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MEMORIES OF 1947

WITH all the grandeur and solemnity of half-muffled ringing we in Guildford heard the passing of 1947 last Wednesday night. To many 1947 will be remembered as the year of calamity, with blizzard and flood at home and the world's economic position disturbed to such an extent that 'men's hearts sank within them.' Unprecedented almost describes the position; even 'The Ringing World' had its sequence of publication broken, and for three weeks the Government forbade publication.

When the background is most unpromising, history has repeatedly a story of advancement to tell. Bells and ringing have more than held their own in public esteem, and the bell-founding firms have been working to capacity. Important installations have been those of Wakefield and Lichfield Cathedrals in this country and Adelaide in Australia. Peal ringing has been on the increase, and there have been some outstanding performances. Record lengths of Bob Royal (9,000) and London Surprise (14,112) have been established, and the peal of Minor of 105 methods in hand was another achievement worthy of congratulation. To those who find their delight in five-bell ringing, the peal in 25 methods of Doubles at Old Marston reached a new pinnacle.

The social side of the Exercise has not been forgotten. Festivals at Bournemouth and Leicester brought together enthusiasts from all parts of the country. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths celebrated their bi-centenary in a fitting manner, and there were the usual fixtures in the ringers' calendar of the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, the Central Council (at Exeter) and the 310th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Two jubilees were also held—the Middlesex Association, which after 50 years had nine original members still with them, and the Chester Guild, now 60 years old, who met at Macclesfield.

And 1947 also left gaps within our ranks. There were two with a long association with Surfleet in Mr. Rupert Richardson and the Rev. E. Bankes James. As historian, writer and an expert in method construction, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope held a unique position among bellringers and justified his selection to be the second editor of this journal. Frequently taking the opposite viewpoint to Mr. Trollope was the Rev. E. S. Powell, whose 'Ringers' Handbook' holds a special place in the instructional literature of bellringing. Another honoured name in the Exercise was Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the head of the well-known Loughborough firm. In that select circle of those who had rung 1,000 peals was Mr.

Keith Hart, of Brighton. Other names to mind are Messrs. E. A. Pitstow, W. H. Johnson, James Hemming, F. B. Tompkins, James Pagett, Fred Rigby, C. Pothecary, Robert Matthews, J. H. Wilkins, James Houldsworth and Walter Chibnall. Their memories will always be associated with 1947.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*FRANK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	†ALAN R. PINK	6
FRANCES A. WHITE ...	2	ALFRED H. WEBB ...	7
ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ...	8
*BERNARD NICOLS ...	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
ROBERT BLOND	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.
* First peal on ten bells. † 300th peal. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN E. MORETON ...|	*Treble*	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
*FRANK TROTMAN ...	3	*JOHN THOMPSON ...	8
JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5	LEONARD TREVOR ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal on more than eight bells. The first peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*BERTIE A. CORNELL ...|	*Treble*	*DONALD C. PRICE ...	6
MRS. T. J. LOCK ...	2	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ...	7
*LESLIE T. HANSELL ...	3	†CHARLES F. SAYER ...	8
*ARTHUR DAY	4	*H. E. C. GOODENOUGH	9
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	5	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by D. A. BAYLES. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First peal in the method ever rung. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER ALLWOOD ...|	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK...	5
*BARRY HOLLAND	2	CYRIL WRIGHT	6
JOHN W. SYKES	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ...	7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	4	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MARK W. MARSHALL ...|	*Treble*	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
*WILFRID W. RING ...	3	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
†PERCY PAGE	4	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD KENDALL ...|	*Treble*	HAROLD P. BURTON ...	5
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE...	2	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	6
BETTY SPICE	3	*C. HENRY HARDING ...	7
*RONALD J. SHARP ...	4	*BRYAN F. SIMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF ROTHERFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ...|	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
The first peal in the method.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Liversedge Variation.

ARTHUR GIBB ... ...|	*Treble*	STANLEY ROBINSON ...	5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	2	HARRY RICHARDSON ...	6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ...	3	GEORGE W. JEFFS ...	7
B. JACK STUBBS	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE...	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. JEFFS.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

LESLIE PEARSON ... ...|	*Treble*	JOHN H. HUNT	5
FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ...	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS
First peal in the method for the Society.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ...|	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER ...	5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ...	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	6
*J. EDWARD CLOUGH ...	3	FRANK K. MEASURES ...	7
HENRY HOLLIS	4	†THOMAS H. CAMPTON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* 100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. In memoriam the Rev. H. Drake.

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HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

HENRY H. FEARN ...	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	3	THOMAS HEMMING ...	7
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	6
ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	4	THOMAS E. SONE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal of Major as conductor.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
JILL POOLE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD AND LANCS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

P.C. RICHARD BENSON ...	*Treble*	*P.C. WILLIAM PYE ...	5
P.C. ALBERT FORD ...	2	INSP. HARRY ANDERSON	6
P.C. SIDNEY HOUGH ...	3	EX-P.S. PETER CROOK	7
P.C. A. G. LAWRENCE...	4	P.C. PETER CROOK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EX-P.S. PETER CROOK
* First peal in the method.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*DERRICK YATES	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. BROOKER ...	5
†HERBERT CARTER ...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
‡HENRY C. ADAMS ...	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	7
JOHN QUIMBY	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal. † First peal on eight. ‡ First peal 'inside.' In memoriam James Pagett, Ringing Master of Derby Cathedral.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt

*ALFRED JOHN	*Treble*	ARTHUR HOARE	5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ...	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	4	*H. EDWARD CARPENTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal of Triples.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	FREDK. A. COLEY	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

