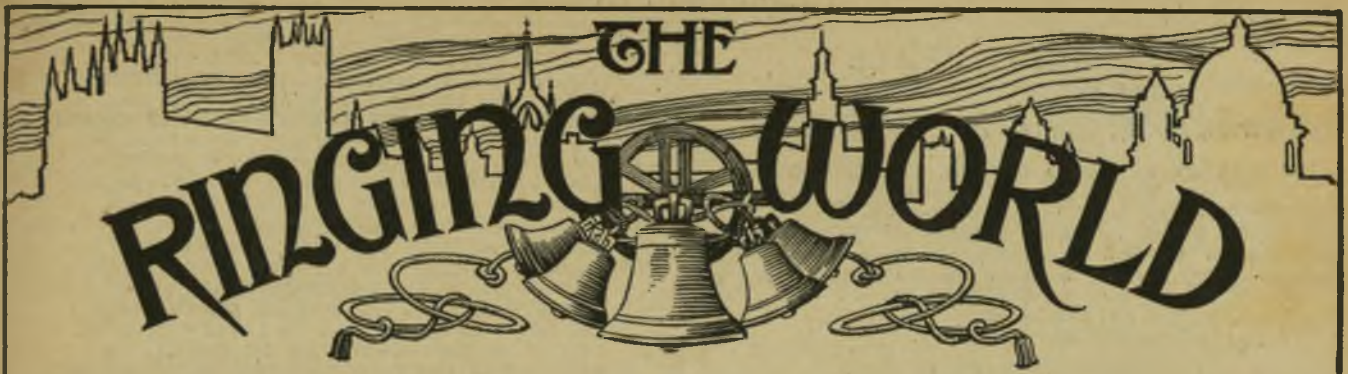




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TESTING FOR PLAIN BOB LEAD ENDS

If one is given a method by its places, it is only necessary to write out half a lead of it in order to discover whether it will yield a Plain Bob lead end. Take Cambridge Royal as an example. If 20 changes of this method are written out, counting rounds as the first, the change 7480529631 is produced. The next change will be made by the treble making 10ths place and the 3rd making 9ths place. The other eight bells will cross in pairs.

The second half-lead will contain the same places in reverse order. Provided this is so, the four pairs of bells crossing at the lead centre enable us to determine whether a Plain Bob lead end will result. Write out the figures 246809753 in a circle in that order. They are in the natural coursing order of Plain Bob Royal. They should be fairly evenly spaced out. Join the pairs of bells by lines in the circle which cross over on the centre line of the lead, leaving the place making bell or 'pivot bell' (the 3 in this case) unmarked. The result is four parallel lines. Whether or not four parallel lines result is a test in all Royal methods, plain or treble bob, as to whether or not a Plain Bob lead end will result.

This simple test works on all numbers of bells. It is not claimed as original. In Minor methods the circle is of five figures 24653, and the test must give two parallel lines.

In all cases, if the test is successful, there is the choice of place making when the treble leads—either 2nds place or 'last place' (10ths in Royal). But there are three snags. First, the place chosen may interfere with the method places (e.g., London Surprise Major cannot be varied as an 8ths place method). Secondly, one of the two may give rounds in one lead. Thirdly, as 9 is not a prime number, Royal methods may give a 3-lead course only.

The test may be adapted so as to examine large numbers of methods. No figures are written. The half lead is built up by strips of card, one between each pair of changes, with only the paths of the bells on them. Thus any desired half lead can be formed by its places. The course-circle tester is at the top, the figures joined by lines to where 'rounds' would be at the head of the half lead. Counters run up the lines to the course circle soon test for plain bob lead ends.

The technique also works with methods and principles on odd numbers of bells. As an example, here is a Caters principle produced. The changes underlined are changes in the plain hunt on nine bells and so preserve the natural coursing-order. The sections in between them are symmetrical and will be found to obey the general test for natural coursing order. Four pairs cross over on their centre lines, giving four parallel lines on the coursing circle 124689753.

123456789
214365798
241637589
426173859
241678395
426187935
462819753
648291735
468927153
649872513
694785231
967482513
976845231
798654321
978563412

Repeat 8
times

'KEWSETT.'

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	MISS MARIE I. GOODSHIP	6
*MISS SYLVIA COKER ... 2	CECIL A. SMITH	7
*MISS DOREEN COKER ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS	8
RALPH COLES 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	9
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 5	WALTER LEE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal in the method and on ten bells.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS...	6
*LESLIE EVANS 2	†JOHN BOURNE	7
*MICHAEL P. MORETON... 3	JOHN J. WEBB	8
†JOHN D. ROCK 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... 9	
†AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 5	JOHN HUMPHRIES	Tenor

Composed by G. HOLFIELD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ROYDON DAVIES ... Treble	†DAVID E. PARSONS ...	6
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES	7
*MISS JILL BRITAIN ... 3	JAMES G. PRIOR	8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	9
ERIC B. HARTLEY 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor	

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First ten-bell peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID H. PEARCE ... Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	5
THOMAS J. FOWLER ... 2	RONALD C. NOON	6
†JOHN B. FORD 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE	7
ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor	

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES W. LOOME ... Treble	THOMAS SIMMONS	5
*CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2	GEORGE GOWEN	6
AUSTIN HEAD 3	GEORGE POYNITZ	7
GEORGE W. HOWLETT... 4	WILLIAM J. FLUTT	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. W. LOOME.

* First peal in the method.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD T. JONES ... Treble	GEORGE R. HANKS	5
REGINALD POSTON ... 2	†REGINALD I. BREWER ...	6
*ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN... 3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 4	JOHN J. WEBB	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. 200th peal as conductor.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB 5040 CHANGES;

59 courses.

Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in B.

*CHAS. H. MOORE ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	5
*N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY 2	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 6	
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	*GEORGE BAILEY 7	
*ARTHUR G. BASON ... 4	*GEORGE SAVER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM POTTS ... Treble	WILLIAM PERKINS	5
ARNOLD MOORE 2	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 6	
†J. G. BURTON 3	ARTHUR W. HALL... .. 7	
EDWARD STEELE 4	†HARRY GROCOTT	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. CARTLIDGE.

