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ENTHUSIASM

THE people who really live are the enthusiastic; they are the salt of the earth. But be enthusiastic about a worth-while object. There is the mass enthusiasm of the football field; we have known ringers 'cut' a Saturday afternoon meeting and arrange for their peals at other times than when 'the City' is playing at home. And now at the end of the season, and relegation is in prospect, the futility of it all is apparent. Their enthusiasm did not win through, although they had their enjoyment; they cheered or groaned their team into the Third Division. Much of life's enthusiasms are individualistic in character or personal. Some might ridicule an enthusiasm for measuring tenor bells, or others who exert their mental faculties in endeavouring to present a proof that for its logic would have satisfied Euclid of old, as to the way a method should be extended. Do not belittle such efforts: they are great things to the individual concerned and deserve to be treated with respect.

When the qualities of enthusiasm and leadership are coupled together then is the keenness transmitted to others and something purposeful is accomplished. Our main news story this week deals with the restoration of Hawley bells. Critics might regard the Editor as lacking in a sense of proportion in giving so much space to a £450 job, when contracts exceeding four figures are at times summarily dismissed in 400 words. Why make a song about this village of 2,000 souls on the borders of Surrey, Hants and Berks?

Behind this village enterprise there was the unbounded enthusiasm of one man. He came to the village and found the bells in a deplorable condition; he was only an average ringer and would not write of his exasperation to the Editor if he was described as being among 'the lesser brethren.' As a Vicar, however, he realised the place of bells in the life of the Church, and as a ringer he loved bells, knew of the thrill of ringing in a strange belfry and the good fellowship of ringers.

To his parishioners he talked bells and talked the subject with enthusiasm, with the result that within a year of his induction he had the satisfaction of having a ring of bells fit for any country parish and more than twenty of his congregation in various stages of initiation into the art of change ringing.

Hawley people have made a fine start, and we trust that the name of this village will figure frequently in our performance columns. The next stage will be harder—the art of ringing the bells well. This is where the initial enthusiasm is tested; some of the leader's zeal will probably fall on stony ground, but it is to be hoped that the greater part has fallen on good earth and will yield its appropriate harvest. Good luck to the new band at Hawley!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

*BRIAN WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
†ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	LAURENCE GREENHOW	11
HAROLD G. JENNEY	6	JOHN GRANT	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman Cinques. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Charles Marshall. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

FRANCIS D. BISHOP	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	JAMES BULLOCK	8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
N. G. HOLLINGWORTH	5	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on an 'inside' bell.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

FRED BENNETT	*Treble*	*PETER WOODWARD	6
HARRY WALTERS	2	HARRY NEWTON	7
ERNEST BURNETT	3	*JAMES H. KIRBY	8
JOHN T. DUFFIN	4	*JOHN E. KIRBY	9
WILLIAM WALKER	5	*LESLIE FISHER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by P. WOODWARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The first peal in the method on the new bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Albert Scott, aged 81, a ringer at the Cathedral from 1884 to 1938.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
*ALAN JACQUES	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
†KATHLEEN TILLEY	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	9
JOHN R. SMITH	5	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal on 'inside' bell. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Taylor on their wedding anniversary. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	SIDNEY G. RICHES	6
*MARY P. HILLIAR	2	WILLIAM H. PARKER	7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	3	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	8
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. In memoriam Ralph T. Morgan, organist at this church for 43 years. Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
JOHN J. MORRIS	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
*TERRY THORNBER	3	THOMAS C. BELTON	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman.

GREAT HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SIDNEY DAVIS	*Treble*	†EWART A. ANDREWS	5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	CHARLES N. EDWIN	6
HERBERT JORDAN	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
REGINALD W. KYTE	4	*PHILLIP T. MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight. First peal on the recast and augmented bells.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

HARRY BADGER	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
*DOREEN COKER	2	*ANTHONY E. COX	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor. A farewell to Mr. Harris, member of the local band.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	*DENIS R. MORRIS	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
*THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* 100th peal together. Tenor 16 cwt.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALBERT J. COUSINS	*Treble*	RICHARD PORTWAY	5
WILLIAM BUTLER	2	STANLEY BONES	6
WILLIAM MELLIN	3	WILLIAM S. BUTLER	7
RONALD SUCKLING	4	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal. In memoriam Andrew J. Evers, aged 75 years, who was for 60 years a member of the St. Nicholas' company.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

JOHN BOOTH	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	5
MISS MURIEL REAY ...	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	6
JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
JOHN ASHCROFT	4	JAMES L. WRIGHT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
First in the method by all except 1 and 6. Rung in honour of the Royal visit to Lancashire.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLDSWINFORD,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

REGINALD CHANCE	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING ...	5
HENRY H. FEARN ...	2	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	6
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 50th peal together. Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F sharp.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALAN JACQUES	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER...	6
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	3	†PHILIP L. PARROTT ...	7
*SHIRLEY BURTON	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 250th peal. † First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK A. CLUETT...	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal treble to Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. DUNBAR	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
HARRY CORSER	2	CHARLES BLAKEY	6
WILLIAM PROCTER	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
To celebrate the competition of 50 years as Vicar of St. John's, Great Harwood, by the Rev. Canon Wilson.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*AUDREY A. TIMMS	*Treble*	†HUBERT E. ASHLEY ...	5
†JUNE M. GRIFFITHS ...	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	6
‡W. BRIAN ELLENDER ...	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	†LOUIS R. CALLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BISHOPS LYDEARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANCIS MORRIS	*Treble*	STANLEY BRISTOW ...	5
HARRY PURCHASE	2	GEORGE SPARKES ...	6
*RAYMOND WINTER ...	3	CLAUDE TARR	7
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER	4	†REGINALD STONE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal on eight.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5052 CHANGES;
130 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

SAM SCATTERGOOD	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ...	5
GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ...	6
CYRIL WRIGHT	3	STANLEY SLANEY	7
BESSIE MOSS	4	JOSEPH SAXTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. SPICE. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
First peal of Spliced Plain and Gainsborough Little Bob by all, for the Association and on the bells.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	JOSEPH L. BARRETT ...	5
†STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	2	HENRY G. KEELEY ...	6
†ROGER * KEELEY	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	7
CUTHBERT W. POWELL	4	*MICHAEL POOLE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CUTHBERT W. POWELL.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. L. Barrett.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

