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AUSTRALIA CALLING!

DURING the past three years there have been 67,000 British emigrants to Australia, and Mr. Philip L. Cooper, of 26, North Street, Collinswood, Adelaide, S.A., writes as a member of St. Peter's Cathedral Bellringers' Society on behalf of his fellow-members that he is sure that there must be some ringers among this new population, but to their knowledge none have appeared in Australian towers.

There are about 30 towers in Australia of which about 20 are ringing, and he suggests this should be made known to the ringing public at home. 'Change ringing in Australia has made great strides in the last three years, and if some ringing emigrants were here they would be of invaluable help to us. In Adelaide there are three towers, two of which are ringing. Our tower, as you probably know, is only two years old. It has a ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., with a tenor of 41 cwt., the largest swinging bell in the Southern Hemisphere.

'Many emigrant ships pass through Adelaide, and we extend a very cordial invitation to any ringer, emigrant or tourist, who comes to Adelaide to visit us. We ring for half an hour before each of the Sunday services, which are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Our practice night is on Tuesdays from 7.15 to 8.45 p.m. Such ringers are asked to ring or write to either myself (tel. M2793) or to our captain, Mr. P. R. Vincent, 25, Brandreth Street, Tusmore (tel. F3515).

'I am sure that all towers in Australia would give similar welcomes, especially to emigrants, who would find in their fellow-ringers of Australia staunch friends for their future living. It was mainly the British Navy personnel who were stationed at Sydney during the war that put change ringing on its feet in Australia. We hope that ringer-emigrants can carry on where they had to finish. Australia must have English ringers of experience if it wishes to progress thoroughly in its change ringing.

'We hope that through the medium of "The Ringing World" all English ringers will know that they are really welcome in Australia. There are six ringing towers in Sydney, two in Adelaide, one in Melbourne, two at Hobart, one at Christchurch, N.Z. (two more elsewhere in New Zealand). There are several other towers in N.S.W. and Victoria which are in the country areas.'

The Central Council naturally watches very closely ringing in Australia. At York this year Mr. W. Rowe, of the New South Wales Association, was re-elected an hon. member, as a tribute to the fine work he is doing at Sydney, which includes the production of 'Ringing Towers,' the monthly bulletin, which aims at developing the family spirit and at the same time providing instruction. By his office as an hon. member he is thus the Central Council's direct representative. We in England want our Australian friends to know that it is our desire to help them in every possible way. To ringers at home who are thinking of starting a new life in Australia or New Zealand, we would impress upon them the advantages of the right hand of fellowship that has been extended to them. Contacts before sailing are very helpful.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

*PETER BAKER Treble	*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN 8
ARTHUR D. COOK 3	JOHN PINFOLD 9
FERRY R. HAMPTON 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 10
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
WILFRED WILLIAMS 6	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal on twelve bells. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Treble	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 2	R. CONGREVE PRIDGON ... 8
DAVID E. PARSONS 3	GEORGE W. CECIL 9
DONALD G. CLIFT 4	REUBEN SANDERS 10
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
JOHN PHILLIPS 6	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by R. C. PRIDGON.

LEICESTER.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Treble	†JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 2	†ALFRED MOULD 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	†ALAN CATTELL 9
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	†GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 10
ERNEST MORRIS 5	†JOHN BRAMLEY 11
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6	†JOHN E. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells and 25th peal together. † First peal of Cinques. † First peal on twelve. To mark the coming-of-age of the ringers of the 10th and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Whitehead, wife of the conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Treble	†HARRY MORGAN 7
H. LESLIE PASK 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 8
*MARIANNE GANN 3	JOHN FREEMAN 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
FREDK. W. STOKES 5	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 11
JOHN A. FREEMAN 6	CHARLES E. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C.

WALTER SPARROW ... Treble	BERT GOGLE 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE SAYER 3	*RICHARD E. PRICE ... 8
GEORGE P. ADAMS 4	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 9
GEORGE BAILEY 5	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First ten-bell peal. First ten-bell peal as conductor.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

WALLACE W. COUSINS ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS 2	*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
JOHN THOMAS 3	FRED WIGMORE 8
ERNEST H. MASTIN 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 9
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*GERALD DARE ... Treble	HERBERT BARLOW ... 6
*DEREK OGDEN 2	PETER CROOK 7
REV. FREDK. F. RIGBY ... 3	JACK CLEGG 8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	*FRED DUNKERLEY ... 9
*VERNON SYKES 5	*PHILIP TOCOK ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells. Rung in honour of the centenary of the Borough of Oldham.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	ALAN JACQUES 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
CHARLES R. BELTON ... Treble	JOHN J. MORRIS 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALAN CATTELL 6
JAMES DRAYCOTT 3	GEORGE P. GARNER ... 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	GERALD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
PHILIP A. CORBY 2	*A. W. J. APPLETON ... 6
*FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
*DAVID BEVERIDGE 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

BETTY SPICE ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEEP ... 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 6
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3	HARRY PARKES 7
DAVID BEVERIDGE 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

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



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ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

JOHN KING Treble	*ARTHUR H. IDLE 5
MRS. G. E. WATSON 2	RAYMOND H. IDLE 6
BRIAN AUSTIN 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS 7
RONALD C. NOON 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 21 cwt.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... Treble	*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 25th peal.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Washbrook's.	Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.
ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOHN BRAMLEY 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	ALAN CATTELL 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... 7
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 4	JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary of Charity,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*DAVID BEVERIDGE ... Treble	†ERIC A. DENCH 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 6
*FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble	JOHN J. MORRIS 5
HAROLD KILBY 2	ALAN CATTELL 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON 3	ALFRED MOULD 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 6
MISS JOAN E. WITHEY ... 3	*VIVIAN E. WILLIAMS ... 7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4	CYRIL E. LANXON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major in Cornwall by eight resident ringers. In honour of the King's birthday.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK SHERATON ... Treble	JOHN A. BROWN 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
MARGARET FIDELL 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
DENIS A. BAYLES 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
Fiftieth peal as conductor. Tenor 21 cwt.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*KATHLEEN HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES CATCHPOLE ... 5
CYRIL J. BARBER 2	FREDERICK J. ROPER ... 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
†CLEMENT J. MORE... .. 4	W. ARCHIE LOCK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Norwich Association. Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

