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'SYMBOLS'

'SENTINELS of England' might well describe the church towers and steeples at our great ports. They are indeed a visible sign of man's aspiration after God and many a traveller has rejoiced to hear the bells telling the simple message in that unmistakable English fashion associated with change ringing. Of these great churches of our docks an honoured position was held by St. Mary's, Southampton. Its destruction during an air raid in November, 1940, was a calamity; it was left a ruin amid surrounding desolation.

This tower was one of many great losses to the country and also to the Exercise. Ringers throughout the country held St. Mary's in warm affection not on account of antiquity, as the original ring of eight cast by J. Taylor and Co. was only dedicated in 1914, just before the outbreak of the first world war, the tenor being 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. in E flat. In 1934 two trebles were added, and the privilege of ringing a peal at St. Mary's was, in those days, highly treasured.

These bells have been restored and rededicated for the use of the church. The weight of the tenor is now 21½ cwt. in E flat, and the ringers present at the ceremony testified to the fine tone of the ring. The louvres have been bricked up nearly to the top, and this has made a marked difference to the volume of sound within the precincts of the tower. The ringing chamber has also been improved by an additional floor between bells and ringers. Of interest to ringers is the fact that the first step in the rebuilding of this church was the restoration of the bells. They are thus able to give 'a stirring symbol of recovery begun,' to use the words of the Bishop of Winchester read at the service.

In the big rebuilding programme before both the Church and the State, the same vision as Southampton has displayed is needed. The placing of bells in the honoured position of 'symbols of recovery' ought well be followed in other centres where circumstances permit. But there must be men and women to sound the symbols. While St. Mary's, Southampton, bells have been silent for eight years, the art has been kept alive at St. Michael's, where keen and progressive ringers have regularly assembled. London, with its big programme ahead, needs its St. Michaels. There is much spade work needed in the Metropolis in the training of bands. The harvest indeed is great but . . .

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

MRS. SYLVIA E. PIPE...Treble	*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... 8
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... 10
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5	JAMES BULLOCK ... 11
CECIL G. MATTHEWS ... 6	*FRANK HOPGOOD ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on twelve bells. In memoriam Thos. Groombridge, jun.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
FREDK. W. STOKES ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS... 8
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
H. LESLIE PASK ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... 10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5	*JOHN WALDEN ... 11
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cinques. The conductor's 250th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JACK BAILEY ...Treble	†GIRLING RIGBY ... 6
†GEORGE H. CLIFT ... 2	†DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
*WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	†FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 8
HAROLD KENT ... 4	WILFRED H. BUXTON ... 9
PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 5	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by WM. A. PARSONS.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Royal. † 25th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

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

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY Treble	LEONARD TREVOR ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 5	JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., June 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.

HENRY H. FEARN ...Treble	*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	LEONARD TUFFREY ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	†PAUL K. WILLIAMSON... 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... 9
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 100th peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., June 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

NOREEN BRAIN ...Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	GORDON HARRISON ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	SYDNEY H. JONES ... 8
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

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

* First peal on ten bells. Rung on St. Barnabas' Day as a birthday peal for the conductor.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK SEAGER ...Treble	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER... 2	*GORDON BENFIELD ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 9
ALFRED SMITH ... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ...Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 8
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... Tenor

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*WALTER F. JUDGE ...Treble	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 6
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 7
†JOHN THOMAS ... 3	*ALBERT DISERENS ... 8
*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 9
*H. PETER RAYNOR ... 5	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Treble Bob Royal on tower bells. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK WILLS ...	...Treble	*CLIFFORD J. HOSGOOD	5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN ...	2	*WILLIAM H. FAIRCHILD	6
*CHARLIE P. YATES ...	3	FREDERICK WRE福德	7
HORACE J. BUTT ...	4	WILLIAM A. WILLS	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WRE福德.

* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the bells, also as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. J. P. Henton.



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QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SAM LONGBOTTOM Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	GORDON BENFIELD 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
HARRY DAVISON 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the conductor's first peal for the Association. Fastest peal on the bells. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

JOSEPH SAXTON Treble	JOHN W. SYKES 5
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	*CYRIL WRIGHT 6
STANLEY SLANEY 3	*GORDON C. BRIGGS 7
*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 4	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES THORLEY Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 5
CHARLES THORLEY 2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	ERNEST J. PAGETT 7
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

First peal as conductor, age 17. Tenor 10 cwt.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.	
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
*MISS F. A. RAYBOULD... 2	JOHN M. LINDON 6
JOHN GOODMAN 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
HAROLD J. SHUCK 4	FREDERICK HOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Stedman. In memoriam W. A. Jeavons, ringer at Coseley for 66 years, also Mrs. A. Baker, wife of one of the local band, and to Mr. George F. Swann.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	WILLIAM SMITH 5
HERBERT GOAKES 2	†LAWRENCE HADMAN ... 6
GEORGE BUSH 3	FRANCIS NEWMAN 7
*DEREK SANDERSON ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. In honour of the birth of a son to the Vicar, Rev. P. W. Dorman, and Mrs. Dorman.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2	C. JACK GIBSON 6
ERNEST A. HEAD 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE 7
CYRIL J. BARBER 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY 5
PATRICIA HOLMES 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... Tenor

Composed by Y. GREEN. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress Lodge, No. 4120 ... Treble	
BRO. FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS, Justice Lodge, No. 4632 ... 2	
BRO. JOHN BOOTH, Standish Lodge, No. 4955 3	
BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge, No. 5657 4	
BRO. JAMES W. GROUNDS, Standish Lodge, No. 4955 ... 5	
W.BRO. EDWIN C. BIRKETT, Thermopylae Lodge, No. 4386 6	
W.BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Minerva Lodge, No. 4002 ... 7	
BRO. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star Lodge, No. 3644 ... Tenor	

Conducted by WOR. BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

In memoriam Bro. Herbert Ludkin, Abbey Lodge, No. 3778.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	GEORGE CASE 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	†LESLIE BARRY 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... 3	WILLIAM COX 7
*WILLIAM SIDWELL 4	HARRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	*HAROLD PARKINSON ... 5
ALBERT MILLS 2	*MISS BETTY MORELAND 6
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... 3	ERIC BRUNTON 7
CHARLES CLEGG 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

STEPNEY, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX Treble	†ALBERT T. BOOMSMA ... 5
*BERTRAM W. BRIGHTY... 2	†JOSEPH H. BOOMSMA ... 6
*GEORGE J. BOOMSMA ... 3	†LEONARD J. FOX 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	JACK A. WAUGH Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LEONARD J. FOX.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Bob Major on tower bells. First in the method as conductor.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*GEORGE LODGE Treble	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES... 5
FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT 6
ROYDON DAVIES 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
CLAUD PARKS 4	FREDK. W. WICKS Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal. A 60th birthday compliment to F. W. Wicks, and also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb.

