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## WINCHESTER

ONE of the oldest of our Diocesan Associations is the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, formed at Basingstoke on June 26th, 1879. The 70th anniversary was duly honoured by a representative gathering, and this week we chronicle the annual meeting of the Guild, with the election of a new Master in the person of Mr. George Pullinger. He succeeds the late Mr. George Williams. The report fittingly pays tribute to the memory of Mr. Williams, who almost from the inception of the Guild had been connected prominently with its affairs, notably as general secretary and lastly as Master, and one of its representatives on the Central Council. As a memorial to his work the members propose to provide a bookcase for their library, in particular to take the valuable collection of ringing literature that he bequeathed to the Guild. There is also talk of a national memorial, and it was suggested that this might take the form of an augmentation of the bells of his own tower, North Stoneham.

The past year has been a good one for the Guild, and the secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) was able to report increased activity in all districts. The year has been noteworthy for bell restorations. There was the opening of the grand ring of 10 at St. Mary's, Southampton, and the augmentation of St. Michael's, Southampton, from 8 to 10. Another augmentation was in the New Forest town of Lyndhurst to eight. Tichborne bells have been recast, and repairs have been carried out at Shedfield. Three other schemes are under review—the six bells at Bramley are to be recast, a new frame fitted and two new trebles added; Sparsholt, where a young team is learning under Mr. Bullen, hope to have their bells overhauled; and Wolverton expect to have their bells ringing again this year, where a new frame has been fitted and the bells overhauled.

Winchester and Portsmouth was one of the first Guilds to meet the new set of circumstances arising from the war by an increase in the subscription of ringing members from 2s. to 3s. 'We do not feel we shall lack the support of the majority, if not all, of the members in this united effort to restore our financial stability again,' comments the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter). Membership has shown a slight increase from the previous year. Generally the reports of the district secretaries make pleasant reading. An exception is Winchester. Mr. J. A. C. King, the district secretary, writes: 'In general, interest in this District is at present sadly lacking. Of 20 towers affiliated, there are only seven which have a weekly practice night, and of these two or three towers cancel this practice during the summer. There are many members who are content to stand by and keep the flag flying.'

Peals rung during the year totalled 72 (45 tower, 27 hand), an increase of nine. Mr. Arthur V. Davis, the peal recorder, points out that there were 15 first peals and 100 first peals in the method. Of performances, he states that Portsmouth ringers scored Spiced Major as well as the first peal of Rutland for the Guild, and a neat little tit-bit was the peal of London Surprise Minor rung on the 'Holyrood' six at St. Michael's, Southampton. His report concludes: 'One gets the impression that there may be a little hardening of public opinion against prolonged ringing in some areas, therefore we are indeed grateful to those incumbents who so readily give consent for an attempt to be made.'



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,

**A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;**

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 8
DOROTHY M. UDALE ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	JOHN R. SMITH ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	†ALAN JACQUES ... 11
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\*First of Maximus. †First on twelve bells. First of Maximus in the method by all. Tenor 25 cwt.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 8
CHARLES MCGUINESS ... 3	RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 4	H. LESLIE PASK ... 10
ARCHER I. LOWMAN ... 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINESS ... 2	DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	H. LESLIE PASK ... 10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5	*CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6	†CHARLES C. RAWDING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\*100th peal. †First peal of Cinques.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANCES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*STANLEY PICKFORD ... Treble	*HAROLD C. LONYON ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	*WILLIAM E. MASHITER ... 8
JOHN WORTH ... 3	*VICTOR J. NORBURY ... 9
*JUNE HENSHAW ... 4	*EDWARD SEED ... 10
†ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	†FRANK YATES ... 11
*BARRY CORBISHLEY ... 6	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by FRANK YATES.

\*First peal of Maximus. †First peal of Bob Maximus. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

## TEN BELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	†FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 7
*PATRICK PRESTON ... 3	*HENRY ROGERS ... 8
ALBERT H. WARD ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... 9
CLEMENT GLENN ... 5	FREDK. A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Royal. †First of Royal in the method. For Nottingham's quinquenary week.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

JOHN BRAMLEY ... Treble	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
*DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 2	*JOHN J. MORRIS ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
*W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4	*ALFRED MOULD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\*First peal in the method. 500th peal as conductor and first as conductor in the method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

*ALBERT E. SANDIFORD Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 5
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 2	EDWARD IDDON ... 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
\*First in the method. In memoriam to the late John Potter, of Walkden. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
At Christ Church, BLACKLANDS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

C. ALFRED LEVETT ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
JOHN A. DOWNING ... 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP ... 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*WILFRED W. RING ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.  
\*50th peal. A compliment to the Vicar, Canon J. Morgan, D.D., and Mrs. Morgan, who celebrated their golden wedding on this day.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

JOHN SALWAY ... Treble	†JOHN CARTER ... 5
*QUEENIE PRING ... 2	†JAMES SMITH ... 6
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... 3	BRIAN PIDGEON ... 7
*JACK W. DREW ... 4	†GEORGE E. RETTER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.  
\*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Major. Tenor 21 cwt.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours,  
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... Treble	THOMAS W. WHEAT ... 5
PATRICK PRESTON ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 6
HENRY ROGERS ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells by the Guild.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*CHARLES T. RICHARDS Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 5
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	*THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
*JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.  
\*First peal of Aldenham. First peal in the method for the society.



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## UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Treble	*ARTHUR HALL ... 5
*MARGARET FLACKETT ... 2	†F. W. GROCOTT, JUN. ... 6
†MARGARET RIGBY ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.  
 \* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major.  
 First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Comprising 1,216 each of London and Rutland, 576 each of Bristol and Cambridge, 640 of Ealing, 320 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 151 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods by all the band and by the Association.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

FRANK BLONDELL ... Treble	ERIC T. LEE ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 28, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Holt's Original. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM T. COOK ... Treble	ARTHUR T. PARKER ... 5
†ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 6
WILFRID G. WILSON ... 3	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 4	ARTHUR JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal. † 300th peal on tower bells. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Arthur Bell.

## SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

ARTHUR DICKERSON ... Treble	ALBERT PEGG ... 5
THOMAS SIMMONS ... 2	CECIL POYNTZ ... 6
RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
*CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 4	GEORGE POYNTZ ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**

GEORGE LEDSHAM ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor and on the bells. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

*PAUL BIRKETT ... Treble	HARRY WILD ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	*WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
*ROY B. COOKE ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

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

## GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*TERENCE THORNER ... Treble	*BRIAN AUSTIN ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	THOMAS E. HARROLD ... 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
*ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Josiah Morris.

