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YORKSHIRE'S MESSAGE

THIS week-end the leaders of the Exercise will assemble at York for the meeting of the Central Council. Yorkshire ringers are sparing no pains to make the occasion worthy of their guests, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the hon. secretary of the host Association, has had a particularly onerous time in answering the many queries of the visitors.

Yorkshire has a new president in the Rev. C. O. Ellison, who was introduced to the Council at their last meeting in London within a few days of accepting office. The familiar face of Canon C. C. Marshall will be missed. His long tenure of office has been followed by his recent death. He left Yorkshire in the hope that in the warmth of Devonshire he would be restored to health after his accident, but it was not to be.

As the largest county in England, Yorkshire takes its appropriate place in the annals of English ringing with 1,520 members. Its ringing is also of a high standard, and it is interesting to note that more than one-third of the 1948 peals rung for the Association was of Surprise methods. There was a time when Kent Treble Bob was the 'backbone' method of the Association, so much so that it came to be dubbed 'Yorkshire Glory.' A great change has undoubtedly taken place, comments Mr. W. Barton, the hon. peal secretary, 'for it will be noticed, perhaps with wonder, that only two peals of Kent appear in this year's list; this is a break in tradition that none of us will deplore so long as the accurate striking which was a feature of the old Treble Bob ringing, is maintained.'

The Association makes a strong point in not belittling peals rung in standard methods, especially where a young band is struggling in the elementary stages or where there is little or no opportunity to practise the more advanced methods. 'To our members who are so placed our message is: Keep on trying, and when you attend an Association meeting go with the fixed determination that you will ring something you cannot get at home. In the meantime your peals of Grandsire and Plain Bob are just as welcome to us as the Surprise peals rung by your more experienced brethren.'

This sentiment, we feel sure, will receive general endorsement. Contrary to what has been expressed in certain quarters, the yard stick of English ringing is the peal and not the 10-minute touch. The peal demonstrates the mastery of the method as a ringer and later as a conductor. Peal ringing is not, as some of our readers indicate, confined to a few. Among the resident members of the Yorkshire Association no fewer than 202 rang peals last year and 564 have peals recorded to their credit in the last report of the Association. In addition there is a very long list of out-of-county members who are peal ringers. It cannot be over-emphasised that where ringers have peal experience the standard of Sunday service ringing is at its highest.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At Southwark Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

FRANK I. HAIRS ... Treble	†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS...	7
BETTY SPICE ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM...	8
LEONARD H. BOWLER... 3	A. W. J. APPLETON ... 9	
EDWARD J. BEER ... 4	†ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 10	
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 5	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... 11	
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 6	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor	

Composed by J. CARTER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.
; 200th peal. Rung for the inauguration of the London Diocesan Mission. Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Treble	*RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 7	
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 8	
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	*H. LESLIE PASK ... 9	
ARCHER T. LEWMAN ... 4	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 10	
FREDERICK W. STOKES... 5	JOHN WALDEN ... 11	
WALTER TOMLINSON ... 6	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor	

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in method. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. For the golden jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6	
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES... 7	
ALLEN MORGAN ... 3	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 8	
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 9	
RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... 5	GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor	

Composed by WILLIAM KENT.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Percy Thomas, donor of five new bells and clock in this tower. Tenor 14 cwt.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6	
*RUSSELL PARKER ... 2	*CHARLES E. FISHER ... 7	
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 8	
WILLIOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 9	
FRANK L. FISHER ... 5	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Royal. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary, George and Denis,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD KENRICK ... Treble	*BURLEY WALSHAW ... 6	
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	*RICHARD LONGDEN ... 7	
*HAROLD LONGDEN ... 3	SELWYN DEARDEN ... 8	
WILLIAM PYE ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... 9	
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (7). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Longden and Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5100 CHANGES;

JOYCE ENGLAND ... Treble	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 6	
DENIS N. LAYTON ... 2	*A. W. J. APPLETON ... 7	
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 8	
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 9	
ALBERT J. ADAMS ... 5	FRANK E. DARBY ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells as conductor. First peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal ever rung. Peal contains 2,700 changes Plain Bob and 2,400 Kent Treble Bob, with 70 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES W. EDEN ... Treble	*ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 5	
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS... 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... 6	
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... 7	
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... Treble	†ERIC NAYLOR ... 5	
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 6	
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	TREVOR A. CROSS ... 7	
BERT W. MAY ... 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEO. A. NAYLOR.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. In honour of the twelfth anniversary of the Coronation of their Majesties.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,528 Cambridge and 2,528 Superlative with 45 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*JOYCE P. GAYMER ... Treble	*ERNEST WALLACE ... 5	
*JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	*GORDON JOHNSON ... 6	
*MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 7	
RICHARD A. GOSTON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES... Tenor	

Composed by JOS. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor and 50th peal for the Association. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, which was rung in this tower.



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IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST GRIMES Treble	JOHN CRAPNELL 5
DENNIS CRAPNELL (14) ... 2	HARRY LISTER 6
ERNEST BLOMFIELD 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 7
LESLIE FORSTER 4	SIDNEY ARBON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by HARRY LISTER.
In memoriam Lt. Peter Batterby, son of Canon Batterby, Vicar.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

PERCY PAGE Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILFRED W. RING 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by F. G. HUCKSTEPP.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 16 cwt.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ROCHESTER ROW, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANCES;

MISS SHEILA E. HARRIS Treble	SQUIRE CROFT 5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 2	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 6
CHARLES W. OTTLEY 3	*G. MONTAGU MEYER ... 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells for over 25 years. For the Mission to London. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

*JACK MUSSELL Treble	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 5
FRANK L. HARRIS 2	HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 6
*JEAN M. BROWN 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 7
*JAMES E. DANIELS 4	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	JOHN O. WELLER 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
ROBERT COLLINS 3	+BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	+THOMAS E. SONE ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. + 25th peal together.