* First peal on eight. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C. Middleton's.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES CLEGG ... Treble	JAMES GROUNDS	5
JOHN LUNHAM 2	*ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6	
RONALD KENRICK 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7	
ARTHUR MAUDSELY ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor	

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

* First Surprise peal. 100th peal as conductor.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS J. LOCK ... Treble

ALBERT DISERENS	5	
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	REGINALD W. REX	6
GEORGE M. KILBY... .. 3	MAURICE HODGSON ... 7	
*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4	ALICK CUTLER	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First Surprise peal on an 'inside' bell. Tenor 10 cwt.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5	
TOM BROTHWELL 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6	
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE	7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

The conductor's 100th peal and first of Surprise as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF WILLESSEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C. EDWARD LANKESTER... Treble

*THOMAS J. LOCK	5	
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6	
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* 150th peal. The first peal in this method. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR	6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE	7
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Tenor	

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.

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

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Mrs. P. A. Corby ... Treble	Geoffrey V. Murphy ... 5
*William Rogers ... 2	Harry Hovert ... 6
Arthur S. Richards ... 3	Herbert E. Audsley ... 7
Edwin A. Barnett ... 4	Philip A. Corby ... Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF HETHERSETT IMPERIAL COURT BOB MAJOR,

5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Ernest G. Shorting ... Treble	*Russell W. Curson ... 5
Charles H. Moore ... 2	George Sayer ... 6
F. Charles Goodman ... 3	Henry Tooke ... 7
Nolan Golden ... 4	William Clover ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* 100th peal for the Association. Presumably the first peal in the method.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

Alfred G. Williams ... Treble	William Rogers ... 5
*Mrs. P. A. Corby ... 2	Thomas J. Lock ... 6
Maurice F. R. Hibbert ... 3	Harold G. Cashmore ... 7
Geoffrey V. Murphy ... 4	Philip A. Corby ... Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*Victor Savage ... Treble	Henry J. Sanger ... 5
Frederick Targett ... 2	Edward J. Chivers ... 6
Frederick Savage ... 3	Joseph T. Dyke ... 7
Thomas W. Kimber ... 4	Ronald G. Beck ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.

* First peal of Major.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

Alfred H. Pulling ... Treble	H. William Barrett ... 5
Patricia Holmes ... 2	Frank E. Hawthorne ... 6
*Mary R. Jaycock (13) ... 3	George Gilbert ... 7
Jean M. Broomfield ... 4	*Gwen E. Murkett ... Tenor

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

John Scott ... Treble	G. William Critchley ... 5
Herbert C. Spencer ... 2	Henry H. Fearn ... 6
Albert Walker ... 3	Frank E. Haynes ... 7
John Pinfold ... 4	George E. Fearn ... Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by G. Wm. Critchley.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

Jack L. Millhouse ... Treble	Kenneth S. B. Croft ... 5
Madeline M. Lyon ... 2	*Ranald W. M. Clouston ... 6
Jean A. Southerst ... 3	Walter Tomlinson ... 7
Charles McGuiness ... 4	John Freeman ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by K. S. B. Croft.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on tower bells, and of Surprise, as conductor.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Albert E. Laker ... Treble	Cecil H. Longhurst ... 5
Miss Frances Edgar ... 2	Richard F. B. Speed ... 6
Edgar R. Rapley ... 3	Frank H. Hicks ... 7
*Eric H. Knapp ... 4	A. Patrick Cannon ... Tenor

Composed by John Cox.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal in the method.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Phyllis M. Mayne ... Treble	Thomas Collins ... 5
John R. Mayne ... 2	Arthur Harding ... 6
F. Donald Boreham ... 3	Cecil C. Mayne ... 7
Squire Croft ... 4	Frank Miller ... Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal as conductor on tower bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Arthur Rigby ... Treble	*John H. Gartside ... 5
Benjamin A. Knights ... 2	James W. Grounds ... 6
Arthur Tomlinson ... 3	Laurence Williams ... 7
John Booth ... 4	Joseph Ridyard ... Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights (34). Conducted by J. Ridyard.

* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells. In memoriam William Sharples, of Brindle, who died on Friday, December 19th.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*Sidney Bailey ... Treble

Albert A. Easton ... 2	*John A. Downing ... 5
Sydney C. Driver ... 3	*John E. Pennells ... 6
*Arthur F. Lewry ... 4	C. Alfred Levett ... 7
	*Sidney G. Smith ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by C. Alfred Levett.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 13 cwt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Margaret Beamish ... Treble	James F. Clarke ... 5
Dorothy E. Beamish ... 2	Thomas W. Sheppard ... 6
James Draycott ... 3	Frank Trotman ... 7
John Thompson ... 4	Leonard Trevor ... Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Sheppard.

First peal in the method as conductor.



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HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.		Tenor 22 cwt.
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5	
CECIL E. CARR ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	EDGAR VALLANCE ... 7	
*EDWARD SOWMAN ... 4	†FRANK MELLOR ... Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. A birthday peal for G. S. Morris and the conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER ... 5	
LEONARD STILWELL ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6	
*JAMES W. KNIGHT ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7	
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

* First peal in the method.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).			Tenor 17 cwt.		
*ROGER SAVORY ...	...Treble		ROBERT A. GEDEN ...	5	
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	2		ARCHIBALD REED ...	6	
ARTHUR G. TAYLOR ...	3		FRANK SADLER ...	7	
JOHN HALL ...	4		EDGAR MITCHELL ...	Tenor	
Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.					

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal away from tenor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*FRANCIS LAFLIN ... Treble	PETER LAFLIN ... 5	
*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... 6	
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7	
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor	

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Superlative. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	ALBERT WALKER ... 5	
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6	
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7	
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. Tenor 6½ cwt.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,792 London, 1,536 Cambridge, 1,216 Bristol, 576 Rutland, with 128 changes of method.		Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.	
EDWIN G. MOORE	 <i>Treble</i>	*HERBERT BADDER	... 5
JAMES HIGGINS	 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	... 6
MARIE R. CROSS	 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	... 7
ALAN R. PINK	 4	WALTER F. JUDGE	 <i>Tenor</i>
Composed by A. I. PITMAN.		Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.	

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise. First peal of Spiced Surprise on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH MORRIS ... Treble	SIDNEY COX ... 5	
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... 2	ARTHUR PATRICK ... 6	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY ... 7	
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents: (1) Single Court and Double Court; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (4) Single Oxford; (5) Double Oxford; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY ... Treble	†WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
*EDWARD BARKER ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal in nine methods. † 100th peal for the Ely Association.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob and 22 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt.