PETER C. WRIGHT Treble	H. PETER RAYNOR 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
JAMES HIGGINS 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 22½ cwt.
ARTHUR W. WARD ... *Treble* | R. CECIL BLAKEY ... 5
*C. THOMAS SAMUEL ... 2 | *L. BERNARD BOX ... 6
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 3 | GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 7
CECIL H. JALLANDS ... 4 | *WALTER PACEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., June 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ARTHUR D. COOK ... *Treble* | HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 2 | JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3 | LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... *Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of London. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

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

Forty-two course regular Six-part No. 2. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... *Treble* | ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 5
CLIFFORD BIRD ... 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 3 | ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTHON ... 4 | GEORGE SAYER ... *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... *Treble* | *ALAN CATTELL ... 5
*DOROTHY UDALE ... 2 | SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 3 | HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... *Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MORRIS THOMAS ... *Treble* | FRANK BENNETT ... 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2 | RAYMOND OVERY ... 6
ALFRED W. BOND ... 3 | *RAYMOND WOOD ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4 | FREDERICK PAGE ... *Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.
*WILLIAM G. HOLLANDS *Treble* | TREVOR A. CROSS ... 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 2 | VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 6
FRED K. S. MACEY ... 3 | GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 7
ERIC NAYLOR ... 4 | FREDK. G. STRIVENS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal away from the tenor. In memoriam Charley Delsey, captain at Rainham tower for over 30 years.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHAS. H. MOORE ... *Treble* | ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2 | WILLIAM CLOVER ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3 | ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 7
HENRY TOOKE ... 4 | GEORGE SAYER ... *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, by the Association and on the bells. Sixth's place bobs used.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALAN J. BROWN ... *Treble* | C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2 | DAVID VINCENT ... 6
WILFRED J. STEVENSON ... 3 | JOHN WORTH ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4 | LESLIE G. BRETT ... *Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*SAM SCATTERGOOD *Treble* | †DEREK DAVIES ... 5
DENNIS PARSONS ... 2 | †FRANK ROBEY ... 6
JOHN W. SYKES ... 3 | WALTER ALLWOOD ... 7
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 4 | GORDON C. BRIGGS ... *Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... *Treble* | THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5
*CYRIL E. LANKON ... 2 | GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3 | PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4 | FREDK. J. CULLUM ... *Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by GEOFFREY V. MURPHY.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 250th peal and first of Surprise as conductor. Tenor 15 cwt.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*MARION L. LIDGLEY ... *Treble* | *E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS ... 5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 2 | *W. J. SANDERS ... 6
JOAN E. WITHEY ... 3 | HARRY MILES ... 7
*ALAN CARVETH ... 4 | PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples in the county by a band of resident ringers.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL ... *Treble* | CHARLES F. SAYER ... 5
CYRIL E. LANKON ... 2 | *THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 6
DENIS A. BAYLES ... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ALICE CUTLER ... 4 | *WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... *Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WM. J. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Major as conductor.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

HOWARD HOWELL ... *Treble* | J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2 | ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 3 | ALAN F. THIRST ... 7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 4 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... *Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

First peal in the method in the county, by all the band and for the Association. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... *Treble* | ALAN WHITE ... 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2 | GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 3 | PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... *Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

Rung for the wedding of Edward Reed Coleman and Lavinia Hilda Aldridge, formerly secretary of St. Mary's ringers. Tenor 13 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH, OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2 extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 3 extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPPARD Treble	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 4
ROBERT COX 2	PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 5
GIRLING RIGBY 3	CHARLES GEARY Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.

In memoriam W. Richardson Drage, a member of the local band for 44 years.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. PICKERING Treble	J. GERRARD RAWSON ... 4
J. H. PRICE 2	*G. LINDLEY 5
H. G. DWELLY 3	H. SWAIN Tenor

Conducted by H. SWAIN.

* First peal. For the silver wedding of the ringers of the 4th and Mrs. Rawson.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT COOPER Treble	R. B. SMITH (71) ... 4
THOS. WM. TUNE 2	JACK WAUD 5
J. J. TAYLOR 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

In memoriam 1st Officer Palmer Pows, M.M., U.S.A., and A. B. Cyril Pows, R.N.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 6 six-scores of April Day, 15 of Plain Bob, 16 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 6 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HAROLD C. GOODCHAP Treble	THOMAS COOPER ... 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT ... 2	FREDERICK MERRICK ... 5
KITCHENER H. HILL ... 3	JAMES H. GUILLIAM ... Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Treble	ARTHUR EDWARDS ... 4
SYDNEY R. LINNETT ... 2	SIDNEY C. EASTER ... 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

First peal as conductor.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Spliced Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight; (2) Spliced College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (3) Spliced Wragby and St. Alban's Delight; (4) Spliced Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (5) Spliced Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (6) Spliced Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 5
ERIC SIMPSON ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal in 17 methods.

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Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

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A limited number of back numbers of most issues in 1947 and 1948 are available on application, post free 4d.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe rang their 100th peal together at Southwark Cathedral on June 5th.

If Mr. Kinch, of Letchworth, Herts, will write to Mr. W. Copperwheat, 16, Beech Hill, Raunds, giving a legible address, he will receive a reply to his letter.