KILBURN, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*AUDREY BARKER Treble	R. MARY DAVIES 5
+DOROTHY M. WATTS ... 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 6
*MAUD LANE 3	ALFRED BONE 7
ELSIE LANKESTER 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal on eight bells. + First peal 'inside'. † First peal of Major 'inside'. A prelude to the Mission to London.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JAMES THORLEY Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 4	ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.
First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam Canon C. C. Marshall, former president of the Association.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
ARTHUR D. COOK 2	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*CHARLES WENBAN ... Treble	†FREDERICK BULLOCK ... 5
+EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH 2	RALPH BIRD 6
FREDK. A. H. CATTELL 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
*ALBERT C. WENBAN ... 4	JOHN E. ROOTES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from treble.
+ First peal. § First peal in method. Rung for the Mission to London.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SANDRINCHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JAMES THORLEY Treble	*†ARTHUR FIRTH 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	+J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. E. CAWSEY.
* 100th peal for the Association. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 20 cwt.
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
Rung in connection with the Mission to London.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., May 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*DEREK KNOWLES ... Treble	DAVID HINGLEY 5
*P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 2	*DEREK J. TRANTER ... 6
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Bob Major. First of Major as conductor.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Wed., May 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
BRO. NORMAN HEAPS, Lodge of Unity (613) Treble	
BRO. ALBERT FORD, Affability Lodge (317) 2	
BRO. JOHN ROTHWELL, Ormskirk Priory Lodge (4007) ... 3	
BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge (5657) 4	
*BRO. EDWARD ASHCROFT, Latham Abbey Lodge (6286) ... 5	
BRO. JOHN WORTH, Unity Lodge (267) 6	
W.BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Minerva Lodge (4002) ... 7	
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Lodge of Antiquity (146) ... Tenor	

Conducted by W.BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* First peal. In memoriam Bro. Eric Hartley, Temple Fortune Lodge.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EILEEN M. CHENEY ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
†GERALD F. BALL ... 2	JOHN R. SMITH ... 6
ALAN JACQUES ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major. † First of Cambridge Major on working bell.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... Treble	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	JOHN R. SMITH ... 6
*HARRY G. WAYNE ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
*ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... 2	RONALD KENRICK ... 6
MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... 7
MISS VERA DRAPER ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

In memoriam to Eric B. Hartley, of Wembley.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE S. BUSH ... Treble	CHARLES O. WOOD ... 5
HERBERT GOAKES ... 2	STANLEY GILBERT ... 6
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	*FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First Treble Bob Major. A peal of welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. G. E. Quinion.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 5
JOHN JACKSON ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
MISS JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3	*JAMES BLACKBURN ... 7
THOMAS BARKER ... 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (140). Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

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

ASH (SANDWICH), KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

JOHN WILLIS ... Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal in the method by all except H. Parkes.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7. Tenor 19 cwt.	
MISS MARY WALSHAW ... Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 5
PETER G. PARROTT ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
MISS JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 7
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	JOHN ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*ALEX RICHARDSON ... Treble	*DORIS E. COLGATE ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	*JOHN O. WELLER ... 6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
*ROBERT COLLINS ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A compliment to Angelia, daughter of Mr. R. T. Lambert, in the gift of a daughter (Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jenkins).

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD H. TODD ... Treble	CYRIL J. BARBER ... 5
CHARLES CATCHPOLE ... 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 6
ERNEST A. HEAD ... 3	ERNEST WHITING ... 7
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 4	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
WALTER TOMLINSON ... 2	*H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London. † 50th peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Dennis W. Townhill, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., and Mabel I. Ellingworth, both of whom are Lincoln ringers.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 5
PATRICK PRESTON ... 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH BOOTH ... Treble	ERIC HORNBY ... 4
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 2	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 5
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON ... 3	DAVID SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor and a welcome to the Rev. F. G. Gentry as curate at Davenham.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clements', Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS BARBARA HARRIS ... Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 4
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung as an eve-of-christening peal for Evelyn Joyce Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Webb, of 9, Northumberland Avenue, Slough. Rung on the back six.

(Further peals on page 257.)

ANCASTER, LINGS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns (first quarter) 1, M. Simpson 2, E. Towns 3, I. Towns (first 'inside') 4, J. Musson (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson, Vicar.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, H. Parkes 2, W. Ring 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, T. Cullingworth 5, H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett (cond.) 7, D. Godden 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Bonnett 1, B. Scoot (first 'inside') 2, R. V. Webb 3, H. Werrett 4, I. Werrett 5, W. D. Pooley 6, J. S. Dear (first as cond.) 7, W. Collins 8.

CHELTHENHAM, GLOS.—At St. Mary's on May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Martin 1, P. Baker 2, I. Goulter 3, F. Nurden 4, B. Boreham 5, G. Kilminster 6, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 7, L. Tibbits 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. E. Lidbetter (cond.) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, R. Charge 4, W. Prockson 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maclean 1, D. Maclean 2, A. Maclean (first 'inside') 3, G. Bagley 4, W. Lago 5, J. Hanley 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, F. Hill 8. In memoriam William Saunders.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on May 8th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: Miss P. Steere (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, C. Parks 3, E. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, D. D. Cooper 6, G. Steere 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Miller 1, E. E. Pearson 2, G. F. Burton 3, H. G. Lawn 4, E. C. Pearson 5, J. W. Barber 6, W. J. Cross (cond.) 7, D. A. Franklin (first quarter) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. H. Mills (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. J. L. Joyce (first 'inside' Minor) 2, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 3, A. G. Gasson 4, R. C. Turner 5, P. L. Eldridge 6.

