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THE LINCOLN JUBILEE

THE thoughts of ringers throughout the country have been centred this week on Lincoln. Celebrations took place last Saturday in honour of the jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and through our columns we desire to express the congratulations of the Exercise to the Guild on reaching its half-century.

Although not by any means the oldest of our territorial Associations or Guilds, Lincoln has always enjoyed a place in the inner Councils. The first Master, the Rev. H. Law James, contributed much as a composer, and while it was at St. Michael's, Gloucester, that he and his brother spent their youthful days, it was as Vicar of Surfleet that he did his great work for the Guild. 'Spliced' ringing was not accepted without a fight, and it was in the Rev. H. Law James that it had an outstanding champion. His mathematical mind delighted in the new intricacies that were opened by this field of ringing.

His successor came also from Surfleet in Mr. Rupert Richardson. He toured Lincolnshire in a systematic manner in the fulfilment of his duties, and by his open-hearted generosity attracted to the village the leading ringers of the day. Rupert was emphatically a man of action. He was one of the saviours of 'The Ringing World,' upon the death of the founder-editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. Posthaste he travelled from Surfleet to Pyrford upon receiving news of the paper's difficulties and doubts about its continuance. When major difficulties confronted the Exercise it was to Rupert that people turned; his shrewd business mind might be concealed beneath an exterior of benevolence, but the brain was ever active, and the advice he gave was sound. A memorial to his work is to be found among the bells of Lincoln Cathedral. As long as the Guild lasts, so the name of Rupert Richardson will remain. He was a big man in every way.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' are familiar with the assiduity with which the present Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, has created around Lincoln Cathedral a band worthy to ring in such an historic and wonderful centre of the Christian faith. In the realm of performance the Lincoln Guild has in the past set the Exercise a number of objectives, and while comparison is invidious the diligence of the Lincoln ringers, particularly during these post-war years, is a spur to those renowned provincial bands centred at Birmingham, Leicester and in Cheshire. Mr. J. A. Freeman has also the gift of organisation and understanding.

The real strength of a Guild is not to be found in one or two crack bands who are constantly adding laurel leaves to the victor's crown, but to the conscientious small town and village companies who faithfully perform their duty Sunday by Sunday and maintain a spirit of friendliness. Last week we published a letter from a Lincolnshire ringer, Mr. James H. Musson. Simple and directly to the point, yet between the lines could be read the story of enthusiasm and keenness. It is not the headline makers or the controversialists that provide live copy to our journal, but the humbler ringers, whose solid background is the basis of country ringing in this land. To them a quarter peal is an occasion, and it is in recognition of such that we endeavour to give them a rightful place in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 8
*JEANNE E. ASKEW ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... 10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 11
HENRY H. FEARN ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman and of Cinques. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George on the eve of his 96th birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

*AUDREY M. CASTLE ... Treble	ROBERT G. HEAZEL ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 7
N. G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 5	*ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on 10 bells. Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*ERIC DODDS ... Treble	*†EDWIN C. HYNARD ... 6
†SHEILA E. HARRIS ... 2	SQUIRE CROFT ... 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 8
*THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 4	†DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 9
†MRS. KATHLEEN PARR ... 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal by all except the ringers of 3 and 10. Rung in honour of the first birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
THOMAS SMITH ... 2	*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	†SAMUEL BIRCH ... 8
NOREEN BRAIN ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 9
GORDON HARRISON ... 5	GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten and in the method.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 6
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 2	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
*MRS. FREWEN MOOR ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 8
†DR. FREWEN MOOR ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... 9
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF WIGSTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

DOROTHY M. UDALE ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 2	LAURENCE GREENHOW ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
ALAN JACQUES ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus to be rung in this method. Tenor 25 cwt.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

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

HENRY ROGERS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 6
PATRICK PRESTON ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... 7
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 8
FRANK BROWN ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... 9
CLEMENT GLENN ... 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Half-muffled. In memoriam Walter White.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	*RONALD J. SHARP ... 8
JILL POOLE ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Surprise Royal. In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
PHILIP WALKER ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 8
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... 9
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal of Caters in the method by all. In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in D.

CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble	†DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 6
FREDK. W. STOKES ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JOHN WALDEN ... 9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.



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EIGHT BELL PEALS

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER W. MILLER ... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
*DAVID VINCENT ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* 200th peal. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM G. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
DAVID VINCENT ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble	STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 2	FRANK W. LACK ... 6
GEORGE S. BUSH ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
HERBERT GOAKES ... 4	HERBERT FIELDS ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mrs. R. A. Savoury. R.I.P.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*HORACE J. BENTLEY ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	†CYRIL TANSELL ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	†THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together. Tenor 15½ cwt.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 5
T. JOHN FOWLER ... 2	*JOHN HOWARD ... 6
JESSE HARRISON ... 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	WILFRED EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by KATHLEEN FLETCHER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Prince Charles. Tenor 21½ cwt.EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 22 cwt.
JAMES P. BLOND ... Treble	GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 5
HENRY K. WHITE ... 2	EDWARD R. ROBEY ... 6
ALFRED H. WEBB ... 3	ROBERT B. BLOND ... 7
HENRY L. BISHOP ... 4	JACK C. NAPPER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. ROBEY.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
ERNEST J. LADD ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7
ALEX RICHARDSON ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

250th peal as conductor. Birthday peal for G. T. G. Sone, son of the conductor. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	WILLIAM THORNEY, JUN. ... 6
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
ALFRED MOULD ... 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

In memoriam Charles John Trotman, former captain of St. Mary's, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and father of the conductor, died November 21st, 1938.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRED JACKSON ... Treble	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 2	ERNEST THORLEY ... 6
JAMES THORLEY ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
GIBSON JACKSON ... 4	†J. ERNEST PADGETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN THOMAS ... Treble	PATRICK HARRIS ... 5
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 2	RALPH HARRIS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
MARGARET J. ROWLAND ... 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* 100th peal of Stedman Triples. A 16th birthday compliment to Robert G. Freeman and first peal of Stedman on the bells.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
TOM WILDE ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

A 27th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Laflin, son of the 7th ringer.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH ... Treble	FRANK J. MAUDE ... 5
HAROLD WALKER ... 2	THOMAS W. LAMB ... 6
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 3	ROGER LEIGH ... 7
R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
DAPHNE LLOYD ... Treble	*REV. JOHN KINGDON ... 5
HARRY LEWIS ... 2	GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	JOHN H. STOCKTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. In memoriam Frederick Dutton, churchwarden for nearly 30 years.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 2	HENRY O. BAKER ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

BRIAN AUSTIN ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
*JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM J. VINNICOMBE Treble	CHARLES SANGWIN ... 5
*CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... 2	JOHN W. SANGWIN ... 6
FREDERICK SANGWIN ... 3	†THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
W. RONALD HILL ... 4	†REGINALD G. PEARCE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight. † 100th peal for the Guild. ‡ First peal. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of William J. Shears, for many years a ringer at this church.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	*GEORGE GARDNER ... 6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 7
*PERCY STONE ... 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Composed by Hy. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

FRED PRICE ... Treble	WILLIAM F. CHEATER ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 6
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (20). Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of London on the bells. Rung on the eve of Mr. James George's 96th birthday, with the best wishes of the band.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*D. H. B. MILLWARD ... Treble	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	*R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
*BRIAN HARRIS ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 6 lb.

WILLIAM SMITH ... Treble	ALEC RICHARDSON ... 4
*MRS. MARGARET WHITE ... 2	*JOHN BAGSHAW ... 5
HENRY KIRK ... 3	ERIC ELLISON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC ELLISON.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. J. Marriot (a fellow-ringer) on the death of his wife.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD Treble	RALPH BIRD ... 4
†JEANNE E. ASKEW ... 2	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 5
*FRANK J. MATTHEWS ... 3	PETER N. BOND ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 2	CHAS. E. FISHER ... 5
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

