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EXETER, 1947

The 1947 meeting of the Central Council yields such a riot of happy reflections that it will probably go down as the most successful gathering so far in the Council's history. Some of those who were able to make a long week-end visit were able to take part in a peal on the very fine ring of ten at Culmpton, and they will long remember the solid enjoyment they obtained there. Others were fortunate in having an opportunity to try their skill on the new ring of twelve installed at Buckfast Abbey, where a representative 'all England' company succeeded in ringing a good peal of Stedman Cinques on Whit Monday. The complimentary remarks of the Lord Abbot on the ringing were very gratifying, and his invitation to pay another visit will most certainly be accepted.

Many of the visitors were able to hear or ring on the heavy peal at Exeter Cathedral, and no doubt found it to be one of their most thrilling experiences. At the eight-bell towers, Miss Hilda Snowden impressed everyone by her skilful and workmanlike handling of the tenors.

A happy and friendly spirit was very noticeable at the headquarters, and many old friends renewed acquaintance and many new friendships were formed. The painstaking efforts of Mr. F. C. Smale and his untiring committee to ensure the pleasure and comfort of the visitors played no small part in making the gathering such a great success.

At the Council meeting in the ancient Guildhall (the oldest in the country) the genial welcome by the Mayor and the Lord Bishop of Exeter sent off the proceedings on a happy note. Looking round the room, one could not fail to notice the smiling and alert face of that genial youngster of 90, George Williams, and that other fresh and dapper youngster, G. R. Newton, who never seems to alter and simply refuses to grow old.

Other things that will stick in the memory are the quiet and efficient dignity with which the president got through the long agenda (he was no doubt pleased that it was not necessary to consign any refractory members to the adjoining cells!); the determined and doughty manner of Mr. Percy J. Johnson and his championship of the 'Rules and Decisions'; the crisp 'I have nothing to add' of Mr. A. A. Hughes; the dulcet and persuasive tones of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and his reference to the 'sombre but dignified personages on the rostrum'; the surprise of the Editor when he learned he

was the only one on the rostrum who had not been cajoled into buying Mr. Thurlow's book; the business-like appearance of Kathleen Bowling as she deputised a short time for Mrs. Fletcher; the lovely Irish accent of Mr. Dukes; and, last but not least, the earnest expression of the secretary which registered a determination to have things done properly. Altogether, a very delightful gathering and an experience which made the journey well worth while.—J. F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

WM. H. BARBER Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	WALTER AYRE 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS 11
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 6	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CECIL RADDON Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 6
*MARGARET TUTT 2	*GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 9
*JOHN W. BEST 5	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 8
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
FRANK B. LUFKIN 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*KENNETH G. SPAVINS... Treble	VICTOR W. CONQUEST... 6
FREDK. J. PLUMMER ... 2	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ... 7
*NORMAN INSKIP 3	†SYDNEY FOSKETT 8
EDMUND J. HOBBS 4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 9
*PERCY W. TOMPKINS ... 5	DONALD THOMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. ARNOLD.

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

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JACK G. BROTHWELL ... Treble	*GEORGE F. TUKE 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
CHARLES R. WRIGHT ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER 8
CLEMENT GLENN 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 9
DENNIS ROE 5	ARTHUR FIRTH Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
*ALAN A. POITS 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM 8
WALTER ALLMAN 4	JOHN WORTH 9
CYRIL VALENTINE 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN E. COOK Treble	*SIDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6
†HAROLD MARCON 2	FRANK DENEVEY 7
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 3	H. LESLIE PASK 8
*JOHN F. PEARSON 4	*ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 9
†JACK F. HODSON 5	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by WM. H. BARBER.

Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Treble	*JOHN H. HUNT 6
*PETER N. BOND 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	FRED. PAGE 9
†ERNEST TREAGUS 5	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
*GEORGE L. GROVER 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

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



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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDK. A. COLEY ... Treble	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
FRANK V. GANT ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN ORME ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal of London.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The 'Barrabool' peal.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

FREDK. SEAGER ... Treble	GEORGE ROBISON ... 5
WM. H. SENIOR ... 2	ERNEST B. BETTS ... 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 3	*WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
WILLIAM BARTON ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

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

CHEADLE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE DARBYSHIRE ... Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 5
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 2	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 6
FREDK. WILSHAW ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*MISS FRANCES LAFLIN ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
†ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
TOM WILDE ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Yorkshire. Rung to commemorate the first date touch on the bells 50 years ago, on the original six.

ST. ALBANS. — At the Cathedral, on May 4th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. Blake 1, L. Hansell 2, T. J. Southam 3, D. Bayles 4, W. J. Arnold 5, A. Day 6, R. F. Ewer 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all except ringers of 4 and 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES W. EDEN ... Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
WALTER J. LEMON ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 4	FREDK. A. COLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*PEGGY PRUEN ... Treble	*E. GEOFFREY BEYNON ... 5
JENNY PYM ... 2	IAN W. G. FULFORD ... 6
ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 3	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 7
*BARBARA M. PODGER ... 4	†ROBERT S. M. DADD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

* First peal in the method and of Triples. † First peal. First peal by the University of Bristol Society. First peal on the bells after recasting and augmenting to a ring of eight.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WM. E. ALLMAN ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5
†CHARLES H. WARD ... 2	CECIL RADDON ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 7
THOMAS H. MATHER ... 4	†HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

*CHARLES H. R. POOLE ... Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
†J. LEONARD GLYDE ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
†JOSEPH L. BARRETT ... 4	CHARLES H. LATHEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. In memoriam to Mr. Lathey, sen., father of the tenor ringer and for 50 years a ringer at the above church.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ALBERT WALKER ... Treble	†EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 5
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in a Surprise method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

John Carter's Odd Bob (original composition).

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	FRED MELLOR ... 5
MARY DARE ... 2	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... 6
IVAN KAY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 4	*FRED BUCKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* First peal. Rung for the 75th anniversary of the church by service ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*CECIL H. WOOD ... 6
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 23, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT ... 2	*SAM BLUNDELL ... 6
WILLIAM AMBLER ... 3	ROLAND KENDALL ... 7
ALBERT PICKLES ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Treble	JAMES FERNLEY ... 5
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of London, aged 15.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	WILLIAM DEAKIN ... 5
*JOHN LUNHAM ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
JOHN BOOTH ... 3	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 7
JOHN GARTSIDE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL F. HAINES ... Treble	HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 5
LESLIE A. PAGE ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	*JAMES LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Triples.

STREATHAM, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WM. D. PROCKSON ... Treble	REUBEN CHARGE ... 5
*SIDNEY HOWARD ... 2	WM. J. ELLIS ... 6
JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 3	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 7
EDWIN L. MILES ... 4	THOS. W. WELBOURNE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ELLIS.

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

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church on May 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Miss B. Bicknell (first quarter-peal) 2, E. J. Runter 3, Miss A. White 4, H. W. Shadrack 5, H. Devenish (conductor) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED ALMOND ... Treble	WILLIAM DEAKIN ... 5
JOHN GARTSIDE ... 2	THOMAS HESKETH ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of H.R.H. Queen Mary.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN A. PRINT ... Treble	CLARENCE R. STEED ... 5
ERNEST HOLDER ... 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 7
VIVIAN B. HUNT ... 4	DEREK STANLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. J. CAMM.

Rung in honour of Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Treble	THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... 5
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 2	*FREDK. A. CLEUETT ... 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Queen Mary.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS J. LOCK ... Treble	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 2	*FREDK. E. DUKES ... 6
JACK BRAY ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* 100th peal. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT ... Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	PETER N. BOND ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 4	FREDK. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At the Norman Tower on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. E. Moor (conductor) 1. W. Stannard 2. S. Sturgeon 3. R. Simmons 4. P. Everett 5. J. W. Banks 6. A. Gillings 7. A. J. Ford 8. W. Goodship 9. F. Buckle 10.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. P. SPARKES Treble	G. W. RENDELL 4
W. LAMBERT 2	B. WISCOMBE 5
S. A. GUPPY 3	L. P. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Percy Rainey, killed in action in the late war.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, London Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 4
NELSON E. ELLIOTT 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN 4
HAROLD SMITH 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	GEORGE A. CHARLTON 4
*JEAN TAYLOR 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*GERALD F. BALL 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the 18th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, 10th anniversary of the Coronation, and the birthday of Mrs. Simms-Reeve, wife of the Rector, who kindly entertained the band afterwards.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... Treble	WILLIAM CUTMORE 4
ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 2	*STANLEY HONEYBALL 5
SAM TWITCHETT 3	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Conducted by T. BIRD.