EDGAR C. PIZZEE Treble	*JAMES M. BAILEY 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	*JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* 200th peal together. A birthday compliment to James G. Rumsey. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Taylor's.	Tenor 18 cwt.
*JOHN V. CHEETHAM ... Treble	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 5
JOSEPH BOYER 2	ARTHUR BURTON 6
RAYMOND SCOTT 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
ROY COLLIER 4	WILLIAM SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. To celebrate the coming-of-age of the 3rd ringer and wedding anniversary of his father (tenor ringer) and mother.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*JOHN L. GLANVILL ... Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY... .. 5
JILL POOLE 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
*ROGER KEELEY 3	†BRIAN PIDGEON 7
CUTHBERT W. POWELL... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	HARRY PARKES 7
MAURICE HODGSON 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of London Major. 200th peal as conductor.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

JOHN R. KEMP Treble	EDWIN FISHER 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	ERIC KEMP 6
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 3	†GEORGE DAWSON 7
*THOMAS CUMMINS 4	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by ALB. E. FLATTERS.
* First peal of Major away from treble. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to ringers of treble and 4th. Tenor 17 cwt.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

EDWARD BARKER Treble	MRS. J. THOMAS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN... .. 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE. **THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., June 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's.		Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
MISS ELSIE LEYLAND ... Treble	ALBERT ED. SANDIFORD ...	5
JAMES WM. KAY ... 2	EDWARD IDDON ...	6
THOMAS BRATBY ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
LESLIE PETERS ... 4	GEORGE OLIVER ...	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.

A mark of appreciation for the work done in the parish by the Vicar, Rev. H. A. Norton, who retired this day.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX. **THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
HARRY PRATT <i>Treble</i>	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	HARRY G. FELTON... .. 6
RONALD SUCKLING... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*JOHN WARNER 4	ALBERT WIFFEN <i>Tenor</i>
Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.	

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method. Conductor's 150th peal

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

A PEAL OF SUPERATIVE. SHORT-LEG MAJOR, 1600 CHANGES.			
JOHN N. LINDONTreble	*TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	5	
JOHN PINFOLD 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ...	6	
ARTHUR D. COOK 3	*EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	7	
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...		Tenor
Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.		Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.	
* First peal of Superative.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Superlative. Tenor 6½ cwt.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MARY SHEARSMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BARTON	5
NORMA BICKERDIKE ... 2	JOHN AMBLER	6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON... 3	JOHN W. GIBSON	7
MOLLY AMBLER 4	EDWARD JENKINS	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

In memoriam James Cecil Booth, a member of the Pudsey company for 50 years. Tenor 16 cwt.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
ARTHUR E. HOODLESS... <i>Treble</i>	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF... 5
*GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	*HENRY ROGERS ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	FREDK. A. SALTER ... <i>Tenor</i>
Composed by HENRY DAINS.	Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF WELLINGTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5148 CHANGES;

Fourth's place bobs.		Tenor 18 cwt. in E.	
WALTER C. MEDLER	... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER J. FORD	... 5
ERIC DURRANT	 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN	 3	GEORGE SAYER	 7
HERBERT LASKEY	 4	ARTHUR G. BASON	... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SMITH	Treble	*STANLEY GILBERT	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	HERBERT GOAKES	6
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	7
RALPH BIRD	4	*LAWRENCE HADMAN	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First of Grandsire Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE. **THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*SYDNEY HIRD	Treble	HORACE S. MORLEY ...	4
JOHN NOEL ARMES	2	RONALD COLDWELL ...	5
WILLIAM GRAVES	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ...	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal. In memoriam Mr. J. Crosland, an Eastington ringer.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.	Tenor 20 cwt.
*MALCOLM TYLERTreble	WILLIAM SMITH 4
HERBERT GOAKES 2	GERALD BRIDGER 5
CYRIL DUDDINGTON 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMANTenor

Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge.				Tenor 10½ cwt.
*RONALD J. SHARP ...Treble		†PETER T. ROBBINS ... 4		
BETTY SPICE 2		ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5		
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3		C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor		
Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.				

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor and first peal in more than one method. To celebrate the birthday of Mrs. G. H. Spice, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and the birth of a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Spice, of Liverpool.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.
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Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent, Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER NEWING Treble	*THOMAS H. HOLMES 4
RONALD PEPPER 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
*CLIFFORD A. BENN 3	JOHN H. BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Minor.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 6 cwt.
*DEREK SMITH (12)... ..Treble	HERBERT COOPER	4
JOHN J. TAYLOR 2	RONALD COLDWELL	5
WILLIAM GRAVES 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ...	Tenor
Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.		

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal.

(Further peals on page 309.)

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 1, B. Bladen (first of Triples) 2, F. Wiltón (first 'inside' Triples) 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, P. Anger 5, A. Palmer 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, G. Newman 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On June 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Worboys 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, W. Beard 3, D. Beard 4, C. Fenn (cond.) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, S. Holgate 7, E. G. Cottis 8.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Coleman 1, W. H. Duncombe 2, R. Lord 3, C. R. Belton 4, W. P. Whitehead 5, G. P. Garner 6, A. H. Hough (first as cond.) 7, J. Hill 8.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On June 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Richardson 1, W. A. J. Knight 2, D. T. Hills 3, Mrs. G. K. Jarrett 4, T. A. Cross 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, V. A. Jarrett 7, O. Drew 8. First of Stedman for 4, 5, 6 and 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, D. Martin 2, G. W. Ashdown 3, J. L. Morris (13, cond.) 4, R. W. Dent 5, R. Stræk 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, R. H. Baker 8. First in method of Triples by 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 5th, at St. John-the-Baptist's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Lodge 1, E. Razzeil 2, Mrs. W. Oatway (first of Caters) 3, C. Parks 4, R. Abbott 5, R. Davies 6, H. Pratt 7, G. H. Humphries 8, W. Oatway (first as cond.) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. Huntington (first quarter) 1, Miss J. D. Dunn 2, H. E. Taylor 3, Miss C. Broome 4, G. W. T. Smith 5, D. Scott 6, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 7, N. Hutchin 8. First of Oxford Bob 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): J. R. Kemp 1, E. Kemp 2, A. Young 3, E. Fisher 4, T. Cummins 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6. First 720 of Kent Treble Bob by 2 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on June 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Sear 1, R. O. Street (cond.) 2, J. Hutchison 3, E. Boumphrey 4, H. F. Sargent 5, W. Sear 6, L. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, A. E. Haynes 10. A farewell to L. Boumphrey, who returns to Trieste on service.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White (first in method) 1, H. L. Bishop 2, J. P. Blond (first in method) 3, G. W. Bishop 4, R. B. Blond 5, J. Gordon 6, B. L. J. Brown (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fugler (first quarter) 1, G. Tonkin 2, E. Breed 3, J. Hobden 4, G. Beaney 5, J. Beeny 6.