A letter from Christchurch, New Zealand, Bellringers' Society expresses regret at the death of Mr. George Swann, and through 'The Ringing World' they desire to express their deepest sympathy with relatives and friends.

A stained glass window has been dedicated at Eastington, Yorks, to the memory of two local ringers who lost their lives in the late war—1st Officer Palmer Pows, M.M., U.S.A., and A.B. Cyril Pows, R.N. A commemorative peal is recorded in this issue.

A golden wedding quarter of Bob Minor was rung at Standon, Herts, on June 5th, to Mr. Arthur Dennis, who for 50 years was a regular ringer at this tower. He came from Silverton, Devon, and enquires whether ringing still takes place in his old tower. Ringers were R. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, T. Chapman 3, R. Stacey 4, S. Smith 5, H. Groom (conductor, first of Minor) 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Birmingham ringers have been specialising in lantern talks. In one week Mr. J. F. Harvey, Mr. G. E. Fearn and Mr. A. Walker gave talks and had a team with them to give handbell demonstrations. The enquiries that followed Mr. Fearn's talk at Lapworth suggests that local people will do something to improve their bells.

The Chester Guild band that rang Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Macclesfield scored their peal without previous practice.

Mr. Robert J. Lawrence, of Bratton, Wilts, sails for Ontario, Canada, in July. He rang his farewell peal at Bratton, where he learnt to ring under the tuition of Mr. W. J. Chapman, of Wyke Regis.

By arrangement with Mr. E. C. Shepherd, remaining copies of the pamphlet, 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters,' are being sold (1s. net) with Central Council publications. Apply Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring.

The good wishes of many friends are extended to Mr. P. A. Corby and his party of about 20 ringers in their Devon tour, which starts to-morrow. Buckfastleigh is to be the headquarters. The week is to be devoted to peal attempts in Surprise methods.

Owing to advancing years, Mr. J. Good, who has been steeplekeeper at Rickmansworth for about 50 years, is retiring shortly. Mr. F. W. Elliott, of 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth, invites those who have been associated with this tower for meetings or peals to join the local band in a testimonial to Mr. Good.

The wedding of Miss L. H. Aldridge, daughter of Mr. B. W. Aldridge, many years towerkeeper at Woolwich, was performed on June 12th by the Bishop of Croydon, a friend of the family, sometime Rector of Woolwich and lately Provost of Southwark. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Woolwich immediately following the service.

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DEDICATION OF BELLS IN RUINED CHURCH.

I witnessed from the belfry window the dedication ceremony of the first ring of bells in this country to be restored after being brought down by enemy action. It was the first stage in the restoration of the burnt out Church of St. Mary, Southampton, when the ten bells, recast by John Taylor and Co., were dedicated by the Assistant Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev. Bishop Lang, in the presence of Bishop Lovatt, who was Rector when the original ring was installed in 1914.

The service was preceded by a procession of clergy, choir, ringers and other church workers, headed by the children from the Sunday Schools, marching from the deanery to the church. Then there was the moving sight of the crowds filling to capacity the great ruined church, and in the chancel the robed clergy and mixed choirs, the Southampton Police Band, the Bishop standing in front of the damaged stone altar, the crowds outside the church, exceeding the number inside, listening to the service through loud speakers.

After the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' the Rector, Canon Spencer Leeson, read a message from the Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Mervyn Haigh, who, after regretting his absence through duties in connection with the Lambeth Conference, congratulated all concerned on the completion of the first stage in the restoration. He wrote, 'The sound of St. Mary's bells will indeed be a stirring symbol of recovery begun and will seem like a herald of yet fuller recovery to be.'

'Many dangers still menace us. But the sound of St. Mary's bells ringing over the old town will assuredly quicken pulses and strengthen the resolve of the men and women of Southampton. If the bells draw more of us to lift up our hearts in thanksgiving and prayer to God and to join in public worship, then, come what may, we shall be given more of that faith which triumphs over difficulty and makes the worst things material for the shaping of the best.'

Bishop Lang, in his address, said it was a memorable occasion for all of them, and an occasion of thanksgiving throughout the diocese. For the first time in eight years the bells were to ring out across the town and over Southampton Water. The bells would sound out a message of hope and love, and they would all feel the strengthening of their spirits.

After the closing hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Bishop dedicated the bells and pronounced the Blessing. And then, what has been described as 'a tremendous climax to a memorable service,' the eight years' silence was broken by the ringing of rounds by the local band, 'echoing through the hushed ruins and crashing away into the sunshine over Southampton.' And what a thrill to see those hundreds of faces all upturned towards the belfry.

The Rector told the company of 80 ringers and friends at tea, when he thanked the local captain, Mr. J. W. Faithfull, for his untiring efforts, 'It is a great day.' Only those who have known of the eagerness that has been generated and the obstacles surmounted before the completion of the work can fully realise the significance of those remarks, 'It is a great day.'

C. H. K.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

At the Gloucester Branch meeting, held at Brockworth on June 12th, Mr. W. H. Harris, who had been branch secretary for 25 years up to December, 1947, was presented with a fountain pen and a cheque. This was to mark the members' appreciation of so long a period of service. The presentation was made by Mr. S. Romans, a past Master and vice-president of the Association, who referred to Mr. Harris' good services to the branch. Mr. Harris suitably responded and thanked members for their gesture.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPERLATIVE DETHRONED

Dear Sir,—Before rushing into print with deftestable puns and elephantine facetiae, which certainly are no compliment to the intelligence of your readers, your correspondents should have read the article they set out to answer. I am not in search for any alternative to Superlative; on the contrary, I pointed out the impossibility of even considering an alternative name for the method.

Moreover, I am by no means the first to comment on its dethronement. There was a remark to that effect by the late J. A. Trollope in your columns about the end of 1939 which passed unnoticed by the champions of the method, and I have heard a number of ringers in the very first flight deprecate what is virtually a seven-pull dodge occurring four times in every course. I remember well, in the first peal I ever rang in the method, being disconcerted by another defect—the incongruous combinations of bells in the long dodges—particularly 4-5, which to my ear is a highly unmelodious association, and it is an unavoidable one. Even in the plain course the incomparable 6-4 music of the second lead is at once followed by 6-7's—another unfortunate dodging combination, and in the third lead the 6-7's are linked to 5-7's as well.