* First peal of Minor.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of (1) New Bob and (2) Union, and two extents each of (3) Stedman, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Grandsire, (6) Fortune, (7) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (8) Northrepps Pleasure, (9) Antelope, (10) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (11) Clifford Pleasure, (12) Southrepps Pleasure, (13) St. Nicholas', (14) St. Giles', (15) Winchendon Place, (16) St. Miles', (17) St. Simon's, (18) St. Martin's, (19) Plain Bob, (20) Old, (21) Norfolk, and (22) April Day.

Tenor 6 cwt.

GILBERT WRIGHT Treble	CECIL G. CALLCUTT 3
HARRY P. FLOYD 2	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG 4

ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 22 methods by all the band. The greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

CLOPTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., May 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL 4
MRS. CECIL W. PIPE 2	RONALD W. STEWARD 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

First peal on the bells for over 50 years.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of extents of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
HERBERT C. READ 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. F. Newton Kent, for 39 years Vicar of Scottow.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. F. BEER Treble	HARRY PURCHASE 4
SYDNEY SMITH 2	GEORGE SPARKES 5
CLAUDE TARR 3	EDGAR QUICKE Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

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

POWDERHAM, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four 720's Oxford and three 720's Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*SIDNEY SKINNER ... Treble	BRIAN PIDGEON 4
JOHN BROWN 2	*JAMES SMITH 5
*JOHN CARTER 3	JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).

*MISS B. M. BROWN (16) Treble	+G. MOUNTFORD (17) 4
*MISS M. FLACKETT (16) 2	+F. W. GROCOTT, JUN. (16) 5
*J. G. BURTON (16) ... 3	*G. E. BEECH (13) Tenor

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT, JUN.

* First peal. + First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALFRED C. GAMBRILL ... Treble	CYRIL E. BUESDEN 4
+MISS D. M. JENNER ... 2	DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE 5
E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... 3	+EDWARD J. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by DR. J. D. OGILVIE.

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

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES BROWN Treble	JOHN E. COOK 4
*MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	JOHN F. PEARSON 5
JACK F. HODSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

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

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2 six-scores Stedman, 10 six-scores St. Simon's (four callings), 10 six-scores Plain Bob (four callings), 8 six-scores April Day (three callings), one 240 Morris' Arrangement Grandsire, 10 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*ERNEST G. ORLAND ... Treble | †SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 3
GEORGE CARE ... 2 | WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 4

ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in five methods. First as conductor in five Doubles methods. A wedding peal for Mr. D. Robinson to Miss F. Roycroft.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Eastern Division.)

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE BEENEY ... Treble | WILFRED BOOTH ... 4
*ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 2 | *BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 5
*MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 3 | †FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Minor. † 175th peal. First peal 'inside' by ringer of second. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

30 extents of Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HERBERT PARKIN ... Treble | †RONALD TRAVIS ... 3
G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 2 | *GEORGE W. MOODY ... 4

*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. D. F. Tollitt, who was inducted on the previous day.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

WILLIAM H. TYLER ... Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

*BARBARA L. LONG ... Treble | JOHN WARD ... 4
ALAN CATTELL ... 2 | JOHN B. BENNETT ... 5
SYDNEY HARRISON ... 3 | *JAMES C. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTELL.

* First peal.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newark Branch.)

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL ... Treble | *MRS. N. MOXON ... 4
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 2 | FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 5
NATHANIEL MOXON ... 3 | HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day and also for Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

BARNET, HERTS.—On May 4th, at St. John the Baptist's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Lewis (first quarter-peal) 1, F. A. Barker 2, A. E. Hoare 3, E. Marshall 4, S. J. Casley 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

BRABOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... Treble | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
WILFRED W. RING ... 2 | THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Canon E. Southam.

STOWTING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILFRED W. RING ... Treble | WM. A. OLDFIELD ... 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2 | THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... 5
*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 25th peal.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

*ROBERT H. TYLER ... Treble | WM. J. CHESTER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MICHAEL A. C. FREW Treble | *PETER C. WRIGHT ... 4
BETTY SPICE ... 2 | *JOHN V. LONSBROUGH ... 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3 | *C. JOHN DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal in more than one method. The first peal in more than one method as conductor. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF SPICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 91 methods: (1) Beeston, Melandra, Leesowe, Peyeril, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford, Berwyn and Mendip Treble Bob; (2) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes and Sharnbrook Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob; (3) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (4) Skipton, Chestow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (5) Charwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight; (7) Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4
JACK BRAY ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

212 changes of method, 50 bobs and 36 singles. The greatest number of methods yet rung 'in hand.'

WINScombe, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Miles 1, L. W. Pullin 2, R. H. Brice 3, G. K. Westlake 4, E. E. Fisher 5, G. Prescott 6, H. A. Price (conductor) 7 H. Parsons 8.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
JILL POOLE ... 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Surprise Major on handbells by all.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., May 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT SWAN STREET,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ... 5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2	†ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

ERNEST MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal away from treble.
First of Bob Royal as conductor 'in hand.'

HALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT 6, STANWAY DRIVE,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in B.

DAVID VINCENT ... 1-2	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3-4	JOHN WORTH ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by J. WORTH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT 124, CARHOLME ROAD,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	*JACK BRAY ... 7-8

JOHN WALDEN ... 9-10
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS ... 1-2	*ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4
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OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by O. BROYD.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

All the peals rung during the Exeter Conference were for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and in consequence a number of new members were made. The representative character of the bands is indicated by the peal rung at Buckfast Abbey, which consisted of members from Newcastle-on-Tyne, Lincoln, Coventry, London, Birmingham (3), Oxford, Bradford, Hemel Hempstead, Cheltenham and Ipswich.

Many of the visitors have now a higher opinion of those who rang the peals on Exeter Cathedral's magnificent 12. One well-known ringer admitted that the eleventh was too good a bell for him. Those who had never rung Cinques or Maximus were advised by the president to confine their ringing to rounds.

Standing in the peal of Treble Bob at St. Thomas', Exeter, was Mr. F. E. Dukes, of the Irish Association, who through lack of opportunities had never previously struck a blow in Treble Bob. 'He put up an excellent show,' reports our correspondent.

Not being a member of the Council, it was impossible for the Editor to express publicly at Exeter his thanks for the kind expressions of appreciation of his services. To old and new friends, thank you all very much.

Woodbury will be a name long cherished in the minds of the members of the Council who accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes on Whit Monday. Their bountiful hospitality amid such pleasant surroundings made the occasion memorable. It was indeed a pleasant relaxation before the difficulties of the Standing Committee.

Back to the office from the Land Army, Miss Margaret Rigby is the first lady to join St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent. In less than five months she has become a regular Sunday service ringer and has removed the blisters by her first 720.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Two records are announced in our peal columns. The first comes from the Lincolnshire handbell team, who have reached 91 methods of Spliced Minor 'in hand.' Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. G. E. Feim were at Exeter and received many congratulations and good wishes for their next hurdle of 105 methods. How is it done? Two hard practices a week, states Mr. Bray.

The other relates to 22 Doubles methods by Mr. Alan Pink and his band. They desire to acknowledge the help and suggestions of Mr. F. Nolan Golden, as the methods are largely taken from his collection. In tracing the 'working up' of this peal it will be recalled that peals have been rung in 7, 13, 15 and 19 methods, in each case the first peal on the bells.