EDWARD J. LINDLEY ...	*Treble*	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
HAROLD A. MAY	2	*T. MARK WHITE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS...	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Major.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*THOMAS E. SONE ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
†DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	†ROBERT COLLINS	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 350th peal. † First peal in the method.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES ...	*Treble*	EDWIN S. SMITH	5
FREDK. A. BURNETT ...	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	6
STANLEY E. COOK	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
A. LESLIE PEARSON ...	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
First peal in the method by all.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

KENNETH W. MAYER ...	*Treble*	*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS...	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES...	6
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol as conductor.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

MISS JEAN C. BROWN...	*Treble*	MISS JOAN MORRIS ...	5
*ALAN N. BROWN ...	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
*MISS FRANCES LAFLIN	3	JOSEPH SAUNDERS	7
MISS MARY ELKINS ...	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*F. G. BAILEY	*Treble*	WM. LANCASTER	5
†WALTER STEEN	2	JACK BAILEY	6
WM. A. PARSONS... ...	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' In memoriam James Pagett.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

STANLEY GILBERT	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
REGINALD HOUGHTON ...	3	HERBERT FIELDS	7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ...	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

ALEC MUNDY	*Treble*	EDWARD CHIVERS	5
H. PERCY SPARKS	2	HENRY J. SANGER	6
NORA G. WILLIAMS ...	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	4	VICTOR SAVAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.
First peal in the method as conductor.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

BRIAN D. THRELFALL...	*Treble*	MANSFIELD GINN	5
STANLEY E. DARMON ...	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	6
*JOHN B. ROWSELL ...	3	HARRY L. MARTIN ...	7
GEORGE E. CRISP ...	4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. E. DARMON.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Midd'eton's.

*JANET MATTINSON ...	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	HARRY R. ROPER	6
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	3	JOHN F. TILLETT	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	4	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*NOREEN BRAIN	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES ...	5
†WILLIAM J. LEACH ...	2	*GEORGE L. RODEN ...	6
*FREDK. G. FRETWELL...	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	7
†GORDON HARRISON ...	4	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH WM COTTON
* First peal of Major. † First 'inside of Major. In memoriam James Pagett.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER...	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	6
*GEORGE M. KILBY ...	3	FREDK. J. FINCH	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* 350th peal. To commemorate the appointment of the Rev. H. Claude Harland, M.A., as Rural Dean of Ealing.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
MARK W. MARSHALL ...	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
*WILFRED W. RING ...	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	7
PERCY PAGE	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES W. METCALF ...	*Treble*	F. T. F. POSTLETHWAITE	5
†BETTY SCHOFIELD ...	2	JOHN BAGNALL	6
ERNEST SWAIN	3	*WILLIAM E. MASHITER...	7
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ...	4	JAMES E. BURLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G flat.

THOMAS D. LEASK...	*Treble*	*JOHN SILK	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	ERNEST J. PADGETT ...	6
ERNEST THORLEY	3	CHARLES THORLEY ...	7
HORACE S. MORLEY ...	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Triples for the Selby and District Society.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

SEAL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. ROBIN GUY	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	4
†DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	FREDK. E. BUDGEN ...	5
GEORGE COOK	3	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First in the method as conductor.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*SYDNEY C. EASTER ...	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	4
WILLIAM PERRY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
ARTHUR HUBBLE	3	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Minor. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. R. P. Flute.

KELLY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*FRANK R. JOHNS ...	*Treble*	CHARLES E. TAYLOR ...	4
ALAN J. HICKS	2	†JAMES RICH	5
*WILFRED C. BOUCHER...	3	*SYDNEY HORRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one extent Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN	*Treble*	JACK CLEGG	4
*MARY WALSHAW	2	ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
FRANK REED	3	ALBERT FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.
* First peal of Minor.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT CUMBERLIDGE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE H. HALL	4
ALAN POINTON	2	J. JOLLEY	5
FRANK HOLDCROFT ...	3	S. POINTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. JOLLEY.
First peal on the bells since they were rehung in January, 1947.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	*Treble*	JOHN B. ROWSELL ...	4
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ...	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
LORD WRENBURY	3	GEOFFREY DODDS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, 14 variations of calling. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 or. 14 lb. in G.

*MISS GLADYS ASHBY	*Treble*	*HERBERT H. SHRIVES	3
*W. ROBERT PAUL	2	PERCY AMOS	4
PHILIP JONES	*Tenor*		

* First peal. Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON	*Treble*	*THOMAS W. ROBINSON	4
R. ALLEN HICKTON ...	2	CHARLES GEARY	5
WILLIAM H. KING	3	WILLIAM E. COURT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ILLOGAN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLOGAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

*IVOR ROACH	*Treble*	VIVYAN WILLIAMS	4
†JAMES VINCENT	2	PERCY WILLIAMS	5
JOAN WITHEY	3	GEORGE CLEMENSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by VIVYAN WILLIAMS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OLD DELIGHT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	4
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method by all the band.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

EDWARD BARKER ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR ROLFE	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.
First peal on the bells since being rehung.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being extents of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*FREDK. W. MIDDLETON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
†ERNEST G. SHORTING...	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN...	3	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal in seven methods. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick W. Middleton.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

CECIL MATTHEWS ...	*Treble*	ERNEST BARTRAM	4
WALTER WHITE	2	J. HARRY COOK	5
FREDK. J. STIMSON ...	3	HARRY CLAYTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.
First peal on the newly-augmented six. In memoriam Thomas Edgar Pearson, Ringing Master and Parish Clerk for many years.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. S. Jones, sen., who has been a ringer at Eccleston, Cheshire, for 54 years, celebrated his 79th birthday by ringing a quarter-peal for the first time with his three sons on December 13th. Method, Grandsire Triples. Details: A. H. Jones 1, F. Jones 2, G. Pugh 3, W. Hopwood 4, S. Jones, sen. 5, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 6, H. Thomas 7, E. Price 8.

