. COX ... 6
MISS DOREEN COKER ... 2	*ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 7
GEORGE R. GOODSHIP ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 8
MISS SYLVIA COKER ... 4	CECIL A. SMITH ... 9
*DAVID PEARCE ... 5	*RONALD P. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on 10 bells. To celebrate 50 years' membership in the above tower by the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHBY FOLVILLE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	*HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5
DOROTHY UDAL ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
SYDNEY O. CHENEY ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Henry Hubbard's Ten-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 5
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First of Bob Triples by all except conductor.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5
*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... 6
*MISS MARGARET RIGBY ... 3	*ARTHUR PEAKE ... 7
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	*REGINALD ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 50th peal.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, STOKE,

A PEAL OF PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	THOS. W. SHEPPARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
First peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and on the bells.

MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
ANTHONY E. COX ... Treble	F. DENNIS POOLE ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2	†RICHARD E. DEAN ... 6
H. BUCKINGHAM ... 3	†JOSEPH YOUNG ... 7
*MRS. E. D. POOLE ... 4	JAMES T. CLAY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First of Grandsire Triples. † First in the method. Rung for the christening of Veronica Grace, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cecil W. Smith.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 5
HELEN GORRINGE ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 6
E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... 7
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by WM. A. KITCHENSIDE.

For the 24th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
GEORGE A. NAVLOR ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4	WILLIAM HOLLANDS ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.



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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's	Tenor 14 cwt.
REUBEN CHARGE Treble	JAMES E. CHAPMAN 5
*JOHN E. CHILCOTT 2	HORACE BELCHER 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JOHN PHILLIPS 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

WHITLESLEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

William Smith Treble	Stanley Gilbert 5
John H. Bluff 2	Frank Warrington 6
William H. Waldron 3	Francis H. Newman 7
Charles O. Wood 4	Lawrence Hadman Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Birthday compliments to Mr. L. Hadman and Mr. G. Bush.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*PETER BERESFORD (14) Treble	*JEFFREY B. WEBB (16) ... 5
MISS J. BERESFORD (16) 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
†DONALD BRADDOCK (15) 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
*DENNIS BERESFORD (14) 4	†GORDON PEARSON (15) ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

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

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation).	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.
J. ALWYN TAYLOR ... Treble	SIMEON K. TAYLOR ... 5
*JILLIAN BRIERLEY ... 2	PETER CROOK ... 6
†ALLAN SMITH ... 3	JAMES TAYLOR ... 7
*HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4	MARJORIE LEACH ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in method. † First peal in method 'inside.' ‡ 150th peal for Association. Rung to celebrate 50 years' membership of Association by Mr. W. Crabtree, of Todmorden.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.	
*ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 5
†MARY P. HILLIAR ... 2	JACK R. WORRALL ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	†EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 7
†SIDNEY G. RICHES ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	PATRICIA HOLMES ... 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... 7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
KENNETH HARTLEY ... Treble	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 5
DEREK WHITFORD ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... 3	ROGER LEIGH ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	CHARLES CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

DAVID BEVERIDGE ... Treble	JOHN O. WELLER ... 5
EDNA M. SILLS ... 2	ROBERT COLLINS ... 6
ROBERT PALMER ... 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... 7
JOHN L. MORRIS (12) ... 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
First of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Robert Collins. Tenor 20½ cwt.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN PINFOLD ... Treble	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 5
JOHN S. WALTON ... 2	*JAMES F. HARVEY ... 6
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3	*JOHN A. BRAGG ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY DAVISON ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
ERNEST B. BETTS ... 2	FRED HODGSON ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	ALFRED SMITH ... 7
*DONALD R. MARSHALL ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to the city on this day for the official opening of the new Bradford Grammar School. Tenor 25½ cwt in D.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
EVELYN WRIGHT ... Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
*CHARLES BROWN ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*JOHN DUNN ... Treble	†ARTHUR CROWDER ... 5
FRED JEFFERY ... 2	PHILIP BARNES ... 6
GEORGE W. MOODY ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	BRIAN BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. † First in the method. In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Cave's Variation of Washbrook's.	Tenor 15 cwt.
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	*BETIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
ALFRED G. HILL ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* 100th peal.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

EDWIN HOPKINSON ... Treble	FRED A. ADAMS ... 5
*SAM SCATTERGOOD ... 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... Treble	*JILL BRITAIN ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	BETTY SPICE ... 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 3	†PATRICIA HOLMES ... 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 4	†DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. † 50th peal. † First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise for the society by a ladies' band.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... Treble	WILFRED W. RING ... 5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEFF ... 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEFF ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEFF.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

EDWARD IDDON ... Treble	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 6
MISS MURIEL REAY ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 4	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. G. Annie Paine, a ringer in this tower, and daughter of the conductor. Tenor 17½ cwt.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

JACK R. WORRALL ... Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 5
ROBERT E. COLES ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
*THOMAS YEOMANS ... 3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 7
ERNEST STITCH ... 4	WILLIAM T. PETTY ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.
* First peal of Stedman. A compliment to the hon. secretary of the Association, Mr. A. J. Hannington, and Mrs. Hannington, on their silver wedding.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS AUDREY E. EWINS Treble	WILLIAM H. EASTWELL ... 5
DAVID H. PEARCE ... 2	WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 6
MISS RUTH TABRAHAM ... 3	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 7
*MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (14) ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

* 30th peal. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HACKINGTON,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JABEZ WALTER ... Treble	STANLEY G. WHITE ... 5
SIDNEY WALTER ... 2	*GEORGE R. FRENCH ... 6
*CYRIL F. BUESDEN ... 3	FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 7
†THOMAS HOLMES ... 4	H. RICHARD FRENCH ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDERICK R. WELLER.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. A compliment to Miss Brenda Philpott and Mr. Derek Chatfield on their engagement.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Treble	*SAMUEL BIRCH ... 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	HARRY GRIFFITHS ... 7
HERBERT PIPER ... 4	†BERT HORTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.
* First peal on 'inside' bell. † 150th peal for society. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
EDGAR R. RALEY ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
*ERIC T. LEE ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
RAYMOND OVERY ... 4	†C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of London. † 250th Surprise peal. First of London on the bells. A birthday peal for E. T. Lee. Tenor 11 cwt.

GRAYSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

BARBARA M. HARRIS ... Treble	HERBERT J. ELDERED ... 5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4	*W. JOHN ELDERED ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
A birthday compliment to John E. Chilcott.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 2	HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 6
FRANK BLONDELL ... 3	REGINALD A. REED ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
In memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's last peal rung in this tower January 15th, 1910. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

VICTOR CRABB ... Treble	*ERNEST WHITE ... 5
JOHN T. LOCKE ... 2	REGINALD WELCH ... 6
DENNIS R. BEST ... 3	JACK W. DREW ... 7
HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 4	WALTER MARKS ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

LEWISHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*R. PETER ANDRE Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	†JACK DAFTERS 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung for the christening of Andrew John Corby, which took place the following day at St. George's, Perry Hill.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*DAVID THORLEY Treble	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY... 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2	ERNEST THORLEY 6
MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW ... 3	CHARLES THORLEY 7
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	JAMES THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

* First peal. † 75th peal. A 12th birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

MISS MURIEL REAY ... Treble	FREDK. E. DUKES ... 5
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 2	*HARRY S. COOPER ... 6
SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ... 3	JAMES I. WRIGHT ... 7
JOHN ASHCROFT 4	JOHN W. HAMER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAS. L. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	JOHN JACKSON 5
*THOMAS BARKER 2	ARTHUR HATCH 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	*VICTOR J. WOOD 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 4	*ERNEST J. GOWER ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 21½ cwt.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ALKELDA AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.	
RONALD W. H. JAMES ... Treble	GEOFFREY DALTON 5
*DENNIS R. AIREY 2	THOMAS COOKE 6
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ... 3	EDWARD HUDSON 7
HARRY PARRISH 4	LUCIAN VENUS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HUDSON.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A compliment to Mr. Jack Stott, Ringing Master of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at Thirsk.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING... 5
*LINDA M. REDHEAD ... 2	JOHN W. CARTER 6
FRANK RICHARDSON ... 3	*C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 7
*JOY RAWDING 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

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

RICHARD BENSON Treble	HAROLD WALKER 5
ALLEN N. BROWN 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
DAVID VINCENT 3	*ALLEN J. BROWN 7
R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 4	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. J. BROWN.