## HEREFORD.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. ETHELBERT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 41 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 2	REGINALD T. JONES ... 6
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4	LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

Rung after the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Tom Longworth, Bishop of Hereford.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH SAXTON ... Treble	STANLEY SLANEY ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 2	*WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 6
ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 3	CYRIL WRIGHT ... 7
G. GORDON BRIGGS ... 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

\* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Harold Wagstaffe (a local ringier). A birthday compliment to the ringier of the treble.

## DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Day's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS MAUDE CLARKE ... Treble	*HAROLD HAYNES ... 5
*WILLIAM C. MOORE ... 2	*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 6
†WILLIAM KILSBY ... 3	*VICTOR A. PERRY ... 7
*KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 4	*REGINALD W. FENNEL ... Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First in method on the bells.

## GREASLEY, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED GRANDSIRE AND DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. G. HOOPER ... Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 5
HAROLD PAILING ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 6
PATRICK PRESTON ... 3	FREDK. A. SALTER ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

The first spliced peal in these methods.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. WINSTANLEY ... Treble	F. W. RISHWORTH ... 4
H. ROE ... 2	V. BAIRSTOW ... 5
W. WHITAKER ... 3	A. BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.



FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
\*MISS LORNA BRIGGS ... Treble | \*DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 4  
SYDNEY JESSOP ... 2 | JACK PETCH ... 5  
ROBERT BROWN ... 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung for the golden jubilee of the Lincoln Guild.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEY'S, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 6½ cwt.  
THOMAS C. BELTON ... Treble | \*ARTHUR BRADSHAW ... 3  
\*J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT ... 2 | \*JOHN TOON ... 4  
ALAN H. HOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN H. HOUGH.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor, on his 18th birthday. Rung on the 22nd anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.  
\*HAROLD DRURY ... Treble | \*THOMAS A. RELF ... 4  
\*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK ... 2 | \*FREDK. S. PARSONS ... 5  
H. REGINALD WOODS ... 3 | †GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

\* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

MITCHAM, SURREY.  
THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.  
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... Treble | RICHARD E. PRICE ... 4  
\*BARBARA M. HARRIS ... 2 | †THOMAS G. MILLER ... 5  
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor (age 76). A 76th birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich, (3) Beverley and Berwick, (4) Surfleet and Hexham, (5) York and Durham, (6) London and Wells, (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, and 74 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

\*EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 4  
\*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2 | \*TERENCE G. MORTON ... 5  
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3 | WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of 14 Surprise methods. To celebrate the coming-of-age of H. P. Ayre.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, three each of April Day, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

ERNEST PARKER ... Treble | \*RICHARD PEARSE ... 4  
SIDNEY WYBURN ... 2 | ALBERT J. CHUBB ... 5  
RAYMOND YOUNG ... 3 | JOHN M. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WYBURN.

\* First peal of Doubles. First in six methods for all. In honour of the golden wedding of the Rev. F. M. and Mrs. Etherington, of Withypool, for 25 years president of the Dunster Deanery Branch.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., June 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire and six of April Day.

\*RAYMOND J. DERRY ... Treble | P. GEORGE GOLDEN ... 4  
HARRY CLARIDGE ... 2 | JOSEPH GREGORY ... 5  
JEFFREY B. WEBB ... 3 | NORMAN ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by P. GEORGE GOLDEN.

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

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven complete 720's in twelve methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) Surfleet and Beverley, (6) Bourne, (7) Cambridge.

James T. Titt ... Treble | \*HERBERT H. ABRAHAM ... 4  
\*THOMAS COOKE ... 2 | GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 5  
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 3 | W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

\* First peal in more than seven methods.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

ARTHUR BELLAMY ... Treble | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4  
HARRY CHAMBERS ... 2 | HARRY RICHARDSON ... 5  
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3 | B. JACK STUBBS ... Tenor

Conducted by B. JACK STUBBS.

A 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 240's by Morris, four by Price and twenty 120's, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

MISS JOAN WRIGHT ... Treble | \*FRANK R. MITCHELL ... 4  
WALTER WESTON ... 2 | JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5  
HENRY P. COLLIN ... 3 | FRED J. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung half muffled to the memory of the Bishop of Grantham, the Rt. Rev. A. A. Markham.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES' BREDON,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble | EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 4  
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2 | FRANCIS MILES ... 5  
JOHN THOMAS ... 3 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

\*GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN Treble | †JOHN L. MORRIS ... 4  
EDNA M. SILLS ... 2 | REGINALD L. SILLS ... 5  
\*FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 3 | †FRANK C. W. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal in more than three methods.



**HANDBELL PEALS**

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., June 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

*At 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6

ERIC A. DENCH ... 3-4 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., June 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

*IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's.

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALAN CATTELL ... 1-2 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | \*MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., June 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

*AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's.

Tenor size 17 in A.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL (17) ... 5-6

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | \*JOHN BRAMLEY (18) ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal 'in hand.' A 14th birthday peal for Margaret.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., June 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

*IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JILL POOLE ... 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6

ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7-8

\*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 9-10

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on handbells as conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., June 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

*AT 133, ORMEROD STREET, ACCRINGTON,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

\*FRANK HEYS ... 1-2 | †ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3-4

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5-6

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

\* First peal on handbells. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., June 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

*AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2 | \*EDGAR VALLANCE ... 5-6

ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

WHITWELL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Wed. and Thurs., June 29 and 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and*

*28 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

*IN THE PORCH OF THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND RHADGUND,*

Tenor size 11 in G.

\*C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.) 1-2 | G. DODDS (Emmanuel)... 5-6

ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 3-4 | †CHRIS. MOOR (Trinity)... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

\* First of Major. † First of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

*IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

\*ALAN CATTELL ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal on 10 handbells. Rung on the eve of Josiah Morris's 82nd birthday.

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

This is the third issue of the new quarter. A number of regular readers have not received their copies through neglecting to renew their subscriptions. Remit to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and avoid further disappointment. Subscription rates: 4/3 quarterly, 8/6 half-yearly.

In three weeks' time 'The Ringing World' will publish its 2,000th issue.

We should like to hear from those ringers who have taken the journal since its inception. It is an occasion that warrants the reminiscent vein.

Congratulations to Mr. G. W. Creasey, of Sedgbrook, Grantham, and Mr. Cecil J. Matthews on their 100th peals.

Lugan, Co. Armagh, festivities on becoming a borough coincided with the arrival of the Rev. T. W. Warren Jones, former secretary of the Eastern Division of the Irish Association as curate. The peal rung on July 2nd commemorated both events.

Ringers of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild feel that they have lost a personal friend by the passing of the Rt. Rev. A. A. Markham, Bishop of Grantham. 'A great lover of bells and bellringers,' writes Mr. J. H. Musson, 'he always showed great interest in our work and would always, when visiting churches, have a talk with the ringers.'