ASHCOTT, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

IVOR HILLBURN ... Treble	*FREDERICK SANDY ... 4
*WILLIAM CAVILL ... 2	*CHARLES NORTON ... 5
FRANK SKINNER ... 3	*EDWARD SKINNER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKINNER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST T. CARVELL ... Treble	*JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4
ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 2	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 24 of St. Dunstan's and four 240's Morris's arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

HARRY NEWMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM JONES ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2	WILLIAM POCKETTS ... 5
CHARLES TAYLOR ... 3	CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung for the centenary of the bells, cast by Taylors in 1849.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	GEORGE W. PIPE ... 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

A wedding anniversary compliment to George A. Fleming.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Rawlings (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 2, T. Harris 3, F. Skidmore 4, D. Gardiner 5, A. V. Bennett (first in method) 6, W. W. Webb 7, W. Cook 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Cook.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. Mallett 1, R. Keeley 2, L. Glyde 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Kent Major for 1 and 3.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. W. Stevenson 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, Joyce England 3, Jill Brittain 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, F. E. Darby (cond.) 7, D. E. Parsons 8, P. A. F. Chalk 9, A. W. J. Appleton 10. To honour the first birthday of H.K.H. Prince Charles.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: L. Coe 1, C. Wright 2, D. Cooper 3, Miss B. Moss 4, J. Saxton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, S. Slaney 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss June Wright (youngest member of the band) and to the conductor.

CHISWICK, LONDON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Hutchings (first quarter of Major) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, S. Smith (first quarter of Surprise) 4, — 5, C. W. Ottley 6, H. G. Andrews 7, J. Bullock 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Coles 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, H. G. Hart 4, B. J. Willis 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, W. N. Genna 8. For the induction of the Rev. C. T. M. Brown as Vicar.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. West 1, Mrs. B. S. Nicholls 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, J. Nobes 4, J. Seymour 5, A. E. Lock (cond.) 6, B. S. Nicholls 7, H. Thomas 8. In memoriam Rev. B. J. Littlewood, Vicar.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith (first quarter) 1, F. W. Richardson 2, Miss M. Ashdown 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, T. A. Easterby 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder 7, R. Laming 8. Conducted by Henry Wood seated in belfry.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 20th, 1,240 Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, Miss Joyce England 2, J. Chilcott 3, R. Mackrill 4, A. Jones 5, W. J. Paice 6, J. Stephenson 7, P. Chalk 8, M. Chilcott 9, G. Debenham (cond.) 10.

HERNE HILL, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Dilnot (first quarter) 1, H. Manual 2, C. C. Dilnot (first quarter) 3, Eileen Wyles 4, C. Philpott 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, A. Butler 7, F. Pack 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Nov. 20th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss P. Kitchen 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, C. W. Ottley 3, W. D. Grainger 4, H. J. Ranzetta 5, H. W. Andrews 6, C. W. Wilmington 7, A. W. Wiffen 9, E. J. Brown 10.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. J. Youngman 1, C. Whiting 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. R. Bridges (first in method) 4, E. C. Pizzey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowts on Nov. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Single Court, 180 Single Oxford: F. Dixon 1, A. Melton 2, T. Crowe 3, C. Brown 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mr. F. Kealey, headmaster of the Church Day School and superintendent of the Parish Church Sunday School.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Smith 1, C. Pocock 2, Miss Mary Hart 3, P. J. Dyke 4, R. S. Hunt (cond.) 5, L. Fogg 6. On the occasion of the dedication of new church gates by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, erected in memory of the fallen, 1939-1945.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, O. Moores 2, F. Pritchard 3, J. T. Wamsley 4, Miss M. I. Jaggar 5, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. Casterton 8. An 18th birthday compliment to Miss Jaggar.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Maxted 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, J. S. Taylor 5, C. Pullen 6, N. J. Diserens 7, P. J. Dyke 8.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Spencer (cond.) 1, C. Drewitt 2, H. Miles 3, Miss M. Lidgley 4, S. Seymour 5, R. G. Clemens 6, E. V. Williams 7, H. Mitchell 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr's on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Iris Cording 1, Miss Gwen Friswell 4, D. Neal 5, A. F. Lancaster 6, G. A. Parsons 7, K. S. Seeger (first of Triples) 8.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Boykett 1, A. Little 2, Miss J. Barringer 3, H. Harrington 4, W. Little 5, F. Harrington (cond.) 6.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Shattock 1, B. Vine (first 'inside') 2, R. Shire 3, H. Churchill (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, L. Vickery 6.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Horner, jun. (first quarter) 1, G. W. Holliss 2, E. Lonnen (cond.) 3, W. F. Stevens 4, E. Treagus 5, E. Booker 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Cotterill 1, W. D. Peart 2, J. R. Cotterill 3, E. A. Parish 4, W. E. Partridge 5, W. C. Reynolds 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, K. Clarke (first quarter) 8. In memoriam to Samuel Loach, churchman and ringer.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Foster (first on eight bells) 1, E. C. Lambert (cond.) 2, W. J. Chester 3, J. Higgins 4, E. E. Whitmore 5, C. Hinton 6, F. C. Case 7, W. Yates 8.