Wherever this band went they were received with enthusiasm and hospitality. In some of the towers a certain amount of 'bell hanging' had to be carried out before the peal could be started. The ringing of 22 methods should help to popularise five-bell ringing.

Who were the previous holders of the five-bell record (21 methods)? It is believed that it was set up at Cretingham, Suffolk, on April 30th, 1883, and equalled by Mr. H. D. W. Bishop's band a few months before the war.

In connection with the diamond jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Macclesfield last Saturday, the B.B.C. decided at very short notice to make a recording. Mr. Worth, the chairman of the Macclesfield Branch, and one of the young members spoke into the microphone. Two records of the 12 at St. Michael's were made—one of rounds and the other of Queen's, and the records were broadcast on Monday. The Chester Guild informed the B.B.C. a month previous about the festival, and, having heard nothing until 12 hours before, naturally concluded that they were unable to record.

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TELEGRAMS REJECTED PEALS, COMPLAINT OF GUILLOTINE PRESIDENT INVESTIGATES
GHOST IN BELFRY

EXETER Guildhall, which is one of the oldest civic halls in the country, made a fitting setting for the 50th annual meeting of the Central Council on Whit Tuesday. The welcome accorded the record number of members came from Church and State, greetings being delivered by the Mayor and the Lord Bishop of Exeter.

Formal introductions to the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) were made by Preb. C. C. Cox (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers). On the aldermanic dais with Mr. Lewis were Mr. George W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian).

The Mayor, in his welcome to the Council, said they were all, no doubt, aware that the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, which was formed in 1874, was a very strong branch of the ringing world. He had been interested in reading of the development of ringing during the past 75 years and few people outside the ringers realised that it was really a great art.

'We were blessed in Exeter that during the enemy raids that three of their best peals of bells were saved, but one very fine peal, that of St. Sidwell's, was lost. . . . I feel the Church has done a great work by calling people to God by the ringing of bells as the Salvation Army has also done a great work by calling people to God by their bands.'

EXETER DIOCESE'S CLAIM.

The Bishop of Exeter, in his welcome, said the conference came to a city which bore the marks of great sacrifice and to a city which contained in its Cathedral what he believed was claimed to be the largest ringing combination in the world. They also came to a diocese which had the largest number of bells and therefore the largest number of bell-ringers, and, added the Bishop, amid the laughter of the conference—'the best bells and the best bellringers.'

It was an old custom that whenever the Bishop visited a parish the bells rung him in with a welcome, and he had no doubt that with equal joy they rang him out (laughter). He remembered in the anxious days of 1939 suggesting that a bell should be rung daily in each parish and that everybody who heard that bell should offer up a short prayer: 'Open, O Lord, the minds of all men forthwith to the Spirit of Jesus Christ that we may again find the way of peace.' That prayer would not have reached so many people if it had not been for the ringing of the bells.

'I would like to express gratitude to the bellringers—those loyal servants of the Church—and I am glad to think that the bad old customs (which he believed were exaggerated) of men coming to ring at the church and then adjourning to the public-house and not answering the call to worship—that those days were gone.

'GOOD FOR THE FIGURE'

'I notice in regard to bellringers that once a bellringer always a bellringer and that you can produce records of men who have rung for 60 or 70 years—old veterans of the belfry. It does suggest to me something that will need care—that if you have six or eight veterans how are we to train the younger generation?

'I have also noticed that women have invaded the belfry. It is a grand exercise and I think it is good for the figure (laughter). We have one ring of bells rung by the girls from an adjoining school. I ask you to be careful to see that the younger generation get a chance to become skilled craftsmen in their art, which, I am informed, is mathematical.

The Bishop added that his education had been on the arts side and he always understood mathematics required low cunning (laughter and applause).

The President, in thanking the Mayor and Bishop for their welcome, said he must say he felt a little shy in their Council Chamber because of the fact that Devon and Cornwall until comparatively recent times knew nothing about their peculiar art of change ringing, but the local style of ringing led to the most splendid striking, and if only throughout the country they could marry that excellent Devonshire and Cornish striking with their own more beautiful method of ringing, the result would be very gratifying indeed. He felt rather shy in coming into Devonshire that in their efforts to ring changes they had paid too much attention to the method and not quite enough attention to the accuracy of striking which was so much valued by the Devonshire ringers.

In a word of thanks to the Bishop and the Church authorities, Mr. Lewis said they had a great wealth of bells and Exeter and district was a perfect ringers' paradise. He felt that one of the strokes of genius of Mr. Churchill was that after the battle of Alamein he gave them permission to ring the bells. That act took a great hold on the country and since then there had been a general interest in ringing, and it had resulted in a very great increase in the number of young people anxious to ring. One of their oldest ringers, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, did as much as anybody to teach the younger generation.

The President then presented copies of 'College Youths' to the Mayor and the Bishop, in which the early development of change ringing was told in detail.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

The Secretary reported that there was very little change in the constitution of the Council except that the North Notts had merged with the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the St. David's Diocesan Guild had affiliated and was entitled to one member. There were 23 associations entitled to four members, 4 to three members, 10 to two and 15 to one, making a total of 52 associations with 139 representatives. With their 17 honorary members the grand total was 156. He also reported that all subscriptions had been paid.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan: Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University: Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. F. Sheppard.

Chester Diocesan: Mr. J. Cooke, Mr. J. W. Clarke.

Coventry Diocesan: Mrs. D. M. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Devon Guild: Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale, Mr. W. C. Wakley, Mr. G. C. Woodley.

Dudley and District: Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle: Mr. W. H. Barber.

Ely Diocesan: Mr. C. W. Cook.

Essex Association: Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan: Rev. N. E. Hone, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Waite.

Guildford Diocesan: Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan: Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. W. T. Poston, Mr. G. J. Lewis.

Hertford County: Mr. W. Ayre.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Kent County: Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan: Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole.

Lincoln Diocesan: Mr. S. E. Bennett, Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.

London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County: Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Norwich Diocesan: Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan: Mr. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. B. A. Post.

Oxford Society: Mr. W. F. Judge.

Oxford University Society: Mr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan: Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine.

St. David's Diocesan: Mr. J. Arthur Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Shropshire Association: Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. W. Steere.

Stafford Archdeaconry: Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County: Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan: Mr. A. Hoare.

Truro Diocesan: Mr. A. S. Roberts.

Universities' Association: Miss M. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan: Rev. W. H. K. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Miss L. K. Bowling, Messrs. C. Dean, W. H. J. Hooton, A. A. Hughes, C. H. Kippin, F. H. Lewis, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, E. Alex. Young.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Messrs. C. F. Johnson, T. Groombridge, sen., G. E. Debenham, J. A. Trollope (hon. members), H. G. Cashmore and C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), T. Groombridge, jun., and H. Denman (Southwell Diocesan), C. J. Sedgley (Suffolk), J. Parker and G. Gilbert (Royal Cumberland Youths), G. E. Oliver (Hereford), Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire), W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle), Canon G. P. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan), F. M. Mitchell (Kent County), M. J. T. Godwin (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), W. G. Wilson (Middlesex), A. Relfe (East Grinstead), F. Warrington (Ely Diocesan), Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Oxford University), M. Rowley (Leicester Diocesan Guild), R. S. F. Murphy (Irish Association), Miss E. Steel (Ladies' Guild), Mrs. O. L. Rogers (London County Association).

The President said members should know that Canon Coleridge had started to come to Exeter and stopped to see his sister. He was taken ill and had to retire to bed. He expressed his great regret as this would have been his 50th attendance.

NEW MEMBERS.

The President was introduced to the following new members: Messrs. C. H. Kippin, H. J. Mansfield, Wilfrid F. Moreton, G. J. Lewis, Rev. N. E. Hope, W. T. Poston, F. E. Dukes, J. Arthur Hoare, S. E. Bennett.

ROYAL TELEGRAMS.