ALBERT D. COLLINS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	5
*J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	ERIC E. SPEAKE	7
HOWARD HOWELL ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.' First in the method by all the band. First of Surprise as conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN T. LOCKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK WELCH ...	5
REGINALD BEALE	2	*HARRY J. GAYLARD ...	6
WALTER H. POOLE ...	3	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	7
*DENNIS R. BEST	4	JACK W. DREW ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner, and the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gibbons.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*MISS RUBY J. LLOYD	*Treble*	*NOEL PHILLIPS	5
*MISS ETHEL M. DUPPA	2	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...	6
JAMES E. FOX	3	ERIC O. DAVIES	7
*PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW...	4	*CHARLES E. EDWARDS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. FOX.
* First peal of Triples. In honour of the double wedding of Mr. Leslie Wiltshire to Miss Vera Davies and Mr. Geoffrey Evason to Miss Cathleen Davies.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

PHILIP WALKER	*Treble*	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	5
AUDREY B. DISERENS ...	2	NOEL J. DISERENS ...	6
JAMES HIGGINS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
ALAN R. PINK	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. A 28th wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Judge.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Harold P. Burton	*Treble*	Andrew Sinfield ...	5
Edmund J. Hobbs ...	2	Alfred Rushton	6
Alick Cutler	3	Arthur E. Sharman ...	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Thomas H. Francis ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by A. E. Sharman.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Joseph W. Lawrence...	*Treble*	Leslie E. Rivers ...	5
Elizabeth Faulknall...	2	William A. Wood ...	6
Cecil E. Carr	3	Alfred Ballard	7
Edgar Vallance	4	Frank K. Measures ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Surprise Major by all Hinckley District band. Tenor 12 cwt.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Bertie A. Cornell ...	*Treble*	*Alfred J. Hatten ...	5
Leslie T. Hansell ...	2	Charles F. Sayer ...	6
Walter Ayre	3	Thomas J. Southam ...	7
Thomas J. Lock ...	4	William J. Arnold ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by William J. Arnold.
* First peal of Major. First in method by all the band except ringer of the 4th and on the bells. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George, Jesmond,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

John Anderson	*Treble*	John A. Brown	5
Ernest Wallace	2	William E. Robinson...	6
Margaret Fidell	3	W. Norman Park ...	7
Joyce P. Gaymer	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Arthur S. Richards...	*Treble*	Eric A. Dench	5
Maurice Hodgson ...	2	Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	6
Leonard H. Bowler...	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*Philip J. Coward ...	4	Charles W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A Knights (No. 109). Conducted by P. A. Corby.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. J. Woolmer and Miss B. J. Head (former member of local band). Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Edwin G. Buck	*Treble*	Jack S. Dear	5
William A. Collins ...	2	Walter D. Pooley ...	6
Edgar W. Winters ...	3	Roy V. Webb	7
John Church	4	R. Thomas Newman ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Roy V. Webb.
First peal as conductor, aged 16. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Harry Duncombe ...	*Treble*	Charles R. Belton ...	5
Walter P. Whitehead	2	Thomas C. Belton ...	6
*Alan H. Hough... ...	3	George P. Garner ...	7
Thomas K. Deacon ...	4	Roy Coleman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples by an entire Barwell Society band. In memoriam Charles Marshall, of South Wigston, who was killed in a railway fatality during the week.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each Cambridge and Superlative with 112 changes of method. Tenor 25½ cwt.

Alfred T. Greenwood	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor ...	5
C. Ernest Smith	2	*Harold A. May... ...	6
Frederick W. Burnett	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
John H. Hunt	4	William T. Beeson ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. Turner. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
On the 'Margaret' eight. Tenor 17 cwt.

Colin Kirk	*Treble*	Mavis A. Whitehead...	5
Walter P. Whitehead	2	Alan Cattell	6
Josiah Morris	3	John Bramley	7
John B. Bennett	4	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Ernest Morris.
Muffled in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hodgkinson, devoted churchworkers, and Mrs. Tanser, wife of Walter Tanser, a ringer of St. Margaret's; also Charles Marshall, of South Wigston.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Miss D. Wisker...	*Treble*	John Fox	4
*R. Wisker	2	Ernest H. Mastin ...	5
Wallace Cousins ...	3	Claude Cousins	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Cyril Cousins	*Treble*	Ernest H. Mastin ...	4
Fred Wigmore	2	Claude Cousins	5
Wallace Cousins	3	Cecil V. Ebberson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Miss Joan Bussey ...	*Treble*	Ivor Whiting	4
Leslie Barry	2	Frederick Blowen ...	5
John Whiting	3	Charles Larner	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Leslie Barry.

KIRBYMOORSIDE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*George Beach	*Treble*	*Harold Spencer ...	4
*Fred W. Bishop ...	2	*Geoffrey A. Dalton...	5
*Bert Sutton	3	†Edward Hudson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bert Sutton.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

SILKSTONE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Wilfred Broadhead ...	*Treble*	Noel F. Moxon ...	4
Willis Dyson	2	*Squire Fielding ...	5
Irvine Broadhead ...	3	†Harry Mann	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

(Peals continued on page 181.)

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Lord (first in method) 1, T. C. Belton 2, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 3, T. K. Deacon 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. H. Hough 6, G. P. Garner 7, R. Coleman 8. A welcome to ringer of tenor on his return from the Forces.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Deacon 1, F. Goodearle 2, H. Deacon 3, L. Payne 4, H. Payne 5, A. E. Beaney (cond.) 6, S. Deacon 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 8. Rung on 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (8 covering).

BOSTON, LINCS. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Thompson 1, A. Freeston 2, D. White 3, S. Jessop 4, W. E. Clarke 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles, being 1 extent each Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, 240 London Single, 420 Grandsire Doubles: D. Edmunds 1, G. F. Roome 2, M. Elliott 3, E. Smart (cond.) 4, J. J. Partridge 5.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,949 Doubles in 17 methods (St. Nicholas', Canterbury, Place Bob, Stedman Slow Course, Reading, New Grandsire, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, Union, St. Dunstan's, Chase, Antelope, New Doubles, Grandsire and London): Miss E. M. Turland 1, W. H. Collins 2, Miss H. M. Smith 3, E. C. Garrett 4, K. Rogers (cond.) 5. Rung at the christening of the conductor's son.