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His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, who was Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from 1910-13 and is now one of the vice-presidents, underwent an internal operation at Wimborne Cottage Hospital. The latest report is that he is progressing very well. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Send Christmas greetings to your friends through 'The Ringing World,' price 2s. 6d.

Mr. Edward G. Davey has twice circled the tower of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Benjamin Thorp, of St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Mr. Jack Clegg, of Fallowfield, has completed Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The peal at Croft, Leics., completes the 'circle' of the tower for F. Watson (verger), and Ernest Morris has now called peals from each bell in this tower.

Mr. A. H. Webb, foreman ringer at East Hagbourne, Berks., completed the circle of his tower by a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 19th.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Hull on November 26th was rung to mark the 50 years of ringing in this area by Mr. Len Rodmell. The popular Master of the Beverley and District Society rang in the peal at the age of 72, and his many friends wish to see him 'among the ropes' for many more years.

The attendance at the Kirkby Mallory meeting of the Leicester Guild was affected by the inclement weather, and only six towers were represented. The next meeting was arranged for Stoney Stanton, as it was not found possible to hold the annual dinner there. A dance in aid of the new ring of eight at Market Bosworth by the district ringers realised £30.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The jubilee celebration of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild last Saturday was most successful and a triumph of organisation. A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on the Cathedral bells on the Friday. Guests at the dinner included the Bishop of Lincoln and the president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis. Our next issue will contain a full report of these happy proceedings.

In memoriam peals were rung for Canon G. F. Coleridge at Abingdon, Allesley, Crayford and Loughborough.

Brethren interested in a Masonic peal at Manchester in the Spring of 1950 are asked to communicate with Mr. Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

Recently to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Harry Goodger, a well-struck 500 of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Michael and All Angels', Tilehurst. Mr. Goodger rang the treble, the conductor being Mr. J. Marsh, which was his first as conductor. Mr. Goodger was for a very long time the much respected 'foreman' of the tower (having been taught to ring by the late Martin Routh), who also celebrated last year 60 years as a member of the choir.

Mr. James George was unable to repeat his feat of last year and participate in his birthday peal. He cannot use his artificial leg at present, as it is away at the specialist for attention, and as he had a bad cold he wisely decided not to risk coming out. 'Jimmy' says he intends to attempt the peal later on when circumstances are more favourable. Our oldest peal ringer (now 96) does not intend to rest on his laurels. Through 'The Ringing World' he wishes to thank sincerely the many friends who sent letters and telegrams of congratulation, and also those who rang peals for the occasion. It is his regret that he is unable to acknowledge these greetings individually.

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Memories of Canon Coleridge

PERSONAL DISCIPLINE.

I have a very vivid memory of my first meeting with the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, as he was then, on December 6th, 1902. A small party, J. Hunt, E. Allen, S. Radford and myself, went to Yateley, and met there M. Steer and B. Hawkins, from Hawley, who, with C. Giles from Reading and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, completed a peal party. We went for Double Norwich, and my note of the event says we had good ringing until the last three courses, when one of the ringers became ill and we had to stop.