The discrepancy between Yorkshire Association's total of peals for 1943 with those of the Central Council has been adjusted this week by the publication of the peal at Silsden. The explanation of non-publication was the question of membership of one of the band. When that was settled, the conductor hesitated about publication on account of the time lapse.

This week we record a peal at Mitcham for Mr. T. G. Miller's 76th birthday. Previous to the peal he rang for a wedding at Kingston and was taken for his first pillion ride on a motor-cycle to Mitcham, where he rang in a faultless style. Mr. Miller rang and conducted his first peal (Holt's Original) at the age of 14 at Market Drayton—something for the present generation to emulate.

## BELERY GOSSIP

Members of Cambridge University Guild rang a peal in the middle of the night at Whitwell, Isle of Wight, in the churchyard. A start was made at 11.55 p.m., and the peal was completed at 2.23 a.m. 'We were all very sleepy,' writes the conductor. 'Our only light was a bicycle lamp which blew eerie shadows on the wall.'

Mr. Leslie Evans has twice 'completed the circle' of Eardisland, Herefordshire, tower.

Messrs. P. H. J. Gray and R. W. Rex have rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Miss June Henshaw, Mr. Alan A. Potts and Mr. Edward Seed have now rung Plain Bob Minor to Maximus.

Mr. W. Read, who called a quarter of Grandsire Doubles on his 78th birthday, has been captain of the Blackmoor, Hants, band for nearly 40 years.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore writes: 'The composition of Spliced Surprise rung at Willesden on June 25th should be properly ascribed to H. L. James, as I understand that he used this particular combination of Bobs many years before I did.'

Officers of the Cambridge University Guild for 1949-50 are: President, Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); Master, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity); secretary, A. S. Watt (Pembroke); treasurer, Rev. C. F. D. Moule (Clare); Librarian, G. Dodds (Emmanuel).

Congratulations to Mr. George Daynes on his 79th birthday. On July 3rd, in honour of the event, he called a quarter from Holt's Original at St. John's, Deptford: F. Morris 1, E. S. Owen 2, F. W. Richardson 3, J. Warner, jun., 4, R. G. Long 5, F. H. Daynes (cond.) 6, J. E. Warner, sen., 7, F. Stevens 8. It may interest the younger generation to know that Mr. Daynes' grandfather called the first peal for the Kent C.A. at Frittenden.

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## Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild

### ANNUAL MEETING AT SOUTHAMPTON.

The annual general meeting was held at Southampton on July 2nd, and was representative of all districts of the Guild.

At the business meeting the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead was elected to the chair, pending the election of a new Master to succeed the late Mr. George Williams. The accounts showed a deficit on the year's work of £29 17s. 2d., which it was hoped to meet by the increased subscription and other economies.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Pullinger; hon. gen. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. gen. treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Smith; recorder of peals, Mr. A. V. Davis; one representative on Central Council, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

The report of the Central Council meeting held at York was presented by Mr. G. Pullinger, stressing the points of general interest discussed.

A sub-committee, consisting of the three principal officers and all district secretaries, was appointed to examine the question of the re-allocation of certain towers in districts where working had become unwieldy. The districts were also invited to adopt a rota of meetings which had been drawn up, with a view to avoiding any undue clashing of meetings in adjacent districts. This is to be introduced after the next annual district meetings.

Owing to the death of the architect of Portsmouth Cathedral and pending the appointment of a new architect, the request of the Cathedral authorities to defer any memorial scheme for the time being was agreed to.

On the question of a memorial to the late Master (Mr. G. Williams) it was agreed to provide a bookcase to house all his ringing books, which had been left to the Guild, and to examine further a proposal possibly to augment the bells at North Stoneham, at which church he was closely connected for a great number of years and for which a national appeal would be made.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Portsmouth on July 1st, 1950, a proposal to hold it on Easter Monday being defeated.

It was agreed to send congratulations to Canon Spencer Leeson (Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton) on his preferment to the See of Peterborough.

The Guild service was held in the Chantry Hall, conducted by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, followed by tea.

During the day the two peals of ten at St. Mary's and St. Michael's, and in the evening Netley, were available to the members.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION.

A wave of enthusiasm amongst a newly-formed band of young ringers might well have been the reason for the Western Division's quarterly meeting being held at Bosham. This restored Saxon church, associated with Canute, has a not too good going six. Striking was reasonable among the 40 ringers. The young members sampled hunting and the more experienced Cambridge Surprise.

Service in church, tea on the lawns of the Grange, and kindly host in Mr. F. G. Cooper, with the Rev. Bransby Jones (Vicar of Bosham) showing great interest in the proceedings throughout the day, completed a successful meeting. The ringers in their turn showed appreciation in responding to the extent of £1 7s. 6d. to a collection towards their less fortunate tower of Lyminster with its cracked tenor.

Wisborough Green was selected for the next quarterly meeting, with Stedham and Steynning as likely practice venues.

## 14th Birthday Peal



ROGER KEELEY, OF LYME REGIS,  
DORSET.

who rang in a peal of Double Norwich at Bradpole, Dorset, on his 14th birthday and brought his total of peals to eight, consisting of: Doubles in three methods, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich C.B. Major, Kent T.B. Major, Superlative Surprise Major, and Cambridge Surprise Major, all from a working bell.

Whilst offering our congratulations, we are wondering whether this is a record to have rung his first eight peals in different methods and all on a working bell at the age of 14.

It is, in any case, quite an outstanding achievement for a young lad in this part of the country.

G.S.M., C.W.P.

## BURNHAM BELL SUNDAY

### RAISING MONEY FOR THE NEW BELLS.

Not for ten years has Burnham seen a procession containing so much colour and pageantry as that which wound its way through the village on Sunday, June 26th, in an effort to raise money for the restoration of the bells of Peter's Parish Church.

Heading the procession were Dr. H. Maxwell Summers (chairman of the Burnham Bells' Appeal Committee) and Mr. A. H. Packe (Vicar's warden), mounted on horseback and dressed as Crusaders. Members of Burnham Football Club and Burnham Junior bellringers provided tableaux, and Stoke Poges handbell ringers and Marlow Town Band also took part.

Among the sixty collectors along the route were members of the Burnham Parish Church bellringers, the collection amounting to £116.

An open-air service was held and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Waldman), in his address, said they would remember those who manned the Parish Church tower week by week to ring the bells and remind them of the presence of God in their midst.

'We are proud of the fact that we have a tower manned by the youngest band of bellringers in the world,' he said. 'I know nothing about bellringing, but I do know that a church such as ours can only be likened to a house from which someone much loved and much respected has been removed.'