* 100th peal. Tenor 12 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	*FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

SAMUEL C. WALKER ... Treble	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON... 5
JOHN A. BROWN 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 6
CHARLES C. HULSE 3	ADAM DEAS 7
*JOHN ANDERSON 4	*DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* 25th peal together. A compliment to the conductor on his birthday. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.	
HARRY PERRY Treble	*FRANK C. MAY 5
FRANK V. GANT 2	*GERALD FROST 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
*DAVID W. BEARD 4	†HENRY W. ROOME ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

JOSEPH E. WILSON ... Treble	CHARLES CLEGG 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
DEREK WHITFORD 3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... 7
HARRY ANDERTON 4	ERNEST J. GOWER ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Varah, who is leaving the district for Battersea. Tenor 18 cwt.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*RICHARD KENDALL ... Treble	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	HORACE H. SMITH ... 6
*RONALD J. SHARP 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 7
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

* First peal in the method. A 60th birthday compliment to the conductor. Tenor 18½ cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN... 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
*MISS DORIS E. COLEGATE 4	JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON 5
MAURICE BENNETT 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 6
C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
CYRIL WANDER 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.

First peal as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*SYDNEY W. SHARMAN ... Treble	JACK S. DEAR ... 4
WILLIAM COLLINS ... 2	WALTER D. POOLEY ... 5
ROY WEBB ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

DAVID VINCENT ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	ALAN J. BROWN ... 5
PETER LAFLIN ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Vincent, married at Mossley, Congleton, on December 25th.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores and one 240.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ARTHUR F. JOPP ... Treble	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 4
HAROLD WILLET ... 2	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 5
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY ... 3	F. ALBERT REA ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARGARET ACKERS (13) Treble	†ELLEN RICE ... 4
VERA DRAPER ... 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 5
MARY ACKERS ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' For the engagement of Miss Ellen Rice to Mr. Jack Parker.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in A.

CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4
*MADELEINE M. LYON ... 2	JOHN W. MOORE ... 5
†CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Minor. † 250th peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

FRANK ARNOLD ... Treble	ROBERT G. FISHER ... 4
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPO ... 2	LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

First peal of Kent T.B. Major by all except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN HAWTIN ... Treble	*ALAN E. JACQUES, JUN. ... 4
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 2	ROLAND BENISTON ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

* First in seven methods.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS BESSIE CARTER ... Treble	FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each (called differently) of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*PETER J. WOODGYER ... Treble	†ALFRED BONE ... 4
†R. MARY DAVIES ... 2	†RODNEY MEADOWS ... 5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal including Treble Bob. † First peal in four methods.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ELLEN RICE ... Treble	JACK POUNDS ... 4
VERA DRAPER ... 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 5
MARY ACKERS ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT ACKERS.

First peal as conductor. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS DORIS SHEPPARD ... Treble	FREDERICK BROOKINGS ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2	RAYMOND THAIN ... 5
GEORGE LATHAM ... 3	CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

In memoriam Hubert Srivens, aged 90 years. He was one of the band who rang in the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, Painswick, 1920.

TISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

LESLIE A. PAGE ... Treble	JACK MUSSELL ... 4
LEONARD HARRIS ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
COLIN W. REED ... 3	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes each of Plain Bob and April Day and 2,160 changes of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

CHARLES H. WICKENS ... Treble	STELLA M. WICKENS ... 3
GEORGE A. PACKHAM ... 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 4

BASIL W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by STELLA M. WICKENS.

First peal of Doubles in 3 methods by all the band and the first in three methods in the tower.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES V. ORVES ... 4
BERT CHILVERS ... 2	ARTHUR E. COOK ... 5
ROBERT E. LESTER ... 3	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER D. HUCKSTEFF ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEFF... 4
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL... 2	†HARRY PARKES ... 5
†MARK W. MARSHALL ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope. Tenor 6 cwt.

*DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... Treble	*†RICHARD G. CROSLAND 3
NORA HONEY ... 2	HARRY P. FLOYD ... 4

ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal of Doubles.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH BELIEVED TO BE DEDICATED TO ST. CONAN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 of Grandsire and 3,600 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

*A. HUBERT EPLETT ... Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 4
*REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA 2	†ALEX J. WEBSTER ... 5
F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ... 3	*JAMES C. NORTHEY ... Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal in two Doubles methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES ... Treble	REGINALD T. JONES ... 4
LESLIE EVANS ... 2	E. PETER ROCK ... 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 7 extents in nine methods, viz.: Plain and Single Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	MARIE R. CROSS ... 4
*NORA HONEY ... 2	*CHARLES COLES ... 5
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in nine Minor methods. First peal in more than three Minor methods on the bells.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*C. JOHN PIPER (13) ... Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
†E. G. D. TONKIN (14)... 2	GEORGE BEENEY ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal other than Doubles. † First peal in seven methods. A birthday compliment to Miss V. Lambert.

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STOP PRESS.

Two old members of the Ancient Society of College Youths have died. Mr. Emmanuel Hall (91), of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, who joined the society in 1887; Mr. Frank Skevington (75), St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, who joined in 1905.

First ladies' peal for Royal Cumberland Youths was Bob Major, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, May 27th, 1939; conductor, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. Peal at Bexley was first Surprise peal.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. James George has been seriously ill in Long Fleet Gardens Hospital, Poole, since January 11th, suffering from bronchitis and pneumonia. The oldest veteran ringer to ring a peal on handbells at the age of 85 writes that he is now slightly better and regrets that he has been unable to answer his correspondence.

With the peal at Eastwell, Kent, on January 9th, Mr. Harry Parkes has rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

We are informed that the peal at Stokesay, Shropshire, on October 16th, was rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild and not for the Shropshire Association.

Two members of the Watford tower—Messrs. H. G. Timms and A. R. Dawes—have each been presented with sons. The double event was honoured with a peal of Grandsire Caters on January 25th.

Mr. Edward Iddon has 'circled' the tower of Holy Trinity, Bolton; Mr. Robert E. Coles, St. Iltyd's, Bridgend, Glam.; Mr. James Thorley, for the second time, Thorne, Yorks; Mr. Percy Swindley, St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester.

By ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John the Baptist's, Erith, on January 14th, Bertie W. Aldridge, the captain of St. Mary's, Woolwich, completed his 100th peal. Thirty-nine of these have been called by the conductor of the peal, Mr. F. J. Cullum.

Mr. F. E. Dukes has made a good start for 1949 with three peals in 24 hours and 39 minutes. A handbell peal in Belfast on Friday, 14th, was followed by two tower peals in Lancashire on the 15th at Bolton and West Houghton. There were two other peals on following days.

BELFRY GOSSIP

All ringers will share with us our deep regret at the passing of Mr. George Williams. We hope to publish in our next issue tributes to his memory.

Almost with a tinge of regret, Mr. George Gilbert informs us that the peal at Burnham on January 15th was the first of the last 66 peals rung on the bells without a 'first.'

The peal at Eglosayle, Cornwall, on January 12th, is believed to be the first peal on the bells for 40 years and first by a resident Cornish band.

When the Duke of Edinburgh visited Bradford to open the new Grammar School, Donald R. Marshall, a prefect at the school, rang his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the Cathedral bells in honour of the occasion.