TERENCE A. GOODEY ... Treble	FRANCIS R. GODDARD ... 3
DESMOND G. MAYELL ... 2	EARLE J. BAXTER ... 4
HERBERT G. GODDARD ... Tenor	

Conducted by EARLE J. BAXTER.

First peal as conductor.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES BOWERS ... Treble	ARCHIE G. FITCH ... 4
JAMES H. EDWARDS ... 2	LESLIE MILLS ... 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 3	*GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

SANDIACRE, NOTTS.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPPARD ... Treble	W. THORNEY, JUN. ... 4
DENNIS CARLISLE ... 2	PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 5
GIRLING RIGBY ... 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CALEB SIMONDS ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 4
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 2	JOHN CRAGG ... 5
SIDNEY WHALEY ... 3	LESLIE SQUIRES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Treble	†CHARLES F. SAYER ... 4
*DONALD C. PRICE ... 2	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 5
*REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY COMMINS Treble	DOUGLAS BELLAMY 4
RAYMOND WINTER 2	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER... 5
CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 3	WILLIAM COMMINS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 240's and thirty-eight 120's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ANDREW J. CORRIGAN...Treble	†C. S. TOWNEND 4
*THOMAS W. HARRIS ... 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 5
*MARY P. HILLIAR ... 3	†GEOFFREY R. DOWN ... Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 2,160 Oxford Treble Bob and 1,440 Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

STANLEY GILBERT Treble	FRANK W. LACK 4
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 2	PETER BORDER 5
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 3	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM PERRY Treble	FRANK C. MAY 4
RODERICK W. CROUCHER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
WILLIAM S. MAY 3	GERALD FROST Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

In memoriam Fred Chalk.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDRICK HOOPER ... Treble	*ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... 4
*PETER N. WHITE 2	R. THOMAS VESSEY ... 5
JAMES W. RAITHEY ... 3	*PERCY HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by PERCY HOLMES.

* First peal in the method. To welcome a son to the conductor.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*BERYL J. STRANGE ... Treble	*MARGARET W. HEDGES 4
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 2	RALPH SHAILES 5
MERCIA BOOKER 3	H. WILLIAM DASH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

THOMAS A. HASTINGS ... Treble	HAROLD FOLWELL 4
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2	IAN A. MORRISON 5
DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

First peal of Plain Bob on the bells.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK 3	LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Mr. A. R. G. Twinn, the popular treasurer of the St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, was married on January 3rd to Miss M. J. Martin. He has been a member of the company for 20 years. A peal attempt failed, but 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung after the wedding by W. S. Childs 1, F. Blondell 2, A. A. Diaper 3, F. Corke 4, A. Harding 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 7, H. W. Impey 8.

Bristol University Association hope to score their first all-resident peal this term.

Mr. Frank Warrington has rung 260 peals for the Ely Diocesan Association, of which he has conducted 191.

Mr. Alfred Bond has completed a quarter of a century as captain of Barrington tower, Somerset. He rang his first peal 'inside' in honour of the occasion on December 21st.

The peal of Minor at Kingstone, Herefordshire, on December 23rd, was the 25th peal together of Michael P. Moreton and Wilfrid F. Moreton, and also of Wilfrid Moreton and Leslie Evans. The occasion was the 150th peal of Charles L. Sadler.

From Chilvers Coton comes news of John E. S. Moreton on ringing his 50th peal. The peal was first of Cambridge Minor in the tower, by the local band and by the conductor, and was rung on the front six.

The twins—the Misses Sylvia and Doreen Coker—rang their first peal on ten bells together at High Wycombe.

The golden wedding of Mr. W. D. Sparrow, a member of the Badsey, Worcs., band, was celebrated by a peal on the village bells on December 20th.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert is believed to be the first to circle the tower at Barnet Parish Church. The first peal he rang on the bells was in 1904. The task was completed when he rang the 3rd on December 20th, 1947.

BELFRY GOSSIP

While the Combined Universities were ringing at Southwark Cathedral, thieves broke into the cellars of a wine and spirit merchant in the vicinity. Said the night watchman: 'The Cathedral bells were making such a din that I heard no noise of the thieves breaking off the padlock to get into the warehouse.'

Mr. Frederick G. Huckstepp has 'circled' the tower at Eastwell, Kent.

Mr. Charles H. Kippin has passed another milestone. He rang his 400th peal at Ropley, Hants, on December 20th.

If it is not too late, special New Year's greetings to the three young ladies who cycled five miles each way to enable Kingston (Surrey) bells to ring out the old and ring in the new year.

Sparks have been flying at Maperton, Somerset. On Sunday, December 21st, the ringing was a family affair. Peter Sparks (aged 8) 1, H. P. Sparks (father) 2 and 3, Miss P. Sparks 4, I. Sparks (brother) 5, F. G. Sparks (uncle) 6.

The young band at St. John's, Bournemouth, have been going in for non-conducted. On December 21st they rang 504 Grandsire Triples—M. Besy 1, J. Daniels 2, Miss B. Adam 3, G. Evenden 4, A. Rose 5, A. Butler 6, H. Mitchell 7, A. Routh 8.

The handbell peal at Hinckley was a great event, inasmuch that 33 years have elapsed since Edgar Vallance made an attempt for a peal in hand. This previous peal, which was also Kent Major, was the first of Treble Bob Major 'in hand' to be rung in Leicestershire.

George Wightman, who conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells at Cretingham, Suffolk, on December 19th, is now in his 82nd year. He is still actively engaged, with his brother William, in his business of a shoemaker. He called his first peal 61 years ago.

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COMBINED UNIVERSITIES' RE-UNION

CHESTER WEEK BEING PLANNED.

Some 50 members of the Combined Universities Association participated in the fourth annual reunion festival in London on Jan. 7th.

Ringing facilities started at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and included St. John's, Deptford, St. Giles', Camberwell, and Southwark Cathedral. The Association attended Evensong at Southwark Cathedral, at which the address was given by the Vice-Provost, Canon F. S. L. Fitz-George. The lessons were read by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, vice-president of the Association. Mr. C. John Dickinson, of the Oxford University Society, was at the organ.