LENTON, NOTTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bird 1, P. Nix 2, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 3, R. Narborough 4, L. Berry 5, A. Berry 6.

LLANELLY, CARM.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hurren 1, R. Scudamore 2, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 3, C. H. Hawkins 4, W. P. E. Sage 5, J. T. Williams 6.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On June 5th, at All Saints', 1,344 Bob Major: Miss G. A. Smith 1, Miss B. Whistler 2, Miss A. L. Blyth (first quarter) 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, G. E. Crisp 5, A. W. T. Cleaver 6, M. Ginn (cond.) 7, B. D. Threfall 8.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 10th at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Barber 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, E. Nobles 3, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 4, H. England 5, R. Idle 6, E. Baldwin 7, A. Baldwin 8. In memoriam Mr. G. Tanner, ringer and chorister of above church.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. Derrick (cond.) 1, E. F. Shearn 2, M. R. Shearn 3, B. F. Shearn 4, C. Kortright 5, R. E. Durbin 6. First quarter of Stedman by 3, 4, 5 and 6. In memoriam Mr. W. Brake, a great lover of the church and bells.

NORTON, HERTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. A. Collings (first quarter) 1, H. Werrett 2, S. Bonnett 3, W. D. Pooley 4, R. V. Webb (cond.) 5, E. G. Buck 6, R. T. Newman 7, J. S. Dear 8. First of Bob Triples for all except the 7th.

OXFORD.—On June 7th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,284 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss N. Honey 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, P. Walker 4, E. G. Moore 5, C. Coles 6, B. S. Nichols 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8. First in method for 3 and 7.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Peacock 1, A. Scott 2, N. Sharpe, jun. 3, Mrs. L. M. Caldwell 4, R. J. G. Thom 5, N. Sharpe (first as cond.) 6, R. W. M. Clouston 7, J. Caldwell (first quarter) 8.

STAFFORD.—On June 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Fisher 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, R. W. Lander (first 'inside') 3, Miss R. M. Elkington 4, F. Eley 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. Warrilow 7, A. Page (first quarter) 8. A farewell to R. W. Lander on joining H.M. Forces.

STONE, STAFFS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hodson 1, G. Chaplain 2, J. Kane 3, R. Bowden 4, E. Young 5, J. Head 6, A. Rowley (cond.) 7, H. Proctor 8. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. W. Buckley, ringer at the church for 35 years.

TENBY, PEMB.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Lewis 1, M. Jenkins 2, J. Evans 3, G. Thomas 4, T. Griffiths 5, Rev. F. Oswell 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, F. Jenkins 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Toinlin 1, W. H. Dobbie 2, S. A. White 3, R. Wood 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6, B. V. Collison 7, L. Duke 8. In memoriam Mr. A. H. Janes, a former ringer.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 29th, at the Minster, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. A. D. Pearson (first of Minor) 1, E. C. Marlow 2, C. N. Pearson (cond.) 3, R. Tudgay 4, N. G. Knee 5, T. E. Mallard 6. A 74th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

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For Quarterly (4/3) and Half-Yearly (8/6) subscribers. Remit to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and avoid having your 'Ringing World' stopped.

Miss Margaret Beamish, of Nuneaton, completed 50 peals four days before her 14th birthday when she rang 5,184 Grandsire Caters at Chilvers Coton on June 20th. She rang her first peal on October 12th, 1946, and has conducted two and rung six 'in hand.' Congratulations, Margaret!

Messrs. J. L. Millhouse and H. L. Pask have 'circled' St. Hugh's tower, Lincoln Cathedral. The peal on June 13th was to mark the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Lincoln.

Mr. Harold Walker, of York, writes: I notice no claim was made regarding the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung in York on Whit Sunday. We, in York, regard it as the first peal of Stedman Cinques to be rung in the city. Personally, I am of the opinion it was the first handbell peal of Stedman Cinques to be rung in Yorkshire.

It would appear some misunderstanding has arisen regarding the claim submitted on behalf of Miss Margaret Fidell, writes Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris. It was intended to convey that Miss Fidell was the first lady ringer to score her first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods and Cambridge Surprise Royal in one day—a very commendable performance.

The claim to the Cambridge Surprise Royal rung on June 6th, 1949, being the first on the bells at Ripon Cathedral is quite correct. The conductor rang the tenor to what would have been the first on the bells on May 19th, 1934, conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins (the effort referred to), but most unfortunately the composition, a 3,040 by the late Rev. H. Law James, was discovered to be false. This was pointed out in a letter to 'The Ringing World' by Mr. W. Barton, hon. peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association. It is also tabled in the list of false compositions rung by the Yorkshire Association, and which is repeated in each annual report.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. H. Patrick Cannon in his reply to the organiser of the Exeter peal states: Surely in any physical effort of sustained length, i.e., boxing, athletics, tennis, swimming—those who perform 'give themselves a hiding' to achieve something out of the ordinary. The physical side of ringing is just as important as the mental side, although in these days of ball bearings, etc., it tends to be neglected.

Mrs. Rogers is not the first lady ringer to take part in a twelve-bell peal in Yorkshire, the honour going to Mrs. J. Cotterell, who rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield Cathedral on March 12th, 1927.

The Hertford County Association deeply regret the passing of Canon F. F. Greig, of Royston, an honorary member of the Association. Canon Greig was always interested in the Association and extended a hearty welcome to all at ringing meetings at Royston and to visiting bands. In his memory 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob were rung on June 23rd by A. Gilbert 1, W. Houghton 2, A. E. Symonds 3, S. E. Roberts 4, A. Parrish 5, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 6, G. Langridge tenor.

Last January the Rev. G. D. Burroughs started a band of four boys and himself at Hammerwood, near East Grinstead, where on the five bells only two peals have been rung. The boys can now handle their bells competently, but are handicapped by lack of numbers and experienced ringers. On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by G. D. Burroughs (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Hyman (first quarter) 2, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 3, A. Turley (first of Grandsire) 4, H. Vaughan 5. The Rev. Burroughs hopes one day to augment the ring to six or eight. The first requirement, he adds, is more ringers, and it requires some ingenuity to enveigle the youth of the district into the tower.

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YORK CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

(Continued from page 296.)

METHOD EXTENSION.

The following notice of motion was submitted by the Universities Association: 'That this Council undertakes to review the principles of method structure, with the purpose of adopting criteria for the recognition of the extended form of a basic method.'