CARDIFF.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Heath 1, F. J. Hannington 2, T. Yeomans 3, L. W. Prosser 4, J. Davies 5, A. Parnell 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans (first on ten) 8, A. Rowley 9, S. R. Barker 10.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 180 St. Clement's): F. Taylor (cond.) 1, W. A. Smedley 2, R. Strickland 3, M. Brown 4, W. Duffy 5, A. A. Pepper 6. First quarter by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Upton 1, L. Baines 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, A. V. Good 4, W. J. Puddifoot 5, T. Morton 6, W. C. Hughes 7, B. C. Johnson 8. First quarter of Cambridge by 2, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Butters (82) and J. Banfield.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, J. Kape (first quarter on 10) 2, Miss D. Coker 3, Miss S. Coker 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Cox 7, W. Avery 8, C. A. Smith 9, M. Ward 10.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Edwards 1, H. Edge 2, E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Evans 4, L. Longlands 5, V. Hollinshead 6, H. G. Childs 7, G. H. Childs 8. A tribute to Ald. T. H. Thompson upon being made an hon. freeman of the borough.

OXFORD.—On March 20th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Doubles (60 Erin and 120 each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, St. Simon's Bob, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Higgins 1, M. J. Brierley 2, C. M. Trist 3, M. E. H. Barrow 4, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 5, E. G. Moore 6. First of Doubles and first in 11 methods for all the band except 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. V. Frost 1, Miss J. Gansett (first 'inside') 2, C. F. Sayer 3, A. Dale 4, H. G. Mason 5, A. G. Oliver (first on ten) 6, W. J. Southam 7, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 8, F. J. Spicer 9, F. J. Bailey (first on ten) 10. For the 12th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Fergusson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. E. Andrews 1, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Cornell 3, E. H. Durrant 4, R. J. Bedford 5, R. E. Last 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. In honour of the birth of a son to E. H. Durrant.

SHOREHAM, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, J. L. Morris 2, A. V. Kemp 3, Edna M. Sills 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, G. W. Ashdown 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On March 27th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,282 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 3, H. Belcher 4, J. B. Sansom 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, A. J. W. Appleton 7, R. F. Deal 8, H. Langdon 9, J. H. Rumley 10.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAM.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Minor (one extent of Kent T. B. and 540 of Plain Bob): Wm. Thornley, juu. (cond.) 1, G. Thornley (first quarter) 2, W. Walker 3, B. Shaw 4, R. T. Milward 5, Wm. Hoult 6. First quarter in two methods 3, 4, 5 and 6.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Mar. 27th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): Miss P. Holloway 1, Miss B. Jeffries 2, Miss E. Green 3, C. Eele 4, Mrs. H. Smith (first of Doubles) 5, J. Farthing 6, H. Smith (first of Doubles as cond.) 7, E. Burroughs 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Richardson 1, E. J. Ladd 2, B. V. Collison 3, R. Collins 4, C. A. Bassett (first of Stedman Triples) 5, J. O. Weller 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, J. T. Medhurst 8. An 85th birthday compliment to W. Collison.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,344 Bob Major: D. K. G. D. Wright 1, F. Warrington 2, G. C. Bridger 3, J. Mountfield 4, J. C. Duddington 5, H. Naylor (first quarter) 6, J. H. Green 7, F. H. Newman (first quarter of Bob Major as cond.) 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. W. Cox 1, Miss N. Honey 2, E. J. Hill 3, L. Oliffe 4, B. J. Coggins 5, B. S. Nichols 6, G. H. Wright (cond.) 7, P. J. Powell (first quarter on eight bells) 8. First in method by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Bishop H. M. Hordern, who died at the age of 80, was a vice-president of the Sussex County Association. He was well known and esteemed among Sussex ringers in the earlier days of his ministry, first at St. Margaret's, Warnham, where he was curate from 1892-94, and later as Vicar of St. Nicholas', Brighton, from 1910-1924. An in memoriam quarter-peal was rung at Chichester Cathedral.

We have since heard that the quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on March 13th was rung at Christ Church, Southport.

Mr. Walter Ayre has 'circled' Hemel Hempstead tower, and Mr. C. R. Belton, Whitwick, Leics., tower.

Sympathy is expressed with Douglas Rooke, of Warsop. He broke his ankle two days previous to standing in for his 14th birthday peal at Warsop, Notts. A speedy recovery, Douglas!

The peal at Burgh, Suffolk, on April 6th, was a birthday compliment to George W. Pipe and William J. Button, of Stonham Aspal. It also commemorated the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parker, ringers of Stonham Aspal.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary Redcliffe on April 9th was to the memory of Mr. Ralph T. Morgan, the well-known broadcaster, who was organist at the church for 43 years.

Mr. Arthur R. Ward, who participated in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Brading, Isle of Wight, deserves a special word of congratulation. It was the 60th anniversary of his first peal.

Two well-known Kent ringers are on the sick list. Mr. Harry Hoverd has been ordered a rest by his doctor, and Mr. W. Bidwall, captain of the Hythe band, has entered hospital for an operation. At the annual meeting of the K.C.A. on Easter Monday the secretary was requested to write to them wishing them a speedy recovery.

We understand that the talent of the country is being assembled for a peal attempt of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral on April 30th. Mr. Wilfred Williams is conducting from the tenor, with Mr. John Mason 'strapping.'

Mr. Albert Relfe has rung his 250 peals on 150 bells and not towers as published in our last issue. The peal at Hartfield on March 19th was the 25th for Mr. C. A. Bassett.

There was a misprint in the report of the peal at Wrotham in our last issue. Mr. Frank C. W. Knight was described as Wright. Our apologies, Frank.

Miss Margaret Beamish has now joined the 'select band' of those who have rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, having rung one peal each of Minor and Maximus, two of Royal and ten of Major.

Mr. F. K. Measures, hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, has had an ambition since 1936 to ring a district Surprise peal. This was accomplished on April 2nd with Cambridge Surprise Major; the band hope next to go for Superlative.

Appreciations of the article on Thaxted bells dedication have been received from a number of readers. Mr. Oliver G. Barnard writes: 'A welcome breakaway from the stilted and somewhat hackneyed phraseology usually employed when accounts of such proceedings are prepared by we mere ringers as distinct from writers.'