'For months now the church will be silent until the new bells ring again, and it is entirely up to you when they will ring again. We hope it will be some time about Christmas.'

## The Ladies' Guild

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BRISTOL.

The 30th annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bristol on June 25th. The weather was excellent, and the attendance accordingly was very good. Ladies from all over the country enjoyed a lovely week-end, with ringing at the following towers: St. Stephen's, All Saints', St. John's, St. Philip's, and St. Mary Redcliffe. A few were privileged to ring at Christ Church for Sunday service.

The arrangements for the meeting and tea were carried out very admirably by Miss A. Brown, and Mr. Bennett and Mr. Hancock were responsible for the ringing arrangements.

The service was held at St. Philip's Church and was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Williams.

At the business meeting the balance sheet showed a deficit of £4 5s. 2d. on the year's work, which was due to the reprinting of service forms. The balance in hand was good—£58 5s. 6½d. Mrs. Fletcher was re-elected president, and Miss Hilda Snowden hon. secretary.

Reports from district secretaries were given, viz.: Southern, Miss Oliver; Central, Miss D. Lidbetter; Midland, Miss Jill Poole; Lincolnshire, Mrs. Richardson; and Western, Miss N. Williams. All reports were favourable and showed that the Guild was flourishing in all quarters, although it was generally felt that more petrol for travelling to meetings would ease the situation. Three propositions were received for next year's meeting—Norwich, Loughborough and Lincoln. In putting these to the vote, Lincoln was carried by a large majority.

In proposing a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, the president made special mention of the Bristol and Gloucester Association for their kind hospitality in providing the tea.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the president presented Miss E. Steele (the former president of the Guild) with a cheque, which was the members' gift to her for her valued services as president of the Guild for 20 years. Miss Steele, in her reply, said she was too overwhelmed for words. She had enjoyed her office as president, but thought the time had come for younger people to take over. She expressed her intentions of procuring a wrist-let watch with the cheque.

Good use was made of all the towers available, and the ladies excelled themselves at St. Mary Redcliffe, where on this fine ring of twelve they rang some well-struck rounds, the tenor being rung by Miss Hilda Snowden, with Miss Jill Poole on the 11th. A half-course of Cambridge Maximus was rung also, with ten ladies taking part, Mr. Harold Poole and Mr. Peter Staniforth, of Leicester, ringing the 11th and tenor, both of whom afterwards considered they had qualified to be members of the Ladies' Guild. Note: Due consideration will be given to their request at a future date!

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION SWINDON BRANCH.

Nearly 40 members attended the Swindon Branch meeting at Bishopstone on June 11th, and among the visitors was a young man from Surrey, whose signature tune must be, 'I shouldn't mind a peal on that one!' Methods up to Cambridge were rung on this noisy eight, and the Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar.

At the business meeting a collection was made for the Highworth bells restoration fund, and it was proposed to visit Wroughton, Lydiard Millicent and Purton during the next three months. The branch secretary gave a brief report of the Central Council meeting at York.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## SURPRISE MINOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. L. Joyce must have overlooked the extent of S1,2,3,4,5,6 published in 'The Ringing World' of December 27th, 1935, and also that of S18,26,43,44,45,46 published on December 12th, 1941. Both those extents have certain defects which may account for their not appearing in his collection.

There is also an extent of S7,8,9,10 arranged by myself which has not been published, but which was circulated by the late Mr. A. G. Driver to one or two interested people. I enclose a copy.

Therefore the maximum number of Surprise Minor methods which can by ordinary means be included in seven extents is 33, and if we admit the extents mentioned in paragraph one the number is increased to 37.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

## 720 IN 4 SURPRISE METHODS

S7, 8, 9, 10.

Arranged by C. Kenneth Lewis.

23456	S7	—36245	10
35264	8	52436	7
64523	9	—23645	10
42635	9	—56234	8
—42356	9	34625	9
—42563	9	—34256	9
—42563	9	—34562	9
—63542	10	46325	9
25463	7	62453	7
—56342	10	25634	7
—23564	8	53246	10
64352	9	—62534	7
45623	9		
—45236	9	—23456	
—45362	9	Contains a plain lead of	
56423	7	each method included.	
—62345	10	Contains two 6-5's in lead	
53462	7	14.	

## RINGERS' NOTEBOOK &amp; DIARY, 1950

Last year's diary was voted a great success, and many complimentary letters (including several official letters of congratulation from Guilds and Associations) were received by us. Preparation for printing the 1950 edition is already well in hand, and it is intended to make the book even more interesting and useful than the first issue.

A further 16 pages are being added which will provide room, amongst other things, for extra touches in methods already included and for the addition of diagrams and touches of Double Court, St. Clement's Minor and Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Other additions will be touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques and (especially for Yorkshire ringers) a ready reckoner to give the number of changes per minute for varying lengths of peal. A number of other refinements, including permanent gold-blocking of the covers and the re-grouping of methods for easier reference, are also planned.

It is hoped to have the diary available this year by early November, but to achieve this all copy must go to the printers shortly. We wish to include in the 'Diary' portion as many dates of annual general meetings, dinners and social functions as possible, and we would be glad if these could be furnished by Guild secretaries not later than by early August. Alterations to the list of Central Council members and secretaries' name and addresses should also be sent if these have not been reported in 'The Ringing World.'

W. VIGGERS and M. HODGSON.

37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

## A MESSAGE FOR LIBRA

Dear Sir,—May I endorse all that K. W. H. Felstead says in your issue of the 1st inst.? I would also like to tell 'Libra' that it is only by the use of precise statements such as those introduced by A. York-Bramble that progress can be made in the scientific portions of our Exercise. He will not deny, I hope, that W. H. Thompson's researches into Grandsire Triples were conducted in a scientific manner and that they involved the introduction of such specialist terms as 'Q-set,' nor that, as A. York-Bramble pointed out, certain terms in everyday use in the Exercise are indubitably imprecise.

As a beginner, and a non-peal ringer, I should like to extend my thanks to A. York-Bramble for his excellent series of articles and to those of your correspondents whose subsequent discussion has proved so enlightening to one who lacks a knowledge of and access to previous records and original sources.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP P. CARTER.

Sowerby, Yorks.

Apropos the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's letter re method extension last week, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner writes: 'I should like to support Mr. Felstead's commendation of the use of a nom de plume by 'Libra' in 'The Ringing World,' dated June 24th. In fairness to Dr. Hatcher, the author should surely have signed his own name.'