The peal of Doubles at Cranford, Middlesex, on January 16th, enabled Messrs. T. G. Bannister, F. W. Goodfellow and R. A. Reed to have rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Members of the Craft will desire to extend their congratulations to those participating in the first handbell peal to be rung at Bolton. The conductor, Mr. F. E. Dukes, is Master-elect of No. 72 Dublin Lodge.

Miss Mary E. Davis, now a student nurse at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, rang in a peal at Upwey, Dorset, on January 15th. It is nearly two years since she stood in a peal attempt.

Three generations of Mr. J. Hope, of Sidlington, Cirencester, participated in 1,260 Grandsire Triples at Fairford, Glos., on Jan. 22nd: Miss D. H. Boulton (granddaughter, first of Triples) 1, Miss F. M. Hope (daughter) 2, A. Law 3, H. L. Cooke 4, H. R. Acock 5, W. A. Godwin 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7.

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THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS' PROGRESS

INCREASED JOINING FEES ADVOCATED THE MASTERSHIP: A RETURN TO ST. MARTIN'S
THE DINNER AND LICENSED PREMISES

THE annual meeting of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 22nd, attracted a large attendance of ringers to London. A cordial welcome was extended to them by the Master (Mr. Walter Ayre), who was supported by the secretary (Mr. G. W. Steere).

It is very gratifying to see so many young people in town,' said the Master. 'Some of the ringing this afternoon was not too bad; it was a little bit above the average of ringing meetings, but it could be better.'

After announcing the apologies, Mr. Ayre said he had a letter from one of the secessionists, who were a pet aversion of his. Mr. E. J. Rowe had tendered his resignation as a member of the Royal Society stating that he intended to seek membership of the Ancient Society. Those who read the report of the 31st anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society would remember what he said about such things. He still stuck to that view regardless of another letter that appeared in the Press a week or two afterwards.

Arising from the minutes, a question was asked whether the dinner was a success. Mr. Ayre replied, 'Socially, yes; financially, no.'

Calling attention to the rule that no one who had not paid 2s. in steeples fees was entitled to vote on financial matters, a suggestion was made that certain members present would like to qualify forthwith and another that an annual subscription should be introduced.

The Chairman replied that if tower secretaries who were faithful Cumberlands organised monthly practices, there would be no question of finding 2s. for the annual meeting.

Mr. C. Matthews: The rule is tantamount to making an annual subscription of 2s.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: Have you a list of those who have paid 2s.?

The Chairman: No. The question of voting on financial matters will be left to conscience.

AN INCREASED BALANCE.

The hon. secretary then presented the balance sheet. The year started with a balance of £69 7s. 3d. Receipts included 77 new members £19 5s., steeples £5 2s. 3d., and donations £6 1s. The main item on the expenditure side was a deficit on the dinner of £6 10s., the year concluding with a balance in hand of £89 19s. 2d. On the proposition of Mr. George Cross, the balance sheet was adopted.

The secretary's report stated that the past year had been very successful with 77 new members, which was a record for all times. During the year 20 peals on tower bells and three 'in hand' had been rung. Quarterly meetings were arranged for Chislehurst, Dunstable and Guildford. The year had been marred by the death of Mr. J. Bailey.

The report was adopted with a vote of thanks to the secretary for his work in the past year.

Commenting on the peals, the Master said there had been 12 conductors to the 23 peals and there were eight first pealers. He hoped there would be 20 first pealers in 1949.

Mr. A. H. Pulling congratulated the St. Martin's company on ringing a peal with four or five College Youths. It was one of the finest gestures they had seen for a long time.

The Master: I think it is appreciated on the other side. It is not an iron curtain between the societies, but a linen one which one can go through.

Mr. C. Matthews said he had it on excellent authority that Cumberland ladies rang a Surprise peal for the first time for the Society; they ought to congratulate those ladies.

RATIFICATIONS.

The meeting ratified the election of the fol-



MR. GEO. H. CROSS.

lowing members: Alec A. Bird (Stoke Newington), A. E. Chilson, P. White, W. Chandler, F. G. Hooper, J. W. Raithby, G. E. Elsey (Newark), the Misses Kathleen and Grace Birchall (Sutton-on-Trent), Miss Rachel Yeld (Milford-on-Sea), D. Martin (London, S.W.11), W. Rose (Peterborough), T. H. Holmes (Herne Bay), Miss Millhouse (Lincoln, hon. member), Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), Miss Peggy Kitchen (Thames Ditton), P. Davy (Bramley), Ian W. Jackson (Isle of Wight), Miss Doris Dobbie (Sittingbourne), Miss Frances Edgar (London, S.W.1), P. J. Delmon (Eastbourne).

New members elected were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Carter and Mr. J. M. Pages (Hertford), Mr. P. I. Chapman (Kettering), Keith McGregor (Orpington) and Miss Audrey Discrens (Reading).

ELECTION OF MASTER.

There were three nominations for the post of Master, the ballot resulting as follows:—

Mr. George H. Cross	... 43
Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne	... 20
Mr. Tom Bevan	... 13

Mr. Cross, on taking the chair, thanked the members for electing him and also Mr. Ayre for his services during the past year as Master. It was something unknown for someone outside of St. Martin's tower to hold the office of Master. He had been the means of getting a lot of young members. Mr. Cross concluded that his health had not been so good during the past six months, so any of the younger members who could help would be welcomed. The Rector of St. Martin's, who had to leave the meeting, said it was a great privilege and an honour to St. Martin's for the Society to make its headquarters there. They welcomed them and he asked the members to take the good wishes of St. Martin's to their towers.

The new Master thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and the good people of St. Martin's for their hospitality. He knew of no other tower in London where the people were so good to the ringers.

Mr. F. Hawthorne, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Steere as hon. secretary, said

Mr. Steere had served them very faithfully and well, but they should look round for a successor with the right qualifications to take office in, say, 10 years' time.

Other officers elected were: Senior steward, Mr. Tom Bevan; junior steward, Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne; trustees, Messrs. C. J. Matthews and Winterton; auditors, Messrs. A. H. Pulling and W. Ayre.

Meetings proposed were: Rickmansworth, April 30th; Dartford, July 23rd; Broxbourne, Herts, Oct. 1st; and the annual meeting on Feb. 4th, 1950.

DINNER AND LICENSED PREMISES.

A discussion was taken on the advisability of holding an annual dinner, and on the proposition of Mr. Hawthorne, it was decided to hold such a gathering on October 9th.

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight questioned whether it was advisable to hold the dinner at the Old Bell as it precluded juniors.

Mr. C. J. Matthews, advocating the holding of the dinner at the Old Bell, said he hesitated to depart from tradition. Ringing had always gone with liquid refreshment on the social side. He could not see a dinner being a success on unlicensed premises.

It was decided to leave the arranging of the dinner in the hands of the following committee: Mrs. Deal, Miss Pat Holmes, Messrs. Tom Francis, Peter Bond, F. Hawthorne, F. Knight and the Master and hon. secretary.

The advisability of appointing a deputy secretary was discussed, and Mr. Peter Bond was elected to this office.

INCREASED JOINING FEE SUGGESTED.

Miss Pat Holmes said the Society charged a joining fee of 5s. To bring it into line with other societies' subscriptions, she suggested that it should be 7s. 6d. The College Youths' subscription, she believed, was 15s. 'This Society is too cheap,' she added. 'I don't think it would be too much.'

Mr. Frank Knight seconded.

The Master thought the proposition was a good idea as the certificates they gave members were very expensive.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Frank Hawthorne that the matter be referred to the next annual meeting. He suggested that a book be kept in each tower for steeples.

Mr. Matthews seconded. The Cumberlands, he said, did not want to see a big bank balance.

Miss Holmes withdrew her motion in favour of the amendment on the understanding that new notice of the proposed change of subscription would be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the officers and the church authorities, proposed by Mr. Frank Hawthorne.