QUARTER PEALS

FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, DORSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Cottrell (first quarter) 1, J. B. Whalley 2, Miss J. Day (first 'inside') 3, H. R. Pink (cond.) 4, C. A. E. Treasure 5, K. W. Hewitt 6. For the wedding of Mr. T. Falkner and Miss K. Vidler, a ringer at Fordington.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,344 Ashtead Surprise Major: H. Baker 1, E. J. Ladd 2, R. Collins 3, Miss D. E. Colgate 4, R. E. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert 6, B. F. Baker 7, T. E. Sone (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 7.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan C. Copeman 1, W. C. Hughes 2, H. Gates 3, P. A. Martin 4, O. E. Latchford 5, L. S. Baines 6, W. Ayre (cond.) 7, T. G. Morton 8. First of Grandsire 1, 5, 6 and 8. In memoriam Mr. E. G. T. Horn, churchwarden.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jemmett 1, T. Appleby 2, A. Street (first of Triples) 3, P. Aldridge 4, T. Hatto 5, J. Eymour 6, E. Nash (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Birthday compliments to Mrs. A. Jemmett and the conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On May 1st, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, J. Kape 2, R. Coles 3, G. R. Goodship 4, Miss D. Coker 5, Miss S. Coker 6, E. Markham 7, W. H. Plumridge 8, A. E. Cox 9, W. Avery 10, C. A. Smith 11, M. Ward 12. First quarter on 12 by 2, 9, 10, 12. For the 80th birthday of Mr. S. T. Goodchild.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Todd (first in method) 1, G. Cherry 2, E. Winters 3, P. Jones 4, F. Croft 5, D. C. Mears 6, L. Fidler (cond.) 7, A. J. Barker (first quarter) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On May 1st, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Bob Major: R. F. H. Harman (first in method) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, W. D. Prockson 3, E. F. Pryor 4, R. Newman 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6, D. F. Harman 7, J. G. Nash 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob: A. G. Cook 1, L. S. Baines 2, L. Hicks 3, T. Morton 4, E. Upton 5, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 3.

LONDON.—On May 8th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: J. B. Sansom 1, H. Belcher 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, D. G. Clift 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, R. W. Green 6, D. Parsons 7, H. Langdon 8, R. F. Deal 9, A. W. J. Appleton 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, J. E. Chilcott 12.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On May 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, J. Clayton 4, H. Pickles 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Atterbury 1, W. H. Austin 2, B. O. Soden 3, W. Robinson (first quarter in method) 4, W. R. Parker 5, G. S. Valentine 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, W. G. Farey 8.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Taylor 1, A. G. Taylor 2, Miss Esme Taylor 3, Mrs. A. Taylor 4, J. Weaver 5, C. Taylor 6, B. Garrett (first of Triples as cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. In memoriam Lord Portal, Lord Lieutenant of the county.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dowdeswell (first of Triples) 1, W. Dyer (cond.) 2, W. Newman 3, H. Hodson 4, G. Walters 5, C. Rouse 6, T. Boreham 7, F. Pendry 8. In memoriam Canon J. Baghot-De La Bere, some time chairman of Cheltenham Branch.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Rivers 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, G. Martin 3, W. E. Judd 4, E. L. A. Hudson 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8. In memoriam Canon A. G. P. Baines.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gill (first quarter) 1, F. Andrews 2, J. Chilcott 3, R. Humphries 4, W. Tiley (cond.) 5, G. Carey (first quarter) 6, R. Higgins 7, H. Doel 8. Rung with 4.6.8 covering.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. Isaac T. Rushton, for 58 years a local ringer, has been elected Mayor of Clitheroe, Lancs. On the day of his election local ringers rang a peal in his honour.

A broken rope caused the peal at Stoke, Coventry, on May 25th, in honour of the 60th anniversary of the first peal by Mr. Adolphus Roberts, to come to grief. Mr. Roberts was participating. Afterwards 1,344 Little Bob Major was successfully brought round.

Mr. Walter Tomlinson has circled Harmston, Lincs, tower.

Mr. D. R. Morris has circled the tower of St. John-the-Baptist's, Worcester.

The Surrey Association at their meeting at Kingston collected £2 3s. 9d. for Benhilton Bell Fund. Over 70 ringers were present.

Mr. F. C. Goodman has been elected acting ringing master of the North Norfolk Branch. At the recent meeting at Wroxham ringing was cancelled because of the passing of Mr. F. W. Middleton.

Thurstans' four-part was first called by H. Johnson on May 18th, 1846. The in memoriam peal to Mr. Eric Hartley was in this method and rung on May 18th at Aughton, near Southport, where he spent his boyhood.

At Holsworthy, Devon, the ring of eight is being recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and the weight of the tenor increased from 12½ to 15½ cwt. A new modern framework and fittings are to be provided. The firm's electro-pneumatic tune-playing mechanism is also to be fitted. This is designed not to interfere with the normal ringing of the bells.

Forwarding details of a peal at Ticehurst, Mr. A. P. Cannon writes: I certainly congratulate the Exeter peal band, but would like to watch the efforts of the six strongest men in the band ringing a peal at Ticehurst. This is the place for the cream to come to if they think they can ring 'bad going' bells as opposed to heavy bells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Leicester Diocesan Guild have introduced to the Exercise Bedford Surprise Maximus, a peal of which was rung on May 23rd.

Castle Cary, Somerset, ring of eight is being rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor.

Peals for the Bishop of London's Mission were rung at Hendon and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

By ringing the 5th at Burnham, Bucks, to a peal on May 14th, Mr. H. W. Barrett has now circled the tower twice.

We regret to learn that Major Alfred H. Jones, of Penshurst, Kent, met with a fatal accident on May 25th. He was greatly interested in ringing and ringing machines and had contributed to our columns.

The five bells at Lilbourne, Northants, where a peal was rung on May 17th, was the last to be cast by the Kettering foundry of Eayre, circa 1762. The bells were last rehung by Day, of Eye, Suffolk, in 1905 in wood fittings on the old wood frame. The recent peal revealed that the attention of a bellhanger is again necessary.

Finchley ringers and friends had a very enjoyable outing on May 21st around Bedford. Ringing took place at Redbourn, Clifton, Henlow, Southill and Kempston, various methods being rung, including a special touch of Bob Major for the birthday of Miss Mabel Prockson, who took part.

Leeds Parish Church ringers, on the occasion of their first annual outing, rang at Norton, near Malton, on the recently augmented eight (a joy to hear), had a bounteous luncheon at Driffild and found the music of the bells of Bridlington with their long draught compensated for the work entailed. In the evening they were joined by local ringers at Pocklington. Who was the member who found himself 'cartwheeling' with the treble?