## GUILDFORD GUILD MOTION

Dear Sir,—Had Mr. Shepherd been present at the meeting of the Standing Committee and heard the exposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher and other members of the Editorial Committee he would have had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that I did not vote against the motion submitted by my Guild. When only half of a case is presented it is unwise to pass judgment.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

## THE REV. E. S. POWELL

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to erect here in the sanctuary of this beautiful old Parish Church, which he loved and served, a stone memorial tablet to the memory of the late Rev. Everard Slade Powell, M.A., Vicar of Staverton from 1933 to 1946.

The ringers of the parish are entrusted with the task of collecting the necessary money, which will be in the neighbourhood of £50. They have already received several requests from people outside the parish to be allowed to join in it, and it occurred to them that there may be others who, for reasons of friendship or gratitude, would welcome the opportunity of taking a share, however small. Mr. Powell's Mastership of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is to be recorded on the memorial.

Any contributions should be sent to either of the undersigned without delay and will be acknowledged.

MAUD CLARKE (captain of the ringers).

ALICE M. HALL (Treasurer).  
Staverton, near Daventry, Northants.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS

A joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches was held at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on June 18th, and was largely attended.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to suit all requirements, after which the company adjourned to the King's Arms Assembly Rooms for tea.

One non-resident life member, Mr. Peter Newing, of Carterbury, was elected, and it was announced that the Mid-Devon and Exeter Branches would hold a joint meeting at Dawlish on Saturday, July 16th. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast and the Vicar of Dean Prior.

## Guildford Diocesan Guild

## NEW PEAL TAX SUGGESTED.

There was a small attendance of members and visitors at a meeting of the Guildford District, Guildford Guild, at Albury on June 25th. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector, and after tea Shere bells were available. The small attendance permitted a good deal of time being devoted to beginners, of whom there were quite a few in attendance.

At the business meeting, at which the Rector of Albury presided, the meeting discussed a suggestion put forward by the general secretary that with a view to raising funds out of which grants could be made towards restorations, augmentations and the provision of ropes, the Guild should impose a rope tax on all peal attempts and perhaps a small fee for members attending meetings. Mr. Grover explained that this suggested scheme was intended to be in substitution for any increase in the annual subscription, and he pointed out to members that the people who rang peals and attended district meetings were the interested members of the Guild, and the financing of the Guild depended on their enthusiasm and support more than on members whose only connection with the Guild was to pay their annual subscription.

After discussion, the meeting decided to allow the matter to stand over until the next district meeting.

## LEEDS AND SELBY SOCIETIES

## JOINT MEETING AT KIPPAX.

On a perfect summer's day the members of the two societies journeyed to Kippax, a six-bell tower situated between the two towns. The bells were raised soon after 2.30 p.m., and learners had the first pulls of rounds and Queen's. Other methods were rung until tea time, when some 40 members transferred to the Sunday Schools, where cups of tea were provided by the local company.

The business meeting followed tea. Mr. Hill (Leeds president) presided and was supported by Mr. H. Morley (Selby).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. H. S. Morley. The Vicar suitably responded, and the people's churchwarden, Mr. Lawn, supported and referred to the church roof, which required replacing owing to the death watch beetle having been at work for some years. As many of the ringers had expressed concern and surprise at the destruction, a collection was taken, which amounted to £1 5s.

Several new members were elected to their respective societies.

The next Leeds meeting will be held on July 31st at Sherburn. As this is the start of the Leeds holidays, members were asked to turn up in force.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Ludham, which has the heaviest ring of five in Norfolk (tenor 22 cwt.), was selected for the East Norfolk Branch meeting on June 11th. Thirty-five members attended, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Arnsworth).

At the business meeting, Mr. G. W. Fletcher presided, supported by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), Ringing Master (Mr. N. Golden), branch secretary (Mr. J. G. W. Harwood) and acting branch Ringing Master (Mrs. Fletcher).

The chairman reported on the Central Council meeting at York. Mr. W. E. Warner (Norton Subcourse) was elected a member. A silent tribute was paid to the late Mr. F. Middleton (Mulbarton). The next meeting was fixed for September 10th at Pakefield.



# RINGERS' OUTINGS

## ST. LEONARD'S, STREATHAM.

Winchester and Romsey were the objectives for the fourth pilgrimage of St. Leonard's, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham, bands on June 18th. On the outward journey ringing took place at Farnham.

Ringing at Winchester was confined to the six at St. Maurice's, but most of the party also visited the Cathedral. At Romsey, because of an unexpected church service, ringing was reduced to 15 minutes, but a dozen enthusiasts climbed the interminable stairs for a quick pull.

Six-bell ringers showed their prowess at King Somborne, and then to Andover where, after a bumper tea, the sight of the open spiral staircase to the belfry caused a few to 'decline with thanks.' It held no terrors for some of the lady visitors, who crowded into the belfry to watch the menfolk ring stand methods on the beautiful eight.

Greetings were sent to Mr. A. Miller, of the Mitcham band, at present in Canada, and thanks passed to Mr. S. Howard, the pilgrimage secretary.

## DARLINGTON.

Ringers of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity unofficially carried on the traditions of the Darlington Amalgamated Society by their outing on June 25th, organised by Mr. T. Cooke.

After a good view of Durham Cathedral, Newcastle was safely negotiated, and the first halt was at Fenham, the church containing a carillon of 17 fine-toned bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, eight of which are hung for ringing (tenor 14 cwt.). A most musical ring was all in readiness, thanks to Mr. J. L. Gray and the local band.

A halt was made at Morpeth for coffee and a walk by the Wansbeck and inspection of the watch tower. Then through Alnmouth to Barnburgh for lunch and a visit to its ancient church with eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.). The tower has a square staircase, and some of the party used to the ordinary spiral found the progression of three steps and a right-angle turn somewhat novel. In the church is the memorial to Grace Darling.

Through scenery not easily surpassed, the route was via Alnwick and over the moors to Rothbury—a ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.), where local ringers awaited the party.

The homeward run was through beautiful scenery via Scots Gap and the Roman wall to Corbridge, where a short halt was made and some handbell ringing indulged in before the last lap through Tow Law and West Auckland to Darlington. A memorable day.

## FELPHAM, SUSSEX.

A tour of Hampshire and Surrey was the programme for Felpham ringers' outing. Bishop's Waltham, Stockbridge, Whitechurch, Odiham and Worplesdon were visited. Mr. Peter Wood acted as Ringing Master and Miss E. Lonnen organised the outing, which was a great success.

## ROCHDALE.

For their outing into Derbyshire on June 18th, All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, had a beautiful day. First stop was Gawsforth, where a member who learned to pull a bell gave details of the history of these bells.

After lunch the next call was Mayfield, and then Ashbourn, where friends were amused at the faces of the company with the long draught of 72ft. Expressions changed as good touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. were rung.