Mr. George Gilbert made an appeal on behalf of Burnham bells. The job would cost £2,000 and he had to raise that sum by next Christmas. Burnham had made 25 Cumberlands in their tower. A retiring collection was taken for the fund.

40 YEARS AS SECRETARY

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank all those, far and near, who so generously subscribed to the fund—together with kindly expressions—in recognition of my forty years' service rendered as lay secretary to the Stafford Archdeaconry Society. Mr. Chris. Wallater, in a few chosen words, made the presentation of a fat cheque at the quarterly meeting at Wolverhampton on January 22nd. The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, also paid high tribute to the work of the recipient.—Yours faithfully,

H. KNIGHT.

Wolverhampton

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Central Council's Visit PROMISCUOUS APPLICATIONS FOR BELLS.

A very successful meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract on January 22nd, attended by representatives of all the districts. By kind consent of the respective clergy, All Saints' bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and St. Giles' in the evening only, due, of course, to the fact that the church is situated in the market place, which is always a busy spot on a Saturday afternoon.

The General Committee met at St. Giles' Parish Hall, after which an excellent tea was served in the Co-operative Cafe, followed by the general meeting in the same room immediately afterwards. The chair was taken by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, and Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president. Apologies for absence were received from the hon. treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton, both of whom were ill, and Messrs. W. H. Senior, A. H. Fox and F. W. Dale. A vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens of both churches was ably moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Morley and carried. The Rev. A. J. Poole replied, saying that he understood it was 15 years since a general meeting was held at Pontefract, and hoped that the next one would come round much earlier than that. A similar vote of thanks to the local companies for their able arrangements was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. F. A. Staveley and carried. Mr. H. C. Walters replied.

The President pointed out that the next meeting would be the annual meeting, and they had an invitation to hold it at Selby Abbey on May 7th. There being no other invitation, Mr. J. Ambler moved and Mr. E. Short seconded that the invitation be accepted, and this was carried. Mr. L. W. G. Morris moved the re-election of Mr. S. F. Palmer as hon. treasurer, which was seconded by Mr. J. W. Moxon and carried unanimously.

The President reported on the arrangements, which, of course, are incomplete at the moment, in connection with the forthcoming Central Council meeting at York, but which would be published in due course. Premises had already been booked for the meeting, and

the delegates would be the guests of the Association to tea afterwards. Ringing arrangements will be published, and it is hoped, in order to avoid confusion, that visitors will address all enquiries in this respect to the responsible Association officials when announced. Promiscuous applications for the use of certain rings of bells for peal ringing on the Whit Monday had already come in from people who were not members of the Council, and had, needless to say, not been addressed to any Association official. The committee were unanimous that this practice was one to be deprecated, particularly as in no fewer than three instances it was proposed that the rings of bells in question should be placed at the disposal of Council members who otherwise would not have an opportunity to ring them.

The President announced that the committee had considered the secretary's report on the Snowdon Dinner, held at Bradford on October 2nd, and were disappointed that a clash should have occurred with the date. An Eastern District meeting was held on the same date, and had the effect of reducing the attendance from the district to three members only. It was most unfortunate in view of the fact that the Association had supported the revival of the dinner and the date was published in the annual report. The Eastern District secretary had explained that that was the only date on which the tower concerned could accept the meeting. The dinner itself had been a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Association's thanks were due to the secretary and his Bradford helpers, who put on an excellent show. It was a pity that the attendance fell below the anticipated complement of 90, which had been the basis in calculating the cost to members. The attendance was 60, and in consequence the secretary anticipated a loss of £6 or more.

The President reported that the committee had given serious consideration to the upward trend in administration costs, largely due to the steep rise in the cost of printing, and intended to review the entire position at its next meeting, and, if found necessary, to recommend an adjustment in the annual subscription rate to bring it into line with present-day administration costs. H. E. North (Rotherham), Mrs. N. Chadwick, J. Cutt, G. Hepworth (Sandal) and Frank Townend (Crofton) were elected members.

Southwell Guild Dinner

A SUCCESSFUL INAUGURATION.

The youthful Southwell Guild, following precedent set by many old and influential societies, held a dinner at the New Milton Cafe, Nottingham, on January 22nd. Lack of accommodation made it necessary to restrict diners to 90 and many applications for tickets had to be refused.

Visitors included the Rev. A. Ingles, the Vicar of St. Peter's, Nottingham, Mr. Albert Ward, Derby, Mr. Clement Glenn, Grantham, Mr. W. C. Rhodes, Birmingham, and a contingent of ringers from Pinchbeck, headed by Mr. David Whitton.

Canon R. F. Wilkinson presided and was supported by the officers. In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. Walter White warned his audience that Sunday, a holy day, should not be turned into a holiday and that the pattern of our church must not be tampered with. He also stated (amidst laughter) that bellringing went back to David's time, as it was said in Psalm 82 'that all foundations of the earth are out of course.'

The Rev. A. Ingles replied in witty vein and mentioned that Charles Lamb had said in a moment of chagrin that the music of bellringing was nearest heaven . . . it was not earthly!

Mr. J. W. Raithby, the hon. general secretary, proposed the toast of 'The Guild,' and spoke of its formation and objects, the need for individual initiative and the necessity for an intensive recruiting drive. He mentioned that if every tower in the Guild taught one new ringer each year, the increase would be 600 in ten years. The 42 pea's rung for the Guild during 1948 constituted a record, and bands were fortunate in being able to ring 'firsts in the method' for the Guild. This was much more difficult with the older societies.

The Guild's chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson—a well-known clerical ringer and a fluent speaker—suitably replied and spoke of the danger in this radio-minded age confronting our great tradition by 'canned' bells.

'The Visitors' was given by Mr. H. Pailing and responded to by Mr. W. C. Rhodes, of Birmingham.

Mr. Walter Nichols, the hon. treasurer, was warmly thanked and applauded for his enterprise in arranging the dinner, which it is hoped will take its place in the ringing calendar as an annual event.

Entertainment included handbell ringing, musical items and a skilful display by a lighting cartoonist.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 22nd, and was attended by about 70 ringers and friends.

The service was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinsons Markby, and after tea at St. Peter's Institute, the Canon also presided at the business meeting.

The membership was given as 203, of which 168 were ringing members. The secretary mentioned that the branch had lost three members by death during the past year, and that since the beginning of 1949 the oldest member of the branch, the Rev. John Wynn Werninck, had died. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect for these ringers. The accounts showed a credit balance of £61.

The Chairman remarked that some of the towers had held a 'Belfry Sunday,' and advocated that more of these services be held as they undoubtedly helped the general public to understand the work and objectives of the ringers.

Canon A. W. Markby was re-elected chairman, and all the remaining officers were returned to office, with the addition of Mr. R. H. Duke as assistant secretary.

The bells were kept going until nearly 9 o'clock to a variety of methods. J.H.H.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

A large gathering of ringers and friends attended the annual meeting on January 22nd, when the Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Ewart) officiating. A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 ls. 3d.

Tea to a company of 80 was supervised by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Johnson. The Rev. S. F. W. Powell (branch president) was in the chair at the business meeting. The company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. J. C. Shatford.

Mr. A. Bingley (Irthlingborough) presented his report as branch secretary, and the balance sheet showed an increased balance of £2 8s. 3d. Permission is to be sought for the next quarterly meeting, to be held at Stanwick.

New ringing members elected were Messrs. D. J. Houghton, M. N. P. Taylor and B. C. Clark (Higham Ferrers). First peal certificates were presented to Messrs. A. J. Edmunds, A. Partridge, R. Elliott, M. Elliott and R. Line (Bozeat) and W. Wilson (Higham Ferrers).