The peal analysis says much more than any individual ringer can about the relegation of superlative. Not alone were there more than twice as many peals of Cambridge as Superlative rung in 1946—the method only barely maintained second place among Major Surprises, and it looks as if in the 1947 analysis Yorkshire will be promoted at the expense of the former queen.

Superlative is deservedly a favourite method among ringers, and one that we all enjoy ringing, but it acquired its reputation—it is not too much to say it was venerated—in days when there were only Cambridge and London to compare it with. The advent of many more competitors has ousted it from the commanding position it once held, and, however we may deplore that fact, it is indisputable.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. CORRIGAN.

Bitton, near Bristol.

RINGING AT COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in a recent 'Ringing World' Cecil W. Pipe's letter, and I would respectfully remind him that there is not unlimited opportunities for ringing in London owing to damage by enemy action.

How much truth there is in Cecil W. Pipe's assertions I have no knowledge, but I do know that those members of the Central Council who were good enough to 'look in' at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, for Sunday service ringing and again on the following Tuesday evening for practice were most cordially welcome, and if and when they are in London again we shall be very pleased to see them.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.17.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Three ringers made the journey from Leatherhead to attend the Winchester District meeting at Ropley on June 19th. There was a small attendance.

The Rev. P. Were, who conducted the service, presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. J. A. C. King agreed to continue as long as possible as secretary and then to hand over the office to district representatives.

Messrs. A. A. S. Russel, R. Matthews and R. Guy (Tichborne) were elected members, and Barton Stacey was selected for the next meeting on September 11th. Members were invited to the dedication of Tichborne bells on the following evening.

Visitors to Devon may be interested to know that practices at Exeter Cathedral are fixed for the third Saturday in the month at 6 to 8 p.m.

THE CORS OF ALDBOURNE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. O. E. Hill regarding the above founders, I am unable to trace many bells during the period the Cors operated the Aldbourne foundry (1696-1713). The 2nd at Bromham, Wilts, was cast by William and Robert Cor in 1706, and the treble at Rowde in the same county is also by these joint founders in the same year. At Barton Stacey, Hants, there remain four bells out of an old ring of five all dated 1725, which came from these little known founders. Regarding handbells the position is different, for these pass into various hands without any records being taken.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

HAMPSHIRE RECORDS

Dear Sir,—With reference to a correspondent's query re Cor, of Aldbourne, this founder is known in this area and four of his bells can be found at Barton Stacey, Hants, in 2, 4, 5 and 6, which bear the inscriptions as follows:—

2. Cor of Aldbourne, 1725.

3. N. C. Wingworth gave five guineas.

Cor of Aldbourne, 1725.

5. Martin Wright, Esquire, gave ten guineas. Cor of Aldbourne, 1725.

6. Nicholas Elliott and John Edwards, C.W.O. Cor, 1725.

The earliest known bell in Hampshire from this foundry is dated 1693. Cor was apparently succeeded by R. Wells, also of Aldbourne, whose bells are dated around 1800. Hungerford, Berks (3-8) has six by this founder dated 1816.

A still earlier founder whose bells appear in Hampshire and is apparently unknown leaves only his initials, 'R.B.' The 4th at Bishopstoke, dated 1589, and the 4th at Bosham, Sussex, dated 1572, are examples of his craft. Can we have some light on him, please? Another early founder is also found at Hursley, Hants, 6 and 7, dated 1616, bearing initials only 'I.W.', and again at Owslebury, Hants, 5th, 1622, and 6th, 1619, again identity hidden behind initials.

JOHN A. HILL.

Andover, Hants.

A NEW SURREY SIX

A new ring of six (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat) was dedicated at Send on June 16th by Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird. The three original bells (two Richard Phelps 1711 and the tenor Thomas Mears 1803) were recast and three more added, giving total weight of 39 cwt. 12 lb. They have been rehung with new fittings and framework by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., and a chiming apparatus added. The total cost of the scheme was £1,050. The bells are a thankoffering for victory and to the memory of those who died in the wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. The second bell is inscribed 'In memory of F/O Robert Philip Dixon, R.A.F., killed whilst flying near Silloth, Cumberland, 13th Nov., 1943.'

The opening touch on the bells was rung by C. E. Smith, A. E. Harman, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover, W. Loader and A. Walker. Ringers from a wide radius attended the service and favourably commented on the bells. Mr. B. Newton represented the foundry.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Five-bell tower members much appreciated the meeting at Reedham on June 12th, when 35 members were present. Mr. G. W. Fletcher (chairman) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. J. St. Heard (president), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary) and Mr. J. Harwood (branch secretary).

Mr. Albert Bradshaw and Mr. George Foster, of Halvergate, were made members of the Association. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Idris Jones, and tea was served on the lawn of the Rectory, arrangements being made by the Rector and Mr. F. Burgess.

The next meeting will be at Norton Subcourse on September 4th.

Outings

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION'S TOUR.

Last year's most successful experiment of arranging a long-distance outing was repeated on June 5th with great success.

Leaving Mancroft at 7.30 a.m., and avoiding the usual cats, dogs and cyclists, good time was made as far as Cambridge, where there was a short wait due to a minor breakdown. St. Neots was reached a little behind time, and Double Norwich Bob Major enjoyed on this fine eight (tenor 30 cwt.).

Then to Eaton Socon, whose church, burnt in 1930, was magnificently restored with the gifts and goodwill of many people in 1932. A delightful eight here, tenor 14 cwt., recast by Taylor, 1932. The next tower was Cardington, with a fine eight, tenor 21 cwt., also a memorial vividly recalling the R101 disaster of October 5th, 1930, when 49 lost their lives. With the bells ringing, the organ playing and a girl rubbing a fine brass in the chancel, one felt the church was being well used.