The annual dinner was at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, being in the chair, supported by Canon Fitz-George, the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Master of the Oxford Guild), Mr. A. A. Hughes, Miss Marie Cross and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher. Seven universities—Oxford, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Reading, Birmingham and Sheffield—were represented.

After the toast of 'The Church and the King' had been proposed from the chair, Mr. E. H. Lewis said two years ago he had some rather rude things to say about the striking of the Association, and last year he tried to encourage them to buy some copies of 'Hints for Beginners'—the Central Council publication. Unfortunately, he was not able to hear much of the ringing that day, but what he did hear was immeasurably better. 'I did not hear such good firing as at St. Gabriel's last year' (laughter).

DUFFIELD FOR SERVICE RINGING.

He understood that a plain course of Duffield was rung. For service ringing he did not think there was anything better than Duffield, and it was a pity it was not rung more. For a peal it was poor.

Dr. Hatcher proposed the toast of 'The Universities Association,' which, he said, took the form of a short report on the year. They all regretted the absence of Dr. John Spice and hoped that it would not be long before he was able to attend a University Association gathering.

Since the annual meeting last year they had not met officially until that day. He hoped too many people were not blaming the poor secretary—they had a chance to meet at Chester in the summer, but that effort 'came to naught.' They hoped, however, to go to Chester in 1948.

Despite their official inactivity, the University Associations had not been standing still. London had rung several peals and it gave him great pleasure to announce that Bristol had scored their first at Wincanton, his native town. They hoped that Reading would be the next to score their first, as they were getting an active group together. As to the Association, the number of peals rung had been poor, chiefly because they did not hold their ringing week. He thanked all members for their support.

Lt.-Comdr. Gordon Cross proposed the toast of 'Kindred Societies, the Visitors and "The Ringing World."' In connection with the Ancient Society, he mentioned the pleasure it gave them that Mr. A. A. Hughes had been able to attend all their dinners. The Cumberlands were represented by Mr. George Cross, who always went out of his way to help young ringers. He also welcomed Mr. Philip Corby, Mr. Jones and Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. White, in his reply, mentioned the popularity of peal ringing to-day, the number of peals in the last quarter reaching as high a figure as ever recorded in the Exercise since the start of 'The Ringing World.'

'DICTATORIAL CONDUCTRESS.'

With grace and wit the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow proposed 'The Ladies.' In coupling the name of Miss Betty Spice with the toast, he said after having been put in their places

all day by their dictatorial conductress, it was nice to think that little girls were made of sugar and spice.

Miss Spice said it must be admitted that the ladies of the Society had played quite a notable part, and she thought it could be said that were it not for the ladies the Universities Association would have been in a poor state. During the war it was left to the women to carry on at Oxford, and during the last two years the ladies had largely carried the day. Now that the men were coming back to their own, Oxford would begin to degenerate into the state Oxford had always been without the ladies.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting followed. The accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £10 0s. 2d., were adopted. The meeting confirmed the election of the following new members: Oxford, Messrs. P. V. Baker, R. Meadows, G. Moorhouse, the Misses J. Brierley, D. Castell, M. Craster, A. Dickinson, R. Dodd, R. How, J. M. Livingstone, C. Morton, S. Rymer, C. M. Trist; Cambridge, J. B. Rowsell, the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. I. Williams; London, J. T. Dyke, D. Martin, G. R. Smerdon; Reading, R. Cropley, R. J. Garner, Miss P. Smee; Sheffield, G. C. Briggs, P. Taylor.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. E. H. Lewis; vice-president, the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg; hon. secretary and treasurer, Dr. Hatcher; Central Council representative, Miss Marie Cross.

A discussion followed on the question of a ringing week. The secretary explained the difficulties of the week planned for Chester in 1947, which had to be abandoned owing to inability to find accommodation. For 1948 he had been in communication with the principal of the Chester Training College and he had been offered accommodation up to 100. He was aiming at an attendance of 40.

Miss Spice declared that 40 was too large for a successful tour. The optimum should not be more than 20. In subsequent discussion she compromised to 25.

The secretary was instructed to ascertain whether the principal of the Training College would be prepared to accept an attendance of 25. Members hoping to attend the week are asked to communicate with the hon. secretary as soon as possible.

Regarding the peal at Canterbury Cathedral in 1946, the secretary announced that the authorities had sanctioned the erection of a peal board.

RAMPTON'S BELLS

The Bishop of Southwell dedicated on Dec. 21st the ring of six at Rampton, Notts. The tenor of the old four has been recast and the other three retuned. A new treble has been given by an old ringer and a second subscribed for by the parish in memory of the men who served in the war, to be called 'In Grateful Memory Bell.'

After the dedication the Bishop unveiled the war memorial to the seven men who had lost their lives. Seven blows were rung on the two new bells, and after a pause rounds were rung. A mixed band rang 240 Plain Bob after the service, and in the afternoon ringing included Cambridge, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent and Grandsire Doubles.

The bells are a useful addition to the North Notts District and are the work of the Loughborough Foundry. The cost, £830, has been raised during three years.

In honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Herbert Gates, of the St. Mary's, Apsley, band, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on January 6th by A. V. Good (cond.) 1. P. Holness 2. T. Morton 3. F. Tompkins 4. E. Upton 5. W. Puddifoot 6. It was the longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

Another Eight for Devon

BISHOP PRAISES A 'THRILLER.'

The Bishop of Plymouth dedicated two new bells and rededicated the rehung peal of six at Buckland Monachorum at a special morning service on Sunday, December 21st.

Mystery stories are popular with the Bishop, and, telling the large congregation that he knew very little about bellringing, he said what he did know was the result of reading Dorothy Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors.' 'If you do not know it, I recommend it very strongly,' he said, and added that if the discovery of the murderer had depended on his reading of the bellringing changes he would still have been at large.

The Bishop explained that the two new bells which had been added to the peal had been given by Mr. C. P. Brown in memory of his wife, and the tenor bell recast in memory of Major Bundock's brother. He congratulated the parish on having raised for the balance about £1,050 and a gift of £370 to the Diocesan Fund.

In view of present-day austerities, he said, the Chancellor had to consider whether he could give the faculty for the restoration or giving of bells, and it was strongly pressed in some quarters that bells were a luxury, not a necessity. Personally, he had maintained that bells were more than a necessity, they were an opportunity. One thousand pounds, he contended, was not too much to pay for an invitation to the House of God.