Mr. T. R. Hampton, of Erdington, Birmingham, writes expressing his thanks to the ringers of St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, for their kind acknowledgment of his services. There is now a change ringing band at the Cathedral and they would be grateful for assistance from anyone who might be in the vicinity.

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WHEN THE PARSON'S A RINGER: HAWLEY'S EXAMPLE

FOR many years the bells of Hawley Parish Church have been silent and, apart from the rooks and jackdaws, few people found their way into the belfry, except for the oldest inhabitant who occasionally plodded into the tower to grease everything in sight, in his efforts to persuade some to enter into the bearings. The Farnborough band rang there on Victory Day, and the Farnham District have tried practices, but the 'go' of the bells was sufficient to keep most people away, so that, for Farnham, the tower was the one black spot in the district, the only one where there was no Sunday ringing.

The bells are a ring of eight, six installed in 1881, and two trebles added ten years later.

In April, 1948, the Rev. Kenneth C. Davis was inducted into the living, so once again the 16¼ cwt. tenor and his seven sisters pealed out over the lovely countryside, just bursting with the first flush of spring. It seemed that this glorious spring day was to be the start of a fresh lease of life for Hawley, as it was known throughout the village that the Rev. Davis was an enthusiastic ringer, and that now he had at least achieved one of his ambitions, to be Vicar of a church with bells.

Mr. Davis set to work in his new living with enthusiasm. The church became full for all services. Young and old came to like this man, who was never still, but who always had a cheery word for all, and a special corner in his heart for anyone who might be a prospective bellringer. So there came back to his church three ringers of pre-war days and over twenty others who were fired by their Vicar's enthusiasm, to learn to ring the bells. With the help of a few others from surrounding towers, they learned to ring rounds and call changes despite the great difficulties of the 'go' of the bells, so that, once more, Hawley was in the ringing news.

Within a month of his induction the Rev. Davis had opened a fund for the restoration of his bells, and he had advice from the firms prepared to do the work. Eventually it was decided to entrust the job to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, at a cost of £450.

It was necessary to stop the top frame, holding the treble, second and third, from wandering around the tower; to arrange for the clappers to hit the bell in the correct place and not almost at right angles to it; ball bearings were needed throughout; it had been difficult for the treble and second to dodge in 6-7 because the swing of the tenor caused the second to drop. These troubles, to quote only a few, were to be cured.

Vicar and villagers, Church Council and choir, ringers and not forgetting the oldest inhabitant, all combined to raise the money. When it is realised that there are less than 2,000 people in Hawley, that the money had to be raised in addition to the normal church finances, and that there were no donations of more than £5, then one can realise the full extent of the effort.

In January, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston took possession of the belfry, to the disgust of the jackdaws, who found that their housing efforts were not appreciated; in fact, the tower captain took down twelve barrowloads of sticks and rubbish.

'When will they be ready?', everyone asked. 'March 19th,' said the Vicar, 'that must be the day.'

The great day approached. What would the bells be like now? Would they still be 'lumpy' and difficult? What about that dodging in 6-7? Would the fourth sally still defy all efforts of the ringer to catch it? We should soon know.

The rededication was made during evensong, conducted by the Rev. Davis, and attended by nearly 130 ringers and friends, and before a congregation of over 300, mostly from the village.

During the second hymn, Vicar and choir processed towards the belfry. The Vicar and the ringers of the choir, together with other members of the Hawley band, ascended to the ringing chamber, where the Ringing Master and secretary of the Farnham District were waiting to receive them.

The ropes were formally handed back to the Vicar by Mr. Newsom, for Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and Rev. Davis rededicated his bells. The Hawley band then rang a few rounds (the local paper described them as 'changes,' which cannot be truthfully denied!) to christen the bells.

In his address, the Vicar spoke of the spirit of co-operation which had enabled the repairs to be carried out. He likened bellringing to life, for in both all must pull their weight to achieve harmony. He was proud to say that every one of his ringers was also a keen churchgoer; some were in the choir, some on the Church Council.

After the service, the first touch—of Stedman—was rung by officers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

About 120 sat down to an excellent tea served by the ringers' wives in the Village Hall, where the Vicar and Mrs. Davis together cut a large iced cake, inscribed 'Rededication of Hawley Church Bells, March 19th, 1949,' an inscription which was quickly consumed but not forgotten.

The Farnham District Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, expressed his satisfaction at the excellent work carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Mr. Denyer proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Davis, to Mr. and Mrs. Maule (the captain and secretary of the Hawley band), and to all the Hawley ringers for the way in which they had worked for their tower.

'During the evening the bells were ringing merrily to a variety of methods, and the day concluded with a social evening in the Village Hall.

Hawley bells will now be ringing for Sunday services and for practice on Wednesdays, when the Rev. Davis will welcome anyone who cares to ring.

G. S. J.



Hawley ringers and Church officials (from left to right): G. Nobbs, A. Utting, S. Maynard, Miss E. Marshall, Miss J. Woodward, Mrs. J. Maull (tower secretary), S. Maull (tower captain), Mrs. B. Brand, Rev. K. C. Davis, G. S. Joyce (district secretary), S. Cranham (churchwarden), J. Allcock, Miss J. Brookes-Smith, A. Barker, L. Boyles, Miss E. Lewington, W. Mabbott (churchwarden) and T. Densham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FAMILY AND THE PARSON

Dear Sir, — Many of our members in the Chester Diocesan Guild have spoken to me in appreciation of your leading article of April 1st, headed 'The Family and the Parson.' In view of the fact that the desirability of close co-operation between the parson and his ringers formed a topic for discussion at the last annual meeting of the Guild, your leader was read with much interest.

Although the topic is by no means new, it is obviously one which must be continually kept in mind if the happy relationship you mention is to be maintained. We feel that we have opened wide the gate to such relationship by so adding to our rules as to make it possible for the incumbent of any tower in the diocese where bells exist to be elected a vice-president of that branch which operates in the area. And further, having in mind the fact that the parson is expected to place his name at the head of each and every subscription list which is opened in his parish and district, no subscription of any sort becomes due to the Guild on such an election being made.

It is our earnest hope that in taking this action we shall not only promote a more intimate relationship between the clergyman and a particular band of ringers, but also encourage him to take an active part in what is without doubt one of the most virile of the diocesan societies. J. W. CLARKE.

Chester.