Officers elected were: Rev. S. F. W. Powell (Bozeat), president; hon. secretary and treasurer, A. Bigley (Irthlingborough); Branch Ringing Master, W. G. Callis (Mears Ashby); Guild Committee, J. King and A. E. Plowman (Wellingborough); Branch Committee, A. Y. Tyler (Irthlingborough), C. Payne (Irchester), C. W. Partridge (Wilby); auditor, E. W. Johnson (Earls Barton).

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting held at Chilvers Coton on January 15th was highly successful, being attended by upwards of 100 members and friends, most of the towers being represented. The light ring of ten was tried in various methods, but the inaudibility of the new trebles in the ringing chamber rather upset the striking. More attention to this point should be given by founders when bells are augmented, especially with lighter rings.

The Guild service, conducted by the Rev. D. A. Munro, curate of Chilvers Coton, was followed by tea and business meeting. The Master (Mr. A. H. Beamish) gave notice of motion that he would propose at the annual meeting that the annual subscription of junior members be ls. instead of them being admitted free as at present. This was supported by Mr. W. A. Stote and Miss M. Reeves. New members elected were Miss C. Boxham (Nuneaton) and Messrs. J. Woodward and W. Brandist (Keresley).

It was announced that the annual meeting would take place at Stratford on April 23rd.

Ringling was resumed until 7.15, when a return was made to the Parish Hall for a social evening. This had been thrown open to the parishioners, and a company of 200 spent the next four hours playing whist, games and dancing. A feature of the evening was the selections on 28 handbells by Mr. C. H. Webb and his company of Allesley ringers.

Dedications

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, ORMSKIRK.

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool dedicated the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Ormskirk, on January 15th, in the presence of a large congregation. The front seven have been recast and a new tenor replaces the pre-Reformation bell, dated 1497, which now stands under the tower as a museum piece. Cast iron headstocks and modern bearings have been fitted, but the original oak frame has been retained. The work was ably carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

In the course of his address, the Bishop said Ormskirk bells were known throughout the country; they were always good bells. To the Vicar, churchwarden and members of the church at Ormskirk he would say, 'Be proud of your bells; they are a great possession; be glad you have got them.'

In a word to the ringers the Bishop said he was glad so many had come to take part in that service, and he hoped that bellringers would always do their duty as part of the community of the Church. The ringing of church bells was a call to worship, a challenge and a call to duty as Christians.

After the service the local band, augmented by two ringers from nearby churches, who replaced two members incapacitated through an accident, rang a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples.

Refreshments followed at the Scouts' Headquarters, and then the tower was open to visiting ringers. Fortunately the tower is very large, but even then the accommodation was severely taxed by the 117 ringers who crowded in. Touches were rung in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol. One touch of London deserves special mention, being rung by 'Old Joe's Saturday Band.' Many expressions of praise of the bells were heard.

The bells and their inscriptions are:—

Treble.—1774.

2nd.—1774. Peace and good neighbourhood.

3rd.—1714. William Guse, Parish Clerk, A.R.

4th.—1714. Mr. Henry Welsby, Constable, A.R.

5th.—1714. Arohippax Kippax, Vicar, A.R.

6th.—1714. Benj. Fletcher, Thos. Moorcroft.

7th.—1774. Thomas Aspinall, Churchwarden.

Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder.

Tenor.—1948. God's Preservation, 1939-1945.

Weight, 21 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

The old tenor bell weighs 25½ cwt. and bears the inscription: 'J*S*de*B*armig*et*ix*me* fecerunt*in honore*trinitatis R.B. 1497.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
BOLTON BRANCH.

The Bolton Branch held their annual meeting at the Parish Church of St. Peter on Jan. 22nd. The new Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Norburn, presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the members and promised to give all the help he could to help ringers in their work.

At this meeting the secretary, Mr. Peter Crook, tendered his resignation. He said he had held this position continuously for 30 years and he thought the time had come when they ought to get someone else, but the meeting decided unanimously that the resignation ought not to be accepted and that an appreciation of his long service be entered in the minutes. Mr. John Potter was re-elected to serve on the committee for two years, and the good wishes of the members were sent to him for a speedy recovery from his illness. Mr. James L. Wright was re-elected Ringing Master, and nominations were also made for officers of the Association.

The ringing part of the meeting was again a huge success. There was a large attendance. All classes of ringing were catered for, from rounds to Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol. Tea was very kindly provided by the local members.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, at North Stoneham on Friday. He was 91 years of age and died in his sleep.



Mr. George Williams was one of the outstanding personalities of the Exercise, and in all branches of the art he did much to advance peal ringing. He had rung more than 1,500 peals and his list of 'firsts' was outstanding. A member of the famous Brighton band of the early years of this century, his ability as a conductor and ringer gained for him a foremost place in an assembly of eminent ringers. Among the first peals in a method to his credit were Bristol Surprise Major, Oxford Surprise Major (his composition) and Norfolk Surprise Major. He rang in the first peal on Exeter Cathedral bells—Grandsire Caters—in 1902.

When it was decided to ring a peal by a band composed of ringers with 1,000 peals to their credit at St. Olave's, Hart Street, in February, 1936, the choice of the conductor fell to Mr. Williams. The peal was Cambridge Surprise Major, and of the ringers who participated only Messrs. Frank Bennett, James George and Alfred H. Pulling are now living.

He was one of the senior members of the Central Council, and he was held in very high esteem by his fellow members. To his own Guild—first the Winchester and afterwards the Winchester and Portsmouth—he rendered faithful service, attending to his duties meticulously.

Mr. Williams was a widower. Mrs. Williams shared her husband's pleasures in ringing, and she was the first lady to ring a handbell peal—Holt's Ten-part in 1892. Mr. Williams gave two trebles at North Stoneham in memory of his wife.

The funeral took place at North Stoneham on Tuesday.

DONNINGTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 31st, 1,080 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Bob Minor: D. Woods (first quarter) 1, J. E. Allen (cond.) 2, E. Staples 3, C. Wander 4, S. V. Woods 5, A. Woods 6.

TICKHILL, Yorks.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Jackson 1, H. Denman 2, H. Barnes 3, A. Hulley (first of Doubles) 4, A. Rogers (cond.) 5, W. Watkinson (first of Doubles) 6.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. HENRY HOGARTH.

By the somewhat sudden death on January 18th, at the age of 66, of Mr. Henry Hogarth, the Church of St. Mary, Chatham, the belfry in particular, has sustained a sad loss.

Harry, with his quiet but perpetual kindly way, was greatly esteemed by all who knew him; whether in church, in the belfry, at work or on the bowling green his pleasant manner was a tonic to his colleagues. He came from a ringing family, being the eldest of four sons and one daughter (all ringers) of the late Mr. Hogarth, who was the Ringing Master at Crosswithe Parish Church, Keswick, Cumberland.

Mr. Hogarth came to Chatham from the Lake District and joined the St. Mary's ringers in 1911, and he also served as a sidesman for some 20 years. Being employed in the grocery business, he was perhaps not so well known amongst ringers outside his own local towers, he being unable to attend association meetings or take part in Saturday peals, and in consequence his peal list was a very short one. A very competent ringer in the standard methods and an excellent striker, he will be greatly missed from Sunday service ringing.

As a tribute to his memory, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Parker's Twelve-part was rung half-muffled at St. Mary's Church on January 23rd by R. Skinner 1, T. Beaumont 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, G. Wiggins 5, R. E. Norris 6, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 7, C. E. Norris 8.

Mr. Hogarth leaves no family to follow him in the belfry, but deepest sympathy is extended to his widow in her bereavement and to his relatives in Cumberland. V.A.J.

MR. G. W. WARNER.

By the sudden death of Mr. George W. Warner, at the age of 51, on January 22nd, St. Mary's, Woodbridge, ringers have lost a close friend and member. He was present in the tower on the Sunday and Tuesday previous to his death.