Dr. Hatcher said as a new member of the Council of the 1948-9 vintage, to use the phrase of the Biographical Committee, he did not anticipate that his maiden speech would mark such an important occasion as the presentation of the motion on method extension. He did so in the name of the Universities Association following a resolution at its last general meeting which took the form of an amendment to a proposition about London Royal. But while reluctant to make a rapid decision on the precise nature of extended London, this meeting gave full support to the idea of considering the problem of extension in more general terms.

Most methods were treble dominated with plain or treble bob hunting paths. They might be simple with a principle defining duty of bells relative to certain, often extreme, treble positions not multiplied in frequency as the number of bells was increased (e.g., Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob), or were more complicated with a principle defining duty of bells relative to these positions, and also to other internal positions which did increase with the number of bells (e.g., Cambridge). For a method of the latter type it would be evident that the minimum number of bells involved was that which sufficed for the independence, or non-interference, of the two types of duty.

From that point of view a method which could be extended at all could be extended upwards indefinitely, each addition of two bells giving an extra internal set of positions. Thus a method principle had for its expression a minimum number of positions which was variable according to the spatial implications of the duties, but an indefinite maximum, e.g., Plain Bob from four upwards, Cambridge six upwards, Yorkshire eight upwards.

Such extensions of the basic method, however, in many cases did not conform to accepted lead-end requirements, and in the case of these methods attempts had been made to produce legitimate extension by modification of the structural ideal. Here was the real problem, and there might be a large number of such variants claiming recognition as the accepted extended form. This was exactly the position with London, in which method some 16 versions for the Royal extension had been published in the last 40 years.

It was not his intention to comment there on the respective virtues or vices of these versions of London Royal. All he would do was to emphasise the urgent need for the Council to go into the matter thoroughly and then give the Exercise guidance.

In proposing the motion he would suggest that, if adopted, those entrusted with the responsibility of making the review of method structure should present a report to be published either in book form or in a series of articles in 'The Ringing World,' before the Central Council was asked to take any decision.

The Secretary: In the absence of Miss Cross I beg formally to second. At the same time it is my duty to give you the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the motion be accepted and referred to the Methods Committee for report.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: It is merely an easy way of getting out of something the Standing Committee does not understand, and speaking for one member of the Methods Committee he does not either (laughter).

The recommendation of the Standing Committee was carried.

NEXT MEETING

The Chairman said the Gloucester and Bristol Association had invited the Council to Cheltenham and the Sussex County Association to Eastbourne. The Standing Committee recommended Eastbourne, as they understood there would be a difficulty about accommodation at Cheltenham.

Mr. C. H. Kippin proposed that the next Council meeting be held at Bournemouth. The bells of Eastbourne could not be called first-rate, and there were not many towers in the vicinity. At Bournemouth there were ideal arrangements for ringing and accommodation.

The meeting decided in favour of Eastbourne.

Mr. J. Bray mentioned that members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild extended a hearty welcome to the Council to visit Lincoln in 1951.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that 1951 was the festival year, and bellringing could claim a place among the art. He hoped the Council would try and do something that year—say a peal in every tower. He moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and officers of the Council, which was carried unanimously.

The President, before acknowledging the vote of thanks, said in connection with the birth of Prince Charles, Mr. Elston sent three copies of 'The Ringing World,' containing peals for the royal birth, to Princess Elizabeth, who had graciously acknowledged the copies, which she had read with much interest.

He thanked Mr. Anderson for his vote of thanks, and on behalf of the Council he desired to express their thanks to the Dean and to the Yorkshire Association for the arrangements they had made and also for the hospitality, especially of Mr. George Horner, of the York company.

The Rev. Ellison, president of the Yorkshire Association, said it was a great pleasure to his Association to receive the Council.

The conference was followed by tea at the College, the members of the Council and guests being entertained by the Yorkshire Association. A social evening was afterwards held at The Windmill, where Mr. Harold J. Poole was M.C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BOLTON BRANCH.

A very good meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Blackrod on June 18th. Several learners got a real good help in Plain Bob Minor. At the business part of the meeting Miss Muriel Reay, of Westhoughton, was complimented upon her very fine achievement. It is about two years ago since she learned to ring. She rang her first peal on June 27th last year, and now has 27 peals to her credit in the following methods, viz.: Doubles (Grandsire and Stedman), 1; Grandsire Triples, 3; Stedman Triples, 2; Stedman Caters, 2; Bob Minor, 2; Bob Major, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Little Bob Major, 1; Oxford T.B. Major, 1; Kent T.B. Major, 1; Kent T.B. Royal, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 5; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 4. Mr. J. W. Grounds, on behalf of the Wigan Branch, and Mr. J. Blackburn, on behalf of the Preston Branch, extended their compliments.

Another feature, as far as ladies are concerned, is the appointment of Miss Annie Potter as Ringing Master at St. Paul's, Walkden. She should prove an able successor to her father, the late John Potter.

Mr. Churchwarden Jolly and his wife very kindly provided tea.

P. O.

LETTERS

TRENCHANT REPLY TO LIBRA

Dear Sir,—I must say that I deplore the leading article on Method Extension in this week's 'Ringing World.' As a personal opinion, among the correspondence it would not be out of place, even if written under a nom de plume (and I suppose this is really necessary?), but to have it in the position it is, where one expects to find an unbiased attempt to deal with all sides of a question, even though some definite conclusion is reached, is most certainly out of place. It could be taken as an attempt to coerce the Methods Committee in its work—to get them to rule the matter out of hand without the conscientious consideration of all points, which I have already asked the members to try to do even though they may (and I know some do) feel very strongly about it. I trust this is not so—at any rate, the Council may be assured that the matter will be properly investigated, even though the final conclusion may be the obvious one.

Again, even in the correspondence columns I would feel the general tone of the letter to be biased to the extent of unkindness. One of the things which I have found among some C.C. members (speaking as a newcomer) is this tendency to be really unkind to those who say or do something they dislike. Of course, nobody expects (I hope) that *everybody* will agree with his opinion on any matter, but I think it is only common justice to expect that that opinion will be respected and not simply treated with scorn and derision. It has happened to me, both by word and in 'The Ringing World,' and I fear I can detect the same spirit in this letter concerning Dr. Hatcher. Can anyone deny that the remarks about his speech are almost insulting and certainly most unkind?