HARRISON'S FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—May I add a further note to the interesting letter by Mr. Shuttleworth which appeared in the issue of April 8th.

The period in question, 1789-1833, applies only to bells in Lincolnshire churches, which were founded at the Harrisons' Barton foundry.

The bells of St. Michael's, Hawkshead, were undoubtedly cast by the first James Harrison. He would be assisted by his son Henry, as he died in the following year (1766). The work would be done at Barrow-on-Humber, about three miles from Barton, for it was not until 1770 that Henry started his work at Barton.

May I take this opportunity of mentioning that 'Barton Bells' costs 3s. plus postage, and not 3s. 6d. as previously stated. Also I wish to thank the Editor and many readers for their kind interest in my book.—Yours faithfully, W. O. VARAH.

Barton-on-Humber.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGARET

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of your columns offer my heartiest congratulations to Margaret Beamish on her achievement in ringing a peal of Cambridge Maximus recently.

A note in Belfry Gossip raises the query as to whether she is the youngest to ring a peal of Maximus on tower bells. She is, but it is a question of days only. George Pipe rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on January 8th, 1949, when he needed 91 days to his 14th birthday. Margaret, I believe, when she rang hers needed 95 days. A great achievement for both these youngsters.—Yours faithfully,

Grundisburgh. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

A BARNSLEY DISTRICT VETERAN

The Barnsley and District Society held their monthly meeting on April 9th at Horbury to mark Mr. Herbert Rowley's 60 years' service as a ringer at St. Peter's Church. A company of 50 friends gathered for tea and the meeting, during which Mr. Rowley was presented with a clock, a token of the appreciation in which he is held by the Vicar, the churchwardens and his fellow-ringers. Mr. Rowley, who is 81, is still very active, and on April 5th participated in 2,520 Minor. He was a founder member of the Barnsley and District Society in 1909.

TENORS SIZE AND WEIGHT
LITTLE RELATIONSHIP.

Dear Sir,—It was with some amusement that I read Mr. Frank Warrington's letter. He would be well advised to reread it, and then ask if its contents do not befit himself in every degree? I refer in particular to his remark, 'It is easy to make errors by guessing the weights of tenors.' That is exactly what Mr. Warrington did in reference to Yaxley and St. Mary's, Peterborough—he guessed them! He could easily have found the exact weights had he taken the trouble, both are so well known.

If he looks up my previous letter as regards Eynesbury he will see the words, 'I put it nearer 9 cwt. than 14' are used, therefore in this case the actual weight is not guessed as he tries to assert.

Contrary to this, Mr. Warrington causes to be printed an actual weight, going on the assumption that because Yaxley tenor is 44in. it is bound to be 16cwt., and Eynesbury, 43in., 15 cwt., which incidentally has 'grown' yet another cwt. since the report of his peal, which he then gave as 14 cwt.

Whilst I agree with Mr. Warrington that one cannot come to a conclusion as to actual weight by ringing or the 'go' of a bell, experience tells me that neither must one come to a conclusion of actual weight (or even approximate weight) by diameter at the sound bow. I fail to see where Mr. Warrington is an authority on weight by measurement at the sound bow, which proves nothing, any more than his boasts of having rung tenors from 4¼ to 54 cwt. (a claim which I can make myself—Brockenhurst and Bow). It is a mistake also for one to think (as some do) that because one can ring a multiplication of Surprise methods they are impregnable on every other issue of bells. And the pitch of a bell is also no guide, as will be noticed by a few instances here given, which will no doubt set the infallible Mr. Warrington' a puzzler:—

All Saints', Northampton, 52in., 21cwt. 1qr. 10lb.; Kettering, 52in., 23cwt. 1qr. 4lb.; against which is Oakham, 49in., 24cwt. 2qr. 9lb., and Hanslope, 49in., 22cwt. 8lb.; Higham Ferrers, 50in., 22cwt. 3qr. 17lb., against which is Rothwell, 50¾in., 21cwt. 3lb., and Castle Abbey, 50½in., 19cwt. 2qr. 24lb.; Tichmarsh, 46in., 17cwt. 3qr. 22lb., against which is Claybrook, 46in., 13cwt. 3qr. 7lb., and Wootton, Northants, 46in., 13cwt. 2qr. 21lb.; Badby, 45½in., 17cwt., against which is Long Buckby, 45¾in., 15cwt. 1qr. 27lb., and Walgrave, 45in., 13cwt. 2qr. 8lb.; St. Peter's, Northampton, 43½in., 12cwt. 2qr., against which is Pattishall, 40¾in., 12cwt. 2qr. 12lb.; Weekley, 37in., 8cwt. 10lb., against which is Stoke Albany, 37in., 10cwt. 5lb.

And here is an even wider variation: Whiston, Northants, 42½in., 15cwt. 4lb.; Welford, 42in., 12cwt. 1qr. 26lb.; Naseby, 42½in., 12cwt. 3qr. 19lb.; Piddington, 42in., 11cwt. 1qr. 6lb.; Orlingbury, 42½in., 10cwt. 3qr. 8lb.

Now we come to pitch. Each of the following are in key E flat: St. Saviour's, Leicester, 25cwt. 3qr. 12lb.; All Saints', Northampton, 21cwt. 1qr. 10lb.; Castle Ashby, 19cwt. 2qr. 24lb.; Claybrook, 13cwt. 3qr. 7lb.; and Wootton, Northants, 13cwt. 2qr. 21lb. This last tower I would like Mr. Warrington to visit. He'd say, 'Not only does the tenor sound like a ton but rings like a ton.' Tenors in D: Birmingham Cathedral, 31cwt. 21lb.; Olney, 25cwt.; Coalbrookdale, 19cwt. Tenors in F sharp: Empingham, 15cwt. 2qr. 9lb.; Hazelbeech, 15cwt. 12lb.; St. Sepulchre's, Northampton. 14cwt. 3qr. 7lb.; Welford, 12cwt. 1qr. 26lb.; Burton Latimer, 10cwt. 3lb.; Sharnbrook, 9cwt. 3qr. Similar instances apply in other keys. If so, how does Mr. Warrington account for these variations, especially between Whiston and Orlingbury tenors on the question of measurement? P. AMOS.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES MARSHALL.

The death by accident of Mr. Charles Marshall at the age of 45 will be read with profound regret by his many friends inside and outside of his own county. Charlie (among his friends) had just recovered from a severe illness, which had kept him indisposed for some 15 weeks, having recommenced his work on the Monday previous to his death.