After the ringing it was revealed that the ringer (Mr. B. Hawkins) who could not finish the peal had during the week been celebrating an important domestic event, which in due course got to the ears of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. I remember very well he put to good use the time occupied in walking to Blackwater Railway Station with a lecture about the need and the value of personal discipline in all bodily functions when proposing an important performance in the House of God. I am now the only survivor of the little party who on that long walk in the dark heard his words of wisdom.

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

A GOLDEN SOVEREIGN FOR FIRST PEAL

Fifty-seven years ago the Rev. G. F. Coleridge handled the 8th bell at Exeter Cathedral in a course of Grandsire Caters, the first change ringing on the bells, and as a boy I proudly watched him reveal his skill on a heavy bell. This was in 1892, but prior to this date, during one of his visits, he promised me a golden sovereign when I scored my first peal.

In those days he was a problem when on a ringing tour, and I remember two maiden ladies coming to our home at Exeter late one evening in great distress, for the ringer they agreed to accommodate for the night had arrived, and they were certain their small single bed would not be large enough for the largest parson they had ever seen!

Two peals that stand out in my memory more than the other I rang with him are the 'Devonians' peal at Putney in 1901, and the 7.392 of Double Norwich at Chiddingfold in 1907. Yes, the Canon enjoyed ringing just as much as his other activities, and with it all, wherever he was, he was a parson and a man. Good striking was a strong point and when he gave advice it was always sound. He would say, 'Stick to it and show what you can really do; stick together with one intention and purpose to do your very best, not only in the matter of excellency of striking, but also of goodwill one to another.'

One could write columns about our beloved Canon, but space is still limited; therefore, it is best to sum up his many virtues by one simple word—true. True to himself, to others and his arts; true to each work to which he laid his hand, and, above all, he possessed that true heart, ever faithful, ever loyal, always pressing on to the high mark of his calling.

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

NORTH NOTTS SYMPATHY.

It is with regret I learn of the death of Canon G. F. Coleridge. Though I did not know him personally, I have followed his ringing and other duties through 'The Ringing World', and, being in possession of 'History and Art of Change Ringing', could see what type of a gentleman he was. Although his great work on earth has now ended, it will have not been in vain or forgotten.

On behalf of all North Notts members and myself I would like to express the deepest sympathy to those relatives left behind in their sad bereavement.

H. DENMAN (Dis. Sec.).

*Retford, Notts.

The Return of the Native

ANOTHER PEAL AT STRADBROKE.

Few ringers have to wait nearly 27 years after scoring their first peal before attempting one on the bells of their native village; such has been the misfortune of Mr. David Vincent, now of Hale, Cheshire, who from time to time has rung in most surrounding towers yet heard Stradbroke bells for the first time since boyhood days when they struck into rounds for the peal of Cambridge there on November 12th.

During these years the bells have been considered unpealable and the tower unsafe and no peal was attempted on them. However, when a party of Suffolk ringers visiting Cheshire in 1947 made a call on David and realised his disappointment they decided to explore the almost unknown on their return. The outcome is now well known, which resulted in a peal of Cambridge there in November that year when Mr. Ernest Pye so ably rang the tenor.

November was again chosen this year and permission graciously given by the Vicar, Canon K. E. Shaw, from a sick bed in the very shadow of the tower, a gesture much appreciated by all. For this attempt it was always felt the band should consist of old friends of county origin — be they Men of Suffolk or Suffolk Men. Great satisfaction was felt when the Guild secretary, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, who had tackled the seventh in the previous peal, offered to ring the tenor, and Mr. Leslie G. Brett, the former conductor, moving round one to the seventh. What a pair were these 'back end boys' and how they worked, first for an hour on ropes and bearings, 'dispensing' enough castor oil to run a hospital, and later by the masterful manner they rang the method, bells and tower.

FULL FORCE OF GALE.

Stradbroke did not miss the gale which swept the country that day and the tall massive tower took full force. Whether this added to the existing difficulty of swaying tower is uncertain; the frame is certainly level with the louveres and often the bells did some odd unexpected tricks. Between these there were spells of fine ringing and the grand old ring could be heard at its best.