Then, too, isn't the comparison of the present and the past also both unkind and dangerous? As far as I know, no present-day expert has claimed a 'monopoly of wisdom,' neither has he derided those who have gone before. But to say that any subject has been 'worked out' (that seems to be the sense of the words) is literally dangerous. Not only in ringing but in all subjects, most important and valuable discoveries have been made because someone has investigated some of these 'worked out' ideas and found them not so 'worked out' as was thought.

Finally, without meaning to be unkind (that would never do after what I have said above!) may I be very candid? The lack of respect for someone else's opinion is, I believe, one of the surest signs of ignorance. In my experience real knowledge always brings tolerance, for real knowledge means that all sides of the question have been considered, and if that is done I am certain that it brings respect for the judgment of another who has faced the same questions but arrived at a different conclusion.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

THE MISSING PEAL

Dear Sir,—At the York Council meeting it was pointed out that the peals analysis summary gave credit for 110 peals rung by the Yorkshire Association during 1948, whereas the Association's report showed a total of 111. I have received a copy of this report, and I find therein a peal of Minor was rung at Silsden on May 1st, but I can find no record of this in 'The Ringing World.' Will the conductor kindly send the necessary particulars to the Editor so that my committee may complete their analysis?

CHARLES DEAN.

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Membership Gains in all Districts

The 70th annual meeting of the Essex Association, held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, was attended by 150 ringers and friends, each district being well represented.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. C. K. Waller), the address being given by the Right Rev. Hugh Gough, Bishop of Barking. During the service the names of members who had died during 1948 were read, viz., S. Blatch (North Weald), S. Jennings (Harwich), A. Mansfield (Epping Upland), J. Moule, A. Prior (Leytonstone), J. E. Philbrick (Prittlewell), F. Ringe (Brentwood), J. Turner (Earls Colne), E. Townsend (Great Bardfield), besides the names of several non-resident members.

It was the first occasion the Bishop had been privileged to speak to a large gathering of ringers, and his stirring address will long be remembered by those present.

THE CRACKED BELL.

After referring to the place of bells in Church and civic life, the Bishop said:—

Occasionally one does hear a cracked bell—one that is out of tune with the others. Ringers call men to worship, but, is your life in tune with worship? Do you take part in the service or do you slip out after ringing, as I have seen ringers do? Sometimes we do not carry out the practice we urge upon others. Are our lives in tune with the music of the bells? They give forth the music but you must do the pulling. We must place our lives in God's hands. Ringers are members of a team, and each one has a part to play. Our religion is a personal matter, but we are all one in the service of our Lord—all members of one brotherhood, and if we fail the whole witness of the Church of God is spoilt. Remember your duty to the Church—the most glorious society to which we could belong. In Psalm 96 it says, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. . . ." It is not sufficient just to sing with our lips, or to ring, but we must worship with beauty of character.

The Master (Dr. T. P. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.) presided at the business meeting, held in the Chapter House, and was supported by the Bishop of Barking, the Provost, and the officers of the Association.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual report showed that the vigorous reconstruction of 1947 had been successfully continued in 1948, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. G. L. Joyce (deputy Master), supported by an enthusiastic committee. Membership had increased in all the districts, a gain in all of 98 ringing members. Several towers were still in need of recruits to ensure regular Sunday ringing.

Hutton (5), Great Wakering (6), Downham (6) and Thorpe Bay (8) joined the Association, whilst Nazeing (5), Chrishall (6), St. Osyth (6), Stebbing (6), Great Bromley (6), St. Leonard's, Colchester (6), Finchingfield (8), Bocking (8), Stanford-le-Hope (8) and Waltham Abbey (12) have shown revived interest. Repairs have been completed at Great Dunmow (8) and All Saints', Maldon (8). It is regretted that no ringing is done at Thorpe-le-Soken (6), Great Holland (8), Leyton (8) and West Ham (10). The latter two towers are out of action through structural defects.

The 'Crusaders' of S.W. Essex continued their monthly summer activities, with other districts increasing their practices. A healthy fellowship had been built up through these extra meetings. Mr. L. W. Wiffen (peal secretary) and Mr. F. Dench (peal committee) resigned from the committee, and both merited the thanks of the Association for their valuable services for many years. Two vice-presidents, the Rt. Rev. J. T. Inskip (Bishop of Barking) and the Very Rev. W. E. B. Morrow, M.A. (Provost of the Cathe-

dral), retired last autumn, and the Association owed much to them for their unfailing kindnesses and ready support throughout their long ministrations in the diocese. The library, lodged in the Cathedral, under the care of Mr. H. W. Shadrack, had received interesting additions, presented by Miss A. White, Mr. M. Hodgson and Mr. G. L. Joyce. Noteworthy is an autographed copy of the original edition of 'The Nine Tailors' and some letters concerning the book from Dorothy L. Sayers.

Fifty-nine peals were rung during the year—54 on tower bells, 5 on handbells; 19 shared the conducting, 25 rang their first peal, and 74 their first peal in the method. A noteworthy performance was the 'first ever' of Prittlewell Surprise Royal at Prittlewell on April 3rd, conducted by Mr. P. A. Corby. The Bell Restoration Fund had been well supported, with a record balance of £246 3s. 4d. Grants amounting to £35 were made to Great Wakering and Thaxted. The Rev. C. Scott-Little, M.A. (now Deputy Master) had been asked to serve on the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

NEW FORM OF REPORT.

The income showed an increase of £9 4s. 9d., but the balance, as in the previous year, was reduced. This should not re-occur, as the increased subscription and the introduction of peal fees should provide an income to meet all outgoings. The lay-out of the annual report—printing, information and arrangement—was favourably commented upon by several members, including congratulations from Mr. E. C. S. Turner, of the Middlesex Association, and well worth the increased cost of production.

The auditors (Mr. H. Turner and Mr. J. H. Crampion) spoke in glowing terms of the good work of the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. R. C. Heazel) and the efficiency of the district secretaries.

Mr. Shadrack (for trustees) said that it would be useful to have a bookcase and they would be grateful if one could be obtained. Mr. J. Chalk urged for more hon. members. He commented on the marvellous response from ringers towards the Bell Restoration Fund, which enabled the appropriate committee this year already to make grants to Fyfield, Bobbingworth and South Benfleet, amounting to £65. He advised those who had bells attended to to see that the work was properly carried out.

The chief business centred round 'Standing Orders.' The committee, by a majority vote, had recommended to the A.G.M. that the Association should have its 'Standing Orders,' to be adopted or suspended according to the wishes of the meeting. After discussion, Mr. L. J. Clark proposed and Mr. L. W. Wiffen seconded, that the matter of 'Standing Orders' be referred back to the committee for further consideration. This was carried, a small number voting.