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Tribute to Canon Marshall

The annual meeting of the Association took place in glorious weather at Selby Abbey on May 7th, and was attended by upwards of 130 members and friends, representative of all the districts. The fine ring of ten was going early to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, and at 4.15 a brief service was held, conducted by the Vicar. An excellent tea was afterwards partaken of in the Hawdon Institute, followed by the general meeting.

The chair was taken by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, who said the meeting was being held under the cloud of the passing of Canon C. C. Marshall, their former president, and the meeting stood in silence as a tribute. Canon Marshall had been the unfortunate victim of a road accident early in 1947, and tendered his resignation to the annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, in May of that year.

His untimely resignation was received with unanimous regret, and it was hoped a restful retirement would restore him to health. Most unfortunately this did not prove to be the case, and in his passing the Association has lost one of its staunchest supporters.

Unanimous votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens, organist and local company in their combined efforts to make the meeting the great success it was.

In presenting the 73rd annual report, the President said it was most gratifying to note that 149 new members had been enrolled during the year, which, after deducting those who had lapsed and passed away, represented a net increase of all but 100 on last year's total. Reports from the districts showed that the work of the Association had steadily progressed, and that a lively interest was being maintained.

The peal secretary's report showed that 111 peals had been rung during the year, 106 on tower bells and five on handbells, at 59 churches and two handbell centres and was an increase of nine on last year's total. Of this total there was one peal of Surprise Maximus, five of Surprise Royal and 33 of Surprise Major, including one Spliced in four methods. The 111 peals rung had been shared between 38 different conductors, headed by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who had called 23 peals, three of Surprise Royal and 20 of Surprise Major, and now had the double distinction of having rung 200 peals for the Association, 100 of which he had conducted.

RISE IN COSTS: A WARNING.

The balance sheet showed a loss on the year's working of £23, and the committee had felt the need to add a word of warning that this situation could not be tolerated indefinitely, but in the hope that the cost of printing the annual report, which was easily the largest single item

of expense, had reached its peak, had deferred recommending an increase in subscriptions for the ensuing year.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the treasurer and hon. auditors was accorded on the motion of Mr. B. Sutton, seconded by Mr. S. Steel.

Mr. S. F. Palmer was re-elected treasurer for the next three years on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. Palmer, in acknowledging his re-election, said that he was getting on in years, but his interest was as great as ever, and he would be pleased to continue to serve as long as he was able to do so. Mr. W. Barton was unanimously re-elected peal secretary, and in acknowledgment thanked the members for their renewed confidence and paid tribute to the assistance he had received from Miss Molly

Midland Counties Guild

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING AT BURTON.

King Edward Square, Burton-on-Trent, with its monument, municipal buildings, gardens and the stately Church of St. Paul in the background, formed a picturesque scene to the ringers who were present at the annual meeting of the Guild, held at this church on May 4th.

The grand ring of ten, under the supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. B. G. Key), was well patronised in various methods by those who attended. The company included the oldest and youngest ringers in the area, Mr. Dunkley, of Tamworth (81 years), and Norman Cotton, of Overseal (8 years).

A service was conducted by the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert (Archdeacon of Derby), who in the course of an inspiring address, spoke of the ancient and skilful art of ringing of which our country is so proud.

After tea Mr. W. H. Curson presided for the business meeting.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in his report, gave the Guild membership as 28 honorary and 146 ringing members; 26 peals had been rung during 1948, which included the first surprise peal for the Guild. Only two members rang their first peal, while quite a number rang peals in more advanced methods.

There were nine conductors—two less than in 1947. The secretary stressed the need for younger members to aspire to the art of conducting.

The treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) presented a favourable balance sheet, pointing out that the £13 deficit balance of 1947 had almost been cleared. Both reports were adopted.

Election of officers for 1949 resulted in the president (Mr. W. W. Worthington), chairman, Ringing Master, treasurer, secretary and auditor being unanimously re-elected and thanked for their services. Four committee members were elected: Messrs. E. W. Beads Moore, W. J. Leach, S. H. Jones and W. F. Woodward.

Written notice had been given by Mr. E. W. Beads Moore, supported by Mr. J. H. Brittan, that Rule 7 be amended to read, 'The annual meeting be held the second Saturday in January each year,' and was passed after discussion.

Following inspection of the new Guild Certificate, it was decided by 25 votes to 9 that they be issued gratis to all members later.

An omnibus vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. B. G. Key, to the Archdeacon of Derby, Vicar of St. Paul's for use of bells, and to the local ladies who had so ably prepared the tea, brought the meeting to a close.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON. — On May 8th, 1.264 Bob Major: S. Wade 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, J. H. Goodall (first in method) 4, S. G. Peck 5, H. Miller 6, M. Fensom 7, J. G. Nash (cond.) 8.



MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—A happy picture on the occasion of the Guild's annual meeting on May 14th at St. Paul's, Burton. Seated, left to right, Mr. W. H. Curson (chairman), Mr. S. S. Dunkley, aged 81, of Tamworth, oldest ringer present, Archdeacon of Derby (the Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert), Norman Cotton, aged eight, of Overseal, youngest ringer in the Guild, and Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary).

Ambler, who had very kindly helped with checking the proofs and matter in connection with the annual report.