Next came the heavy eight at Youlgrave, and then home through Bakewell and lovely Derbyshire country. Thanks are due to Mr. James Taylor for an excellent outing.

## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Ringwood, Bournemouth, and Southampton were in the itinerary of Chichester Cathedral Guild for their tour on June 25th.

Mr. Sheetham had the fine ring at Ringwood ready for the party, and at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Mr. Arthur Davies was waiting for the visitors.

After lunch and Bournemouth sea, shops and ices, we coasted to Southampton and St. Michael's ten, where we discovered the Rev. Felstead waiting for donations for his bombed parish behind a street hoarding! After sampling this fine ten, we went on to Portsmouth to see the show, 'Careless Rapture.' We all agreed that a show is excellent to complete a ringing tour.

Our gratitude to Mrs. Tamplin, who so successfully arranged the day's outing.

## WHISTON, YORKS.

During this year's outing to Whitby on June 18th, Whiston ringers rang on the magnificent ten at Selby Abbey and the light eight at Norton, near Malton. A warm welcome was received at both places, and the outing proved to be most enjoyable.

## MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

Six Surrey towers were included in the District's coach tour on June 11th. A groan went up from the ladies at the sight of the vertical iron ladder at Redhill, but they cheered up after ascending it and ringing for three-quarters of an hour.

Fifteen minutes were wasted looking for the entrance to Dorking Church, but having found it no time was lost in raising the bells. An al fresco lunch at Albury was followed by a ring on the musical six.

On arriving at Guildford, a wooden box carried by one of the ladies, a cause for much speculation, was opened, and out flew a pigeon. Ringing at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church attracted a crowd, who anticipated the bride. Miss W. Oliver, secretary of the Southern District Ladies' Guild, arranged an excellent meal.

The company showed their proficiency on ten at Reigate. At Godstone, the treble was discovered to be lashed, and the stay broken. This did not prevent ringing. After quenching thirsts, the party was able to relax and count blisters as the coach took them homewards.

Dr. E. St. J. Hatcher was congratulated and thanked by Mr. A. Waddington for organising the tour.

## ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL.

A coach tour to London was planned by St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on, June 18th. The first stop was Malborough (for breakfast) and then to Hammersmith.

Whitechapel Foundry was reached just before 1 p.m. Mr. A. A. Hughes kindly arranged lunch and showed the party over the Foundry. Ringing at All Saints', Poplar, followed.

On the homeward journey the party was met at Newbury by Mr. Curtis, where ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells. The last stop was Marlborough (for supper), where thanks were expressed to the organiser and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett congratulated on the anniversary of their wedding day and presented with a gift, as a token of the party's esteem. The outing was one of the finest St. Ambrose's Guild had arranged.

## HELMINGHAM.

A distance of 230 miles in 18 hours was accomplished by the Helmingham band on their annual outing on June 25th. Towers visited were Royston, Baldock, Hitchin, Dunstable and Harpenden. Ringing ranged from Bob Major to London and Bristol Surprise.

## LONDON COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

About 40 members, some accompanied by their wives, spent an enjoyable day in Kent on June 25th.

First call was at All Saints', Birchington, and then the Waterloo tower at Quex Park, where the 12 bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman.

Lunch was taken at Margate, followed by ringing at St. John's. Later came the fine ring of 10 at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, where methods ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge. was reached at 10.45, all having enjoyed the well-arranged programme.

## DARLEY DALE AND ASHOVER.

This combined outing on June 25th was into Cheshire. Ringing was enjoyed at Congleton, Sandbach, Middlewich and Macclesfield. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples and Caters, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, also Bob Major. A number of the ringers had their first ring on 12 bells at Macclesfield.

## MARGARET BEAMISH'S 50 PEALS COMPLETED FOUR DAYS BEFORE HER 14th BIRTHDAY.

Maximus: Cambridge Surprise 1. Cinques: Stedman 2 (1 'in hand'). Royal, Cambridge Surprise 2, Plain Bob 1. Caters: Stedman 3 (1 'in hand'), Grandsire 1.

Major: London Surprise 2, Peterborough Surprise 1, Bristol Surprise 3, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 7, New Cambridge Surprise 3, Double Norwich 2, Kent 2 (1 'in hand'), Plain Bob 4 (1 'in hand').

Triples: Stedman 5 (2 'in hand'), Grandsire 3. Minor: Cambridge Surprise 1, Plain Bob 3 (conducted 2), four methods 2.

Total: 50 (6 'in hand', conducted 2).

## OBITUARY

### MR. E. HANCOX.

A ringer at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, for nearly 50 years and captain for the last 25 years, Mr. E. Hancox died on June 29th. He was one of the oldest members of the Middlesex County Association, and also a member of the Oxford, Surrey, Warwickshire and College Youths. He had rung nearly 100 peals.

The funeral was held at Hillingdon Cemetery on July 4th, attended by members of St. Andrew's and St. John's Church. In the evening a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung at St. Andrew's Church by: S. W. Childs 1, P. E. Jones 2, M. Kilby (first in method) 3, W. Honer 4, T. Collins 5, P. Corke (conductor), 6, H. Imfrey 7, S. Humphreys 8.

### MR. CLIFTON NEWMAN.

Mr. Clifton Newman (72), of 53, Finedon Road, Ilthringborough, who has rung at the Parish Church since the bells were hung in 1893, has died. He was clerk and verger at the church for 20 years, until he retired in 1924, a Sunday School teacher and a member of the choir for many years.

At the funeral service on July 6th, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. V. Rogers), the following bellringers acted as bearers: Messrs. A. Tyler, J. Mawby, A. Bigley and J. Skerritt. Among those present were Messrs. W. Perkins, F. Kirk, A. Bellamy (Raunds), G. Basford and J. Main (Finedon) and J. Chambers (Stanwick). As a tribute the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled from the date of his death until after the funeral.

STROUD, GLOS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Brunt (first away from tenor) 1, G. Latham 2, B. Latham 3, T. Pritchard 4, Mr. Cotterill 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, R. Thain 7, R. Sharpe 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On June 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Trinity Sunday, 720 Cambridge): E. Treagus 1, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 2, F. Roberts 3, B. White 4, C. Longhurst 5, E. J. King 6.



## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2; M. F. Layton (first in method) 3, A. J. Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, E. T. Woolfoot 8. A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

BARNET, MIDDLESEX.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Barker 1, W. D. Prockson 2, B. J. Willis (first of Major) 3, R. Newman 4, D. F. Harman 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. F. Warren 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8.