The President said the Standing Committee decided to recommend that on this their 50th meeting they should send a telegram to Princess Elizabeth congratulating her on her 21st birthday and to Queen Mary on attaining her 80th birthday. The Council approved of this course. The telegrams were:—

'The Central Council of Church Bellringers assembled in the Guildhall, Exeter, on the occasion of their 50th annual meeting, beg to offer H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth loyal congratulations on the attainment of her 21st birthday with their best wishes for many years of health and happiness.'

'The Central Council of Church Bellringers assembled in the Guildhall, Exeter, on the occasion of their 50th annual meeting, beg to offer Her Majesty Queen Mary their loyal congratulations on the attainment of her 80th birthday with their best wishes for her continued health and happiness.'

The Council also sent telegrams to Canon Coleridge, Canon Marshall and Mr. J. A. Trollope with their best wishes for an early improvement in their health.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President announced that there were three vacancies for honorary members. The Standing Committee considered this matter and recommended the election of Mr. W. Osborne and the other two vacancies be left open.

Mr. H. J. Sanger moved the election of Mr. W. Osborne, stating that he had done very good work in their diocese.

Mr. S. G. Coles seconded and the resolution was carried.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

The President reported the loss by death of the following members: D. H. Argyle, Warwickshire Guild, 1936-38; Edwin Shepherd, Devon Guild, 1932; A. E. Coles, Bath and Wells, 1906-1926; H. S. Brodribank, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1918-1920, 1930-32; Major J. H. B. Hesse, Middlesex County Association 1912-20, hon. member, 1921-1946; John Evans, Oxford Diocesan Guild, 1912-1932; Rupert Richardson, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, 1903-1947; Rev. E. Bankes James, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, 1894-1907.

The members stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

THE MINUTES.

Mr. F. I. Hairs moved and Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded that the minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' on May 9th be taken as read.—Agreed.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton) presented his report, which showed that sales during 1946-7 numbered 873 and totalled £29 17s. 7d. During the year the stock of the Doubles and Minor Methods book had been exhausted. The sheets of Stedman and Grand-sire had also gone and 500 of these had been reprinted. There had been a steady demand for the Triples book and again some enquiries for the book of Major and Cater Methods.

The report expressed gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for their help in housing the library and in dealing with sales of publications during part of the year.

Gifts to the library included 'The Ringing World,' vols. 32-40, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher; 'Berkshire Bells,' Part 9, 'Radnorshire Bells,' Parts 1-4, Mr. F. Sharpe; set of reports, York-



EXETER GUILDHALL,
where the Council met.

shire Association, Canon C. C. Marshall; books and papers of the late T. B. Worsley, sent by Mr. P. Crook.

A limited number of reprints of articles in 'The Ringing World' on the subject of composition of Stedman Triples would be available before long. Requests have been received for advice about an article on bells for Chambers' 'Encyclopædia' and about the compilation of a biography of bell literature.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the Central Council showed that income during the year was: Affiliation fees, £34 5s.; hon. members' subscriptions, £2 10s.; sale of publications balance £26 10s. 1d., which, with £303 9s. 11d. carried forward, made a total of £366 15s. The year concluded with a balance of £324 9s. 1d., of which the main items were: Library and publications, £10 5s. 4d.; wreaths, £8 12s. 6d.; stationery and printing, £6 5s. 6d.

The Hon. Secretary said the subscriptions of the Barnsley and District Association and the Truro Diocesan Guild were received too late for inclusion in the accounts. The balance of £324 would be wanted with the reprinting programme which was coming along. Mr. Fletcher moved and Mr. Hairs seconded the adoption of the accounts.—Agreed.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. Alex. Young presented a report on the Carter Ringing Machine, which was now housed at the Science Museum. The demonstrator, Mr. Sharman, was satisfied that the machine was now working. He was able to make it do some 12-bell work—some Grandsire Cinques.

The machine had been deposited there since 1925 and was invented by a master craftsman, John Carter. It was placed there at his wish to be on public loan with the Council as its trustees. Mr. A. A. Hughes and himself were the trustees and he asked the Council to accept his resignation as a trustee. He was also anxious to find another demonstrator to serve with Mr. Sharman. He moved that the fees due to Mr. Sharman be paid and that Dr. Follet (the principal) be reimbursed for expenditure involved in repairs.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the report was adopted.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The committee reported the co-option of Mr. E. A. Barnett. It was hoped that the collection of Triples and Major compositions in hand would be ready for presentation to the Council in 1948.

Mr. G. R. Newton moved and Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

This amended report stated: During the past year we have contented ourselves with answering the many enquiries we continue to receive concerning methods, compositions, etc. The one enquiry to which we did not reply was received without the address of the enquirer.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, in moving the adoption, said the report was discussed at some length at the meeting of the Standing Committee. He noted in the report of the librarian that the stock of Doubles and Minor methods had been sold out. There had always been a steady sale for these, and as he was not aware of any new discoveries he suggested that it be reprinted. The Plain Major Methods book would require complete revision. The Council would note that Mr. Trollope was seriously ill. He saw Mr. Trollope last Friday and he was very sorry not to be present as he was elected a member 50 years ago.

Mr. A. Walker seconded and the report was adopted.

PEALS ANALYSIS REPORT.

The Peals Analysis Committee appointed by the Council have to report that 1,796 peals (including 240 on handbells) were rung during the year ended December 31st, 1946.

There have been excluded the following:—

(a) Superlative Major rung at Bocking on May 11th, since withdrawn by the conductor.

(b) Minor in seven methods at Norton on September 28th, the conductor of which did not take a physical part in the ringing.

(c) Minor in three methods rung at Sefton on November 24th with a covering tenor.

(d) Kent Treble Bob Major at Basingstoke on October 11th, also with a covering tenor.

The three performances (b), (c) and (d) obviously do not conform to the usual ringing practice of the Exercise, and the committee feel that as no objections have been raised to the suggestions intimated in 'The Ringing World' leading article of February 7th last, the Exercise generally is in agreement, and the committee recommend such peals shall continue to be excluded from the analysis now and in the future.

Mr. C. Dean moved the adoption of the report and Mr. W. Ayre seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin said he was proposing an amendment that seven and nine bell peals be added to the report. He thought they would agree that if they recognised one they would recognise both. 'I do not wish to popularise seven-bell ringing or nine-bell ringing; I am merely pleading for justice for both these peals. I think up to the present neither peal has had justice.'

'First of all, the seven-bell peal would have been accepted without any question if the nine-bell peal had not been rung. As for the nine-bell peal, it was sent in and published in the Belfry Gossip and caused some surprise. Then it was gossiped from one committee to another. In the meantime I had sent a complaint and instructions were then issued that the peal should be published in its original form. I still feel that the peal was prejudiced from the start.'

'I know a lot of people will say it is only a stunt (hear, hear). Well, a good many peals were rung as stunts. I remember a handbell peal rung in bed—and there is the conductor here. I remember when the nine-bell peal was rung the conductor of that handbell peal was filled with righteous indignation at that peal.'

'What we are concerned with is do these peals comply with the rules or not, and my own personal feeling is that they do. When the report appeared in "The Ringing World" that these two peals were going to be omitted

from the Peal Analysis report, a friend came to me and said, "The Council are getting busy. I conducted a peal of Bob Minor at Falfeld in Gloucestershire in 1923 with two covers, and they accepted that one all right."

'In my opinion, the Peal Analysis Committee have acted wrongly if they should regard these two peals as cuckoo's eggs in the nest. They should recommend to the Council that they do not like them, but they had no alternative but to accept them and to recommend the Council to take action in getting the rules amended. I do not think it is fair that the Peal Analysis Committee should have acted as they did. What they have done is to try and make black white.

'During the debate I should like to hear the answers of these two questions: First of all, I should like to know the chairman's unbiased opinion as to whether these peals comply with the rules or not. I should also like to know if one cover infringes the rules, what about a peal with two covers? Does a peal with a wide backstroke infringe the rule "without interval"? How can a peal be rejected this year and accepted in the past? Can the Council preserve its dignity by its inconsistency? I submit it is a case of impartiality and justice against prejudice and popular sentiment. I therefore propose that these two peals be added to the record.