There being no specific invitation, it was decided to leave arrangements for the next general meeting in the hands of the general secretary. Messrs. M. D. Smith, of Carlton, H. Guy, of Selby, and P. Ascough, of Horbury, were elected members of the Association. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president, when an adjournment was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed up to 9 p.m.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

A blacksmith ringer who attended the meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild at Edenbridge on May 14th, when the tenor went over and tolled the party out to tea, detected the fault—one of the screws holding the bar of the Hastings slider had come out, allowing the bar to drop. His temporary repairs enabled the meeting to finish with some really good ringing. It was a most successful meeting, and a warm welcome was extended to the Master of the Cumberlands and Mrs. G. Cross.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

1948 A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

Full use was made of the Leicester bells during the afternoon of May 7th, the occasion being the annual meeting. Members and friends from a wide area were present at the service, held in the Church of St. George. The Vicar, the Rev. Adams, in his address, spoke of the history of St. George's Church and bells. The company of over 150 enjoyed an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

The president, Mr. H. J. Poole, was supported by the Guild officers at the meeting, also by Mr. H. W. Perkins. The president welcomed the visitors, among whom were Messrs. E. J. White, G. Freebrey, J. F. Wilkinson, H. C. Edwards, P. K. Williamson and Mrs. and Miss Beamish, the last named being complimented on her achievements.

The President remarked on the very successful year and expressed the Guild's thanks to the general officers and to the district officers, especially the district secretaries, who seldom saw their work in print, but carried out their very essential work behind the scenes. In particular, the Lubenham people had expressed their grateful thanks for the help they had received from the Market Harborough District.

He mentioned the recent repairs and additions to the bells at Hunnerstone, Aylestone, Birstall, Shepshed, Markfield and Somerby, and said they should be grateful to the local clergy and local ringers. Often augmentations were due to the local ringers urging their parsons on.

The young ringers were to be congratulated on their progress; he was glad to see so many coming along, as the future belonged to them. First pealers were congratulated. All stood in silence in memory of the ringers lost during the year; among these were Mr. J. Garrett, the Rev. Beresford, Messrs. C. Marshall, Jackson, Singleton, J. Dean and H. Stubbs.

The Hon. General Secretary, in his report, said that all districts had reported a busy and successful year. In particular, Syston District had visited every tower and had held two joint meetings. Market Harborough had collected over £6 for the Bell Repair Fund, a very good effort. Hinckley had held 15 meetings, all well attended. They also had found time for their annual dinner, socials and a few dances. The district also arranged special practices in, to most members, new methods, resulting in raising the general standard of ringing.

118 NEW MEMBERS.

The second festival, held on October 16th, was supported by members and friends numbering about 150. In 1947 the number of towers in the Guild was 91; there are now 95. The book membership now stood at 941 ringing members. During the year 118 new ringing and 28 non-resident members were enrolled.

A WORCESTERSHIRE BENEFACTION

The birthday peal of Grandsire Caters at Claines, near Worcester, was a gesture to Mr. Percy Thomas, whose gifts to his Parish Church include five new bells and a clock.

Originally a ring of five Claines bells were made eight in 1927 by the addition of three trebles, in memory of Mr. Thomas' father, Emanuel Thomas, J.P. In 1940 Mr. Thomas gave two trebles to make the present ring of ten, in memory of his mother. His most recent gift has been the installation of an electric clock, with two faces on the tower and Westminster chimes. This was given to the memory of his wife, Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Thomas.

He is well known to Worcestershire and Birmingham ringers for his love of bells and clocks, and visitors to his home are always intrigued by his remarkable collection of clocks with their varied chimes.

When Worcester Cathedral bells were recast in 1928 Mr. Thomas gave of his services freely and was instrumental in raising a large sum of money from subscribers who had connections with his business. He has also been generous with other restorations in the Worcester area.

To date, 410 Guild Certificates had been sold. The peal secretary's report was, in the absence of Mr. E. Morris, read. It showed that in 1948 the Guild came third in the list of societies for peal ringing; 114 tower and 27 handbell peals had been rung, a total of 141. The peals rung included the first peals for the Guild of Erin Caters, Lincolnshire and Stanton Surprise and also Edinburgh Delight. Cambridge had been rung from Minor to Maximus, and Yorkshire from Major to Maximus. The first pealers numbered 29; 184 rang their first in a new method. Three new conductors appeared.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley, in his report, said the funds of the Guild were in a very healthy state. The Bell Repair Fund, having had no calls during the year, had reached £188 17s. 3d. The general funds amounted to £74 6s. 11d.

Mr. H. J. Poole was re-elected president. Four vice-presidents had been nominated. Of these, Messrs. A. Ballard and J. Carter asked for their names to be withdrawn, leaving Mr. E. C. Turner and Mr. P. L. Taylor, who were elected. The hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, and the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley, were both re-elected and thanked for their services. Mr. S. Burton was elected as peal secretary.

PEALS ON MEETING DAYS.

In supporting a motion deprecating the increase in the number of peals attempted at the same time as a general meeting is being held, frequently in the same locality, Mr. E. C. Turner recalled passing the tower at Claybrooke when on the way to the last quarterly meeting at Lutterworth. A peal was then in progress. Mr. Turner said the officers of the Guild, chosen freely by members, should be treated with respect, not as individuals, but as representatives of the Guild. The arrangement of peals on general meeting days, often in nearby towers, was not showing this respect. He had no wish to discourage peal ringing, but members had rung peals on the general meeting days.

Mr. K. Roe supported and other speakers spoke of district meetings having to be cancelled because some towers were not available by reason of peals having been recently rung.

The meeting was practically unanimous in favour of the motion, no one voting against. The President announced that grants had that week been made to two tower repair funds, one of 10 guineas and one of 20 guineas. This brought the total granted this year to 50 guineas.

It was decided to hold the festival and dinner later in the year. A social followed, which was enjoyed by many until a late hour.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Seventy members and friends from 19 parishes, which is believed to be a record for the district, attended the meeting at Dunmow on May 7th.

At the Association's service, the Vicar, the Rev. Callum, gave the address, and the Master, Dr. Spencer-Phillips, read the lesson. An excellent tea was supplied and prepared by the Dunmow ringers and their wives.

Miss H. G. Snowden, the District Master, presided at the business meeting, when 12 new members were elected. It was decided to hold a practice at Great Easton on June 11th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Regret was expressed at the Cheltenham Branch meeting at Alderton that the local captain, Mr. G. Banner, was in hospital for an operation. The meeting also stood in silence to remember Mr. G. Agg, recently buried at Alderton, who joined the branch in 1925. Ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge.