Do not miss Will H. Viggers' 'Delight' team that heralded in Christmas! For full details see the back page.

The peal of three Minor methods at Miles Platting, Manchester, was for the 40th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall.

Great credit is due to the Brown Edge, Staffordshire, band, who at a second attempt have rung the first peal on the bells since they were rehung. For a long time this band has struggled on unaided.

Twenty-one years have elapsed since the last peal at Rothersthorpe, Northants. Mr. Percy Amos participated in both peals.

Our friends in the Constabulary inform us that the peal at Miles Platting on December 2nd for the National Police Guild was for the Royal Wedding.

For his coming-of-age as district secretary in the Swansea and Brecon Guild, Mr. E. Stitch conducted a peal of Holt's Original at Aberavon, on December 5th. Also honoured was Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, the occasion being his 82nd birthday.

The peal at Erith on December 5th was a second birthday peal for Susan Hoverd. Her father, Harry Hoverd, a regular member of the Erith peal band, is one of those pillars of the Exercise about whom we hear little but whose work behind the scenes makes ringing the flourishing institution it is to-day. A native of Oxfordshire, he has been the popular captain of Dartford ringers for some 14 or 15 years.

There were rejoicings at Appleton, Berks, for the 70th birthday of Mr. Richard White, the peal of Grandsire Caters on December 2nd being in his honour. Mr. White has figured in three record lengths—the 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton and the world record of 21,363 Stedman Caters there in 12 hours 25 minutes in 1922, and the 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford in 1946.

The peal of Barnet Surprise Major was rung by Mr. Harold G. Cashmore's band without previous practice!

Congratulations to Mr. John H. Gartside, of the Lancashire Association and College Youths, on his 100th peal.

The first peal on the newly augmented six at Eaton, Leics., was to the memory of Mr. T. E. Pearson, the donor of the treble.

The conductor and ringer of the tenor of the peal at Wonston, Hants, on November 15th, was Mr. Leslie Tremeer. It was his 50th.

Commented upon previously in this column, Albanian Surprise Royal, writes conductor Horace E. G. Goodenough, will extend to Maximus.

In sending us his 350th peal, Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, puts us right in the number of 'circles' he has completed. He has conducted 'round the circle' in eight eight-bell towers, not twice round the circle in eight eight-bell towers. As a matter of fact he can claim to have done this in four towers! Next theorem, please!

The 82nd birthday of that popular Welsh ringer, J. W. Jones, of Newport, was remembered by 1,260 Plain Bob Royal at St. John the Baptist's, Cardiff. The ringers were L. Hulbert 1, T. Yeomans 2, J. Bailey 3, W. Heath 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, W. Dare 7, A. Parnell 8, J. Worrall 9, E. Coombes (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for ringers of 1, 7 and 9.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Man Bites Dog . . .'

WHAT CONSTITUTES RINGING NEWS?

Dear Sir,—I do not think that I could agree more fully with most of what is written by Mr. Malings in the issue of December 12th, especially with the suggestion for printing peal records. Not that I would advocate it for all time. I can well remember opening my first ringing journal nearly 40 years ago, and recollect thinking how well the peal columns looked—worthy records of most worthy jobs—and I have seldom had reason to think otherwise, until now.

The present restricted paper supply creates the necessity of cuts, and I believe that peal records should bear the proportion of space restriction that they undoubtedly deserve. I am reminded of the story of the cub reporter who asked his News Editor to define back-page 'copy' and front-page 'news.' The great man replied, 'A story, "Dog bites man," would be back page copy; a story, "Man bites dog," would be front page news'!

Recently I read in Belfry Gossip that Mr. H. J. Poole had called a peal of Cambridge Maximus in hand, and I unashamedly confess that I was agog to see the set-up of the band who rang this peal—'Man bites dog' with a vengeance; on the other hand, the peal columns of November 28th and the following week were headed by peals of Maximus, again conducted by Mr. H. J. Poole, the equivalent of four inches (or so) of column space filled with 'Dog bites man' copy. I support Mr. Malings' suggestion that peals be printed in the form now used for quarter-peals, returning to their present prominence immediately the need for restriction has passed.

I am afraid I cannot travel all the way with Mr. Malings' remarks about reports of meetings. I believe the 'dreary recitals' he mentions are mainly the outcome of past policy. Just recently, in committee of the Essex Association, we called for a forthright statement of present-day policy, and were met by the reply that the fault lies mainly with the reports sent in (which we can well believe). The result you will find in three-quarters of a column on November 14th, devoted to the doings of the 'Crusaders' of the S.W. Division of our Association, published as submitted. I do not suggest, for one moment, that this was a 'Dog bites man' story. I am, however, suggesting that it was properly written by someone well versed in precis writing, able to condense facts into a readable story of modest length, which any self-respecting Editor would pass for publication with a minimum of trouble.

Where Mr. Malings calls for more correspondence, it matters not so much as to whether writing is merely a personal viewpoint (how many, do you imagine, are in a position to write on behalf of a majority?), but as to whether the subject matter is wide or narrow. By all means let us encourage correspondence. The Editor cannot be expected to write the whole of the matter; nor should he attempt to dictate the actual styles so long as they are reasonable; but let the letters be impersonal, well expressed views on matters of general interest.