The election of officers followed. Mr. H. J. Mansfield (Maldon) and Mr. L. W. Wiffen (Braintree) were elected life vice-presidents in recognition of long service. (Mr. F. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, general secretary of the Association for 13 years, was nominated by the committee for a vice-presidency, but passed away a few days prior to the meeting.) Other officers elected were: Master, Dr. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.; Deputy Master, Rev. C. Scott-Little, M.A.; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Heazel; auditors, Messrs. H. Turner and J. H. Crampion; trustees, Messrs. G. Green, E. J. Runter, and H. W. Shadrack; life members, Mr. W. Chalk (St. Peter's, Colchester), Mr. F. Dench, Mr. A. E. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), Mr. W. Allen (Boreham), Mr. A. Bradley (Fryerning), Mr. G. Cornell (Galleywood), Mr. G. Parsons

(Broomfield), Mr. E. J. Runter (Springfield), Mr. A. N. Brighton, Mr. G. Dawson, Mr. R. W. Stannard (Leytonstone), Mr. C. Fenn (Barking), Mr. F. J. Freestone (Hornchurch), Mr. W. Nelder, Mr. C. Petty (Wanstead); co-options, Finance and General Purposes, Miss J. M. Griffith, Mr. E. W. Croucher and Mr. G. L. Joyce; peals, Mr. R. Suckling and Mr. M. Hodgson.

'RINGING WORLD' RESOLUTION

Mr. G. Faulkner (Barking) spoke about the resolution in 'The Ringing World' of May 20th, which deprecated the policy of the Editor. He was against it being sent, and expressed a wish that it might be withdrawn by the Essex C.C. representative. He thought it was ill-advised and ill-timed, and he did not think it should have been sent in without discussion and approval of the other divisions.

Mr. G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch) replied, and pointed out that the C.C. representatives are not delegates and not governed by the Association in any shape or form. He thought 'The Ringing World' was weighted against the ordinary ringers and devoted more to the C.C. ringers.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. Spencer-Phillips and seconded by Mr. J. Chalk, to the Bishop of Barking, the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral and the organist (Mr. S. Vann).

Luncheon was well arranged and served at the County Hotel, the Bishop and the Provost being the chief guests.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

70th ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

A representative gathering assembled on June 18th to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Guild (the former Winchester Diocesan Guild), which took place at Basingstoke on June 26th, 1879. During the day bells in and around the district were available and made good use of.

The Guild service was held in St. Michael's Church and was conducted by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke (the Ven. A. W. Chute), an hon. member of the Guild. In the course of his address he extended a hearty welcome and spoke of his great pleasure in the Guild returning to its birthplace on that occasion. He stressed the great part that the diocesan Guilds contributed to the service of the Church and referred to the Guild as a 'handmaid of the Church.' He wished them Godspeed and a very happy anniversary.

An excellent tea was partaken of in Church House, after which special references were made to the early history of the Guild through such early pioneers as Henry White (Basingstoke), John W. Whiting (Fareham), J. Hewett (Gosport) and the late Master (Mr. G. Williams), by the general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and Mr. G. Pullinger.

Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) paid special tribute to the valuable work put in by Mr. Pullinger, who was general secretary at the time of the division of the Guild (when Portsmouth and Guildford became separate dioceses), and who showed the utmost tact and perseverance in handling the Guild's affairs.

Mr. Tucker (North Stoneham) said he first came to Basingstoke over 50 years ago. At that time there was no ringing at Southampton, his nearest towers for change ringing being either Winchester, Romsey or Basingstoke. Mr. R. Brown (Southampton) also paid a tribute to the late Mr. George Williams.

At the conclusion of the speeches a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, the incumbents at the various towers, and Mr. J. Chesterman for making all arrangements for the programme of the day. Ringing followed until a late hour. Members were present from many of the towers in the Guild with visitors from Epsom, Byfield (Northants), Reading, Oxford and Stanwell (Middlesex).

CHALE, ISLE OF WIGHT. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob (two callings) and three extents of Plain Bob (three callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM UPTON Treble	A. RICHARD WARD ... 4
*FRANK S. TAYLOR 2	*JOHN H. HUNT 5
†PATRICK PAGE 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal in two methods on six bells. † First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells since augmentation in 1946.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALDERMAN G. LING ... Treble	ARTHUR SMITH 4
*FRANK SHAW 2	HARRY HALL 5
ARTHUR A. LING 3	ALAN S. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN G. LING.

* First peal of Minor.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. CRUTCHLEY Treble	ELLEN RICE 4
VERA DRAPER 2	C. ACKERS 5
J. POUNDS 3	A. MAWDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Rice, brother of the ringer of the 4th.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

*WALTER R. HUGHES ... Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 4
*DEREK K. KNOWLES ... 2	†MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
JEFFREY B. WEBB ... 3	†HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., June 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RUTH M. K. HOW ... Treble	*ANN M. DICKINSON ... 4
†BASIL ALMOND 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5
*CATHERINE M. TRIST ... 3	†DAVID GALLOP Tenor

Conducted by DAVID GALLOP.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD BUSBY Treble	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 4
*THOMAS COOKE 2	†PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' † First of Surprise Minor and first of Minor in seven methods.

WALKERN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM F. TODD ... Treble	†LEWIS R. RUNNACLES ... 4
GEORGE CHERRY 2	WILLIAM J. CROFT ... 5
EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 3	FRANK W. CROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal. † First in seven methods. A compliment to Charles V. Hare on his 71st birthday.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 15 extents of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 15 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

S. N. BRISTOW Treble	E. QUICKE 4
S. SMITH 2	H. PURCHASE 5
C. TARR 3	C. WENSLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. PURCHASE.

First peal in three Doubles methods by all.

HANDBELL PEALS

COSTOCK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 1 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT DARRAWELLA, BUNNY HILL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

*GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 1-2	PETER NIX 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 1-2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Rung at the special wish of Mr. Wilson on his 16th wedding anniversary.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
*ALAN CATTELL 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' A birthday peal for Mrs. T. C. Belton, of Barwell.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 15, 1949, in 2 Hours,

AT 37, VICARAGE ROAD, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

*JOHN E. MANNERS 1-2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 3-4
*BERYL J. STRANGE 5-6	

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HEALTHY POSITION REPORTED AT FESTIVAL.

The 41st annual report of the Chester Guild, presented at its annual festival at Crewe on June 11th to a representative gathering of 125 members and friends, including Mr. G. L. Grover, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, drew attention to the fact that in spite of the efforts of the instructors, there were still silent towers in the Guild.