He was, and had been for years, a stalwart of the St. Thomas', South Wigston, belfry. A grand personality and ringer and a very keen Guild member, rarely did he miss a district meeting.

As secretary of the St. Thomas' band he was responsible for the organising of many very enjoyable social and ringing tours. Ringing without doubt was his chief hobby, and his greatest pleasure was to take part in peal attempts both on tower bells and handbells. A 'solid' peal ringer, he had rung in the region of 150 peals, including 70 handbell peals during the past two years.

Without doubt Charles Marshall's greatest moment in the world of peal ringing was at hand when he called 'That's all' to a peal of Double Norwich that he conducted on the occasion of their Majesties' Silver Wedding anniversary. This peal was scored by an entirely local band, the first local in such a method to be rung on St. Thomas' bells, thanks to his conducting efforts.

The interment took place at Wigston on April 5th, and the service at St. Thomas' was attended by a large number of people. Among the ringers paying tribute, apart from the local band, were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Miss Jill Poole, Mr. Ernest Morris, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. H. Wayne and Mr. S. Cheney. The bells were rung half-muffled prior to the cortege entering the church, and handbells were rung by members of the local company at the graveside. As a last tribute a really well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in the late afternoon and evening.

The passing of such a ringer as Charles Marshall, in such a tragic way, leaves the belfry of St. Thomas', South Wigston, so very much poorer, and indeed the Exercise in general has lost an ever present Sunday service ringer. He leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom has taken to his father's hobby. May he attain the heights as a ringer and conductor. W. A. RIDDINGTON.

MR. JOSEPH POTTER.

News has been received of the death of Mr. Joseph Potter, of Parkersburg, U.S.A., at the age of 79 years. A former conductor of the Walkden (Lancs) band, he went to U.S.A. in 1906. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1888 and had rung 104 peals for the Lancashire Association. He died on March 30th and was buried at the Olivet Cemetery on April 1st. He leaves two sons and one daughter.

MR. R. L. PATTERSON.

Mr. Robert Leonard Patterson, captain of the St. Ignatius' Bellringers' Guild, Sunderland, died on April 13th, at the age of 68. He had been in failing health for some time and the last occasion on which he rang a bell was on Christmas morning, 1948.

Mr. Patterson was the only surviving founder member of the St. Ignatius' Guild, he having joined on May 3rd, 1898, when it was first formed. He succeeded the late Joseph W. Parker as captain on June 2nd, 1947, and they were life-long friends.

From 1945 to 1947 he was president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and was a vice-president for many years before that. He had 101 peals to his credit, 14 of which he conducted.

The funeral took place on Easter Monday.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 22 lb.

*Stephen Penny ...	...*Treble*	Denis Mottershead ...	4
June Henshaw	2	†Harold C. Lonyon ...	5
Barry Corbishley ...	3	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold C. Lonyon.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

Harry C. Jones ...	...*Treble*	*Anthony E. Cox ...	4
Walter Lee	2	Percy Newton	5
Doreen Coker	3	Roland Biggs ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Biggs.
* First of Cambridge Minor

ENFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

*Percival K. Waterman	*Treble*	Jack Mussell	4
William A. Theobald	2	Frank L. Harris... ...	5
Miss Jean M. Brown	3	Ronald N. Marlow	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Hugh Reynolds ...	...*Treble*	Vernon Sykes	4
Richard Benson ...	2	Philip H. Tocock ...	5
Stephen Ll. Parry ...	3	Jack Clegg	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Clegg.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gwendoline,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

David H. Bennett ...	...*Treble*	David J. Griffiths ...	4
*William G. Smith ...	2	Bernard H. Davies...	5
Jones L. Gwynne ...	3	†Reginald J. Rees	...*Tenor*

Conducted by David H. Bennett.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford, and Kent T.B.

*Roland Flint ...	...*Treble*	*Donald Chadwick ...	4
Miss G. Burchnall ...	2	Frederick Flint ...	5
Miss K. Burchnall ...	3	H. T. Rooke ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. T. Rooke.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a 14th birthday peal for Douglas Rooke.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Roland Beniston	*Treble*	C. William Hall	4
John A. Underwood...	2	Alan Jacques	5
*Stanley Brewin	3	G. Ronald Edwards	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Ronald Edwards.
* First in seven methods.

YATESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 240 Morris' Grandsire, 16 120's Grandsire, 16 120's Plain Bob and eight 120's April Day. Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. Goddard	...*Treble*	†J. Roberts	3
*Miss K. Preston ...	2	‡A. Rogers	4

Richard E. Manton ...*Tenor*
Conducted by Richard E. Manton.
* First peal. † First in three methods. ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor. First peal on bells.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Charles W. Walklate	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe ...	4
Alfred Mould	2	†Harold Taylor	5
†John F. Wilkinson ...	3	Denis R. Carlisle	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Boh. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	George A. Fleming ...	4
*John E. T. Wiseman...	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	5
†George W. Pipe... ...	3	Cecil W. Pipe ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 120's Stedman, eight April Day, eight Plain Bob, eight Canterbury, and fourteen Grandsire.

Ernest Morris ...	...*Treble*	Charles E. Cooper ...	3
Harold T. Bonshor ...	2	*R. Cyril Tyler	4

J. Harry Cook ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by Charles E. Cooper.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

Roy C. Hurst	1-2	William G. Young... ...	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	William Rogers	7-8

Conducted by William Rogers.
First peal as conductor 'in hand.' A second birthday compliment to Yvonne, granddaughter of the conductor.

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At 68, Newfield Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Margaret E. L. Beamish	1-2	Thomas W. Sheppard ...	5-6
Frank E. Pervin	3-4	Hubert Summers	7-8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.
* First peal of Bob Major on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian Warwick	1-2	Harold J. Poole	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	*Harry Poyner	7-8

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
*** First peal. A compliment to Mrs. Ballard, mother of Alfred Ballard, on her 72nd birthday.**

Dedications

BUCKERELL, DEVON.

The picturesque village of Buckerell, on the northern slope of the Otter Valley overlooking Ottery St. Mary, had its war memorial, a new treble bell, making a ring of six, dedicated on April 9th.