Constructively, then, in this time of restriction, I would suggest that the editorial, one day in the near future, should offer us some guidance on the subject of reports and correspondence; and, if I were writing it, these points would receive prominence: (a) That, obviously, the larger meetings and functions should receive more prominent notice; (b) that, so far as is possible, all detail submitted would be stated, where they appear to be of value; (c) that correspondents should try to model their reports on the style to be found in the journal itself, thus to save the Editor as much re-writing as may be; (d) that the drafts submitted be fairly widely spaced and not cramped unduly, to enable the Editor to blue pencil clearly where necessary; (e) that, wherever possible, the reports should be typewritten, or, at least, very clearly handwritten (I should hate any Editor to have to read mine!); (f) and, finally, that editorial alterations be accepted as being made by the expert who has the whole picture of his paper's requirement before his eye.

G. L. JOYCE,
Deputy Master, Essex Association.

Aids to Teaching

A SOMERSET METHOD.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest letters by 'Adsum' and 'Mentor.' I cannot agree with 'Mentor' that learners are pushed on far too quickly. I have often found they are not pushed along fast enough, and lose interest. My first experience at teaching change ringing (some 40 years ago) was when I agreed to teach a stoney band. By the time I had taught them one method I was convinced that rounds and/or call changes were not of any use in learning change ringing. Both styles of ringing are as far apart as the two poles. I should be better understood, perhaps, if I classify rounds, etc., as 'stationary' ringing and change ringing 'movement.'

Before starting to teach pupils it is well to remember that they have been taught a more direct method of approach to subjects in our schools to-day than they were years ago.

Striking is the principal thing in ringing, and before I take pupils up in a tower I satisfy myself that they have a good ear. If I have any doubt I ask the other ringers to ring a plain Doubles method with tenor covering. I then go outside with them and ask them to pick out the treble and tell me the positions she strikes in. Not until they can do this do I arrange a dumb practice.

When they can handle their rope right, and balance their bell with ease at both strokes, I take another bell, a heavier one for preference, and ring this one myself, the same as if I were ringing changes, starting with dodging, place making and hunting, finishing up with a course of the method they are first going to ring open. In this two bell practice I always insist that they should pull the same time as myself and not follow me. In this way they get the exact timing required for change ringing.

During these practices I take the opportunity of teaching them the first method they will ring open, also give them as much single-handed handbell practice as possible in this method. By using this way of training I have seen a learner ring several plain courses of Bob Minor the first time he has rung open, and within a month he has rung a 720 on an inside bell without any assistance. In the case of another learner, from the time he first handled a bell until he could ring Grandsire inside was six weeks.

As regards the first method to teach a youngster, I think that is immaterial. You would not expect a 10 or 12 bell tower to start with Doubles or Bob Minor, or do the same as I have seen in a six-bell tower, put a learner on the tenor to Bob Minor. From one end of the country to the other there are hundreds of instructors who are always willing to help the individual or band. Contact the nearest to you, follow his or her instructions, and I am sure you will soon make good.

There are plenty of text books, all of which are good. One of the most helpful is 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners.'—Yours faithfully,

B. T. JEANES.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

TO LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—Might I, now that the end of the year is upon us, publicly thank the University of London Society for the help and assistance they have rendered to the tower of St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, as well as arranging to be present in sufficient numbers on a practice night, thereby making things easier for learners? The Society are regularly ringing for Sunday services twice a month.

On behalf of the Vicar and wardens, I remain, yours, etc.,

ERNEST J. POWE, Hon. Towerkeeper.

Hornsey, London.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE DRAKE.

Mr. George Drake 71), a treble ringer at Brighouse St. Martin's for the past 52 years and conductor for over 40 years, died at his home after a brief illness on December 21st, and was interred on Christmas Eve to the sound of his beloved bells being as well struck as he always insisted they should be, half-muffled in Kent Treble Bob, his favourite method. He had rung on every royal and national celebration, commencing with a peal for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897, and took part in a Royal Wedding touch last month. C.F.S.

MR. C. J. ELLIS.

Master of the St. Nicholas' band of ringers, Harwich, Mr. Charles James Ellis died at his home, Victoria Villas, Garland Road, Parkeston, on December 12th, aged 68.

For over 56 years he had been a ringer, and apart from his valued work at Harwich he had been Master of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association for the past three years.

Mr. Ellis had an association of 49 years with the railway and drove the first Flushing boat train from Liverpool Street to Harwich in 1926.

The funeral service was at St. Paul's, Parkeston, on December 16th. The Rev. J. S. Hole, Vicar of Harwich, in a moving tribute, recalled how on many celebrated occasions during the last 50 years Mr. Ellis had rung the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, and sent out the pealing message thousands of times. 'Our ringers will miss him very much,' the Vicar said. 'To-night those bells which he rang so often are muffled. As they are rung they will send forth a sad tone as if they too were missing the master hand which had rung them for so many years.'

The handbells were rung over the open grave by Messrs. S. Jennings, E. Scarfe, G. Moss and W. Felgate.

MR. THOMAS WARD.

Bishop's Stortford belfry has lost a valued member and their vice-president by the sudden death on December 16th of Mr. Thomas Ward. Although not a peal ringer, he enjoyed many quarter-peals and took a great interest in ringers' functions. As a service ringer he was most regular.

Civic-minded, Mr. Ward was chairman of Bishop's Stortford Urban Council from 1936-1939 and from 1941-46. He was chairman of the Guardians Committee from 1943 until his death. The Rhodes Birthplace Memorial was opened during his chairmanship of the Council.

The funeral service was at St. Michael's Church and he was laid to rest in the new cemetery on December 19th. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung: Miss D. Wacey 1, W. T. Prior 2, W. Prior 3, F. Springham 4, H. Bull 5, H. M. White 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Bird 8. F. B.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's on Nov. 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. Morris 1, R. G. Long 2, P. G. Parrott 3, J. Warner 4, F. S. Shorter 5, F. W. Richardson 6, J. E. Warner 7, G. H. Dayne (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

TARRING, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 different callings: S. Ashton 1, H. Luther (first inside) 2, F. Chipper (first inside) 3, R. Wood, jun. 4, H. Weaver (first as cond.) 5, F. Jackson (first quarter) 6.