At St. Albans some rang Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's and others attended a beautifully sung Evensong at the Cathedral. After a good tea at the Waterend Barn Restaurant came a long climb to the ringing chamber at the Cathedral. This might be described in Frank Smythe's mountaineering language thus: 'First we negotiated a high and gradually narrowing chimney, then after a disappointing traverse to a dead end, we discovered another traverse higher up. After a fairly easy run along a narrow ledge, a considerably narrower chimney eventually brought us to a short ledge where lay Camp Five, our objective.' Beams in the ringing chamber added to the fun of picking out the ropes.

Later there was ringing at Hatfield (fine 10, tenor 23½ cwt.) and All Saints', Hertford (another good 10, tenor 26 cwt.) and Bengoe (8, tenor 7½ cwt.). We arrived home at 2 a.m. tired, but extremely grateful to Nolan Golden, our organiser, and to the various kind friends en route. A.G.G.T.

ST. MARY'S, EALING.

St. Peter's, St. Albans (where an hour's ringing was much enjoyed), St. Mary's, Woburn, All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, and North Church, Berkhamsted, were included in the itinerary of Ealing St. Mary's outing, which proved a great success.

ELY VISIT SUFFOLK.

Ely ringers for their outing visited the following Suffolk towers: Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury (for lunch and ringing at St. Gregory's and All Saints'), Lavenham, Horringer and Mildenhall. Methods up to Cambridge were very much enjoyed.

STREATHAM AND MITCHAM.

The third combined annual pilgrimage of St. Leonard's, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham, was through Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Bucks on June 12th. Stops were made at Henley, Abingdon, Oxford, Thame and Amerham for ringing and meals. Six old members and their wives joined the party. Regret was expressed that Mr. E. Bish, who is on a bed of sickness, and his wife were unable to make the journey.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.

Ringers from several towers in Sussex joined the Felpham ringers in what is hoped was the first of many outings.

After some indifferent Grandsire and Bob Minor at West Grinstead, the party was completed at Horsham by Messrs. Sippetts, Stilwell and Woods, and a marked improvement resulted in ringing at Dorking, Ewell and Shere, where all grades of ringers were well looked after by Peter Wood.

A pleasant supper party at Shere capped the day, and reluctantly the party turned homewards, but not before the organiser, Miss E. Lonnen, was thanked for arranging such an enjoyable outing.

Surprise Handbook

No advanced or progressive ringer can afford to be without '370 Surprise Major Methods,' collected by Andrew J. Corrigan. Nothing like it has been previously published and it is a model of compactness and careful planning.

Some 240 of the names of methods in the Table of Surprise Major Methods are those in the collection prepared in 1935 for the Methods Committee of the Central Council by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Interest in this work has been very wide, and Mr. Corrigan acknowledges contributions to the present series from Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, Nolan Golden, F. C. W. Knight, Ernest Morris, A. J. Pitman, G. E. Plater, E. W. Tipler, W. W. Wolstencroft and G. F. Woodhouse.

The problem of alternative names had to be faced and a decision made. The lead given in the book in regard to nomenclature could with advantage be adopted. Mr. Corrigan has used the second name of each pair as his choice in his table: Albion—Acton; Bellthorpe—Thorpe; Burton—Brighton; Horsham—Ealing; Emerald—Double Dublin; Ewell—Shoreham; Gloucestershire—New Gloucester; Leek—Adelaide; Lune—Bolton; Marden—Boston; Moorside—Essex; Norbury—Sandringham; Ruby—Radnor; Stoke Poges—Clevedon; Victoria—Southall; Wicken—Huntingdon.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BELLS

With reference to the letter from Mr. P. Amos in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' and in fairness to the late Rev. E. S. Powell's 'Inventory of Bells for the Diocese of Peterborough,' the following facts should be given:—

There were then 372 rings of bells in the two counties of Northampton and Rutland, and a circular asking for particulars was sent to each of the incumbents concerned. Approximately half the forms were returned filled in (accurately or otherwise), and for the remaining half Mr. Powell was dependent on branch secretaries involved and on personal investigation. Failing all these Mr. Powell referred for the information to North's 'Church Bells of Northampton and Rutland.'

An enormous amount of patience, time and trouble went into the production of this pamphlet, and it is safe to say that where the Rev. Powell made investigations personally they were always most carefully and accurately recorded.

The Editor does not propose to enter into any further correspondence on this question of the weights of bells in the Diocese of Peterborough. The Rev. Powell's contributions to the advancement of the art of ringing earned for him the respect and affection of a wide circle of friends, and only those associated with publications know of the innumerable difficulties connected with inventories of this description.

BRAMPTON VISITED.

Brampton, one of the isolated towers of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, entertained recently ringers from Shotley Bridge and district, members of the Western Branch of the Newcastle and Durham Association. The occasion was noteworthy in that it was the first effort of Brampton ringers to entertain outside towers and also the first extended ring on the bells (6) since they were hung in the late 1800's. Contact with the outside world being established, we hope soon to report a visit to Shotley Bridge. The Rev. G. W. Chetwynd was responsible for the invitation.

ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH.

A party of 37 on June 5th, ringing at Great Waltham, Felstead, Dunmow (musical quality of bells beyond praise and also a good lunch), Hatfield Broad Oak, Harlow Common (also tea), Harlow St. Mary the Virgin and Writtle. All agreed that the outing had been outstanding in the history of St. Margaret's excursions.

26-Year-old Correction

RECORD LENGTH OF STEDMAN CATERS

On April 22nd, 1922, a record length of Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon. The composition was published in 'The Ringing World,' May 5th, page 281, but unfortunately an error was made in printing. The figures as published at this date were also repeated in Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing.'

In the interests of accuracy the peal is now republished with the error rectified. All those in possession of the figures as published are asked to amend the error, which occurred in the turning course (2), a bob at 5 being omitted.

STEDMAN CATERS, 21,363 Changes, By H. G. Miles.