Mr. Warner had a long association with St. Mary's and always set a good example by his regular attendance at Sunday ringing. Although not a great peal ringer, his accomplishments included a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Coronation of King George VI. His passing will leave a gap very hard to fill. A.S.W.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

St. Mary's, Cottingham, with its unusual entrance to the belfry from the outside of the church, up a circular staircase to the roof and then through a trap door, descending a wooden ladder to the floor of the ringing chamber, was visited by the Beverley and District Society on January 8th.

A touch of Stedman Triples preceded the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hebron), and Mr. A. H. Fox was the organist. High tea followed at Brocklesby's Cafe.

The president (Mr. G. F. Williams) presided at the business meeting, when Holy Trinity, Hull, was selected for the meeting on February 12th, and Hessele for the March meeting. Thanks were accorded the Rector, organist and local ringers on the proposition of Mr. Tyson. Handbell ringing by several teams proved most enjoyable, and further ringing in the tower to standard methods brought a successful meeting to a close.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Anne on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Perrin 1, W. T. Theobald (cond.) 2, H. Howson 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe 5, A. Ingreve (first quarter) 6.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Print 1, H. Brookes 2, V. B. Hunt 3, R. C. Chapman 4, C. R. Steed 5, W. Cockings 6, J. F. Lyne (first as cond.) 7, F. C. Lyne 8.

**SAMPFORD PEVERELL, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

*On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.
HARRY COMMINS ... *Treble* | CLAUDE TARR 4
RAYMOND A. WINTER ... 2 | HARRY PURCHASE 5
*WILLIAM H. WARE ... 3 | STANLEY BRISTOW ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on bells since overhauling and re-hanging on ball bearings by J. Taylor and Co. Believed to be first peal on the bells.

**ST. BREWARD, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Brevard.*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,760 of Grandsire and 2,280 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*JAMES C. NORTHEY ... *Treble* | R. GORDON CROSS 4
†A. HUBERT EPLETT ... 2 | ALEX J. WEBSTER 5
REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA 3 | F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in two methods 'inside.' First peal in two methods on the bells.

UPWEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*RICHARD H. DUKE ... *Treble* | EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ... 4
FREDERICK PREECEY ... 2 | *JOSEPH H. HAYNE ... 5
MARY E. DAVIS ... 3 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Bob Minor. A compliment to Leslie V. Davis of the local band upon the birth of a daughter.

**RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, different variations. Tenor 10 cwt.
*FREDK. W. FROST ... *Treble* | CHARLES JAY 4
WILLIAM PERRY ... 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
RODERICK W. CROUCHER 3 | GERALD FROST ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Jan. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.
THOS. G. BANNISTER ... *Treble* | HERBERT W. IMPY ... 4
ALBERT R. G. TWINN ... 2 | REGINALD A. REED ... 5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 3 | *MISS BARBARA THRUSH *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

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

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Jan. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-four 120's, five 240's of Morris' and four 240's of Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*MRS. OLIVE TRANTER ... *Treble* | HAROLD AUSTIN ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2 | †WILLIAM RICKINGS ... 5
WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 3 | CHARLES LARNER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob, 8 of Reverse Canterbury, and 6 of London. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.
TREVOR PAYNE ... *Treble* | GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 4
EDWARD E. FISHER ... 2 | MARJORIE LEGG ... 5
*BRENDA PRESCOTT ... 3 | †HENRY BUTTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

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

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

*On Fri., Jan. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
HARRY DUNCOMBE ... *Treble* | HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 4
ALFRED J. HINDE ... 2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
MARGARET BEAMISH ... 3 | JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by MARGARET BEAMISH.

The quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*On Mon., Jan. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At 35, WOODSTOCK ROAD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
BETTY SPICE ... 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5-6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3-4 | JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 7-8
*PETER T. ROBBINS ... 9-10

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by JEAN A. SOUTHERST.
* First peal of Royal and on handbells. First peal of Royal and on handbells as conductor.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Jan. 5, 1949, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6
Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Jan. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
First peal of Major as conductor.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Jan. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS J. LOCK ... 1-2 | ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5-6
MAURICE HODGSON ... 3-4 | WILFRID G. WILSON ... 7-8
Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
At 20, WESTBROOK VILLAS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in C.
*DENNIS R. AIREY ... 1-2 | RONALD D. AIREY ... 3-4
*MISS MADELEINE OUCHI ... 5-6
Conducted by RONALD D. AIREY.

* First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | *WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' 'in hand.' 100th peal as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Jan. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At 37, VICARAGE ROAD, RODBOURNE CHENEY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 12 in F.
*MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 1-2 | W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 3-4
*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ... 5-6
Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BADWELL ASH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): C. Fordham 1, W. Goodson 2, R. E. Manton 3, H. Hunt 4, A. Rogers (cond.) 5.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's de Merton on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Long 1, B. Hulatt 2, G. Hulatt (age 14, first as cond.) 3, S. Harlow 4, W. Stapleton 5, E. Jeffries 6. First of Plain Bob by 1 and 2.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Benwell (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stotherd 2, A. Wallace 3, C. S. Dixon 4, J. Carse (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,349 Doubles, consisting of 360 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Antelope, Canterbury and Plain Bob and 149 Grandsire: G. Robinson 1, R. C. Noon 2, G. Care 3, P. Jones (cond.) 4, C. Longland 5. For the silver jubilee of the founding of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. J. Humphrey 1, P. Spice 2, E. C. Bishop 3, J. R. Wilson (first quarter) 4, G. F. James 5, J. E. Lyddiard 6, C. Cullen (first as cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY, YORKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,949 Treble Bob Minor (149 Oxford, 360 each of Sandal, Kingstone, Woodbine, Duke of York and Kent): G. K. Crompton 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, K. H. Wood 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Acton.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, W. Goldstone 2, Miss J. Crocker (first quarter) 3, G. Curtis (birthday compliment) 4, R. Andrews 5, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, Miss P. Francis 3, R. Jarvis 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss L. Motishaw 1, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 2, M. C. Fowler 3, A. Firth 4, J. M. Thorley 5, W. E. Critchley 6, E. Cooper 7, E. A. Thorpe 8. First in method 1, 5, 7, 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. O. Coley (first quarter, age 12) 1, E. Barnett 2, H. Hovard 3, J. H. Wheadon 4, W. Lemon 5, J. Eden 6, F. A. Coley (cond.) 7, H. E. Audsley 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wagstaffe (first quarter) 1, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 2, Miss J. Dunn 3, Miss C. Broome 4, H. E. Gregory 5, D. Scott 6, E. Paulson 7, N. Hotchiss 8.

DEANE, LANC'S.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cooner 1, T. Barlow 2, H. Walmsley 3, D. Fitteroff 4, J. Hewitson 5, I. Peters 6, T. W. Smith (cond.) 7, J. W. Hamer 8.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 14th, 1,080 Bob Minor: G. Beene 1, C. John Piper (14, first 'inside') 2, E. E. Breed 3, A. Robinson 4, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (first of Minor as cond.) 5, F. H. Hicks 6. A 14th birthday compliment to the 2nd.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's on Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. F. Bootnan (first of Major) 1, I. J. Attwater 2, Mrs. P. A. Tomlinson 3, Mrs. G. Manchip 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, S. J. Nichols 6, J. Roberts 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Diamond (first quarter) 1, E. Haines 2, C. Turner 3, G. S. Jorje (cond.) 4, R. E. Woods 5, R. Mills 6.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNHAM ROYAL, DUCKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Limmer (first quarter) 1, A. R. Gale 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, W. H. Eastwell 4, B. Matthews (first away from tenor) 5, D. H. Pearce (first of Triples as cond.) 6, W. Henley 7, A. Birch 8.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ansley Bowers (first quarter) 1, S. Ansell 2, K. Bryder 3, P. Wood 4, H. Weaver (cond.) 5, L. Ward 6.