The Tavistock ringers, under their captain, Mr. M. Deacon, had the privilege of ringing the dedication rounds. During the afternoon bands of ringers from Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), Plympton St. Maurice, Tamerton Foliot, Whitechurch, Eggbuckland, Meavy, etc., were given a short ring, each in turn, and while most of the ringing done was rounds and call changes, the Plymouth St. Andrew's band rang the first touch of 'scientific' on the bells—a well-struck 168 Grandsire Triples.

Everyone present expressed great satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells, and Mr. (Bert) Newson, the representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bellfounders, was also told to congratulate his firm on effecting such fine blending of old and new bells.

The weights and inscriptions are as follows:

- Treble.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1947. 6 cwt. 2 lb.
- 2.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1947. 6 cwt. 17 lb.
- 3.—Sir Francis Henry Drake, Baronet, 1723. 7 cwt. 9 lb.
- 4.—John Creed: Vic. D.D. C.P. I.P. 1723. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
- 5.—John Doidge: Gent. C.P. I.P. De Lezant, 1723. 1. P. Tavistock Fecit. 7 cwt. 3 qr.
- 6.—L. Crymes, C.P. I.P. 1723. 9 cwt.
- 7.—Sir Francis Henry Drake: Bart. and Elisevs Crymes Esq.: Ch. Wardens. C.P. I.P. 1723. 12 cwt. 20 lb.
- Tenor.—Sir Francis Henry Drake, Baron, and Elisevs Crymes, Esq., Wardens, 1723. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1947. 15 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES FIRST PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have just bought a copy of the Central Council Collection of Triples Methods, and I notice that the first peal of Oxford Bob Triples is claimed for St. Mary's, Horsham, on February 7th, 1882, conducted by H. Burstow.

There is, however, in St. George's, Renenden, Kent, a peal board inscribed:

March 7th, 1821. A true and complete peal of 5,040 Oxford Bob Triples, the first ever Rang on this system, was this Day performed in 3 hours and 8 minutes by the resident band, 1 George Southon, 2 Edward Wenman, 3 William Lansdell, 4 Robert Chasmer, 5 George Manwaring, 6 John Hatcher, conductor, 7 George Gibbs, 8 John Wenman.—Yours sincerely, M. S. CLOKE.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

A Cornish Report

The last two months of 1947 have seen three restorations completed. On Nov. 15th, the two new trebles and retuned six were dedicated at Towednack by the Chancellor of Truro Cathedral, Canon R. H. W. Roberts. The whole cost of the work was defrayed by Mr. Hugh Dunstan, who is treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and who has been churchwarden for more than fifty years. The new trebles are memorials to his parents. This is Cornwall's fortieth octave and has come to the neighbouring parish of Carbis Bay, where the first post-war octave was installed just a year before. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston carried out the work, and the result is a very pleasing light eight with tenor of 7½ cwt. Mr. D. Bradford represented the bellfounders at the dedication.

On November 29th, Canon Roberts also rededicated the rehung six bells at St. Broward, near Bodmin. This six had been unringable for some 18 years, and it was the enthusiasm of the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. L. Jennings, which got the work done. There was a large gathering at the opening, and this tower is situated in the centre of the prize-ringing area, but the Vicar's courage has banned competitions on his bells. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank carried out this restoration with their usual efficiency.

The ring of eight at Stokeslimsland was rung again after Evensong on the Sunday before Christmas in readiness for the festival. They are to be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro in January. This parish is well known because of the Royal Farm being here, and very recently was visited once more by the King and Queen. The bells have been rehanged, and the sixth recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The Penzance Branch of the Guild is holding monthly practices for method ringing, and some useful work is being done. The winter programme was begun at Carbis Bay in October, on November 22nd Towednack was visited, and Gulval on December 13th. The January practice is to be at Helston on the 24th. Recently the Madron band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles under the conductorship of Mr. G. W. Taysom, and this was the first quarter on the bells for over thirty years.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

WINCHESTER ANNUAL.

Between 60 and 70 members attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District at Winchester on January 3rd. Proceedings started at St. Maurice's, where ringers queued to get into the belfry.

Mr. George Williams, the Master, presided at the business meeting at Dumper's Restaurant, and an apology was received from Mr. W. Andrews, captain of the Cathedral band, owing to ill-health.

It was decided to approach the Rev. J. S. O. Mansell, of Winchester College, with a view to his becoming district chairman vice the former Archdeacon of Winchester, who had moved to Hereford.

Following the resignation of Mr. L. Tremer as district secretary, Mr. J. King agreed to accept office. All other officers were re-elected.

New ringing members elected were Messrs. D. Short, jun., and E. Daubeney (Stockbridge), the Misses M. Peddle and E. Whitcomb and the Rev. J. G. R. Blackwell (King's Somborne) and Mr. J. King (Winchester).

The next annual district meeting was fixed for January 1st, 1949, and is to be held at Winchester. The first quarterly meeting is to be held at Hursley on April 3rd.

The meeting was followed by a sumptuous tea, which preceded a service in the Cathedral, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Selwyn, Rector of Old Alresford. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Maurice's were rung after the service.

BATTERSEA.—On Dec.

7th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barber 1, R. F. Hart 2, Eileen Cropley 3, F. Bush 4, R. Stalibrass 5, A. Williams 6, S. J. Hart (cond.) 7, C. Howard 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. F. Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, W. Slaughter 3, F. Sadler 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, R. Beale 6. In memoriam Mr. Jack Sherlock, a former ringer.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Bennett 1, F. Skidmore 2, E. J. Ridler 3, F. J. Samson 4, R. G. Hooper 5, C. Baker 6, S. G. Riches (first as conductor) 7, H. Payne 8.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—On Dec. 14th, at the College of SS. Mark and John, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. T. Chapman 1-2, Jack King 3-4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5-6. First quarter of Minor 'in hand' by all.

CROYDON.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Peter's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Edna George 1, Violet Potter 2, P. Gray 3, T. Blow 4, F. Jones 5, J. Perrott 6, B. Newson 7, J. Hayward 8, H. Simmons (cond.) 9, W. Brownett 10. In memoriam Rev. C. Deane. First quarter since front six have been rehanged on ball bearings.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Elsie K. Fulton 1, P. D. Beedie 2, R. Wenban 3, H. D. Butler 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. R. Mayne 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, F. J. Wilcox 8.