Mr. Walter F. Judge's Peals

Peal ringers will join with us in congratulating Mr. W. F. Judge, of Oxford, on the variety of his 400 peals. They have been rung in 93 towers and for 17 Guilds and Associations.

Minor (various), rung 9 (conducted 4).

Grandsire Doubles, 1; Triples, 32 (20); *Caters, 18 (12); Cinques, 3 (3).

Stedman Doubles, 1 (1); Triples, 102 (65); Caters, 30 (22); †Cinques, 35 (15); Erin Caters, 1 (1).

D.N.C.B. Caters, 1 (1); Major, 33 (28).

Bob Major, 17 (11); Royal, 3 (1); Maximus, 1.

K.T.B. Major, 9 (2); K.T.B. Royal, 3 (1); Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Major, 3 (1); Spliced Bob Major and K.T.B. Major, 2 (2); Little Bob Major, 2 (1).

Cambridge Surprise Major, 26 (11); Royal, 9 (2); Maximus, 7 (1).

Superlative Surprise Major, 6 (2); Bristol Surprise Major, 12 (8); London Surprise Major, 5 (1); Ashtead Surprise Major, 2 (1); Yorkshire Surprise Major, 7 (6); Lincolnshire Surprise Major, 2 (1); Rutland Surprise Major, 1 (1); Painswick Surprise Major, 1; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1.

Spliced Surprise Major—four methods, 5 (3); five methods, 2; six methods, 1 (1); eight methods, 2 (2); ten methods, 1 (1).

Yorkshire Surprise Royal, 2; New Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Bob Major (handbells), 1; total 400; conducted 232.

* Including 16,271 (record). † Including 12,663 (record).

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

AMBITIONS AT LLANELLY.

Presiding at the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Llanelly on December 13th, the Rev. J. C. Jones expressed a wish that it would be possible to augment the ring of six at the Church of St. Elli, Llanelly, to eight. He hoped that someone could be found with anything up to £1,000 available for such an addition. He had taken a Form of Service to send to someone in Australia who was interested in the Guild.

The Chairman also extended a cordial invitation to the visitors and expressed his regret at the illness of the Guild secretary (Mr. Hawkins). He moved from the chair that a message of sympathy be sent to Mr. Hawkins wishing him a speedy recovery.

The acting secretary, Mr. David H. Betts (Haverfordwest), reported that Mr. F. Sharpe, of Taunton, had consented to act as adjudicator at the competition at Llandovery on May 4th. Three new members were elected, viz., John Jones (Llanelly), Harry Lillicrop (Tenby) and Renita Sabine (Burry Port).

An invitation from Mr. Betts to hold the next quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Haverfordwest, on March 13th, was accepted.

Among matters ventilated and upon which no action was taken were the following:—

(1) That a year book, showing members' names, bands in the Guild and peals rung, etc., should be prepared for the annual meeting.

(2) That discrimination be made between learner members and those who could ring 120 changes.

(3) That instructors be given expenses so that out of the way bands could be visited.

A notice of motion was given by Mr. Jenkins for the annual meeting, 'That no ringer becomes a ringing member of the Guild until he or she has rung 30 changes, such as a plain course of Grandsire.'

Mr. J. Williams moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and to the ladies who had helped to make the meeting and tea so enjoyable.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss M. Botham 1, Miss Y. Botham 2, F. Simpson 3, F. Wilde 4, S. Depledge 5, A. Hibbert (cond.) 6. Longest length by an entirely local band. In memoriam Frank Johnson.

— Still Peal Ringing at 94 —



The amazing vitality of Mr. James George has astounded his friends. We assure him in answer to his question that no other ringer of 94 has ever rung a peal. Our picture, for which we are indebted to 'The Bournemouth Daily Echo,' shows Mr. George with his beloved handbells on which he rang his 94th birthday peal of Grandsire Triples. This was the first peal on the bells and his friends hope that he will be spared to ring many more in years to come.

BOCKING'S SPLICED SURPRISE RECORDED

On December 13th a peal board was dedicated at Bocking, Essex, recording the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Essex Association by a resident band. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. the Dean of Bocking, who afterwards addressed the company present and then joined them at tea in the Church Hut.

Ringing before and after the dedication included Spliced Surprise Major, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

Among those present other than the band who rang the peal were Miss H. G. Snowden (District Master), Mr. H. A. Pratt (district secretary) and Mr. H. E. Hammond, of Braintree, who was 82 the previous Thursday and whose name appears on peal boards in the belfry recording peals rung in 1892. The new board is very well executed, being made of wood with white lettering as follows:—

'The Essex Association, at Bocking, on March 11th, 1939, a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, 5,056 changes, in 3 hours 9 minutes: C. Snowdon 1, F. Claydon 2, R. Martin 3, Hilda Snowdon 4, R. Suckling 5, Basil Redgwell 6, Lewis Wiffen 7, Albert Wiffen 8. Composed by J. Topp, conducted by Lewis Wiffen. The peal consisted of 2,560 of London, 1,216 Bristol, 768 Cambridge and 512 Superlative, with 120 changes of method. This is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung for the Association by a resident band. Edgar Rogers, Dean. H. Joyce, G. Cole, Churchwardens.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT. — On Dec. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss Rigby 1, A. D. Steele 2, N. Randall 3, A. Peake 4, F. Wilshaw 5, C. H. Page 6, W. P. Deane (cond.) 7, N. Holland 8.

QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON, BERKS. — On Dec. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. White 1, F. A. White 2, A. Holifield 3, C. White 4, F. Messenger 5, W. C. Porter (cond.) 6, F. C. White 7, G. Holifield 8, R. White 9, E. Drewitt 10.

ASHFORD, KENT. — On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Huckstepp 1, W. W. Ring 2, T. Campbell (first quarter) 3, W. A. Oldfield (cond.) 4, P. Page 5. H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett 7, D. Godden 8.

BANBURY, OXON. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cave 1, H. Alexander 2, W. Watson 3, F. Selwyn, sen. 4, T. Impey 5, J. Simons 6, J. Stretton (cond.) 7, H. Bishop (first quarter) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Plater 1, Miss Helen Gardner (first quarter in method) 2, Miss Hilda Oakshett 3, G. F. James 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, S. J. Humprey 6, P. J. Spice (cond.) 7, E. C. Bishop 8.

BURFORD, OXON. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Soden 1, J. Keyte 2, B. S. Nichols 3, F. W. Soden 4, I. D. Harris (first in method as cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, H. Francis (first in method) 8.

CANTERBURY.—On Dec. 7th, at St. Dunstan's, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. V. Wilsden 1, D. Wilsden 2, D. Chatfield 3, C. Philpott 4, Brenda Philpott (cond.) 5, J. Stockbridge 6. First in method 1 and 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Mullard 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, M. Smither 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, A. J. Brown 5, E. T. Lee 6, A. J. Bartlett 7, F. Cooper 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Curryer (age 14, first quarter) 1, R. Oliver 2, P. C. Delman 3, E. Gower 4, P. Rollison 5, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 6, F. Dallaway 7, W. Erridge 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. F. Pryor 3, J. G. Nash 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. Newman 6, A. Warren 7, R. H. Begrie (first in method as cond.) 8.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. — On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dennison 1, L. Townley 2, T. Haslam 3, L. Pearson 4, H. Pearson 5, T. Clement (cond.) 6, K. Holmes 7, S. Edmondson 8. A silver wedding compliment to the ringer of 2.

LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKS. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. P. Whitehead (first quarter) 1, R. J. Edden 2, Miss E. Hall 3, J. R. Ball 4, E. H. Adams 5, W. Huxley 6, H. C. Burt (cond.) 7, F. I. Eaton 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Benson 1, Doris M. Killingley 2, T. Watkin 3, Betty E. Strutt 4, S. Thorpe 5, J. Southam 6, R. Spencer (cond.) 7, A. H. Morton 8. First quarter in method by 1, 4 and 7.

SEAL, KENT. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. Harris 1, R. Collins (cond.) 2, A. Wenban 3, Miss D. Colgate 4, G. Godfrey 5, F. Acott 6. In memoriam Mr. J. Harris, captain of local ringers.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (handbells): Miss M. Critchell (first quarter) 1-2, P. H. Sparkes 3-4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5-6.

THORINGTON, ESSEX. — On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Duisbury (first quarter) 1, H. J. Millatt 2, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 3, G. B. Andrews 4, G. Button 5, G. A. Andrews 6.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, at All Saints', 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Gray 1, D. Wilsden 2, C. Philpott 3, C. Dinot 4, R. Port 5, Brenda Philpott (cond.) 6. First quarter for ringer of 1. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Gray.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 14th, 1,248 London Surprise Major: Miss M. G. Campbell 1, Miss J. Gaymer 2, Miss H. Stobbs 3, Miss M. Fidell 4, S. W. Stratford 5, R. Alder Gofton 6, Richard A. Gofton (cond.) 7, W. L. Gofton 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

Lancashire Association

WIGAN BRANCH.

A good attendance, with representatives from the Preston and Liverpool branches present, was forthcoming for the December meeting of the Wigan Branch at Standish.

Canon W. Mellor (Vicar) presided at the meeting, which followed a short service and tea. Arising from the minutes, Mr. F. Bradley (Preston) extended the congratulations of the Preston Branch to the Wigan Branch on their first Surprise peal for the late Mr. F. Rigby and Mr. T. Gilmour.

Nominations for the following posts were received: Vice-president, W. Taylor (Preston); treasurer, R. Williams (Manchester); ringing secretary, A. Tomlinson (Blackburn); auditor, E. Birket (Liverpool) or S. Deardin (Oldham); Central Council, L. Williams, F. Bradley, Rev. Roberts, J. Ridyard.

One new member, Mr. C. Lowe (Emmanuel, Southport), was elected. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Marshall (Parbold) and seconded by Mr. F. Bradley to those responsible for the service, the organ, the very good tea and for the use of the bells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

An enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at Faversham on December 13th, some 80 members and friends from the district, as well as members from the Lewisham and Rochester Districts, attending. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. R. Ball).

An excellent tea, including an iced Christmas cake, had been prepared in the Grammar School Hall. No routine business was scheduled, but one new member was elected. Mention was made of the proposed memorial to the late Mr. C. Tumber, of Teynham. The secretary's motion that the day's collection of £2 be given to the fund for the addition of three new bells at Thanington (Canterbury) Church, this being their war memorial, met with instant agreement. Thanks were passed to all those responsible for the afternoon's enjoyment.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Dec. 13th, with a good attendance, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Kent Royal. Among the visitors were two members of the R.A.F. from Bawtry and Edmonton. At the business meeting the retiring officers were re-elected.

As the Ladies' Guild (Western Branch) intend visiting Swindon in January, no meeting was arranged for that month, and it was proposed to hold meetings at South Marston and Rodbourne Cheney in February and March respectively.

LIVERPOOL SURPRISE

Rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, Oct. 24th, 1947.