GOSBERTON, LINC'S.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Gwen Robinson 1, F. Payne 2, N. Hatchesson 3, H. Whittou 4, J. Edgoose 5, W. Worthington (cond.) 6.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): T. Isom 1, W. E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, Ern Geary 4, Vic Geary 5, G. E. Spencer (first as cond.) 6.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. W. Beard 1, D. W. Beard 2, C. A. Hughes 3, T. H. Taffender 4, N. G. Hollingsworth (cond.) 5, C. W. Ottley 6, C. E. Willmington 7, J. Bullock 8.

HALEWOOD, LANC'S.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Alan P. Cave (first quarter) 1, J. Robinson 2, W. Maddock 3, P. W. Cave (cond.) 4, T. Robinson 5, T. Hesketh 6, W. Robinson 7, J. Robinson 8.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Gow 1, Miss P. Peck 2, Mrs. J. Warner 3, Miss J. Constance 4, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 5, H. Tovell 6, R. G. Bugg 7, W. Felgate 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each London, Old, Plain Bob and Norfolk, 120 April Day and 180 Grandsire): J. Brooks 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. First in six methods by all the band except the conductor.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Jan. 2nd, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. E. Hollingsworth 1, E. F. Pryor 2, A. E. Hoare 3, D. F. Harman (first in the method) 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Bogle (first in the method as cond.) 7, J. G. Nash 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, D. Callard (first in method) 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, A. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, F. V. Gant 5, G. E. Wright (first as cond.) 6, T. East 7, F. Freestone 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Eileen D. Farrell (first Stedman) 4, S. Croft 5, E. Dodds 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. F. Thirst 8, D. J. Charnley 9, F. Hoppood 10. First Stedman Caters 2 and 6.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Jan. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: John H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, D. Beveridge (first of Surprise) 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingsworth (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger (first in the method 'inside') 7, J. Bullock 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. Andrews 3, E. Ambrose 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. C. Boreham 6, L. C. Offord 7, T. G. Pryke 8. Birthday compliment to D. A. Symonds.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Alibone (first away from tenor) 1, W. Jarvis 2, Miss E. Hall 3, R. J. Edden 4, J. R. Ball 5, W. Oakley 6, H. C. Burt (cond.) 7, C. Grindley (first quarter) 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: N. Adams (first in method) 1, R. Keeley 2, C. W. Powell 3, S. H. Green 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 7, G. S. Morris 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, R. Keeley 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, S. H. Green 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris 8. First of Cambridge 2 and 7; first away from the treble 3. First of Surprise by the local band and first by a local band in Dorset.

MACHEN, MON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Davies 1, Rev. F. A. Oswell 2, L. Hulbert 3, T. Yeomans 4, H. Cassel 5, W. Dare 6, P. Jones (cond.) 7, P. Trew 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

MANCHESTER.—At St. James' on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mabel Parham 1, D. Parham 2, A. Cooper 3, E. Bowkett 4, D. Henshall 5, D. Shepherd (first as cond.) 6, N. Williamson 7. First quarter 2, 3 and 7. In memoriam Dr. Parsons, Bishop of Hereford.

MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: H. Reynolds 1, Mary Walshaw 2, F. Barracough 3, F. E. Dukes 4, R. Airey 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pye 7, B. Walshaw 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden (first quarter) 10.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss E. S. Wise 1, H. G. Bailey 2, F. J. Stimson 3, H. Ale 4, F. Shephard 5, J. A. Fenton (cond.) 6, H. Clayton 7, E. Bartram 8. First in method for all except 6 and 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Woolley 1, W. G. Gigg 2, R. Winter 3, F. E. Hansford 4, H. G. Sparkes 5, C. Williams 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, H. Comins 8. First in method for 1 and 3.

OXENHOPE, YORKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Whitehead 1, J. Robertshaw 2, S. Whitehead 3, H. Helliwell 4, W. Greenwood 5, A. Bairstow (cond.) 6, V. Bairstow 7, A. Daley 8. In memoriam Ernest G. Ayers, a member of the local company.

PINCHBECK, LINC'S.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Chenery 1, W. Worthington 2, Dulcie Robinson 3, K. Richardson 4, H. Whittou 5, H. Bennett (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by 1, 3, 4 and 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Jan. 12th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. A. Garland (first quarter) 1, A. E. Ewer 2, E. H. Durant (first 'inside') 3, D. W. Barton 4, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. S. Worbey (first quarter) 6.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Reynolds 1, J. C. Goulding 2, W. F. Seudamore (cond.) 3, W. G. Reynolds 4, J. L. Smith 5, H. G. Wilce 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

STANTON HAR COURT, OXON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. B. Meadows 1, Miss C. M. Trist 2, Miss M. J. Brierley 3, G. N. McCrum 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, P. W. B. Semmens (first in method as cond.) 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,949 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Doris Shepperd 1, T. Pritchard 2, Miss Nora Aldridge (first 'inside') 3, S. Thain 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, R. Sharpe 6.

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A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Continued from page 46.)

By A. E. YORK-BRAMBLE.

M. CORRELATING STATS.—We have seen how very restrictive in effect are the conventional requirements of method structure and extension. They are such, in fact, that unless the basic method itself is in the Ideal category, there can be no 'extension' without some modification of the extended grid pattern. Now, clearly, in any extension some new grid-sections will have appeared, additionally to those of the basic, and it is there that the modifications may properly be made. Accordingly Stats are introduced, solely in those grid-sections if possible, but in any case *not* in the four grid-sections at grid-link and grid-junction. These 'Correlating Stats' must produce the grid-pattern of the method to conform with the requirements we have discussed. So that in any Proximate Extension there will be found the original or basic stats and some correlating stats, either in substitution or additionally. We may thus conclude:—
'Of the various recognisable extensions that may be produced from any given basic method, the Proximate is that which fulfils the standard requirements* with the minimum of correlating stats in the permitted grid-sections.'
(* See table below.)

N. METHOD FORMULÆ.—With the foregoing principles in mind, a formula may be drafted for the structure of any method. How often have we heard such a statement optimistically made, in the sense of some sort of magic recipe in algebraic terms, rigidly applicable 'ad infinitum'. And how often has it failed to materialise! The truth is that such is demonstrably impracticable. In general terms, however, subject to the minimum of correlating stats imposed by the conventional requirements, a formula may be derived from the basic method itself. The process is to draw up the grid-pattern of the basic, with its appropriate grid-link. The grid-pattern is then examined and carefully detailed, with particular regard to the work in the cones, in relation to the hunt-controlling bell and the pivot-bells. Specific reference may be required as to the placing of the correlating stats, preferably done by means of the grid-square reference nomenclature, as outlined in the previous article. In double methods, while the work of either cone alone defines the method (since the two are there identical), yet special conditions often arise. The two halves of any one cone, of course, are identical, reflectively; except in special cases of ultra-modern design. A formula is not necessarily restrictive in extension; that is to say, more than one variation may be produced from it. But in any case, any so-called extension of a method, not being in conformity with the formula for that method, cannot be a true extension of that method, and should be known and rung under some name other than that of the basic from which it emerged. From this it follows that while its 'places' may adequately define a method for any one ring of bells only (another set being required for another ring, i.e., one set for 6, one for 8, one for 10 and so on), yet a formula, if correct, is sufficient to define the method generally.

O. TABLE OF EXTENSION CHARACTERISTICS.—And so we come to our promised tabulation. If a method is capable of being defined under a formula, and if extension ad inf. may proceed from that formula with due regard to these requirements, then the method is unquestionably extensible. The ten characteristics are placed in descending order of importance, and while the first six may be considered essential in the light of present-day demands, the last four may be considered as desirable. Having set out the basic grid-pattern and drafted the formula, prepare blank grids for the proposed extensions and then fill in the grid patterns from the formula, and check the derived grid-link

rows, the scope for full plain-course and 'pealability.' For a characteristic that is lacking, introduce one or more correlating stats as demanded, and make final selection of the variant produced, which most closely conforms with the tabled requirements:—

TABLE OF EXTENSION CHARACTERISTICS.