OBITUARY

MR. ALEXANDER SHARP.

By the death of Mr. Alexander Sharp, of Freiston, near Boston, at the age of 75, the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild loses its oldest member.

'Zan,' as he was familiarly known to all his friends, commenced ringing at the early age of seven, and had therefore been ringing for a period of 68 years. Of a quiet and kindly disposition, he was endeared to all with whom he came in contact and will be much missed in ringing circles. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung only four peals, one of Bob Major and three of Minor.

He was laid to rest in the village churchyard near to the bells he loved so well on May 22nd, four of his fellow-ringers—Messrs. H. Harper, E. Barnes, A. Burchinal and G. Dawson—acting as bearers. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, this being his favourite method. F. D.

MR. WILLIAM BIDNELL, HYTHE.

It is an honour to pay a tribute to the late Mr. William Bidnell, who for many years was captain of the Hythe ringers. His quiet manner was not misleading; he was a lover of the church bells and an admirer of the bells of Hythe and their ringers. He was always willing to be of service, and on one of the occasions he visited Dover was for the installation of Lord Reading as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The beautiful floral tributes and the presence at the graveside of some of the pioneers of Kent ringing show that his faithful service to the bells had been appreciated, and the example he has set will remain in 'golden memory' as the years roll on.

CHARLES TURNER.

MISSION TO LONDON

Among the ringing for the Mission to London were four courses of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's prior to the blessing of the Commissioners and five courses afterwards (conductor, H. Langdon).

At All Saints', Fulham, 1,287 Stedman Caters (conductor, J. E. Chilcott); Ruislip, 1,344 Plain Bob (conductor, T. Collins); St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major (conductor, N. G. Hollingworth), first in method D. F. Harman; also 1,344 Little Bob Major (conductor, J. G. Nash), first in method by entire band.

At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 1,311 Stedman Cinques (first on 12 by Miss F. A. Edgar and D. H. C. Satow); St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, quarter Bob Major (conductor, F. Corke), also 1,260 Stedman Triples (conductor, H. Impey); St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, 1,060 Bob Minor (conductor, F. Corke), also 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first quarter Miss P. Herni); St. John's, Hillingdon, two courses Cambridge Surprise Royal (conductor, C. C. Mayne) and quarter Grandsire Caters (conductor, H. Impey).

At Cranford, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (non-conducted) and 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor (conductor, F. Corke); St. Mary's, Lewisham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (conductor, J. Daffers); St. Andrew's, Enfield, quarter peal Double Norwich C.B. Major (conductor, A. J. House), first in method Miss C. Church and J. Roberts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The famous Abbey at Dorchester was the venue for the annual meeting of the Oxford Branch on April 30th, when nearly 60 ringers were present. The Rev. N. E. Hopton, former Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, gave the address at the service, which was conducted by the branch chairman, the Vicar of Holton.

At the business meeting £4 4s. was voted towards the new bell at Lewknor.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge, Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, and 1,440 Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 4
GEORGE W. PIPE 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 5
SILVIA R. E. PIPE 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

The first peal on the bells.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*FRED BENNETT Treble	ERNEST DREW ... 4
†W. FRANCIS, JUN. 2	†FRED HINTON 5
JOE MARSH 3	JAMES DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST DREW.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles. In memoriam Mr. J. T. Salmon, former organist, choir-master and churchwarden of Trysull Church. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

LILBOURNE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 2 six-scores of Stedman, 4 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 12 spliced 240's of Grandsire, four each of Morris's, Price's and Pitman's.

*KILBY R. HOITOM Treble	*PERCY AMOS 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	STANLEY M. RUDDSDEN 4

*ARTHUR MILLWARD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Doubles in six methods. First peal on the bells since 1912. Farewell peal to the Bishop of Peterborough. Tenor 10 cwt. (ap.).

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

PHILLIP JONES Treble	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON... 4
RONALD C. NOON 2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 5
MRS. G. E. WATSON 3	GEORGE CARE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* 25th peal together. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE Treble	DONALD CHADWICK ... 4
ROLAND T. FLINT 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
ARNOLD HILL 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 5
ALLEN MORGAN 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor. Date of tenor 1482. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*IAN TAYLOR Treble	J. ALWYN TAYLOR... .. 4
IVAN KAY 2	ALLAN SMITH 5
†MARJORIE LEACH 3	JAMES TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Marjorie Leach. Tenor 14½ cwt.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

*LEONARD W. GILES ... Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
ERNEST J. LADD 2	FRANK H. HICKS 5
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 4
*DEREK SANDERSON ... 2	R. FRANK BAKER 5
FRANK W. LACK 3	STANLEY GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

* First peal of Surprise and 25th for Ely Association. First peal of Surprise as conductor. A compliment to Rev. T. Havard Jones, Vicar of the parish for 30 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
IN THE BELFERY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG 3-4	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Cond. by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

WOODMANSTERNE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT 87, LAKER'S RISE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

ALBERT J. ADAMS 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5-6
*NORMAN HOBDEN 3-4	FRANK E. DARBY 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

* First peal on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROSEMARY SMITH 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON... 5-6
†BRENDA FELS 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by A. F. LEWRY. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

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LETTERS

KEEPING THE ART ALIVE

Dear Sir,—There is one sentence in Mr. Corby's letter published in 'The Ringing World' of May 13th with which I feel I must join issue. It is the final paragraph which states, *inter alia*, 'It is the peal ringers who keep the art alive. . . . ' I could not disagree with him more.

CASTING one's mind over the ringers one knows, I fail to see how it can possibly be disagreed that the percentage who are the slightest degree interested in ringing peals is very small—unless, of course, one moves in a peal ringing circle only. The backbone of the Exercise are not the few who specialise in peal ringing, but the majority who go on, Sunday after Sunday, just ringing for service and practising what they preach by attending the service also.