Mr. G. H. Cross seconded the amendment.

THE DEFINITION.

Mr. A. D. Barker: Can we have the Council's definition of what constitutes a peal?

The President: 'On nine and eleven bells—that there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval in each case with the addition of a covering bell.

'On seven bells—that the number of changes be not less than 5,040, rung with or without a covering bell, and without interval, being the extent of changes in the method or methods chosen; nevertheless, a performance on seven bells without the addition of a covering bell is to be discountenanced.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said it seemed to him that there were no rules. The rules are silent on this point, not because they dissent, but because the condition had not been contemplated. The proper course was for the Council to accept the peal, but decide to rule out any others in the future.

If they were to argue on matters on which the rules were silent the peal on 14 bells should be ruled out, but he gathered that the peal in question had been accepted. He would also point out that they seemed to be getting mixed up between two important items in connection with peal ringing. The first concerned 5,000 different changes and the second the music connected with the bells.

'I submit that the most important thing is the ringing of the 5,000 odd changes, and then there comes the question of the music of those changes. If 5,000 odd different changes have been rung that is a peal. Naturally we want to get the most musical peal and in normal circumstance we should not like a peal of Treble Bob Major with the tenor covering as we would like Stedman Triples with the tenor covering.

'Lastly we do hear that Grandsire is Plain Bob with a bell in the hunt. Look at it from another way. Plain Bob with two bells in the hunt. Logically if we allow covering to that number of Grandsire, why not allow that to Plain Bob, which is the same number. I wish to support the amendment.'

NEXT BUSINESS.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: May I remind Mr. Kippin that the conductor of the handbell peal in bed has unfortunately passed away. Another thing, that stunt in bed was a peal of Major. If you go for a peal of Major you go for the music of Major. I happened to hear of this peal before it came off and I said to one of the ringers: 'You can go and ring what you like, but the Council holds the right to sav through the Analysis Committee if they will have it as a peal or not.'

Some years ago a gentleman said they could not make rules: they could make definitions. Once you have rung a peal and you come out of the tower it is only your satisfaction that counts. If you go for a peal of Major with the tenor behind you have not had the enjoyment of Major. What did the tenor man do in that peal? Did he have the enjoyment of Major? Could the tenor say, I rang a peal of Treble Bob Major with the tenor behind? I think it would be more to the dignity of the Council that we ignore it. He moved that the Council pass on to the next business.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the reason the definition of seven bells was allowed to stand was because of the fact that prior to the making of that rule there had been a peal of Triples without a covering bell, and it was because of that that the Council amended the rule 'that a performance on seven bells without the addition of a covering bell is to be discountenanced.' Are we going to permit anybody to come along and present the same horror on different bells and acknowledge this abortion of our art?

I want to say we have heard some curious points put forward during this discussion. One is that if you ring 5,000 changes that constitutes a peal. I am going to point out that the tradition of the Exercise and the reason for the rules is to get as musical a combination on the bells as possible. It was for that object that the rules were put in.

In a condemnation of nine-bell peals Mr. Johnson reminded the Council it was not merely a question of what the ringers could stand, but what the public could stand, and they should never forget that fact. He maintained that if they accepted these peals they would turn the Council into ridicule. He seconded Mr. Pulling's amendment to pass on to the next meeting.

The Rev. L. Edwards: Is this in order?

The President: Yes.

The amendment to pass on to the next business was then put to the meeting and carried by a very large majority.

A member: I certainly think it is a guillotine!

RECORDS COMMITTEE. NEW METHODS.

Tower bells.—Dec. 14th, 1946, 5,040 changes Belgrave Surprise Royal. Essex Association; Dec. 21st, 5,184 Norfolk Imperial Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Dec. 28th, 5,152 Glasgow Surprise Major, Kent County Association.

Handbells.—Aug. 3rd, 5,056 Hereward Bob Major, Oxford University Society; Aug. 10th, 5,056 New London Court Bob Major, ditto; Nov. 2nd, 5,040 St. Clement's College Bob Triples, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Nov. 15th, 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major, Hertford County Association.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

Tower bells.—June 4th, 5,168 St. Laurence Little Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Aug. 24th, 12,663 Stedman Cinques, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Dec. 11th, 5,184 Winchester Bob Major, Universities' Association.

Mrs. Fletcher, in moving the adoption of the report, asked members ringing new methods or progressive lengths to send particulars to her. On no occasion did she receive notice.

Mr. Ernest Turner added a complaint on behalf of the Methods Committee that they had not seen the figures.

The report was adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The President said that since the last Council meeting the committee had suffered a great loss in the death of Major Hesse, who did a great deal of useful work for the committee. His sound engineering experience, coupled with his great love of bells, was of outstanding value to the Exercise. In the control of sound his patient work at Haslemere was an outstanding example of what can be done to improve conditions both inside and outside the tower.

During the year the remaining members of the committee had dealt with or were dealing with 16 enquiries. It would be an advantage if the committee could be strengthened, particularly if a suitable member could be found in the north.

Work had started on the revision of the 'Preservation of bells, etc.', and it was hoped to be able to publish a new edition before the next Council meeting.

As to the enquiries, the President said first of all he was asked to lay a ghost as part of the duties of the Towers and Belfries Committee. It appeared that in a tower in Hertfordshire there were noises in the belfry when the bells were rung and the ringers were frightened. He was asked to go and investigate. While the bells were ringing he went and investigated and found that the clock weight swung to within a quarter-inch of an iron ladder. He imagined that what caused the ghost was the pendulum striking against the ladder.

He had been asked what were the horizontal and vertical forces in ringing a bell. He had checked Sir Arthur Heywood's figures and found that the maximum horizontal force was equal to the weight of bell metal and the maximum vertical force was $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the weight of bell metal.

There was a case he was called into 21 and 22 years ago, the oscillation on the bells of Christ Church, Macclesfield, and he recommended that the height of the bells be reduced from 80ft. to 50ft. He was pleased to note that this had been done and was satisfactory.

Last year it was reported that the bells of Liverpool Cathedral were ready for hanging if only a roof could be placed on the Cathedral. Shortly after the Council passed their resolution permission was received to proceed with the roof, but it was now found that they could not get the material. The Dean was unable to suggest any date.

Mr. F. Sharpe reported that he had dealt with six cases. In seconding the report, he said he thought the Council would be interested in one particular case he had to deal with. It was a case of extremely bad bell hanging and bad design. The ring of bells was heavy with a tenor weighing 28 cwt. The bells were hung in a very tall spire—the highest in Oxfordshire at Bloxham. Some 25 years ago the architect condemned them for ringing. It was obvious that it was a case of bad design that was the cause of oscillation on the tower. Upon investigation he found that the oscillation ceased when the trebles were rung at backstroke and the others at handstroke. The bell frame was an extremely bad one; there was no foundation for the frame and no means of taking the horizontal forces along the walls. The four largest bells were hung from north to south instead of east to west.

The President said that in 1911 he started and finished in 1914 his calculations on the horizontal and vertical forces which had become the standard theory on the subject. There was only one copy in existence and he had tried during the last six months, without success, to get it reprinted. It was suggested that a duplicate be taken photographically. The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. W. Osborne be added to the Towers and Belfries Committee.

Mr. A. Young suggested that the Council re-issue a very useful book—'Bell Towers and Bellhanging,' by Sir Arthur Heywood.

The report was adopted, it being decided to take a photographic copy of Mr. Lewis' book.

(To be continued)

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Cox 1, P. Cox 2, A. Tomlinson (conductor) 3, A. Bown 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, P. Crook 6.

WELTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 17th, 660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Orland 1, J. Webb 2, S. Ruddlesden 3, S. Osborne (conductor) 4, V. Perry 5.

Wincanton Bells

'That thou mayest use them for the calling of assembly' (Numbers 10, v. 2).