Order of Priority.	Characteristic.	Structural.	Ringing.
1.	Unvaried pivot places.	Essential.	—
2.	Similar grid pattern.	Essential.	—
3.	Full plain course without repetition.	Essential.	—
4.	Conventional requirements.	Desirable.	Essential.
5.	Minimum of correlating Stats.	Essential.	—
6.	Similar 'blue line.'	Desirable.	Essential.
7.	Natural coursing order of plain course.	Desirable.	Desirable.
8.	Congregation of the 'Heavies.'	Desirable.	Desirable.
9.	Work portions of blue line to be in approx. order of basic.	Desirable.	Desirable.
10.	'Associated' Grid-links. (Similar order of lead-heads.)	—	Desirable.

(To be continued)

Letters to the Editor GIRL GUIDES AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Hersham (Surrey) Girl Guides bellringers send greetings to all other Guide ringers. We have at Hersham a band of girl ringers from the age of seven upwards. Among these we have one Brownie, two Guides, our Captain and Lieutenant, and also two ex-Guides. In 1939, just before the war, a team of girl bellringers was formed, all of whom were Guides. Two of the present band have rung a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples. Another will be trying in a short time. We all started ringing about nine months ago.

PAMELA COLLIS, Patrol Leader.
2nd Hersham Guide Company.

88 AND STILL GOING STRONG

Dear Sir,—Having read about the anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 'The Ringing World,' I have been asked by Mr. George Holmes to write to you.

Mr. George Holmes, who will be 88 years old this year, tells me he became a member of the College Youths in 1879, which makes him feel he must be one of its oldest living members. With regard to his ringing, he says that on a visit to London in 1872 at the age of 11 years he rang at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, along with such men as H. Haley, Matt. Wood, George Dorrington and Mr. Cox.

He has rung about 60 peals in various methods, over 20 of them being Stedman Cinques. He rang the tenor in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus to commemorate the burial of Queen Victoria, and recently rang at the birth of Prince Charles.

He tells me that he considers his masterpiece of change ringing was a peal of Stedman Caters of 60 course-ends composed and conducted by the late C. H. Hattersley.

I might add that he is still a member and attends regularly for ringing of St. Marie's Company, Sheffield.—Yours sincerely,

W. BILSON, Hon. Sec., St. Marie's.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 2. Service 3.45. Tea and business meeting at Duke's Head 4.30. 4709

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—District annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 5th. 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4716

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Southwark, St. George-the-Martyr, 3 to 4.45. Cathedral, 4 to 5 and evening. Service 5 in Cathedral. Tea 5.45 in Chapter House. All peal books available. Handbell contest. Report book 1939 to 1948 inclusive available, price 1s. 6d. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please. Practice meeting Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 7th, 7.15.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4680

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Tea (2s. 6d. per head). Next combined practice Dartford, Feb. 10th, 7.30 to 9, and second Thursday in each month thereafter.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 4694

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Cuckfield (8), Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea. 4720

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4727

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Chesterfield, Feb. 5th. Tea in nearby cafes.—H. O. Chaddock and G. C. Briggs, Hon. Secs. 4737

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall (6), Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss D. M. Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 4730

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—Annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Feb. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 4707

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Bridgnorth. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4746

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Feb. 12th, at Greasley is cancelled. 4741

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Dartford, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All gentlemen welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter. 4731

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at Heston on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3.30. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5.30, followed by business.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4732

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Rectory Room, Huddersfield Road. All those requiring teas must notify Mr. E. Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, near Barnsley, not later than Feb. 9th. Bells have been overhauled and are in good going order. A good meeting desired.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shaf. ton, near Barnsley. 4739

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual district meeting at Elvedon, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Requests for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 9th, to Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford. 4728

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hull, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Lowgate. Service 4, Holy Trinity. Tea (3s. 6d.) 4.45. Trocadero, Arcade, Silver Street. Notify Wednesday, Feb. 9th, Miss Lidgley, 105, Marlborough Avenue, Hull.—Albert E. Sellers. 4725

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Brecon (St. Mary's), Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 9th, for certain.—D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 4770

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), Feb. 12th. For tea advise Tom Stone, 3, Manor Cottages, South Marston, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 4750

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Blaydon, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, Feb. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, by Feb. 9th, for tea.—Mr. C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4748

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), Feb. 12th. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Pollard, Forge Tea Rooms, Turners Hill. Crawley.—C. Bassett. 4751

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Brampton, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4752

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 4755

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ambrosden (8), on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea by Feb. 9th.—Cyril Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 4757

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Newhey, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—V. Wilson Sykes, Branch Secretary. 4750

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Millom on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Milom, Cumbria.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4751

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Light tea provided. Please send names not later than Saturday, Feb. 5th, to Mr. A. Rigby, Tanner-smith Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk. 4753

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 9th to E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill (phone 3293). 4754

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Baslow (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—Miss D. J. Dunn, District Sec., Darley Dale. 4755

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5, White Horse.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4756

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Annual, Retford, Feb. 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6), Ordsall (6), from 2.30. Service, East Retford, 4.30. Tea, White Hart Hotel, 5.15, only for those notifying by Feb. 8th Miss Joan Greasby, 63, Hallcroft Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 4759

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Birmingham Cathedral. New trebles will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at 3 p.m. Bells available afterwards.—G. E. Fearn (SPR 1025). 4761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Bearsden (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation of the Vicar. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4764

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Heighington (6), Feb. 12th, 2.30. Those requiring tea notify by Feb. 8th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 4766

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4768

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's (8), Salisbury Street, Liverpool, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells open 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. for those who send their names before Wednesday, Feb. 9th, to Mr. T. Egan, 27, Canton Street, Liverpool 6.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4749

COBHAM, KENT.—Service of thanksgiving for rebanging bells (6), Friday, Feb. 18th, 7 p.m. Address, Ven. Archdeacon Browne. Ringing before and after service.—E. L. Brooke Jones. 4753

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Postcard to Mr. J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday, 16th.—F. Hawthorne. 4752

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m., Banwell Cafe. Service 5 p.m. Please notify me by Feb. 16th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 4769

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tring (8), Saturday, Feb. 19th. Dedication of peal board by the Bishop Suffragan of Bedford (Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood). Ringing 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Tea tickets (2s. 6d., with remittance) from D. Cartright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring. 4744

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Feb. 19th. Bells: Cathedral Church 2.45 to 3.45, St. Nicolas' 3 to 4 and in evening. Service, St. Nicolas', 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Feb. 15th, please. Seating for tea limited to 60. Admission by ticket only issued to first 60 names received.—G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Candon, Surrey. 4714

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's (12), Reading, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Feb. 12th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 4756

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen, Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4767

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Woodchurch, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 16th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4765

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting, Reigate (10), Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Charnfield Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th. 4760

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elooe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, before Feb. 18th. 4757

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Tickets to fully paid up members 4s.; to other members and friends 8s. 6d. Bells: Bishop Ryder's (8), 2 p.m.; St. Chad's (8), 3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 4 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. The annual supper of the South and West District will take place at Heston on March 26th. Details later.—F. A. Finch. 4749

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor. Miss B. M. Payne (first quarter) 1. E. G. Grindell 2. J. W. C. Blythe 3. C. J. Gibson 4. G. H. Wright 5. R. S. Paine (first on six as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Gibson, daughter of ringer of 4.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Jan. 16th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: H. Belcher 1, J. F. Sma'wood 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, W. H. Pasmore 4, D. E. Parsons 5, R. W. Green 6, J. W. Stenhenson 7, A. B. Peck 8, H. Landon 9, J. F. Chilcott 10, R. F. Deaf 11, J. Phillips (cond.) 12. First of Plain Bob Maximus by 3, 5, 7 and 10.

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