I feel that we are passing through an era where such a fetish is being made of peal ringing that we are in danger of beginning to mistake the shadow for the substance; the means for the end. Church bells exist to be rung on Sunday to call people to church, not for a band of experts to amuse themselves with on a week-day. Happily, the majority of ringers are regular service ringers, and for that reason the art would pursue the even tenor of its way even if there was no peal ringing.

Moreover, there is one thing that can very definitely be held against peal ringers. They are the culprits who cause those wrothful letters which one reads from time to time in the papers, written by bell haters who complain of the 'excessive din' or suchlike phrase. Most bell haters I have spoken to will admit—albeit reluctantly—that a practice night in the week may be necessary, but they immediately follow it up by asking why is it necessary to ring the bells for three hours on end without a pause? Why indeed?

Do not think, sir, that I am against peal ringing—far from it; but let us get things in their true perspective. In the structure which is the brotherhood of ringers it is the regular Sunday ringers who are the main foundations and walls; peal ringers are the adornments, the pinnacles, the gargoyles, what you will. They may make the structure more ornate, but as a structure it would get on just as well, and be just as useful, without them. If a band has put in a year's regular Sunday ringing and feel like celebrating with a peal, good luck to them. Such an occasion as the birth of Prince Charles is a justifiable reason for a peal. Again, a young band of ringers not long able to ring (say) Grandsire Triples would be much encouraged by the successful achievement of a peal. But an occasional peal of that sort would hardly qualify the band for being considered peal addicts and are not, therefore, I take it, the 'peal ringers' who Mr. Corby has in mind. He states categorically that it is the peal ringers who keep the art alive. I am prepared to state, equally emphatically, that in my view peal ringing, *per se*, does little or nothing for the good of the Exercise.

One feels that habitual peal ringing is something in the nature of a psychological disease, which, like other things taken to excess, is liable to strike deeply at the moral fibre of the unfortunate sufferer. It is time habitual peal ringing was recognised for what it is—the selfish pastime of a few.—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER.

Apperley, Glos.

ISLE OF MAN PEAL

Dear Sir,—The other peal rung in the Isle of Man at Peel Cathedral was Grandsire Triples, Holt's Ten-part, rung on Whit Monday, May 26th, 1890, conducted by F. E. Dawe, in 2 hours 51 minutes. The tenorman is still living.—Yours truly,

J. H. SHEPHERD.

Swindon, Wilts.

VARIATIONS IN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In Mr. E. Morris' last paragraph he asks that each variation should be given a different name. What constitutes a variation? Am I right in assuming that a method with, say four working bells, should have a plain course of four leads?

If so, what is the plain course of several of the methods frequently rung, viz., St. Dunstan's, London Single, Oxford Bob and Antelope? In Antelope there are three working bells and one in the hunt. But the plain course is incomplete, as two leads bring up rounds. April Day is Plain Bob with a Grand-sire Single. Its plain course is identical with Bob Doubles.

How many methods does Mr. Morris' band think they rang at Dingley on May 3rd? In my opinion there are two, as the spliced arrangements are all Grandsire.

I would be interested to see the figures of the four different callings of April Day, which I am awaiting from the conductor, as required by our Guild rules, under which title the peal was rung.

ROBERT G. BLACK,
Hon. Sec., Peterborough Guild.

SPICED MINOR IN 32 METHODS

Dear Sir,—Has this been equalled? Yes, and congratulations, Frampton. At Folkingham, Lincs, for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch), 32 of Spiced Surprise, methods in 1936 by a mixed band. Prior to this record Bourne service ringers rang a peal of 28 Spiced Surprise which was a record short lived in those days of friendly rivalry. The tenor in each peal was rung by the late Mr. T. L. Bainbridge. The conductor of the Folkingham peal was Mr. H. M. Day, the Bourne peal conducted by Mr. J. W. Lake. Now, Frampton, go to it. There are Whitley and Wooler, Cheddleton and Horton. Good luck.—Yours fraternally,

Bourne, Lincs.

F. W. FRENCH.

TWO TYPES OF PEALS?

Sir,—Could not the question of normal v. condensed peal reports be solved by having both types? There are still many ringers, who only ring one or two peals a year, to whom the ringing of a peal is sufficiently noteworthy to justify the printing of peal cards, and I suggest that those who order peal cards should have the type set as at present, the proposed condensed setting being reserved for the remainder.

This should enable more space to be available for other matters, especially if the paper ration will run to a 16-page issue, which I think the committee should have no hesitation in producing as a 4d. paper, especially if it could be made more attractive. One's mind goes back to the period during the war-time ban when no peals were reported. There must be many new ringers who have not had the opportunity of seeing the wonderful historical articles which appeared during that period, and it is a matter for consideration whether some of these should not be reprinted, and further matter from the same source used, if such is available. Such a reminder of the way things were kept going during that difficult time should be a stimulus to those who have joined the ringing fraternity since then.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,

E. M. ATKINS.

18, Westbere Road, N.W.2.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Some useful work was done among local learners at a well-attended meeting at Whittlesford on May 14th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. H. Glover, R.D., and Mr. J. Hall, one of the local learners, was the organist. An excellent tea was served in the Spicer Hall by lady helpers from the church.

Stapleford was chosen as the place for the next meeting. Mr. John Lewis was elected a non-resident life member.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PENSHURST, KENT.—Ringing has begun again at Peshurst: Sundays 10.30 and 6, practice on Thursdays 7.30. Visitors welcome. 5249

WALTON-ON-THAMES.—Ringing at St. Mary's suspended until further notice.—R. Lathbury. 5313

KEITH HART MEMORIAL.—Subscriptions from ringing friends will be gratefully acknowledged towards the erection of a bronze plaque in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmore Avenue, Brighton 6. 5328

Visitors to Bournemouth will be welcomed at the following towers: St. Peter's (8), Sundays 9.30, 11 and 5.50, practice, Thursday, 7.30; St. John's (Surrey Road) (8), Sundays 10, 5.30, practice, Tuesdays, 7.30. Enquiries 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3336

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hever (6), June 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5271

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District.—Meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea at Scutcher's Arms 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business follows. Those favouring outing please discuss and report.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 5281