This was the message of Dr. W. H. Bradfield, Bishop of Bath and Wells, in his inspiring address at the dedication of the augmented and recast ring of eight bells of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wincanton, Somerset, which took place before a large congregation of townsfolk and ringers on May 10th.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Preb. W. E. Hodgson, and nearly 20 robed clergy took part. After the singing of the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' a small procession, consisting of crossbearer, churchwardens, the Bishop, his acting chaplain and the Rector, proceeded to the ground floor ringing chamber. Receiving the bell ropes from the captain of the tower, Mr. John Chilcott, the Bishop dedicated afresh the six recast bells, and then dedicated the two new bells—the treble in memory of those of the parish who had fallen in the two world wars, the second in memory of Thomas and Rebecca Green. Then, to the sound of the bells being rung in rounds by members of the Wincanton company, the procession returned to the choir.

After the service over 150 clergy and ringers were entertained to tea by ladies of the parish. Here the Rector introduced Mr. D. Bradford, representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, and the Bishop, recalling that he had been Archdeacon of Croydon, said that this was an added reason for the pleasure he had felt in taking part in the dedication ceremony.

For the many visiting ringers then came the climax of a memorable day, a touch on the bells. Throughout the evening their music pealed forth, and all of us who knew the old bells realised that at last Wincanton has a ring of bells of which it can be justly proud.

The old ring of six consisted of five bells recast in 1793 by Robert and James Wells, of Aldbourne, at which time the tenor bell was added. They were unmusical, and their going-order had been atrocious for many years. The need for recasting and rebanging had long been felt in the town, and the Rector is to be congratulated on steering the enterprise to so successful a fulfilment.

The augmented ring of eight is hung on ball bearings in a metal frame with a tenor of 15 cwt. in F sharp. In the light of recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' it is interesting to note that the six recast bells have been inscribed each with a different name. These names include, as well as those of the Rector and churchwardens, those of three ringers: on the 3rd, F. W. Hunt Obi 1945; on the 4th, F. Francis Obi 1936; and on the 5th, J. Chilcot, the present captain.

On May 17th, one week after the dedication, the first peal was rung on the new bells by members of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers, being conducted by one born in Wincanton, who received his early instruction there, and who extends his good wishes to the present band in their future efforts.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

PRE-WAR STANDARD REACHED.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Sleaford on May 17th and was attended by between 60 and 70 members and friends. All the officers were re-elected with Mr. G. E. Fein to fill the vacancy on the Guild Committee. A grant of £25 from branch funds towards the memorial fund for the late Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson, was unanimously decided upon.

Acting on suggestions made by the president (Canon E. L. Marsden), it was decided to ask for the principal Guild meetings to be inserted in the diocesan calendar.

Great pleasure was expressed at the attendance at meetings, and the branch membership totals were back to pre-war standards.

Devon Guild of Ringers

EXETER AND MID-DEVON BRANCHES.

Exeter and Mid-Devon branches held a combined meeting on May 10th at Chudleigh, where there is a good ring of eight augmented from six and rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1924.

The first bells of which there is any record appear to have been two that came in the 15th century from the chapel attached to a palace the Bishop of Exeter had in the parish and of which some remnants remain. By 1780 there were five bells, for in that year a licence was granted by the Bishop for making them with additional metal into six. This was done by the Penningtons, of Cornwall, in 1781. Three of these were recast by Gillett and Johnston.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Stevens), and Mr. E. J. Ryall (Exeter branch secretary) reading the lesson. About 50 members and friends were guests of the Church Council at an excellent tea. Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman, Exeter Branch) conducted the business. He gratefully acknowledged the hospitality and suggested the collection, which yielded nearly £2, for parochial purposes. He also heartily thanked the Vicar, the ladies who arranged the tea, the organist and especially the local round and call change ringers for their cordial co-operation; some of the latter joined in mixed ringing. Mr. Collins, the local leader, acknowledged the friendly feeling and hinted that possibly his band would join the Guild. The next meeting was fixed for Aug. 16th at Crediton.

Preb. E. V. Cox (Guild president), on behalf of the Exeter Branch, presented Mr. W. Howe (former hon. secretary) with £5 which had been subscribed in appreciation of his services.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, P'ain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

In brilliant weather members enjoyed the rural countryside of Wootton on April 26th. The bells at St. Lawrence's were made good use of, and the belfry being on the ground floor, members enjoyed the sunshine between touches.

Tea was served by Mrs. Balaam and helpers in the Parish Room, and Canon G. H. Jeudwine presided at the business meeting when five new members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for July 12th at Overton, Hants. Ringing ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD

A company of 70 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Great Doddington, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Flex) is branch president. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, and the tea was served by the wives and friends of local members. Irchester was suggested for the quarterly meeting in July. The vote of thanks to all who had helped was moved by Mr. W. G. Callis and supported by Mr. J. R. Main and Mr. F. Barben.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The May meeting of the Swindon Branch took the form of an excursion to four outlying towers where ringing is at a low ebb. At Minety, three of the five bells were 'up' and the birds had filled the pits up to headstock level with sticks and rubbish, so nothing was attempted. At Ashton Keynes four of the five were 'up,' but the bell chamber was fairly clear and some good ringing took place. Latton and Castle Eaton were found in good order and local ringers turned up at both places. The 'rise' at Castle Eaton caused some amusement. The bells were pulled up in peal and it was later discovered that the peculiar music had been caused by raising the bells 2.3.4.5.6.1!

OBITUARY

MR. JONATHAN OWENS.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Bronllys, Brecons., Wales, on May 21st, of Mr. Jonathan Owens, at the age of 83. Mr. Owens had given 45 years' loyal service to the church as clerk and 65 years' service as a bell-ringer, a post his father before him had carried out for a period of 60 years. Thus, between them, they have given over 100 years' service to St. Mary's Church, Bronllys.

After the funeral service the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect.

MR. EDWARD JOHN ROWE.

On May 16th, at Stourton, Wilts, 'Uncle' Ted Rowe was buried in the churchyard of the estate he had served so well for 34 years, first as stud groom and then as head chauffeur. Ringers present included G. Harding, Urchfont; J. Parsons, Zeals; W. Keates, Mere; P. O. Baker, Gillingham; J. T. Dyke, H. J. Sanger, J. Metcalfe, of the Bath and Wells Association. Wreaths were sent from the Mere, Zeals and Gillingham towers, as well as one from the Bath and Wells Wednesday band. Handbells were rung at the graveside, and the ringers joined the local band in ringing half-muffled in the tower.

'Uncle' was a keen ringer, and his connection with the Royal Show enabled him to ring in many parts of the country. He was a member of the Ancient Society, the Salisbury Guild, the Bath and Wells and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations. It was nothing to him to attend a practice in Bristol, 33 miles away, even when the roads were icy, and then to go miles out of his way to take another ringer home. His greatness in physical stature was matched by his nobility of character. His thought for others often made us lesser men ashamed.

His last peal at the age of 61 was rung on the tenor at Redcliffe, when he put up a performance of superlative merit. It was typical of the man that while lying in a sick bed, he insisted on paying a life membership fee to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, having previously joined as a non-resident ringing member. He said that it was a shabby trick to go into another Guild's territory, ring the best peal he had ever rung, and only pay 1s. 6d. for it. Such was his principle throughout life, and we who knew him can only strive to emulate it.

Mrs. Rowe finds it impossible to reply individually to the many letters of sympathy from ringing friends, and would like through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to thank them, knowing that they will understand.

J.D.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

V.W.H. ANNUAL MEETING.

'When in the tower ring well, as good ringing will help to get new ringers,' was the message Mr. W. R. Hibbert gave to the annual meeting of the V.W.H. Branch, held at Faringdon on May 3rd.

The Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford (branch chairman) conducted the service, at which the address was given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Guild), the lesson read by Capt. A. B. Poyntz (Deputy Master), and Mr. R. F. J. Gilling (branch secretary) was at the organ. Tea was served at the Swan Hotel.