IPSWICH.—At St. Margaret's on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Mattinson 1, J. Rose 2, E. Ellenger 3, W. Kinsey 4, J. Muntings 5, E. Grimes 6, E. Blomfield (cond.) 7, F. Kinsey 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. J. Denton 1, A. F. Thirst 2, Mrs. M. Hopgood 3, Miss S. E. Harris 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, D. J. Charney (first in method) 6, E. Dodds 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8, F. Hopgood (first inside on 10) 9, A. Tomblin 10. First on ten bells 1 and 7.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—At St. Michael's Church on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Roger Keeley (aged 12, first of Stedman) 1, N. Adams 2, S. Green 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, G. S. Morris 6, H. G. Keeley 7, E. C. Tett 8.

MINSTER, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Knight 1, Peter Neal 2, Brian McArthur (first quarter inside) 3, John Watson 4, Stanley Evans (cond.) 5, John May (first quarter) 6.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Critchell 1, J. Bartlett 2, F. Andrews 3, J. Batson 4, W. Tiley (cond.) 5, L. White 6.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Stenson 1, F. W. Harley 2, P. Armstrong 3, F. Towell 4, J. A. Fenton (cond.) 5, F. J. Stimson 6, E. Higgs 7, S. B. Higgs 8. The ringers of 4 and 7 have 50 years and the tenor 48 years of unbroken service at the church.

OATLANDS, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,280 Bob Major: Mrs. A. Smith 1, S. Hessey 2, R. Lathbury (cond.) 3, Joan Smith 4, W. Goldstone 5, E. Armstrong 6, R. Andrews 7, G. W. Morris 8.

OTTERSLOW, SURREY.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Iris P. Ewins 1, H. Kingston 2, P. Underwood 3, E. Armstrong 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, W. Ham 6.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Keyte (first quarter) 1, G. Cook 2, G. J. Lewis (cond.) 3, S. Yapp 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Edwards 1, G. A. Naylor 2, F. G. Southgate 3, T. Cross 4, F. J. Cheal 5, W. J. Walker (cond.) 6, E. Naylor 7, W. Hollands 8. For the 80th birthday of the conductor.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Reed 1, G. Clemence (first away from tenor) 2, Joan Withers 3, V. Williams (cond.) 4, S. Seymour 5, P. Williams 6.

QUARTER PEALS

RUGBY, WARWICKS.

— On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples:— L.

Bramall (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, R. Gibbons (first quarter) 4, A. E. Barlow 5, C. Underwood 6, H. E. Sibley 7, W. Vann 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Morgan 1, E. Avery 2, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 3, E. Mills 4, A. Smith 5, G. King 6, J. Harris 7, F. Hook 8. With 4.6.8 covering. First quarter for 7 and 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Dec. 14th, quarter peal of Plain Bob: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, F. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, G. L. Perkins 5, John Perkins (age 81) 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, G. Nicholls 8.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Thomas 1, G. Church 2, R. Challen 3, F. Bennett 4, E. Marsh 5, F. Howe 6, H. Statham 7, F. Page (cond.) 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Dunster 1, G. Betta 2, W. Selden 3, J. Salway 4, A. Tapley 5, A. Holway 6, G. Retter (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Dec. 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Lightfoot (first in method) 1, A. Peake 2, Miss M. Rigby (first inside) 3, N. Randall 4, C. H. Page 5, F. W. Wiskaw 6, W. P. Dean 7, N. R. Holland (cond.) 8.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cornell (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, W. Birmingham 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, J. B. Ford 6, D. H. Pearce 7, W. L. Gutteridge 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 21st, at Christ Church, 1,440 Kent Royal: C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 1, A. Diserens 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, F. J. Daniell 4, J. Berry 5, R. W. Rex 6, G. Wells 7, W. Carter 8, T. Townsend 9, W. W. Daniell 10.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Hotchin 1, R. Harris 2, J. Cole 3, R. Perry 4, L. Vickery 5, H. Churchill (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except conductor.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Marlow 1, E. F. White 2, C. N. Pearson 3, E. Norris 4, R. Tudgay 5, H. Blanchard 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8.

WEST HAM.—On Dec. 21st at All Saints', 1,257 Stedman Caters: A. W. Brighton 1, C. A. Hughes 2, A. Prior 3, E. E. Holman 4, J. F. Grove 5, R. Stannard 6, C. E. Willmington 7, E. Furbank 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, J. McPhail 10. In memoriam G. Hayden.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, a welcome home to the ringer of the second: Miss Muriel Reay (first quarter) 1, Brian Staveley 2, J. L. Wright 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, K. Walker 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles, being 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire, with 7.6.8 covering: Miss M. Baker (first quarter) 1, P. C. Wright 2, F. P. Wright (first as cond.) 3, Miss D. Jordan 4, C. F. Mills 5, Miss J. Austin (first quarter) 6, D. G. Saul (first quarter) 7, A. Chapman 8. First quarter in more than one method by all.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Rhodes (first quarter) 1, J. Curwin (first inside) 2, B. Thomas 3, G. Preston 4, P. Coote 5, B. Thomas 6, T. Cutts 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First quarter-peal at Parish Church by all local service ringers.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Culver 1, R. Johnson 2, A. G. Hill 3, A. Groves (first quarter) 4, G. V. Murphy 5, B. W. Aldridge 6, F. A. Coley (cond.) 7, C. Dann 8.

WROTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. B. Marchant 1, C. E. East 2, Edna M. Sils 3, A. V. Kemp 4, Reg L. Sils (cond.) 5, C. Shaw (first quarter) 6.

Limerick's Bells Recast

The bells of the Redemptorist Church at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, have been recast and consecrated—the 11 bells weighing five tons, the tenor being 2¼ cwt. There is a ring of 10 and eleventh bell for chiming. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The ceremony of consecration by the Bishop of Limerick was one of solemnity and dignity. The bells were suspended from a great beam 10 ft. high, stretching across the church some distance in front of the altar rails, each bell being about 4 ft. from the ground.

The ceremony started with singing seven psalms. The Bishop then washed the bells with the blessed water. Four priests followed him, completing the washing, inside and out, of each bell. As they finished a bell the Master of Ceremonies approached and measured each bell with a tape and marked it with chalk where the crosses are to be made with holy oil at the anointing.