231456789		261354978
(1) 561423978		(2) 315462879
(b) 563124	16	followed by
564321	16	calling from
465123	5 16	(b) in first
463521	16	part produces
461325	16	615234879
164523	5 16	
163425	16	(3) 165423978
361524	5 16	followed by
364125	16	calling from
365421	16	(b) as in first
Four times repeated, calling first course in each part		part produces
4, 5, 16, produces		265314978
261354978		(2) Produced by bobs at 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, S at 13, Bob at 16.
(1) Produced by Singles at 1, 3, 8, 12, bobs at 6, 9, 13.		(3) Produced by bobs at 2, 5, 6, 9, 16.
		265314978
		(4) 312654879
		followed by calling as from (b) in first part, until
		214365879
		Rounds next change. This part contains 33 courses.
		(4) Produced by bobs at 2, 5, 9, Single at 11, Bobs at 15, 16.

OBITUARY

MR. J. HOLLOWAY.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and particularly the North-West Hants area, has suffered a severe loss by the death at the early age of 40 of Mr. James Holloway.

'Jim' to all who made his acquaintance was not a peal ringer; his total was only two or three, but he was an efficient change ringer in half a dozen standard methods. He was a regular attendant and spent a large proportion of his ringing career in the instruction of recruits.

A member of the Andover band since 1940, his passing is a severe blow to that tower. His memory will, however, be perpetuated by his constant gibe to the gossips who were not keen to leave the tower at the conclusion of practice, 'Come on, you chaps, you're losing valuable drinking time.'

J.A.H.

MR. H. STENTON.

A ringer at South Anston Church, near Sheffield, for upwards of 70 years, Mr. H. Stenton, died on July 11th. As a token of respect, on the day following the interment, a quarter-peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung with the bells half-muffled by Mrs. L. Turley 1, J. H. Brothwell 2, W. H. Taylor 3, J. G. Brothwell 4, A. Hill 5, H. O. Chadcock 6, J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8.

BRATTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.
KENNETH F. MEDWAY...*Treble* *EDMUND KING ... 4
WILLIAM T. CHAPMAN ... 2 GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5
*HARRY C. NEWMAN ... 3 ROBERT J. LAWRENCE ... *Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Minor.

CLUNBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...*Treble* ERNEST H. MEREDITH... 4
*ERIC O. DAVIES ... 2 LESLIE EVANS ... 5
ALFRED E. OWEN ... 3 *ROGER MEREDITH ... *Tenor*
Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells for 39 years.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.
HARRY BAKER ...*Treble* | WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 4
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 2 | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD... 5
RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD... 3 | MARK W. MARSHALL ... *Tenor*
Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

First peal as conductor, age 15.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.
NORMAN STATHAM ...*Treble* | T. KELHAM DEACON ... 4
FRANCIS R. DEACON ... 2 | JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
*W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.
*ALBERT TUBBY ...*Treble* | GEORGE ADAMS ... 4
*ANDREW MOORE ... 2 | ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... 5
†BERTIE HAMMOND ... 3 | BERT GOGLE ... *Tenor*
Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

NORTHMOOR, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Kennington, April Day, Fortune, St. Blaise, Northrepps, Antelope and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.
HARRY P. FLOYD ...*Treble* | *GILBERT H. WRIGHT ... 4
*MISS LOTTIE R. PIMM... 2 | *HENRY C. FARMER ... 5
†BERTRAM J. COGGINS ... 3 | *CHARLES W. BOWSHER *Tenor*
Conducted by HARRY P. FLOYD.

* First peal 'inside' in 14 methods. † First peal. First peal in 14 methods as conductor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three blocks of 1,440 Oxford and Kent rung alternate courses and one 720 of Kent. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
ERIC SMITH ...*Treble* | WILFRED YOUNG ... 4
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2 | WILLIAM FAY ... 5
WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... *Tenor*
Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent T.B., 720 Single Oxford and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.
ARTHUR GIBBS ...*Treble* | MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 4
*MISS JEAN BRIGGS ... 2 | *EDWARD W. CHESTER ... 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE... 3 | GEOFFREY E. WATSON... *Tenor*
Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.
ERNEST MORRIS ...*Treble* | ARTHUR CATTELL ... 4
JEAN M. WARD ... 2 | JOHN B. BENNETT ... 5
ALAN CATTELL ... 3 | *DAVID C. CLEMENTS ... *Tenor*
Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT 48, ASHFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
IN THE BELFEY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in D.
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6
Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

First peal of Stedman Doubles in Ireland, by all the band and for the Association.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 1-2 | JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7-8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9-10
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT SUNNYVIEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.
JOHN A. ACRES ... 1-2 | GEOFFREY DODDS ... 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3-4 | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 7-8
J. REGINALD HEATH ... 9-10
Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

ELY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3-4 | RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

NUNEATON.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT 21, GIPSY LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

*MARGARET BEAMISH ... 1-2 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4 | FRANK E. PERVIN ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5-6 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 11-12
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on 12 bells.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. A. Carter 1, Miss J. Hammond 2, Miss A. West 3, J. Allen 4, H. A. Treadgold (cond.) 5, C. B. Carter 6. First quarter by all.

ALCESTER, WARWICKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Print 1, L. Kinchen 2, C. R. Steed 3, F. C. Lyne 4, J. Lyne 5, R. C. Chapman 6, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. Goode 8.

APPLEBY, WESTMORLAND.—On June 2nd at St. Lawrence's, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Burnett (cond.) 1, T. Martin 2, A. G. Morland 3, A. Wilkinson 4, J. Bradberry 5, B. D. Price 6. First quarter in method for 2, 3, 4, 5. Believed to be the first quarter on bells (recast 1833).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On May 29th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Harrison 1, R. Wimpenny 2, F. Pickup (first of Doubles) 3, R. Edwards 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, B. Trueman 6. In memoriam Mr. H. Ludkin.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dodds (first in method) 1, S. Hart (cond.) 2, Miss E. Cropley 3, E. Dodds 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, B. Williams 7, T. Howard 8.