At the business meeting the secretary reported a balance of £2 12s. 11d. on the General Fund and £11 7s. on the Restoration Fund. Elections were: The Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford, chairman; Mr. R. F. J. Gilling, secretary and treasurer; Messrs. V. J. Jones and F. Whipp, branch representatives. No new members were elected. Meetings arranged were: Autumn at Buckland on Oct. 4th, practice at Hinton Waldrist on June 7th, and Shrivernham on August 2nd. Ringing included Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.

— On May 18th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: E. A. Jurd 1, H. A. Nobes 2, P. Speck 3, A. D. Mills 4, W. Tate 5, F. Barron 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. G. Edwards 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On April 26th, 1,259

Grandsire Caters: F. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, A. G. Holfield 3, F. A. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. C. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holfield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Rung for C. G. White, who has been parish clerk at the above church for 40 years.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holloway 1, R. H. Hickman 2, J. E. Ballard 3, R. Flew 4, J. Weaver 5, D. H. Anstey 6, C. W. Munday (conductor) 7, G. Woodley (first quarter) 8.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Bishop 1, C. J. Gardner 2, I. H. Trueman 3, W. H. Trueman 4, A. G. Wells 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on handbells, on May 18th, 1,248 Bob Major: Miss A. Brown 1-2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3-4, T. Harris 5-6, R. C. Seager 7-8.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Flint 1, W. R. Drury 2, J. A. Flint 3, G. F. Ball 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5, T. C. Scarborough (first quarter) 6.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Minor (180 Single Oxford, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Bob Minor): R. Dacre 1, B. Cape 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, B. J. Saddington 4, Miss J. Saddington 5, G. E. Watson (conductor) 6.

CALNE, WILTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, H. Parsons 3, F. Walker 4, W. Hacker 5, H. Barry 6, R. Barry (conductor) 7, W. Haines 8. A compliment to the Ven. Archdeacon J. W. Coulter, Vicar of Calne, on the 20th anniversary of his induction.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On May 18th at St. James', 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, F. A. Barker 3, M. Hodgson (conductor) 4, R. Charge 5, W. J. Ellis 6, C. Potheary 7, A. W. Coles 8. First quarter in the method by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

DAVENHAM CHESHIRE.—On May 11th at the Church of St. Wilfred, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Lawrence (first quarter) 1, Miss N. Evans 2, D. Smith 3, A. Booth 4, H. Howard 5, A. G. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

DISLEY, OXON.—On May 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, Sandall, London Scholars and Kingston: Miss Mavis Botham 1, S. Arden 2, E. Bailey 3, Miss Yvonne Botham 4, A. Hibbert (conductor) 5, J. A. Milner 6.

EXETER.—At St. David's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Spicer 1, C. Clarke 2, A. Gooding 3, W. S. Lethbridge 4, H. Butt 5, W. G. Burrows 6, W. H. Howe (conductor) 7, L. Spicer 8.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—At St. Catherine's on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Jones 1, A. Tew 2, G. Thomas 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, R. Dobbins 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, at St. Mary Magdalene's: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, A. F. Lancaster 3, A. E. Hoare (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, E. J. Rowe 8. A welcome home to the royal family.

LONDON.—On May 11th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: M. Chilcot 1, Mrs. E. E. Davis 2, J. Phillips 3, W. H. Hewitt (conductor) 4, Mrs. R. Deal 5, J. Chilcot 6, T. Francis 7, R. F. Deal 8. First quarter in method by 1 and 6.

LONDON.—At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on May 15th, 1,280 Kent Major: Mrs. E. Lancaster 1, Miss R. M. Davies 2, E. Lankester 3, A. Tozer 4, M. Hodson 5, D. C. Birkinshaw 6, S. Pacey 7, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob for 2, 4, 6 and 7.

QUARTER PEALS

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: R. Wood, sen. 1, E. R. Rapley 2, L. D. W. Atfield 3, E. Treagus 4, C. Longhurst 5, R. Stredwick 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Armstrong (first quarter in method) 1, E. Furbank 2, F. B. Lufkin 3, E. Butler 4, H. T. Wilson 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6, C. Wilmington 7, F. V. Gant 8.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor, being 360 of Kent and 900 of Plain Bob: Miss E. Walklate 1, B. Austin 2, H. Baxter 3, B. Cope (first quarter) 4, P. Chapman 5, G. Watson (conductor) 6. First in two methods for 2 and 5.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Hilda Lacey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. May 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, G. Thompson 4, F. Lacey 5, F. Lord 6, H. Judd (first as conductor) 7, W. Lings 8.

SEFTON, LANCs.—On May 13th at St. Helen's, 1,280 Bob Major: S. Flint 1, T. S. Horridge 2, J. Lunham 3, J. Taylor 4, Mrs. P. Booth 5, J. McKee 6, D. Booth 7, W. H. Deacon (conductor) 8. First quarter for ringers of 5, 6 and 7.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Corneliuss 1, F. Welch 2, D. Best 3, Mrs. M. Powell 4, Rev. E. S. Powell 5, R. Welch 6, R. Beale (conductor) 7, K. Welch 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 8.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Scott (first quarter, aged 15) 1, R. Stanforth 2, M. Hillary 3, F. Metcalfe 4, J. Garlick (conductor) 5, W. Bailey 6, H. J. Stanforth 7, G. Pain 8. A welcome home to their Majesties the King and Queen.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Ascension Day, 1,140 Plain Bob with cover bell: G. Hughes 1, R. Wenban 2, R. Wilkinson 3, G. Cheshire 4, W. Wenban 5, E. J. Leversuch (conductor) 6, J. Spencer 7.

STREATHAM, S.W.16.—On May 12th, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, C. Potheary 2, Miss A. Look 3, E. L. Miles 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. Sparkes 8. Welcome home to their Majesties the King and Queen.

STROUD, GLOS.—On May 18th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Shepperd 1, L. Barry 2, Miss Smith 3, B. Latham 4, R. J. Sampson 5, T. Witts (conductor) 6, T. Pritchard 7, R. Sharpe 8. Half-muffled for the late Major Fisher, churchwarden 40 years.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, Miss Joan Mathews 2, Mrs. S. Brown 3, A. Diserens 4, N. J. Diserens 5, C. Tilling 6, R. W. Rex (conductor) 7, S. Brown 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 540 Oxford Bob): H. Cooper 1, E. Thorley 2, T. D. Leask 3, J. Martin Thorley 4, J. Thorley 5, C. Thorley, sen. (conductor) 6. Rung for the wedding of Charles Thorley, jun., to Miss L. Potter.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On May 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Gibson-Jarvie 1, D. Mann 2, Miss K. Willars 3, J. F. Moor 4, P. Border 5, R. Leigh (conductor) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Davis 1, W. Absalom 2, F. Absalom (conductor) 3, R. Cobb 4, C. Tyler 5, R. Hull 6. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. C. Tyler, who has been a bell-ringer for 61 years.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—At All Saints' on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Southam (first quarter) 1, A. C. Philpott (first quarter inside) 2, A. Gilbert 3, C. C. Dilnot 4, Brenda E. Philpott (conductor) 5, A. E. Amos 6.