It was felt that this was due in some cases to estrangement of ringers and clergy, and it was pointed out that no vicar could be expected to look with favour on ringers who used the bells purely in pursuit of their hobby and did not take their proper place in the corporate life of the church. The standard of church service was, in general, high, but every member was urged to be aware of his responsibility to the Exercise in that respect.

The report recommended members to study the article on wastage contributed to 'The Ringing World' by one of the Guild's members, and suggested that while many may not see eye to eye with the writer, none the less it would be agreed that wastage was, in fact, serious, and that a refusal to examine its implications could only be disastrous.

A healthy state of affairs was disclosed by the report, there being a membership of 22 honorary members and 740 ringing members, and the number of young ringers in all branches was particularly noteworthy.

The social side of ringing was being well catered for, ringing trips being very popular, and in this connection the meeting decided that the time was ripe for the revival of the annual dinner and instructed the Master and general secretary to make the necessary arrangements for it to be held in Chester in the early part of October.

Peal ringing showed an increase, 126 peals having been rung, in which 28 members rang their first peal and seven conducted their first peal. Sunday service bands rang peals of Double Court Triples, Erin Triples, Superlative Surprise Major, London Surprise Major and in seven Minor methods. The average age of the band which rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was 20, the youngest to record a peal in the method for the Guild.

AMONG THE FOREMOST.

The 25th anniversary of the first 35-method peal at Norbury, a milestone in ringing history, was marked by a peal in the same methods at the same church, in which two of the original band took part. Over, the scene of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major on July 21st, 1923, maintained its association with long lengths by a peal of 10,080 Bristol Surprise Major on December 18th, 1948.

First peals in the following methods were rung: Cheshire Surprise Major, Stockport Surprise Major and Ramsey Surprise Major, and the Guild rang its first peals in the following methods: New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Yorkshire Surprise Royal, seven Spliced Surprise Major, six Spliced Surprise Major, Edinburgh Surprise Major, Aldenham Surprise Major, Double Court Triples, Erin Triples and 18 Spliced Surprise Minor methods. This list compared favourably with other guilds throughout the country, and the Chester Guild was justifiably proud of its achievements, which placed it among the foremost organisations in the Exercise.

In common with all ringing societies at the present time the financial statement revealed that something must be done to bring expenditure into line with income. Discussion took place on the best ways of securing an increased income, and it was eventually decided that the most satisfactory was to increase the subscription by 6d. with effect from January 1st, 1950.

The vexed question of the peal booking fee, by which the recently inaugurated Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund was to be financed, was very fully ventilated, and on a vote being taken the meeting decided by a

majority of two that the fee be retained, the conductor of the peal to be responsible for the collection and forwarding to the branch secretary. In the event of any member failing to pay the booking fee the peal in question would not be included in the annual report of the Guild.

It was resolved to proceed with the printing of the annual report in the present form this year, but that in future it would include a list of first performances by the Guild and compositions rung for the first time by the Guild.

The meeting re-elected its officers with the exception of its general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. J. D. Pearson, who wished to resign on account of other pressing duties. The meeting expressed its gratitude for the great efforts which he, a non-ringer, had made on its behalf and congratulated him on his appointment as Rural Dean. In reply, Mr. Pearson said he had enjoyed the work and most of all the fellowship which it had brought with it. It was decided to formally place on record the Guild's appreciation of the faithful service of Mr. Pearson.

The Rev. J. Kingdon, of St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, Chester, a keen and enthusiastic ringer, was appointed his successor.

The final business of the meeting was to fix the place of the next annual festival, and in response to the invitation extended by the Northwich Branch it was decided to visit them in 1950.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, the Rev. Roberts, of Coppenhall, the local ringers for all their efforts and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, which was handled in his usual dexterous manner by the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke.

OBITUARY

MR. ELI WATERS.

On Sunday, June 12th, the death occurred of Mr. Eli Waters, who had served with the band at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, for 48 years. He was in his 84th year and regularly attended the belfry until October last, when the doctor advised him to discontinue ringing.

Mr. Waters was taught to handle a bell by Mr. George Preston, the present captain of Christchurch Priory band, in 1892, and rang his first peal in 1896. Unfortunately a record of his peals is not available, but he rang several in the standard methods in his earlier ringing days.

About 1900 he identified himself with St. Peter's, and subsequently joined the band he was to serve so well and faithfully. He was captain of the band from 1926, but gave up the office in 1936, as he said at the time, 'in favour of a younger man.' This was typical of Mr. Waters' nature, for he would not hold any office unless he felt he could do the job thoroughly. A lifelong friend described him as 'one of nature's gentlemen,' a tribute which explains the love and esteem accorded to him by all who came in contact with him.

The funeral service was taken by the Rev. J. Coutts (assistant priest and a ringer at St. Peter's) on June 16th in St. Peter's Church, and interment followed at Boscombe Cemetery. Many ringers attended, and the bells were rung half muffled after the service and again in the evening. A course of Grandire Triples was rung round the grave by Mrs. F. J. Marshallays, Messrs. F. Price, D. T. Matkin and A. V. Davis. Floral tributes included wreaths from the Vicar, churchwardens and people of St. Peter's, the local company of ringers, and the two local branches of the Salisbury and the Winchester Diocesan Guilds.

SPEEN, BERKS.—On June 10th, 1,440 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. Townsend 1, R. Christopher (first quarter) 2, F. Tuffley 3, G. Dodd 4, R. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

MASSEY.—At Bearsted Memorial Hospital, Hampton Court, on June 17th, 1949, to Hilda, wife of Flight-Lieut. George W. Massey, a son (David George). Present address, 39, Park Way, West Molesey, Surrey. 5449

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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.