BEDFORD.—On May 30th, at St. Paul's, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: J. Jipson 1, Mrs. M. Cooley 2, Betty Spice (cond.) 3, F. Webb 4, S. Foskett 5, N. Inskip 6, E. Jeffries 7, J. Ward 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Martin's Church on June 1st, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: J. Pinfold 1, W. G. Critchley 2, F. E. Pervin 3, L. Tuffery 4, F. E. Haynes 5, W. C. Dowding 6, S. O'C. Holloway 7, H. C. Spencer 8, E. Mansell 9, J. Lindon 10, A. Walker (cond.) 11, W. T. Froggatt 12. In memoriam George F. Swann.

BUCKINGHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, H. Jones 2, T. W. Wyatt 3, F. Vickers 4, W. C. Gough (first of Triples) 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On June 6th at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Moorhouse (first quarter) 1, H. Cornwell 2, A. Skeiton 3, G. Harrison 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, H. H. Brittan 6. First quarter on bells rung on first anniversary of dedication.

CLERKENWELL.—On June 6th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, W. Ellis 5, L. H. Bowler 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, A. W. Coles 8. First in method 2, 6 and 7.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (60 St. Simon's, 240 each of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and April Day): R. Purchase 1, W. Butler (cond.) 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, R. Posnett 5, S. L. Posnett 6. First in six methods by all the band.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Codling 1, Miss P. Steere 2, E. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. Davies 5, G. H. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, W. Oatway 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On June 6th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Hawksley 1, D. R. Judd 2, F. A. Finch 3, A. Jones 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. J. Ellis (cond.) 6, J. Sansom 7, E. C. S. Turner 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Major: W. G. Cook 1, R. Collins 2, L. A. Tidy 3, D. E. Colgate 4, J. O. Weller 5, E. H. Lewis (cond.) 6, A. Janes 7, F. W. Budgen 8.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On June 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Scott 1, I. J. Attwater 2, J. Roberts 3, S. J. Nicholls 4, D. Towers 5, R. S. Beckett 6, J. R. Towers 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dickens, jun. 1, G. F. Garrison 2, F. H. W. Bird 3, J. Graves 4, R. Brown 5, W. J. Meers (cond.) 6, H. Dickens 7, L. Willock 8. Longest length for 1 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

FULMER, BUCKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Stevens (first quarter) 1, T. Fowler (first quarter) 2, C. Watkins 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, E. Briden (cond.) 5, C. Cripps 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. T. Lambert 1, J. L. Morris (12) 2, T. F. Sone (cond.) 3, R. E. Lambert 4, R. Tappenden 5, D. Beveridge 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, A. W. Durham 8. First quarter on eight bells by 2, 5 and 6.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,080 Bob Minor: C. J. Piper (13, first Minor) 1, G. Beeny (first Minor 'inside') 2, W. M. Stepney (13) 3, E. G. D. Tonkin (14) 4, B. Stepney 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Packham (first of Major) 1, Miss C. A. Lish 2, E. Rapley 3, E. Lish 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Packham (first of Major) 6, F. Crutenden 7, B. White (cond.) 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Cobb 1, W. W. Webb 2, D. Thomas 3, H. C. Chandler 4, W. A. Lewis 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, B. A. Rose 8. A compliment to H. C. Chandler on attainment of more than 60 years of ringing.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, Lincs.—On May 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Flatters 1, Miss R. Brown 2, J. R. Kemp 3, T. Cummins (first of Major 'inside') 4, E. Fisher 5, A. E. Flatters 6, E. Kemp 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On June 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Lott (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. G. Castle 3, T. W. Taffender (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, C. W. Otley 7, J. Bullock 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On May 29th, at St. Michael and All Angels', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Smith 1, S. Pickford 2, G. Bottomley 3, H. C. Lonvon 4, J. Marshall 5, J. Smith 6, F. Yates (cond.) 7, C. Morlidge 8.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, C. Taylor 2, A. Hicks (cond.) 3, R. Hicks 4, C. Sangwin 5, D. Martin 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. L. C. Duke, vice-captain of the tower.

NOTTINGHAM.—On June 3rd at St. Peter's, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. E. Padgett 1, F. A. Salter 2, R. Ale 3, F. Bradley 4, F. Gobey (cond.) 5, K. S. B. Croft 6, W. Nichols 7, F. Lowe 8. In memoriam T. Groombridge, jun.

OXFORD.—On June 6th, at St. Ebbe's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Barrow 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, Miss N. Honey (first in method) 3, C. Coles 4, E. G. Moore 5, H. P. Raynor 6, P. C. Wright 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8.

READING.—At St. Laurence's on June 10th, 1,261 Stedman Cateters: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. D. Catterall 2, Miss P. Hart 3, N. Diserens 4, C. Pullen 5, T. Lanaghan 6, E. Humfrey (cond.) 7, C. Pullen 8, C. Watts 9, V. Cherrill 10. For wedding of Ray Burton, member of tower.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On May 30th at Christ Church, 1,257 Grandsire Cateters: A. H. Russell 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, J. Armstrong 3, W. J. Bowden 4, S. G. Peck 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, H. Miller 7, J. G. Nash 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. First Grandsire Cateters 1 and 2.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. L. Boomsma (first of Triples) 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, T. G. Fox 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, A. T. Boomsma 6, J. H. Boomsma 7, E. J. Rowe 8.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On April 26th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. Bowden 1, A. Rowley (cond.) 2, E. Young 3, J. Head 4, W. Buckley 5, G. Chaplin 6, C. Templeton 7, H. Proctor 8. First half-peal, 1, 3 and 6.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—On May 30th at All Hallows', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, F. A. Barker 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, E. Pratchett 4, A. E. Hoare 5, A. F. Warren 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, D. F. Norton (first quarter) 8.