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 5293

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Practice meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. All welcome. Anything from rounds upwards. Own tea arrangements.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec. 5308

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Warboys, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5323

HIREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Clun, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells (8) 11.30 and Clunbury (6).—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 5244

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A.; preacher, the Right Rev. Hugh Gough, M.A., O.B.E., Bishop of Barking. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30. Members 2s.; non-resident members and non-members 4s., to be prepaid, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleyswood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5255

DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. Visitors welcomed. Ringing at Tiverton (8) from 10 a.m. Silvertown (8), Thorvorton (8) and other towers available.—Fredk. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton. 5285

DEDICATION AT GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—The ring of six (tenor recast, 18 cwt.), which has recently been rehung with new frame and fittings by John Taylor, will be rededicated on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers invited. A summer fair in aid of the Bell Fund will be held the same afternoon near the church; teas, sideshows, stalls, etc. Numbers for tea, please, by June 6th to the Rector. 5163

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ludham, Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. Please send names or number by Wednesday, June 8th. Numbers very particular.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 5283

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division.—Meeting, June 11th, at Havering (6). Ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea arranged at Havering. Buses 123 or 165 to Havering from Romford Station. Essentially a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Roome, 47, Heather Glen, Heather Avenue, Romford. 5271

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Dulverton, June 11th, 3. Service 4. Tea at Hollam 5. Notify early.—Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead. 5288

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Blaenavon, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 5294

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Gloucester Cathedral (8), June 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (Dean of Gloucester). Tea 4.45, Berni's Cafe, 2s. 9d. Names by June 9th to W. Sidwell, 3, Honyatt Road, Gloucester. 5279

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Granborough (5), June 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. North Marston (6) in evening. Names by June 8th.—E. F. Gibbard, Horn Street, Winslow. 5301

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Ippolyts on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, to A. Harris, 104, Waterdell Lane, St. Ippolyts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5290

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Special notice. Owing to Mr. Sidwell leaving Gloucester, re Cathedral meeting, June 11th, please address all correspondence to L. Barry, 47, Massey Road, Gloucester. 5320

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Henley (8), June 11th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food and dry tea.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 5311

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, June 11th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring own food.—G. C. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5310

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 5321

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopswearmouth, Saturday, June 11th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 1, Kensington Terrace South, Sunderland, by June 9th.—W. F. Sheraton, Hon. Sec. 5322

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sutton, Hull, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) Church Hall. Notify Mr. C. Robinson, Limetree Avenue, Sutton, Hull, first post Thursday, June 9th. Buses leave Hull 12 minute intervals.—Albert Sellers, Hon. Sec. 5317

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 11th. Holy Trinity bells (8) available 2 p.m. Ringers of both sexes welcome.—V. Ambrose. 5316

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 5315

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Mary's, Lewisham, 3 to 5. Tea 5 to 5.55 (own arrangement). Business, St. Margaret's, Lee, Crypt, 6 to 6.20. Service and ringing at St. Margaret's, Lee, to 8. (Blackheath S.R. Bus No. 54, 108, 89.) Further information ring Batt. 3946.—A. F. Udall. 5314

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's (8), Sefton, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Tea is provided free and no names are required in advance. Ribble bus (service 303) leaves Skelborne Street 1.48 and 3.48, also Liverpool Corporation bus (service 70) every 15 minutes from Spellow Lane, Walton.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5340

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, June 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea to those who notify Miss Durrant, The Mount, Coopers Green, Uckfield, by June 8th.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5339

MARKE SBURY, SOMERSET.—Special ringers' service, June 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 5312

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Edensor (6), Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Dis. Sec., Darley Dale. 5338

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Business meeting, belfry, 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing at Fordingbridge (8) in evening. Names for tea by June 8th, please.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5337

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Campton, Meppershall and Shillington on Saturday, June 11th. Bells: Campton 3 to 4.30, Meppershall 4.30 to 7, Shillington finish. Tea at Meppershall at 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5335

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Arnsby, June 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Outing fares 15s., under 14 10s., by June 11th.—L. Allen. 5333

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring on June 11th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring, Herts.—H. S. Baines. 5332

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Sutton (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5331

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest at Warsop (6), Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. Flint, 42, Burns Lane, Warsop, Mansfield, for tea by June 7th. Bells open to all after contest.—H. Denman. 5329

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Midgham (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading, by June 8th. 5327

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5341

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), June 11th. Tea 4.30 at the Old Brew House. Names to Mr. W. Kitchenside, South Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett. 5342

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne, June 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5345

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth, practice meeting at 7.15 p.m., Monday, June 13th. Everyone welcome. No practice Whit Monday.—H. Rogers, Hou. 3921. 5274

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The 70th anniversary meeting to be held at Basingstoke will be on Saturday, June 18th, and not on the 25th as provisionally arranged. Further particulars later.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5318

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Great Carlton (near Louth) on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Holmes, Great Carlton, near Louth, by June 10th.—G. W. Moody, Dis. Sec. 5319

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual, Chipping Norton (8), June 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by June 14th.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 5319

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Escrick (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Service in church 4.15. Tea, 3s. each, in Institute at 5 o'clock for all notifying me by Wednesday, June 15th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., when subscriptions are due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 5343

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Hythe, June 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5334

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Northern and Western Districts, Saturday, June 25th, St. Oswin's, Wylam-on-Tyne. Names for tea by June 18th to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road. 5346

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th.—L. E. Pitstow. 5303

WELLOW, SOMERSET. — Fete, Vicarage Gardens, June 25th, 3 p.m. Thanksgiving service and rehallowing of bells 6.30 p.m. Bells open to all from 8 p.m. 5344

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The summer ringing week will be held at Exeter from August 13th-20th. Those hoping to attend are invited to write to me as soon as possible.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5324

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 8th. Accommodation is limited, so please book early! Tickets (12s. 6d. each inclusive) are now available from the undersigned.—Peter N. Bond, Asst. Hon. Sec., 56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7.

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