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MEETINGS

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Gorseinon, July 2nd.—D. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 8, Chapel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 5422

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Southampton, July 2nd. Committee 11. General meeting 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., all in Chantry Hall. Bells available 1 p.m. and after tea St. Mary's (10), St. Michael's (10); Netley (8), 7 to 8 p.m.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants. 5433

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, July 2nd, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 5435

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, July 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5440

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Gaywood (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. No business. Names to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5430

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Sevenoaks (8), July 2nd, at 3. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5. 5429

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunt's District.—Holywell, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5446

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Northern and Eastern Districts will be held at Aspenden on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. It is essential that the members of committees of both districts attend this meeting.—A. S. Carter A. E. Symonds, Dis. Secs. 5423

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak, July 2nd. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025 5421

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Abbotts Leigh, July 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Schoolroom. 5469

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at St. Osyth on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 2.30. All welcome. Anything from rounds upwards. Tea-shop near church.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec. 5454

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine (6) on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 5457

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, St. Thomas-a-Becket's, Upholland. Bells (6) 2.30. No arrangements for tea. Please make it a good meeting.—J. Burns, 19a, Langdale Avenue, Wigan. 5448

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bishop of Bedford will dedicate new ring of ten at Luton on July 7th at 7.30. Open meeting and summer festival at Luton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 3.45. Names for tea to J. Wing, 18, Stockwood Crescent, Luton, by July 5th.—P. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec. 5437

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Summer meeting Henfield, Sussex, Sat., July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cruttenden, High Street, Henfield. Will those who intend to travel on the 2.18 p.m. from Victoria please notify me early as possible, as arrangements are being made for party tickets to be issued at single fare for the double journey.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5373

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual shield contest will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 9th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries, also names for teas, must reach me not later than July 2nd.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Salford, near Barnsley. 5442

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify before July 6th.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 5434

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, St. Peter's, Thanet, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names must reach me not later than Friday, June 24th. Please note early notification.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5405

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—The dedication of the new ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham will take place on Saturday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards—all ringers cordially invited. 1.20 and 2.30 p.m. trains from Birmingham (Moor Street) met at Danzey Station. Names for tea (free) to J. H. Jones, Bank House, Tanworth-in-Arden, by July 6th, please. 5390

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5426

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General body.—July 9th, Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', 1.45 to 2.45. Train from Charing Cross to Chislehurst, 227 bus to memorial. Annunciation, Chislehurst, 3 to 4. Tea 4.15. Business 5. St. George's, Beckenham, 6.30. Names for tea to Frank Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington. 5445

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Beverley Minster, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.), Parish Room. Notify Mr. Daggitt, 82, Minstermoor Gate, Beverley, first post Thursday, July 7th.—Albert Sellers, Hon. Sec. 5447

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Norton, July 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th to Mr. B. Shaw, 9, Maugerhay, Norton, Sheffield. 5480

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bosley (6), July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea by ticket only at 5 p.m., 2s. 6d. each. Names to me by July 5th.—C. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane End, Macclesfield. 5478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wroughton (heavy five), July 9th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 5455

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hammerwood (5), July 9th. Tea at White Horse, Holtlye. Names to Mr. G. D. Burroughs, The Vicarage, Hammerwood, East Grinstead. Cowden (6) in evening. Look up Double Court.—C. A. Bassett. 5454

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—West Hallam, July 9th, 2.30. Names for tea to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, July 5th certain. 5452

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notification for tea to Mr. J. Ford, 12, Bath Road, Keynsham, by July 6th. 5474

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lullington on Saturday, July 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by lecture, H. M. Howard, Esq., 6 p.m. Handbell ringing in Rectory garden. Frome (8), Norton St. Philip (6) and Beckington (8) towers open in the evening. Names for tea not later than July 4th to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 5465

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Ash, Martock, Saturday, July 9th. Service 4.30. Early notification for tea essential.—P. Farrant, Martock. 5465

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting, Christleton, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th, not later.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5466

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 9th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—William Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5473

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting at Cullompton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th.—C. G. Dymond, Silvertown. 5470

HERTS & ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All members welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon.—S. Carter, G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 5471

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined meeting of the Southern Branch, Lincoln District and the Ladies' Guild at Caythorpe, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holy Cross 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Cragg before July 5th, please.—Bernard H. Dalton. 5459

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, on July 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, 5th, to Mr. E. Baron, The Old Vicarage, Whitworth, near Rochdale.—V. Wilson Sykes and J. Porter, Branch Secs. 5482

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Ringing meeting at Leiston, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea: own arrangement.—W. Smith, Dis. Sec. 5467

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, July 9th. Cups of tea only. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 5461

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Meeting at Long Buckley on Saturday, July 9th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckley, Rugby, before July 6th, please. 5480

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark and Nottingham Districts.—Joint quarterly meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham, by Thursday, July 9th, latest.—J. Raithby and W. Thornley. 5476

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Hawkshead on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shuttleworth, Outgate, Ambleside, Westmorland, not later than July 6th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5483

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, July 16th. Names to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5444

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d. per head) to H. Pickles, 11, Seel Terrace, Lees Road, Mossley, by July 9th.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 5458

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Freckenham, July 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea by July 13th to Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5479

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Brabourne, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by July 13th to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. 5426

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting to be held in conjunction with dedication of two trebles to form an octave at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, July 16th. Dedication service 3 p.m., followed by buffet tea. Names to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, by Wednesday previous. Business to follow tea.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5462

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th, Datchworth (6), 3.30 p.m. Please assume no tea arrangements, but cups of tea may be available. Buses, Service No. 303, New Barnet to Hitchin, leaves Barnet 19 and 53 mins. past each hour, leave Hitchin at 24 and 54 mins. past each hour, alight at Woolmer Green and walk, or Service No. 329, Knebworth to Hertford, leaves Hertford Bus Station every two hours at 37 mins. past, leave Knebworth Station 1.32, 3.38, 5.38, alight at Datchworth Green and walk.—T. J. Southam, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5477

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Tilehurst, July 16th, 6 p.m. Note change of date and place.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Melton (8 bells), Saturday, July 16th, at 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea can be provided only for those who notify me by July 11th.—H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 5475

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch (6) with Thornewcombe (5) also available, Saturday, July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows.—C. H. Lathey. 5472

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting (D.V.), Oxford, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Applications for luncheon tickets (5s.) with remittance to secretary latest July 16th. Usual ringing at city churches and colleges. Times later.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5450

WARSPOT, NOTTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Webster (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Marshall (first 'inside') 2, D. H. Rooke 3, R. T. Flint 4, H. T. Rooke 5, T. Flint (cond.) 6.

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OAKLEY, BEDS. — On June 9th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Freeman (first quarter) 1, W. Izzard 2, C. Izzard 3, E. Freeman 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5. Birthday compliments to Miss E. Steel and the conductor.

RAMSBURY, WILTS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 1, B. Bladen 2, A. Peake 3, Miss B. Strange 4, J. Manners (first of Minor as cond.) 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS. — On June 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Jelley 1, G. Deacon 2, H. Kilby 3, J. Morris 4, S. Cox 5, A. Patrick 6, A. Bodycote 7, A. Riddington (cond.) 8.

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