NOTICES

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RETURN THANKS

To the many friends who wrote me whilst in hospital, thanks! Their letters came as a ray of sunshine in the darkness. I am now at home.—Charles J. Sedgley, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 1468

SILVER WEDDING

RYDER—HAGUE.—On June 7th, 1922, at the Parish Church, Rotherham, Thomas Colin Ryder to Winifrid May Hague. Present address: 19, Middle Lane, South Rotherham. 1479

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

RINGER (Grandsire only) seeks holiday accommodation, Worcester-Evesham area, for fortnight from July 12th. Full board or bed and breakfast.—Offers, with terms, to Box 1482, 'Ringing World', Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 1482

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SET of 21 HANDBELLS, key G 18; excellent condition; offers?—Box 1311, 'The Ringing World', Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 1311

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—

Grimsby District.—Meeting Alford (6), Sat., June 7th, 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5. Please notify not later than June 4th for tea to K. Ketteringham, 20, Hamilton Road, Alford.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., Grimsby. 1471

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Meeting New Mill, Huddersfield, Sat., June 7th. Bells 3 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1459

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Hawkhurst (8), June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1424

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, West Hoathly, Sat., June 7th, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1441

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Fiftieth anniversary meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, June 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Rectory Garden. Names to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5. 1407

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Hythe, Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at Little Railway Cafe.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1451

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Joint meeting with Guilsborough Branch, Welford (8), June 7th, 3. Tea provided 5.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1489

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting Whitstable, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1406

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swineshead, Sat., June 7th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at Wheatsheaf Inn 5. Service 6.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Morris, Dial House, Swineshead.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1470

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ringwood and Sopley, Sat., June 7th. Ringing, Sopley from 2.30. Tea, The Old Brown House Cafe, Ringwood, 5.30. Ringing and meeting in Ringwood belfry from 6.30.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 1472

PETERBOROUGH DIO. GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—An evening practice meeting on Sat., June 7th. Bells 5.30 to 8.30.—G. E. Watson. 1477

HERTFORD and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSNS.—Joint meeting at Stanmore, Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea; names to be received by previous Wednesday.—S. H. Hoare and T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1443

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting Hawkhchurch, Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, if notified.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 1484

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 1485

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Contest at Royston, June 14th. All entries must reach me not later than June 7th. Draw 2.45. Ringing commences 3. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. Halling, 32, Church Hill, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1447

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 14th, at Marsden, near Huddersfield. Bells (8) 3. Tea 2s. 3d. Reports for 1946 now ready.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1446

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Hopton, near Diss, on Sat., June 14th. Bells (6) available 3. Names for tea to A. Gillings, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, not later than June 9th. 1454

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sat., June 14th, Merton (Colliers Wood Station), 1.15. St. Leonard's, Streatham, 2.30. Tea and business 4.20. St. Immanuel's, Streatham, 6.15. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1438

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Prittlewell, Sat., June 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell, Essex, by June 10th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1449

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Joint meeting with Selby and District, Market Weighton, Sat., June 14th. Bells available 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for all who notify J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Market Weighton., on or before June 12th. 1480

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Tring (8), June 14th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names to W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, by Wed., June 11th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1466

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), Sat., June 14th, 2.15. St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's and St. Clement's (6) also available. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Tudor Cafe, St. Margaret's Plain. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea must be sent to me by Wednesday, June 11th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1435

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 14th, 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. New members and visitors welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. 1434

LANCS ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Samlesbury, Sat., June 14th. Bells from 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley. 1483

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting Iffley (6), June 14th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Notify me by June 11th.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley. 1487

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Breadsall, June 14th, 2.30. Names for tea to F. Mather, Brookside Road, Breadsall, by June 11th.—F. Shaw, Dis. Sec. 1481

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Eling, near Southampton, June 14th, 2.30. Tea 5.15; bring sugar; names by June 9th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh. 1486

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury on Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 if it can be arranged.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton. 1465

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Kintbury (6), Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. C. Moore, Kintbury, Berks, by June 10th. 1478

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at East Markham (8), Sat., June 14th. Tea only for those who notify Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark, by June 10th.—H. Denman. 1476

LANCS ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Cartmel, Sat., June 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea to H. Dixon, Park View, Cartmel, by June 11th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1500

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District, Sat., June 14th. Birstall (5), 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1496

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Frodsham, June 14th. Advise J. E. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham, before June 11th, if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft. 1495

SELBY AND DISTRICT and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting Market Weighton, June 14th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, by June 12th. 1499

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. — Annual branch meeting Steeple Claydon (6), June 14th, 2.45. Service 4. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—E. F. Gibbard. 1508

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District. — Bishopwearmouth, Sat., June 14th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 1, Kensington Terrace South, Sunderland, by 12th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec. 1505

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hever (6), June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Henry VIII. Inn. Names for outing by this date, please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1475

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Summer meeting at Hazelbury Bryan, Sturminster Newton, Sat., June 14th. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec. 1473

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Totham (6), June 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by June 12th.—A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1469

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting Overseale, Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1507

LANCS ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—St. Mary's, Oldham (12), Sat., June 14th. Ringing at 3. Tea at local cafe. Meeting in tower 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 1491

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Sharnford postponed until June 14th. Tea and meeting 5; bring own food. Bells (6) 3.—W. A. Wood. 1488

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Tibshelf, June 14th. Please bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1494

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., June 14th, 3.—A. B. Peck. 1498

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted, Sat., June 14th, 3. Tea 5. Notifications by June 11th to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. Tel. No. 3293. 1504

DEVON GUILD.—Practice Culmpton (10), Sat., June 14th. Tea. All welcome.—Fred. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1492

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Knebworth, June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at the Lytton Hall 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. G. Crane, Parama, London Road, Knebworth, by June 12th.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 1506

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Sat., June 14th. Bells (6) at 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 1503

SOC. FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting Burton-on-Trent, June 21st. Bells (St. Paul's) 3. Tea 1s. 3d. to paid-up members, to others 1s. 9d. Names for tea to B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton, by Monday, June 16th. Special coach (7s. 6d.) from Technical College, Wolverhampton, 1.30; John Harper and Co.'s Works, Walsall Street, Willenhall, 1.45; St. Paul's Church, near bus station, Walsall, 2.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1464

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting Sat., June 21st, at Chertsey. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to me, please, by the 18th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1490

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Sat., June 21st. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6.15. Names for tea by June 16th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1493

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—Great ringing day will be held on Sat., June 28th, at 3.—Leonard E. Pitstow. 1419

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, followed by business and service. Names for tea to G. Miller, Lakenheath, Suffolk, by June 23rd.—R. A. Wallis, Sec., Mildenhall, Suffolk. 1509

North Wales Association

A NEW RINGING MASTER.

The North Wales Association held its annual meeting at Wrexham on Whit Monday, which was attended by members from Llandudno, Rhyl, Hawarden, Buckley, Gresford and Wrexham. A short service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Davies) and assisted by the Rev. C. Davies.

At the business meeting the Rev. R. G. Wright (Bangor) was re-elected president. Canon Rowlands (Llandudno), the Rev. Robert Davies (Wrexham), the Rev. R. C. Williams (Tryddym), Mr. J. E. Austin (Llandudno) and Mr. G. Hewitt Buckley were elected vice-presidents.

Mr. F. R. Evans (Wrexham) was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. A. J. Hughes, who unfortunately had to resign owing to ill-health. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall (Wrexham).

District secretaries: Bangor, Miss M. Jones; Rhyl, Mr. C. Powell; Wrexham, Mr. A. Lea. District instructors: Bangor, Mr. A. J. Hughes; Rhyl, Mr. J. Evans; Wrexham, Mr. F. R. Evans.

The balance sheet, which showed a balance of £8 15s. 6d. on the credit side, was adopted. A meeting is to be held at Rhyl or Llandudno on September 6th, and Bangor was chosen as the venue for next year's annual meeting.

About 40 members and their wives were afterwards entertained to tea kindly provided by the local ringers. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. H. Randles and seconded by Mr. T. R. Griffiths.

The tower was re-visited for further ringing, which included touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob.

NORBURY PEALS

A peal board in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire, records a date touch of 1,897 changes on May 26th, 1897. To commemorate the 50th anniversary a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung. Of the original participants, only one—Mr. Joshua Dean—survives, and he will still take a bell if the band is short. Forty-two peals of Minor (including first spliced and first 35 methods) were rung on Norbury bells previous to augmentation to eight in 1925. Since then peals total 114, making the creditable record of 156.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—You want relaxation and good fellowship in lovely surroundings? Then come to Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), June 21st, at 3. Inquire Newark bus station for buses. Bring food.—J. W. Raithby. 1501

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting Manchester (in place of Oxford), Sat., July 5th. Further particulars later.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 1497

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Subscriptions 1947 to H. G. Jenney, Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester. Annual meeting Birmingham, Sept. 20th. Details later. 1474

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