At no time did the skipper, Mr. Leslie C. Wightman, wear an anxious look (he never does), and when he finally called 'Stand,' congratulations were at once showered on 'Jim' Pipe for a magnificent job. Never once was the tenor allowed any liberty. The same, too, applies to Lester on the seventh, a bad going bell. As usual David finished up in stockinged feet and blistered hands, glasses whipped off by the rope's antics and almost on his knees, but all shared in his joy at having achieved his life's ambition in one mighty attempt.

It was a happy band that retired to a warm room and refreshments, accompanied by wives and that famous Suffolk 'Punch' and master of metal and method, Charlie Bailey, who with Mrs. Bailey had braved the elements and the long run from Leiston to meet old friends.

Monday evening saw six of the band joined by two more Suffolks being welcomed in the belfry at Debenham by the Vicar, the Rev. Musgrave-Brown, who wished them good luck and good ringing—never was a wish better fulfilled, Superlative in all its perfection to a composition by another of Suffolk's sons — Arthur Knights.

Fog, which later became dense, did not prevent some meeting on Tuesday evening, when useful practice was put in until 'Watercross' miscalled to his own 'Surprise.' Mention of a peal of Bristol must have proved too much for David, who was missing next day and who is now known to have been back in Cheshire either licking his wounds or pruning feathers.

Mr. John Woods, of 44, Blades Street, Lancaster, is acting as secretary of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association in place of Mr. J. Skeats, who has left the district for Blackburn.

East Derbyshire & Notts

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Association was held at the Miners' Welfare Institute, Silston, on November 5th, when a company of 60 ringers and friends participated in the dinner and social evening.

The bells of the Parish Church were available from 3 p.m., and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Siedman. The service was held in the old Norman church and was conducted by the Rev. Holberg, curate-in-charge.

The president, Mr. J. W. England, was in the chair at the dinner. Proposing the toast of 'The Church and Ringing Societies,' Mr. J. E. Hobbs (Watnall) gave a brief description of ringing as he knew it during his ringing career, stating that prior to the forming of guilds and associations the belfry was a part of the church that very few people except the ringers ever visited, and this room being sadly neglected, often being lighted by the light of flickering candles stuck on the walls. On the formation of this and other associations, ringers visited other churches for meetings and peal ringing, and it had been delightful to note that not only had the ringing chamber been cleaned up, but the ringer had cleaned up his habits.

He remarked on the great joy it gave him to see so many young ringers present and he hoped for the day when they would take their share in the management of the various guilds and associations.

The Rev. Holberg, who replied, said that as he was not a ringer, he felt his position very keenly. He gave the assurance that he would do all in his power to create interest in their art, as he had learned to love the sound of church bells, and mentioned that it was an early Archbishop of York who decreed that all incumbents should toll or chime a bell previous to the service commencing; therefore, the ringer's office was a holy one and should be looked on as such.

Councillor F. Cooke, J.P., proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and the Rev. R. H. Horton (Rector of Pinxton) replied.

Mr. William Lancaster, proposing the toast of 'The Association,' said as secretary to the Derbyshire Association he knew they had some very good friends in the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and he hoped that this friendship would continue for many years to come. He asked the young members if they realised what the Association meant. It did not mean something whereby they could get out on a Saturday afternoon if there was not something else to do, but it meant a 'real live' organisation, and somebody had to work to keep it alive and keep it going. It also stood for clean citizenship and more so for Sunday service ringing and attending church service, not merely going to ring for service.

The President, in response, gave a brief history of bellringing.

A vote of thanks was moved by the secretary of the Association, Mr. J. W. Price, to the officials, committee and members of Silston Miners' Welfare Institute for their kindness to them, also wishing a speedy recovery to their president, Mr. C. W. Jepson. He also thanked the artistes and his daughter, Miss F. H. Price, who never failed to help him in anything for the Association.