The solemn anointings consisted of seven crosses on the outside of each bell with holy oil of Extreme Unction, and four on the inside with chrism, each cross accompanied by a dedicatory formula.

Then followed a procession from the sacristy of eleven little white and red clad thurifers, each with a shining thurible. They approached the Bishop, who poured into each censer its quota of incense. Each thurifer then placed his thurible under a bell so that the ascending smoke should fill it.

The Bishop concluded the ceremony by making the sign of the cross over the bells, and as the procession went towards the sacristy the ringers struck the bells with small wooden mallets.

Solemn High Mass followed.

MR. W. H. HEWETT'S 500 PEALS

Cambridge Surprise Maximus 32 (conducted 5), Royal 55 (21), Major 49 (9), Minor 1; Yorkshire Surprise Maximus 1, Royal 9 (7), Major 4 (2); Superlative Surprise Maximus 2, Major 43 (5).

Middlesex Surprise Royal 5; Pudsey Surprise Royal 1 (1); London Surprise Royal 4, Major 10; Bristol Surprise Major 14; Brighton Surprise Major 1; Norfolk Surprise Major 4; New Cumberland Surprise Major 5; New Cambridge Surprise Major 1; Spliced Surprise Major 1; Double Norwich Royal 8 (5), Major 49 (5); Double Oxford Major 1; Waterloo Reverse Bob Major 1; Duffield Royal 2, Major 1; Forward Royal 2, Major 1.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus 7, Royal 4 (1), Major 4; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Major 2 (1); Oxford, Kent and Plain Minor 1.

Plain Bob Maximus 1, Royal 1, Major 2. Stedman Cinques 36 (6), Caters 58 (26), Triples 24 (5).

Grandsire Caters 5, Triples 5, Doubles 1; total 459 (99).

Handbells.—Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Royal 2; Plain Bob Maximus 1, Royal 12; Major 14; Stedman Cinques 3, Caters 4, Triples 1; Grandsire Cinques 2, Triples 1; total 41.

There are two record lengths included: 10,440 Cambridge Royal and 7,392 Cambridge Maximus at Bow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Renewed activity was the reason for a meeting to be held again by the Association, after a lapse of a number of years, at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on January 3rd. An average attendance was well maintained and the six bells were rung to a variety of methods.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. K. C. Davis, the provisional elections of Messrs. A. and N. J. Diserens (Reading) were confirmed, and the Misses P. Betts and E. Fadden (St. Mary's, Hornsey) were elected ringing members.

The service, supported by organ and choir, was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Finch (hon. member), who extended a welcome to the Association.

OBITUARY

MR. J. E. PHILBRICK.

The news of the death of Mr. John Ernest Philbrick on Christmas Eve at the age of 64 was received with much sorrow by his ringing friends at Lyme Regis. For 30 years he had been attached to the Lyme Regis tower, acting as hon. secretary to the St. Michael's Guild for the 24 years before he left Lyme to settle in a new home at Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. There he associated himself with Prittlewell tower.

He was one of the pioneers of change ringing at Lyme, and before ill-health prevented him from sustaining long touches he had rung seven peals in standard methods—five of them in Lyme tower—and a number of quarter-peals.

A faithful churchman and of a conscientious, persevering disposition, he set a most reliable example in the belfry, ever caring for the interest of the novices and rejoicing in every fresh accomplishment.

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory at St. Michael's, Lyme Regis, on January 4th, by the following: E. S. Hawker 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor), 2, S. H. Green 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris 6, C. W. Powell 7, E. C. Tett 8.

MR. GEORGE JORDAN.

Mr. George Jordan, of Stansted, Essex, died on Christmas Eve at Bishop's Stortford Hospital after a serious operation. He had been a ringer for over 50 years, and was a most enthusiastic and safe ringer in all standard methods up to Bristol Surprise.

The bells were rung half-muffled directly after the interment by his fellow ringers, and at night a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was unsuccessful. He will be greatly missed. W.P.

MR. FRANK BUGLER.

The St. Mary's Ringing Guild, Beaminster, have suffered a great loss by the death on December 31st of Mr. Frank Bugler. He joined the Guild in 1894, when 17 years old, and continued an active member to within a short time of his death. During the 53 years he was connected with the Guild he had taken the greatest interest in all its activities and had taken part in several peals of Doubles and Triples.

His fellow ringers rang a half-muffled touch before his funeral, and on January 4th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory on the bells he loved so much by the following members of the Guild: W. J. Bailey, E. P. Bailey, E. F. Brooks, A. T. Gunning, J. L. Glyde, J. C. Poole, J. Barrett (conductor) and W. C. Poole.

MR. D. ELLINGHAM.

Mr. Daniel Ellingham, of Hatfield, died on Christmas Day, aged 80. He had been a ringer at St. Etheldreda's Parish Church for 44 years and previous to that had been at Baldock for 10 years.

Although not a peal ringer, he was a constant, dependable and valuable service ringer, and his activities extended into other branches of church life; he had been sidesman, churchwarden and secretary to the Parochial Church Council, and made a large number of generous contributions to the finances of the church and especially the belfry.

In his memory, 1,259 changes of Grandsire Caters were rung with the bells half-muffled at the Church of St. Etheldreda on the evening of January 30th, the day of the burial, by Stanley Huckle 1, John T. Kentish (conductor) 2, Albert R. Lawrence 3, Arthur R. Burgess 4, Donald C. Price 5, Robert A. Cochran 6, Alan White 7, Harry L. Nobbs 8, Albert Lawrence 9, Leonard F. Cull 10. A.R.B.

St. Michael's, Aldershot, bells have been overhauled at a cost of £157. To assist towards the cost local ringers are holding a social on January 24th.