The existing bells had been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry, the mediæval tenors for retuning and the other three, dated 1872-3 and in poor condition, for recasting.

The Bishop of Crediton performed the dedication service in the presence of a large congregation. Over 50 visitors were entertained to tea by relatives and friends of the ringers.

A welcome to the visitors was extended by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Chappell), who complimented Mr. F. H. Parr, the captain, for his work in raising the money. Mr. F. C. Smale (secretary of the Guild) added his congratulations and praised Mr. A. A. Hughes on the splendid tone of the bells, which was the general opinion of the company present.

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent were rung. The fifth and tenor (weight 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.) are believed to be from Exeter Foundry of Roger or Robert Morton.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

Five months for an idea to be mooted and brought to a successful conclusion must surely be a record. Such a feat has been accomplished at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Meopham, Kent, by the Vicar, the Rev. V. S. Nicholls. This church possessed a ring of six bells which sadly needed rehanging, and on the call for assistance, Mrs. F. E. Worthington, wife of the churchwarden, kindly offered to bear the whole of the expense of the rehanging and in addition give two new trebles to complete the octave.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who quarter turned, tuned and rehung the old six and added the new bells in an iron frame.

The dedication service, which unfortunately clashed with a meeting of the Rochester District at Cobham, two miles away, was held on April 9th.

This grand old church, which had been renovated and redecorated throughout, was filled with parishioners and friends, and the service was conducted by the Vicar.

The Dean of Rochester, the Very Rev. T. Crick, Chaplain to the King, and patron of the living, gave the address and dedicated the bells. He paid tribute to the work of the Vicar and also spoke of the service that ringers were rendering the Church

As the local ringers were not sufficiently advanced, the ringing during the service was done by a band from Milton and Gravesend, arranged by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. treasurer of the Kent Association.

After the service the ringing continued until 9.30, and Mr. Bert Newsom, the representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was congratulated on the way the work had been carried out.

A PRESENTATION

Ringers from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex assembled at Diss on April 2nd, when a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Eric G. Bennett to mark the occasion of their marriage at Blo' Norton. The gift, an electric kettle, was presented to them by Miss Kathleen Harrison.

Mr. C. J. More, Ringing Master at Diss, presided and handed them an address and list of donors. He spoke of the valued service Mr. Bennett had given to the Norwich Diocesan Association. Mr. A. G. Harrison, branch secretary, South Norfolk, endorsed his remarks and referred to Mr. Bennett's long association with the Diss ringers and his popularity with the Suffolk Guild. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett suitably replied.

Wrexham Combined Meeting

Over forty ringers attended a combined meeting of the North Wales Association and the Chester Branch of the Chester Guild, held at Wrexham on March 26th. Among those present were Mr. A. J. Hughes, Bangor, and Mr. James Swindley, Chester, whom it was good to see are both recovering after a serious illness.

At the service which followed an hour's ringing the Vicar, Canon Robert Davies, gave a very interesting address about the parish church, which was much appreciated. He said that the present church was finished in 1472, and was the third structure to be built on the site. The first was blown down in a gale in 1331, and the second was destroyed by fire in 1457.

The tower, which is a fine example of perpendicular architecture, is 135ft. high, and the exterior is ornamented with sculptured life-size figures of thirty saints, among whom is St. Giles, to whom the church is dedicated. It is one of the seven wonders of Wales, which are rhymed as follows:—

Pistyll Rhaiader and Wrexham steeple,
Snowdon's mountain without its people;
Overton Yewtrees, St. Winifred Wells,
Llangollen Bridge and Gresford Bells.

The church has a close connection with Yale University, in Connecticut, U.S.A., as Elihu Yale, founder of the famous university, is buried in Wrexham parish churchyard, and became a mecca for American soldiers during the war. Many of them must have found the church tower very familiar, as Yale University is built as an exact replica of it, and incorporated at its base is a stone from the original Wrexham tower. The tercentenary of Elihu Yale's birth occurs on Tuesday, April 5th.

At the tea which followed the service, Mr. G. R. Griffiths, Chester, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and for the use of the bells. Mr. A. J. Hughes, Bangor, seconded.

It was decided to hold the next combined meeting at Farndon some time in the summer. Gresford bells were also available for ringing after tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The first quarterly meeting and service of the year was held at Stanford-le-Hope on April 2nd, when the 40 members attending included visitors from Gravesend and Northfleet.

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. G. Howell, Master of the local band. The impressive service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. P. G. H. Pearse.

At the meeting nine new members were elected, and the Rector consented to become an hon. member. The secretary reported two new towers in union—North Ockendon and South Benfleet. These were cordially welcomed.

It was very encouraging to see the numbers of young people at the meeting, and when it is remembered that some of them had cycled 16 miles and faced a wet journey home it is very evident that the right spirit is being shown in the district.

ASH, SOMERSET. — On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. C. Beale 1, R. Beale 2, R. Welch 3, D. R. Best 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, H. F. Gaylard 6. First quarter in three methods by all.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kingston 1, P. Underwood 2, R. Monk 3, R. J. Andrews 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, D. Sleet (cond.) 6.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.—Os Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Whiteway 1, A. Wenban 2, Edna Sills (cond.) 3, E. Sills 4, S. King 5, G. Acott 6.

NOTICES

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MARRIAGE

WEBB—EDMOND. — On April 9th, 1949, at Wigan, James Stephen Webb, R.A.F., elder son of Mrs. Webb and the late Mr. W G. Webb, of Tunstall, Kent, to Barbara Maudson Edmond, elder daughter of Francis Edmond, C.B.E., and Mrs. Edmond, of Standish. 5100

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of John and Michael Chilcott is now 20, Crosslands Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. 5102

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Weekly practices will be held during the summer term on the 3rd Monday of the month at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 6.15, and every other Monday at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, at 6.30, starting on April 25th. 5112

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.' —The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'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

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MODERNISED in the light of recent experience, Central Council's handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Nutfield (6), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss N. C. Kempsell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 5041

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaconsfield, Saturday, April 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea, White Hart, 4.45. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5037

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (8), on Saturday, Apr. 23rd, 3. Tea, Y.W.C.A., High Road, 5.15. Business meeting 6.15. Ringing after. Notification for tea to Mr. A. E. Hoare, 34, King Road, N.17. Wood Green (6) in the afternoon if possible. —R. H. Begrie. 5054