BARROW, LANC.—On June 20th, 1,260 Kent T.B. (Minor): T. Turner 1, R. Suart 2, J. Bagnall 3, F. H. Crawley 4, N. Newby 5, J. E. Burles (cond.) 6.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allen 1, F. Windibank 2, C. Pay 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (cond.) 5, V. Shadbolt 6. On the 78th birthday of the conductor and the 70th of No. 1.

BODIAM, KENT.—On June 19th, 2,520 Doubles (1,440 Plain Bob, 960 Grandsire): Miss Sheila M. Hole (longest length) 1, S. G. Waters 2, Miss Frances Wood 3, L. T. Pope 4, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On June 10th, 1,386 Grandsire Caters: K. Thompson 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, A. Freeston 3, R. Brown 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Petch 1, F. Leggott 8, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 9, T. Freeston 10. In honour of the installation of the Rev. E. K. Ellis (Vicar) as Canon in Lincoln Cathedral.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Miles 1, W. Guley 2, G. Wilmot 3, R. Green 4, P. Hull 5, W. Davis 6. Memoriam Norris Say, ringer and churchworker.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On June 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Burley 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, Miss C. A. Harding 3, R. G. Morris 4, C. J. Clarke 5, R. W. Sayers 6, A. Morgan 7, R. Woodyatt 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On June 19th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. E. B. Wall 2, E. H. Baldwin 3, R. C. Westney 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, L. G. Webb 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, J. McCluskey 8. First in method by 2, 3 and 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Angela Carter 1, A. H. Treadgold 2, Audrey J. West 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. Seymour 5, A. E. Lock (cond.) 6, J. Nobes 7, H. Thomas 8. First of Triples by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Cook (first quarter) 1, Lieut. J. D. Richard, R.N., 2, J. C. Birt 3, K. L. Brown 4, D. R. Judd, 5, W. J. Ellis 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Ashdown (first quarter) 1, E. Mounter 2, A. Groves 3, A. Anstey 4, G. Ashdown 5, J. Hurrell 6, D. H. Anstey (cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire with E. Long tenor first quarter.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On June 21st, 1,344 Bob Major: A. W. Bowers 1, S. Atkins 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, C. E. Lawrence 5, W. Paul 6, G. Miller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. First of Major 4, 5 and 7. A 99th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Bowers, mother of the treble ringer.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 20th, 480 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Hayward (first quarter) 1, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 2, A. G. Gasson 3, R. E. Woods 4, P. L. Eldridge 5, R. H. Mills 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Dylis Jones (15) 1, Miss Sheila Jones (17) 2, Miss Beryl Hughes (18) 3, R. Gordon Corby 4, Brian Harris (first as cond.) (16) 5, Miss Jean Pye (16) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Baker 1, M. Baker 2, H. Allberry (first quarter as cond.) 3, W. Hill 4, H. Oliver 5.

## QUARTER PEALS

## HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

SEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Pitman 1, D. R. Corning 2, A. E. Hoare 3, W. Vince 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, H. W. Barnard 6.

IFFLEY, OXFORD.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Woodley 1, Miss N. Honey 2, J. Adams 3, W. Fern (first of Minor 'inside') 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, E. Eades 6. First of Minor 1 and 6.

ISLE OF DGGS, LONDON.—On June 18th, by the University of London Society, 1,260 (Grandsire Triples: Betty Hewitson (first quarter) 1, Rachel Yeld (first 'inside') 2, Janet Mattinson 3, P. R. Layton 4, D. Martin 5, E. Dodds 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, K. Guy (first quarter) 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, Miss W. M. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. First of treble Bob for 1, 3 and 6. For the 21st birthday of A. R. Elliott.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Clements 1, T. Haslam 2, K. Clements (first quarter) 3, L. Pearson 4, E. Jennings (cond.) 5, K. Holmes 6, I. Heap 7, T. Knights 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Bullock 1, C. W. Ottley 2, E. W. Furbanks 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. E. Wilmington 5, E. W. Housden 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Manning 1, H. Haynes 2, W. Kilsby 3, V. A. Perry 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—On June 19th, 1,200 Minor (480 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Ruth M. K. How 1, M. Jillian Brierley 2, Kathleen Higgins 3, N. G. McCrum 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, D. W. B. Summers (cond.) 6. A farewell to Jillian Brierley.

SALISBURY.—On June 16th, at St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mussell 1, J. Maidment 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, J. Sutton 4, L. Harris 5, R. N. Marlow 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, W. Chalk 8. For the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 340 April Day, 240 Bob Doubles, 240 Grandsire): F. Wilton 1, A. R. A. Peake 2, B. Bladon 3, A. J. Tickner 4, E. Roberts 5, G. Collins 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, E. G. Grainger 8. First quarter in 5 methods 1, 5 and 7. Rung with 4, 6, 8 behind.

SWINDON.—On June 19th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: J. Hawkins 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, F. Wilton 3, A. Tickner 4, Miss B. E. L. Roberts (first of Caters as cond.) 5, J. Berry 6, C. J. Gardner 7, H. Bishop 8, W. W. Darnell 9, E. Vincent 10. First of Caters 3 and 4.

TAYNTON, OXFORD.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Westmacott 1, J. G. Collett (first on tower bells) 2, H. Parker 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, W. J. Dixon 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire): L. Warren 1, P. Marriott 2, A. J. Marriott 3, W. G. Soar (cond.) 4, T. J. Marriott 5, G. S. Hill 6. In memory of Mrs. H. E. H. Mosley, of Calke Abbey.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Bishop (first quarter) 1, C. Fordham 2, W. Godson 3, H. Hunt 4, L. Sharpe (first quarter) 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the 2nd.

YORK.—At the Minster, on June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples on the light eight: S. H. Steel 1, T. F. Earnshaw 2, F. Atkinson 3, H. Forden 4, G. Horner 5, D. Forth 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, E. Reckitt 8. An 81st birthday compliment to T. F. Earnshaw, president of the York Minster Society.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society  
ANNUAL MEETING AT LICHFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on July 2nd, and once again glorious weather marked the occasion.

One of the largest gatherings ever experienced by the society attended, and ringing commenced at the Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. Other towers that were made good use of were St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6).

The service at the Cathedral (evensong) was attended by the majority of those present. Tea followed in the ancient Guildhall, by permission of the City Council, and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Lichfield. A very fine display of civic silver was on view for the benefit of the visitors. The tea, which had been arranged by Mr. Walter J. Cope, obviously with considerable preparation, was enjoyed by the 120 present.

The general meeting was presided over by the Archdeacon of Stafford, who is well known in the Midlands for his staunch support of ringers and bellringing. Proceedings opened with a welcome to Lichfield by the Mayor.