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Beverley and District Society

HEDON BELLS DESCRIBED.

One of the finest of the many old churches in the North of England is St. Augustine's, Hedon, which was built during the 12th century. The edifice was known as the 'King of Holderness'—a title in every sense appropriate to its fine and majestic appearance, as its magnificent, tall, square, turreted tower can be seen from a great distance. This tower was commenced about 1427 and took some 10 years to complete.

The bells are a fine musical ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.). From the 18th century there were only six bells, but in 1929 these were recast and at the same time, by the generous gift of the late Col. and Mrs. Lambert White, two new bells were added. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

1.—Eustace Roper, Richard Gibson, Churchwardens, 1776.

2.—Wind them and bringe them and I will ring for them. 1687.

3, 4 and 5.—William and Philip Wightman made me, 1686. The gvift of Charles Duncomb to the Corporation of Hedon, in Yorkshire.

6.—The gvift of Charles Duncomb to the Corporation of Hedon, in Yorkshire. 1687. S. S. Ebor.

7.—Cast by Taylors, Loughborough. William Lambert White, 1929.

8.—Cast by Taylors, Loughborough. Elizabeth White, 1929.

The initials S.S. ending the inscription on the sixth bell are those of Samuel Smith, a bellfounder of York. William and Philip Wightman were bellfounders in London in 1682-1702. Sir Charles Duncomb was elected in 1685 to represent the Borough of Hedon in Parliament, at which time Hedon had two M.P.'s.

The Beverley Society visited this tower on December 13th and received a very warm welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Dann), who conducted the service and wished the Society success in bringing about a revival in ringing. There was an attendance of over 30, representing 14 towers, at the splendid tea in the Church Institute.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), Mr. L. Rodmell (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary).

Open nights for general practice were announced at the following towers: Last Monday in the month, Holy Trinity, Hull; first Tuesday after monthly meeting, Beverley Minster; first Wednesday, Market Weighton; last Wednesday, Collingham; first Thursday in the month, Hessle.

Suggested venues for monthly meetings were St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, January; North Ferriby, February. The Rev. C. E. Dann and Mr. Jack Reed were elected active members.

Mr. K. Ornibo moved and Mr. Tve seconded a resolution calling upon the Society to consider the formation of a library at an early date.

Votes of thanks passed included tributes to the Vicar and Mr. C. H. Hunter and the local company for their efficient arrangements for the meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Selby Abbey ringers provided a Christmassy touch to the proceedings when the Eastern District met at Selby on December 20th. During the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Read), they played carols on handbells.

At the quarterly meeting the Vicar spoke of his association with Mr. James George at Rugby many years ago, remarking that Mr. George taught him to handle a bell in the Rugby tower, and saying how pleased he was to hear that Mr. George was still ringing peals at 94 years of age. Hessle was chosen for the next meeting.

There was an attendance of 36 ringers, representing 16 towers. Ringing in the standard methods continued until 8.30 p.m.

NOTICES

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

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

PHILBRICK.—On Dec. 24th, at 1721, London Road, Leigh-on-Sea, after a few days' illness, John Ernest, aged 64, for 30 years bellringer at Lyme Regis, and latterly at St. Mary's, Prittlewell. 2868

MISCELLANEOUS

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

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 52, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities; well illustrated with plans, cross-sections and pictures. 'This is the best book of its kind that I have ever seen; please send three more.'—A reader's opinion. 2174

A masterpiece in research into the art of change ringing, 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d., post free. — 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting Sat., Jan. 3rd, Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, 6.15 prompt. Ringing at St Martin's (12) from 4.30 to 6.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 2810

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 3rd, 3. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 2783

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Sat., Jan. 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.45, with tea and business to follow. Approach via Manor House; 1½d. fare on trolley bus, routes 659 or 679, to St. Anne's Road Station, turn left and three minutes' walk.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2794

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Sat., Jan. 3rd, All Saints', Pitsmoor, Sheffield, 3 to 4.45; St. Mary's, 6.30 to 8.30. Tea obtainable in city.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2797

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting Horsham (8), Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea. 2826

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Jan. 3rd. St. Maurice's (6) 2.45 to 6. Cathedral (12), 6 p.m. Meeting, Dumpers' Restaurant, 3.30, followed by tea. Guild service, Cathedral, 5.15. 2830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting Westerham, Jan. 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent. 2841

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5.30. Special welcome to Sheffield and East Derbyshire friends. — William Lancaster, General Sec. 2840

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at Bedford (St. Peter's). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2842

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Sat., Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting following. Names to D. E. Latchford, Tolcarne, Collett Road, Hemel Hempstead, by Wed., Jan. 7th. Help the caterer by sending that card. Thank you!—W. C. Hughes, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2829

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Linton (8), Sat., Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2823

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deddington, Sat., Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 2819

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — Annual meeting will be held at Marsham on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Reading Room at 2s. per head. Please send names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 2838

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Bocking, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. IMPORTANT.—Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to R. Suckling, 83, Church Street, Bocking, Braintree.—H. A. Pratt, District Secretary. 2846

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.— Annual meeting, Brentwood (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 6th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 2845

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to me by the Wednesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 2844

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Southampton, Jan. 10th, 2.30. Tea 5.15, St. Michael's Hall. Names by Jan. 6th. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 2843

FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH — Practice meeting at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Casson, Avondale House, Kirkby-in-Furness. 2876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, Market Harborough. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Cadenza Cafe. Names for tea to Mr. F. Wallington, 106, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, by Jan. 6th.—L. W. Allen. 2875

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Jan. 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2870