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUUTH.—Winchester District. — Tichborne (6), Apr. 23rd, 2.30. Also Cheriton (6). Service 4.15. Tea 5.—L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5060

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 5038

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Apr. 23rd. Bells during afternoon, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's; after tea, Cathedral and St. Peter's. Committee, St. Peter's, 3.15. Service Cathedral, 4.15. Tea, Co-operative Cafe, 5. Meeting St. Peter's, 6. 5058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glastonbury Deanery.—Meeting at Croscombe, Saturday, April 23rd, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 5069

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Kingsclere, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5074

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly, Amport (6), April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Abbott's Ann (5), Thruxton (5), after tea. 5075

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sandford Peverell, Apr. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea early.—C. G. Dymond, Sec., Silverton. 5086

ELLAND, YORKS.—Bells available for meeting Saturday, Apr. 23rd, from 3. Tea Parochial Hall. Everybody welcome. Notification for tea not required.—F. Linfoot. 5083

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Burbage (Buxton), Apr. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Peak District Society members cordially invited.—C. K. Lewis. 5080

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5099

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Helens on Apr. 30th. Bells at Prescot, St. Helens Parish, St. Thomas', St. Helens, from 2. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea 2s. 6d. each.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley, Secs. 5051

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (Bruce Castle), on Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5061

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 to 5 and after meeting. Tea 5, for which please notify Mr. F. W. Elliott, 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth, Herts, by Monday, Apr. 25th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5077

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting Hambledon, Apr. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the New Inn. Names by Apr. 26th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 5065

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY. — Meeting Alrewas, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, 2s. 3d. Nomes for tea by Tuesday, 26th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5078

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Stratford-on-Avon, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Royal Restaurant. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting in ringing room. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to C. R. Steed, 10, Avon Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5079

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stanwick, Apr. 30th. Service 4.30. Names early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5082

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Annual meeting Dorchester, Oxon, Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea (accommodation limited) by Apr. 26th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 5081

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Worcester on Saturday, Apr. 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon. General business meeting at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, at 2.30 p.m. prompt. A resolution will be moved to increase the annual subscriptions. All Saints' bells (10) available at 11 a.m. Other bells and times announced at meeting. Lunch at the Old Rectifying House at 1.30. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, only for those who apply to me with remittance by first post on Wednesday, Apr. 27th.—J. D. Johnson. Hon. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5084

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stevenage, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Apr. 27th to Mr. W. Lawrence, 97, Letchmore Road, Stevenage.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5094

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Tendring (6), Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify me for tea by the 26th, please. —H. J. Millatt, 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5091

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Headcorn, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 5104

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Almondsbury (8), April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5114

WINGHAM, KENT.—Open practice, Saturday, April 30th, 6 p.m., and last Saturday each month if sufficient support. Everyone, especially beginners, welcome.—W. Bottrill. 5111

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by 27th.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 5115

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Upton St. Leonard's (8), April 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, King's Head, 2s. Names by April 27th to W. Sidwell, 3, Honyatt Road, Gloucester. 5116

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch. — Branch meeting at Wroxham, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at the Horse Shoes Hotel for all who send names to Mr. G. Bailey, The Lawn, Norwich Road, Wroxham, by Tuesday, April 26th. — H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 5109

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon (6), April 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5107

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Liss, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) St. Mary's. Bells (6) St. Peter's, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify for tea by Monday, April 25th, C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 5105

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing commences 2 p.m.—C. Raine, Hon. Sec. 5127

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Countesthorpe (6) and Willoughby Waterleys (5), Saturday, April 30th (changed from Thurcaston). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. R. Hubbard, 10, Peatling End, Countesthorpe, by Tuesday, April 26th.—W. Root, District Sec. 5120

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Magna, April 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5119

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m Tea (2s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for those who notify Mr. R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8, by Tuesday, April 26th. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 5123

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, April 30th, at Sedlescombe (6). Bells 2.30. Teas for those who notify by 28th.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5121

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—St. Mary Cray, Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea (2s.) by April 25th.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5118

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Duston (6), April 30th. Bells 3.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 5124

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Meeting at Bredfield, April 30th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Rev. H. W. Cotton, Bredfield, Woodbridge. 5129

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting Lifton, May 7th; usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5055

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Pinhoe, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by May 2nd. 5117

LINCOLN GUILD.—Joint meeting of Lincoln and Sleaford Districts at Sleaford on May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, by the Tuesday previous.—D. Wray and J. Freeman, Hon. Secs 5122

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Ealing, May 7th. Bells, Christ Church, 3 to 4.30 and evening; St. Mary's, 3 to 4 and evening; St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 4. Service, Christ Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by May 5th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 5098

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (13) 3 to 8. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names to Mr. J. Carter, 6, Gosford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. — E. Walker. 5161

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, May 7th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 9d. p.h.), Hawdon Institute, 5, followed by general meeting. Names to J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, by May 5th. Subs are due and reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 5103

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Social, May 7th, Angel Hotel, 7 p.m. Names, not numbers, to Mr. W. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, not later than Wednesday, April 27th. 5125

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 7th. Service, St. Nicholas' (Archdeacon of Chichester) 4. Tea and business meeting, Union Church Hall, 4.40. Names for tea to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by May 2nd. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening; the Good Shepherd, evening.—S. E. Armstrong, Gen. Sec. 5126

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division. — Meeting at Great Wakering (6), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from Victoria Circus, Southend. Essentially a meeting for beginners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea by May 5th to H. Milton, Amil, High Street, Great Wakering. 5106

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford, Saturday, May 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon. St. Nicolas' afternoon and evening. Service, Cathedral Church, 4.15. Tea and business meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by May 1st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey. 5108

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunmow. 5128

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Farnborough (5), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. J. D. Steele, West Ilsley Rectory, Newbury, by Wednesday, May 4th. 5110

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, May 7th. Bells, St. Margaret's (12), 1.30 to 4; All Saints' (6), 2 to 4; Cathedral (12), 2 to 4; St. John's, 2 to 4.30. Service, St. John's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. George's Hall, 5. Names by Tuesday, May 3rd, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester.—W. Wood, Gen. Sec. 5113

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

The grand ring of eight at Netherseale (former home of the Guild's president, Mr. W. W. Worthington) was well tested by 35 ringers and friends on April 2nd.

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