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.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement was announced on Dec. 30th between Ralph Geoffrey Edwards, of Birkenhead, and Edna Frances Bedford, of Uxbridge. 2916

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage between Mr. Ernest William Pye and Miss Madeline Olive Broyd will be solemnised at St. Peter's Church, Sible Hedingham, on March 27th (Easter Saturday). Ringers who have been invited may have sleeping accommodation on the Friday night and Saturday night arranged for them providing they reply early to Victoria Villas, Alexandra Road, Sible Hedingham, Essex. 2932

DEATH

COLERIDGE.—On Jan. 5th, 1948, at Glebe House, Littleham, Exmouth, Hilda Augusta, wife of the late Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, of Cornwood, Devon, formerly Vicar of Leatherhead.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. E. W. Pye is now at 19, Elmhurst Drive, Ipswich, Suffolk. 2933

MISCELLANEOUS

START THE NEW YEAR WELL and keep your ringing records in really first-class order.—Write to Will Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, for details of Delight Ringers' Record Books. 2897

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

MEETINGS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—A general meeting will be held at the University Union, Victoria Rooms, on Friday, Jan. 16th, at 5.15 p.m. Practices to be arranged. Will all members please attend?—Barbara Podger, Hon. Sec. 2935

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Annual, Terrington St. John (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2913

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Winhill (6), Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 2912

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Gainsborough, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2910

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. District Sec. 2858

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at Mistley (6) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45, followed by business.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 2860

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

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, All Saints' (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. W. Lack, Acting Secretary. 2884

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. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Secretary, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2839

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. Ringing at Rochester Cathedral after the meeting.—B. W. May, Hon. District Secretary. 2851

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 17th, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Bells available 3. Bring own food. 2918

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 meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, January 17th. St. Michael's (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Nell Gwyn Tea Rooms (near church) 4.30 p.m. Business meeting following. Cathedral (12) from 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2907

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Central Cafe.—W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 2882

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting, All Saints', Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, including election of officers for 1948.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec. 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 2893

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Annual, Wells, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Cathedral bells (10) 2 to 4, St. Cuthbert's 3. Service 4. Tea and Meeting, Wickenjens, after.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 2899

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Brentford (6), Jan. 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. (Collection for Bishop's Fund). Tea and meeting Church Hall after.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivate 5320. 2906

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service, 4.15 p.m., St. Andrew-the-Great. Tea and business, 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Vestry. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Benet's (6), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Mary-the-Great (12), 6.30 p.m. onwards.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2909

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst (8), Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 2902

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham Dist.—Annual, 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.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea must reach Mr. H. Ansell, 31, St. Leonards Road, Deal, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 2904

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Bilston, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food and sugar.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 2901

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting, Brent Knoll, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol. 2945

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting 4. Service 5. Tea provided for those who let me know by Tuesday morning, Jan. 20th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford. 2892

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please notify for tea by Jan. 20th.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat. 2892

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Littleham, Exmouth, Jan. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 2885

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Annual meeting, Sutton-on-Trent (8), Jan. 24th, 2.30. Tea for those who notify Miss Burchall, Station Road, Sutton-on-Trent, by 20th.—J. W. Raithby, District Secretary. 2888

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Irthingborough (8) on Jan. 24th. Service 4. Names for tea early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthingborough. 2880

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Annual meeting, East Haddon (6 bells), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. All are welcome.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 2915

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2927

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Meeting at Dorchester, Oxon, 8 bells, Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 2938

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Birkenhead, St. Mary's (6), Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 2936

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Jan. 24th, Chalfont St. Peter. Bells 6 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Slough 23260. 2943

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Royston, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to the Rev. Canon F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts, by Jan. 22nd.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 2942

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m., St. Peter's (8), Fordington St. George (6). Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by Jan. 20th.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Annual, Bridgwater, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by 20th.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2924

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Benington (6), Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, Parish Hall, 5. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided for those who notify me by Monday, Jan. 19th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2947

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leicester District).—Joint annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m., All Saints' (6), St. Margaret's (8), Cathedral (12). Tea and meeting 5 p.m., St. Martin's Day School. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 20th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 2944

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kempston, near Bedford.—The dedication of the two new treble bells, Sunday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. 2939

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Rawtenstall, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. 2914

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Penge, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 27th, to Mr. D. G. Brown, 15, Moss Lea Road, Penge, S.E.20.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2922

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. St. Peter's bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 17th. Subscriptions due 1948. Names for tea by Jan. 24th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (2s.) and business meeting at Newham Guest House, near church, at 5 p.m. Notify for tea before Thursday, Jan. 29th.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 2920

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual, Mangotsfield, Jan. 31st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 2919

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business 5. Service 6.—T. J. Lock, District Secretary. 2923

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Burbage, Jan. 31st. Ringing 2.30. Meeting in 'hut', Grove Road, 5.40, followed by hot supper 7, and social evening 8 to 11.30. Names for (a) supper, 4s. 6d. each, (b) bus home, by Jan. 26th, with remittance, to Mr. E. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road Hinckley. 2940

LADIES' GUILD AND LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Pudsey, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, by Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Business meetings to follow tea.—Mrs. D. E. Kelly and H. Loft-house, Hon. Secretaries. 2937

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. St. Paul's bells also available. Tea for those who notify by 29th.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 2934

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket (6) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Will all those interested in the appointment of a District Secretary for this district please attend? Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by 28th, at 5 p.m., Lakeman's Cafe.—A. Gillings, Acting Dis. Sec., Horringer. 2931

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Ely, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. onwards. Own tea arrangements. Cafes in town.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2930

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Jan. 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 27th, please. Christ Church (10) available in the evening.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 2929

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 31st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke, by Jan. 27th. 2928

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Eastern and Western Districts, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 31st. 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged 3s. 6d. per head.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2926

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.—Sunday ringing 9.45 to 10.30 and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Practice night Thursday, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All enquiries to R. H. Dove, 70, Morris Lane, Leeds 5. 2941

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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Conducted by ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

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On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
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Being one extent of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

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On Sun., Dec. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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JACK W. DREW ... 3 THOMAS J. HILL ... Tenor

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* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells.

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 4½ cwt.

*JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble †MISS M. BEAMISH (12) 4
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AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

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Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.
*ALFRED JORDON ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3-4 | †HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

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* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal in the method as conductor.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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On Sun., Dec. 14, 1947, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

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Pitso's Variation. Tenor size 18 in G.
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 1-2 | *FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | *HAROLD A. MAY ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
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†JOHN FREEMAN ... 3-4 | †JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9-10
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5-6 | †JOHN WALDEN ... 11-12

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' † First twelve-bell peal 'in hand.'

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2 | WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5-6
*FRANK L. FISHER ... 3-4 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7-8
Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GEO. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

KINGSTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.
GEOFFREY DODDS ... 1-2 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6
*JILL BRITAIN ... 3-4 | †H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7-8
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