The treasurer, in his summing up of the past year's finances, stated there had been a loss on the year of £14, contributed largely by the extra cost of printing the annual report, but it was generally agreed that it had been an otherwise very successful year.

## VARIETY IN PEALS.

In his report, the secretary stated that 62 peals had been rung for the society during the year and, whilst this was not a record, the variety of methods rung was greater than ever before, and included several 'firsts' for the society in Surprise methods, including Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Belgrave Surprise Major, Ashted Surprise Major, and Aldenham Surprise Major. Other methods appearing for the first time for a number of years were Norfolk Surprise Major, New Cambridge Surprise Major, and Erin Caters. Most of the peals reported included a good percentage of ringers who were ringing in the method for the first time.

During the year two entire bands had been affiliated—Rugeley and Alrewas—which proved that the northern side of the district was getting stronger. Membership in most areas was steadily increasing.

A notable change in the society's policy was that the quarterly meetings were being abandoned and were to be substituted by six bi-monthly meetings, to be held alternately in the Northern and Southern Districts. It was also the popular opinion that the subscription should be increased to 2s. per annum, with life members paying 5s.

The only change in the society's officers was the election of Mr. Eric E. Speake as Ringing Master. Officers re-elected were Mr. Arthur V. Pearson (secretary), Rev. C. Holroyd Barker as treasurer and clerical secretary and Mr. F. Brotherton as auditor.

A very successful meeting was brought to a close with a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by request of the Mayor and Mayoress, and further tower ringing.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and prize contest were held at Longwood on July 2nd, and eight teams entered to ring a Plain Course practice and 360 changes for test piece, of own choice.

Some excellent ringing was heard all day, and about 80 ringers and friends sat down to tea provided by the local company.

The judges' decision was as follows: Shellev 70 faults, Meltham 27, Friezland 17, New Mill 34, Silkstone 26, Cawthorne 66, Thornhill 60 (rang out), Liversedge 20.

Friezland were declared winners, and each ringer received a razor set along with the Association's silver cup. The runner-up, Liversedge, each received a fountain pen.



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## WEDDING

**SIMS-ROBINS.**—On Saturday, July 9th, 1949, at St. Mary's Church, Keysoe, Beds, Bryan Frederick, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sims, Great Barford, Beds, to Mildred, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Robins, Mill Hill, Keysoe. Future address: 4, Banks Road, Biggleswade, Beds. 5543

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**YORKSHIRE PEAL AND RINGING TOUR,** Aug. 6th to 14th inclusive.—Owing to last-minute withdrawals there are three vacancies for lady and/or gentleman ringers. Visiting 40 towers, peals in 20.—Apply, enclosing stamped envelope, to the organiser, Frank C. W. Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington, Kent. 5527

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## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough, Saturday, July 16th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 5492

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Goringe, Hon. Sec. 5506

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. and Southern District.—Combined meeting, Limpsfield (6), July 16th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. After tea, Oxted (6), Limpsfield Chart (6).—F. B. Jeal, 78, Earlswood Road, Redhill. 5487

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Willingham on Saturday, July 16. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 5513

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting St. Mary's, Twickenham, July 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and short business. Further ringing until 8.—F. Finch. 5509

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead on July 16th. Bells (6) from 3. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to Mr. W. Hayes, Morton's Place, Flamstead, near St. Albans.—L. S. Baines, Dis. Sec. 5521

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5500

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken (8) on Saturday, July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Lower Kirby, by Wednesday, 20th.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 5512

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD** (Grimsby District).—Joint meeting at Bigby, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 19th, to Mrs. Bowness, Bigby, Barnetby, Lincs. 5510

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General quarterly meeting at Quorn on July 23rd. Bells 2. Names to me, please, by July 21st for tea at 5. A few 1946-7 reports available, 1s. 6d. each, including postage.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Hon. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 5501

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Branch meeting at Mattishall, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Oddfellows' Hall. Please let Mr. A. Moore, Ashleigh, Mattishall, East Dereham, know by July 20th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 5496

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (8), July 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea to E. Bacon, 49, England's Lane, Loughton. 5488

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting Oakford, July 23rd. Usual arrangements. Special bus leaves Silvertown 2.30, Tiverton 3, Bampton 3.20, returning same route 8 p.m. For bus tickets (free to Guild members of any branch), apply to E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, not later than July 17th. 5484

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Diocesan Festival at Carbis Bay (8), Saturday, July 23rd, from 2.30. Service 4.30; preacher, Canon Peeke. Tea after service, 1s. Other bells: Phillack (8), Lelant (6), Towednack (8), Zenon (6). Replies by Tuesday, July 19th, to Rev. H. Trehwella, St. Crantock Vicarage, Newquay. 5490

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Moulton (8), July 23rd. Tea for those who send names by Tuesday, July 19th, to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 5535

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Poynton, July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. For tea inform Mr. B. L. Hallworth, 89, Clumber Road, Poynton, near Stockport, by July 19th.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5541

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting Lympham, Saturday, July 23rd, from 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 5538

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Winshill (6), July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by July 21st, F. G. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent. 5539

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Don't forget Annual Festival, July 23rd. Proceedings commence with service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Vicar of Bray (Rev. E. C. S. Lomas). Luncheon tickets 5s.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5451

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival.—Choristers are invited to bring cassocks and surplices and form a choir. To facilitate making the necessary arrangements in the Cathedral will intending choristers please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire? 5537

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lois-Weedon on Saturday, July 23rd. Names for tea to C. Hinton, Lois-Weedon, Towcester, by the 19th.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 5524

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Leverington, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 20th.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5526

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Meeting, Cudham, July 23rd, 3. Tea (1s. 9d.) Oast House, 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 5528

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Desborough (8), July 23rd. Bells 3. Names for tea before 19th.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 5529

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Brixham (8), Saturday, July 23rd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 5530

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Summer meeting, Corton Denham, July 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 5531

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Shedfield (8), July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Names by July 20th to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 5532

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Longstock (5), July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Also Loxford (5), near Stockbridge. Names by July 18th.—L. A. Tremear, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5533

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Broadchalke (6), July 23rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Coombe Bissett and Berwick St. John bells also available. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5545

**ST. MARY'S, ELY.**—Second Annual Ringers' Sunday, July 24th. Ringing 3. Tea 4.30, St. Mary's Hotel. Service 6.30. All welcome. 5523

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., July 30th. Names for tea by Wed., July 27th, to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Rd., Claygate; gentlemen welcome. 5546

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Banham (6), Saturday, July 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. W. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich, by July 26th.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 5540

**GUILDFORD GUILD** (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—Joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, available in various cafes, 5-6. More ringing after.—A. Smith and R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 5544

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting Crowland, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland, before July 29th. 5542



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