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Anston meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, Anston, by Jan. 6th.—H. Denman.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting, Church Kirk, Jan. 10th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Jan. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. IMPORTANT. — Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to J. N. Kirkbride, Rose Cottage, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Carnforth. — J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 2861

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Shildon (8), Jan. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 8th to J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 2856

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.— Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, at Christchurch. Bells (12) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify for tea by Jan. 8th to Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2859

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Preston, Liverpool and Wigan Branches at Wigan Parish Church, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30. No service and no business. Make your own arrangements for tea. If you want a good ring come to Wigan. 2857

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30, Holy Trinity 6.30 to 9. Tea (3s.), 5, Y.P.I. Notify Miss Lidgley, 105, Marlborough Avenue, Hull, by Jan. 8th.— Albert E. Sellers. 2865

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting, Biggleswade, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2854

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Thrapston, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service 5.15. Tea 6. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 2853

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Moorside on Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Bring own food.—I. Kay, Hon. Sec. 2852

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Uckfield (8), Jan. 10th, 3. Tea 5. Will members of committee attend if possible?—C. A. Bassett. 2850

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, Frome. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea not later than Jan. 7th to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 2848

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, Bell Foundry bells 2.30. Service and use of Parish Church bells times not yet fixed. Tea and meeting in Fearon Hall 5, price 2s. Names for tea to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield, by Jan. 6th. 2847

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.— Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. —C. W. Lawton, Hon. Sec. 2869

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next General Meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. The new ring of 12 bells, tenor 35 cwt., available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in Chapter House 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) served 5 p.m. in Cathedral schools. Applications for tickets by 14th to J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Secretary, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2839

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Mary's (10), Nottingham, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., Milton Cafe. Names to Mr. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. All welcome. 2849

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent, not later than Jan. 13th. Ringing at Rochester Cathedral after the meeting. — B. W. May, Hon. District Secretary. 2851

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers who fail this week-end to send their remittances to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, will be replaced from our waiting list of subscribers.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, Jan. 5th, practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 7.15. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Sec. 2878

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 10th, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, 3. Tea 4.30. Business 5.30. Ringing after meeting.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2879

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to T. G. Myers by Jan. 12th. 2790

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify J. B. Heesey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by 14th latest.— F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. District Sec. 2858

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at Mistley (6) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea must be sent to me not later than Jan. 12th.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 2860

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, Watermoor. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 6 (reply by Jan. 12th). Parish Church (12) after tea.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester. 2862

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2863

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Further details next week.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2872

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2873

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting, at the Broderick Hall. Names by Jan. 10th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 2866

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—Ringing has recommenced at St. George's, Southwark. Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays, 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a Fieldhouse Road, S.W.12. 2865

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will all conductors who have called peals for the Yorkshire Association during the past year please send in their reports to me without delay unless they have already done so?—W. Barton (Peal Sec.), 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, near Leeds. 2874

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

The North and East District held a meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on November 29th, when over 40 members and visitors were present. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. H. Booth).

Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, presided at the business meeting, when the recent deaths of Messrs. J. H. Wilkins and H. Street (Walthamstow), B. Windmill (Hendon) and C. H. Pothecary (Streatham) were referred to.

Those elected to membership were the Rev. F. J. Finch (Stamford Hill), W. T. Holmes (Welwyn Garden City), A. Boomsma, G. Boomsma, R. Stedman and the Rev. F. Marshall (Stepney), Miss I. Cording and Miss G. Friswell (Upper Clapton). The ringing included rounds and ranged up to Surprise Royal under the leadership of Mr. A. Cutler (Ringing Master), and thanks were accorded to the Rector, Mr. L. Fox and other helpers for an enjoyable meeting.

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ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, three Plain Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and two Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DOUGLAS BELLAMY	*Treble*	†CLAUDE TARR	4
†STANLEY BRISTOW ...	2	HARRY PURCHASE ...	5
†GEORGE SPARKES ...	3	†EDGAR QUICKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in three methods.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*E. G. D. TONKIN (13)	*Treble*	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE...	4
A. PATRICK CANNON ...	2	BENJAMIN STEPNEY ...	5
†ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	3	†FRANK H. HICKS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal. † 75th peal together. First peal on the bells.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FENTON ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	JACK LISHMAN	4
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON...	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ...	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB...	3	THOMAS W. DODD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDGAR QUICKE ...	*Treble*	†DOUGLAS BELLAMY ...	3
*RAYMOND WINTER ...	2	CLAUDE TARR	4
HARRY PURCHASE ...			*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.
* First peal 'inside' and on five bells. † First on five bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	*Treble*	ALBERT PEGG	4
THOMAS SIMMONS	2	*DENNIS POYNTZ	5
JOHN ALDIS, SEN. ...	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE POYNTZ.
* First peal. In honour of the marriage of Mr. Arthur Poyntz and Miss G. Wilson.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

ERNEST J. ROWE ...	*Treble*	*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER...	4
*JOHN M. PAYTON ...	2	THOMAS BEVAN	5
*GEOFFREY F. CARTER ...	3	FREDERICK A. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.
* First six-bell peal. First peal for the Society as conductor. For the bicentenary of the Society.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	4
*GEORGE E. LARGE ...	2	JOHN PINFOLD	5
HENRY H. FEARN ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
100th peal as conductor for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1947, *in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	1-2	ERNEST W. PYE	3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD	5-6		

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 12 in F.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD,
* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

ARTHUR D. COOK	1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3-4
GEORGE E. FEARN	5-6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

BOURNEMOUTH.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4	JAMES GEORGE	7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
A compliment to Mr. James George on his 94th birthday.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT 17, ORTON GROVE, PENN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	1-2	ALBERT D. COLLINS	3-4
ERIC E. SPEAKE	5-6		

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

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