NOTICES

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MISCELLANEOUS

CORNWALL.—Will all ringing brethren of the Craft coming to Cornwall during the summer kindly write to the undersigned? It is hoped to arrange for some peal ringing for the Craft in the county.—E. V. Williams, Copper Hill, Redruth. 3220

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—Practice, Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Stedman, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples, also Duffield, K.T.B. Major, etc. All welcome. Frequent bus service, Haywards Heath Station five minutes. 3466

PEAL TABLETS in Stone, Slate or Marble. Ecclesiastical Masonry to Architect's design. Commissions accepted by Trevor M. Roderick (Guild of Memorial Craftsmen), c/o The Masonry Yards, Port Talbot, Glam. 3749

SURREY ASSOCIATION, WALTON-ON-THAMES.—Practice night now Fridays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. A Surprise practice at Christ Church, Epsom, on July 17th, 6 p.m.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 3755

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). 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, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

Ready June 26th.—370 **SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS**, containing all named methods ever rung or published. 2s. post free.—A. J. Corrigan, Bilton, near Bristol. 3678

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District. Meeting at Grayshott, Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3673

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District. Meeting at North Weald (6) on Saturday, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bus service from Epping at 4 and 34 minutes past the hour. Train by Central London Line to Woodford and then half-hourly service.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3677

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3698

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Andover, Saturday, July 3rd. Committee 11 a.m. General meeting 2. Service 4.15. Meat tea 5.15. Bells available Andover (8), Goodworth Clatford (6), Longparish (6), Abbots Ann (5), 11 till 1.30 and after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3716

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, London, S.E. on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells available at 7 p.m.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3737

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenharn (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3712

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Lowestoft on July 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Seaman's Club, Battery Green. Business after. Notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 3701

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—South Anston, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring food. Norton meeting postponed.—H. Chadock, Sec. 3718

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst (8), July 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 3714

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp, 3 p.m., July 3rd. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 3719

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer Festival at Kempston on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—F. J. Plummer, Secretary, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard. 3732

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—July 3rd. Ringing, Christ Church with St. John's, City. Usual arrangements. Tea, St. Michael's Parish Hall.—C. H. Wood, Branch Secretary. 3743

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Howden, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea (2s 6d. each) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Reports available and subscriptions now due.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 3765

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Warfield (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3745

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Banbury (10), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify before July 6th E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 3711

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—An extraordinary meeting will be held Saturday, July 10th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells (13) available 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. 3713

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 10th; at Lindfield. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea, Cuckfield, 4.15. Bells after tea. Names by July 3rd, please. Trains to Haywards Heath: 1.24 from London Bridge; 1.28 and 1.45 from Victoria. Buses from Haywards Heath to Lindfield: 2.3, 2.11, 2.30, 2.41.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn (8), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. and N. Divisions.—Joint meeting at Great Tey on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free to all ringers who notify Mr. J. W. Dyer, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester, not later than Wednesday, 7th.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. District Sec. 3734

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Misson (6), Saturday, July 10th. No tea arrangements. Buses from Fimmingley Lane end.—H. Denman. 3766

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness, not later than July 7th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3771

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea follows.—K. Willers, Acting Secretary. 3750

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Beverley Minster, July 10th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room. Essential to notify Mr. L. Daggett, 82, Minster Moor Gate, Beverley, by morning post, July 8th.—Albert Sellers. 3746

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Matlock, July 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee 4 p.m., Church Hall. Bring food, cups of tea Church Hall 5.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. General Secretary. 3764

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Terrington St. Clement (8), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3767

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting at Malpas, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Names for tea by July 7th.—George E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston Vew, Chester. 3768

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Crofton, near Wakefield, July 10th, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. F. Townend, Bleak House, Doncaster Road, Crofton, before July 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3770

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 10th, St. James', Benwell. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Carse, 51, Lanercost Drive, Fenham, Newcastle 5.—W. E. Robinson, Hon. District Sec. 3769

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Names by July 7th to C. Lawton, Sutton Lane Ends, near Macclesfield. 3748

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting, St. James', Milnrow, on Saturday, July 10th. Cups of tea only. Nominations for Branch Secretary required.—I. Kay, Secretary. 3751

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting at Puriton, July 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 3761

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), July 10th. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. Bartle, The George and Dragon, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 3760

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Purton, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 3757

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea early to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3753

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, July 17th, not July 10th, owing to the gymkhana in the Park. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3772

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 10th, Swainswick (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notification for tea by 8th to W. Starr, Woolley, near Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting arranged at Farnworth on Saturday, July 10th, CANCELLED.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3759

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Swavesey (6), July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton Ely. 3747

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names, please, to J. Hobbs, High Street, Redbourn, by Wednesday, 7th inst.—W. C. Hughes, District Sec. 3762

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Gainford (6), July 10th. Names for tea by July 7th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 3763

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Tea tickets from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne, not later than July 13th. No ticket no tea.—H. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 3774

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 17th. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher, Rev. Canon H. Pickles, Rural Dean of Woodstock). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m.; tickets 5s. Applications, accompanied by remittance, to secretary not later than July 6th. Ringing: Cathedral (12); Colleges, New (10), Magdalen (10), Merton (8); Churches, St. Ebbe's (8), St. Giles' (8), Holywell (6), Carfax (6), St. Aldate's (6), St. Thomas' (6), Ifley (6). To make our beautiful service even more impressive, would choristers please bring their cassocks and surplices and proceed to vestry at 10.45 a.m.—William Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 3674

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Bishop's Stortford (St. Michael's), Saturday, July 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must reach me before Tuesday, July 13th. No name no tea.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3756

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Worthen (6), July 17th, 2.30 p.m. Buses from Claremont Street at 1.30, 3, 3.30, 4. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—C. A. Barron, Hon. Sec. 3754

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby on Saturday, July 17th. Service 4. Mears Ashby bells also after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—C. W. Partridge, Sunnybank, Wilby, near Wellingborough. 3752

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Rededication of St. Andrew's bells after restoration, Friday, July 23rd. Service 7.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Bells available on Saturday, July 24th, from 3 p.m. onwards. All ringers welcome.—G. Ditton, Hon. Sec., 36, St. Andrew Street, Hertford. 3709

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke District), **OXFORD GUILD** (Sonning Deanery Branch).—Preliminary notice.—A combined meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at the following towers: Bagshot, Farnborough, Hawley, Finchamstead, Sandhurst, Yateley, Yorktown. Service and tea at Yorktown. A 32-seater coach will run between towers. Full details later. Note altered date. 3727

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