Musical items were rendered during the evening by Mr. Skinner and Mme. Jackson.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

Officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths for the ensuing year, elected on Nov. 26th, were: Master, Mr. T. G. Fox; secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; stewards, Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. J. G. A. Pryor; trustees, Mr. H. R. Newton and Mr. E. G. Miles.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

Mr. W. W. Worthington

LOSS TO MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

We deeply regret to announce the death of William Worthington-Worthington, M.A., D.L., J.P., of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, which occurred on November 25th. He was aged 77 years.

This truly 'great' man will be sadly missed in the Midlands Counties, where he did so much for bells and ringers and was president of the Midlands Counties Guild. He was great in stature (being well over 6ft.), in business, in estate and in generosity.

In his younger days he took the keenest delight in ringing. Learning to ring a bell in his undergraduate days at New College, Oxford, he later at his home at Netherseale took up the art, and was never so happy as when taking a party in his car to the churches around and entertaining ringers, which he did in an elaborate style.

He took part in 50 peals, many in seven minor methods as well as a number of Surprise on higher numbers. There are few towers around the Midlands district that have not a marquette tablet to some performance he took part in. One of his last is so recorded at Netherseale, when he got together the late brothers Pye, T. Coles, B. Prewett, I. Shade and others and rang a peal of Bristol Surprise. The tablet records each ringer's total peals thus: 50, 939, 1,065, 635, 984, 413, 332, 1,184, total 5,602. He used to say he felt like a 'sprat among the mackerel' over this peal.

Although he gave up actual peal ringing owing to business and other ties, every year he had a 'ringing day,' when he invited all his old friends from Burton-on-Trent and district, and after a tour round the neighbouring towers, a grand spread and a lively evening's entertainment were provided. The writer had the pleasure of partaking in one of the last of these 'do's.' He was also the donor of over 20 bells to many parishes, among which were Netherseale, Overseal, Burton (St. Paul's and All Saints'), Stoke Golding, Measham, Rolleston, Northlew, Thurlaston, Tutbury, Repton, Marchington and St. Albans Abbey. His greatest gifts were at Seale, where he was patron of the living. At Overseal he gave three bells to complete the octave in 1919, and at Netherseale he first gave a treble to make six, then shortly afterwards gave two more to make the octave in 1911. These were hung anti-clockwise, so in 1937 he had them all rebung the correct way, and also gave a fine oak screen to divide the tower from the nave.

It will be remembered that when 'The Ringing World' issued its 2,000th number, Mr. Worthington wrote, 'I am one of those who took "The Ringing World" from the start. I don't ring any more, but I read every word of the paper. Best wishes.'

Christ Church, Lichfield, was packed with a distinguished gathering at the memorial service on November 29th, cremation having taken place the previous day. The Dean of Lichfield (Very Rev. F. A. Iremonger) and the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Maydew) took the service, and the Cathedral choir sang the anthem. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the Sheriff and all the leading business men and women of Lichfield were present, and representing the ringers were Messrs. J. W. Cotton (secretary), W. H. Curson (chairman), E. W. Beadsmoore (committeeman), of the Midlands Counties Guild, of which Mr. Worthington was president from its inauguration; Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and Mr. Sedgwick, of the Cathedral ringers. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Netherseale.

NOW AT REST.

The Squire now is sleeping,
Around him in their vigil keeping
The darkness and the night,
Yet in the Valley of the Shadows
The Eternal Light still gleams,
Guiding all the faithful souls
The Saviour hath redeemed.

The Squire now is sleeping.
His resting place sweet bed of earth,
From whose cold bosom
God first gave Adam birth;
For as flowers spring from common clay,
Awakened by the sun's bright ray,
So shall thy Creator make all things new
On the resurrection day. F. H. S.

MR. J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

The death occurred at St. Peter's Hospital, Maldon, Essex, of Mr. John Dennis Buckingham, of Goldhanger, at the age of 75. Mr. Buckingham had lived in the village for 49 years, coming from Suffolk as gardener to the late Rev. F. T. Gardner.

A keen bellringer, he had taken part in 51 peals and founded a band of change ringers in Goldhanger. He did much good work in training young ringers in the district.

The funeral took place at Goldhanger on November 22nd. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by H. R. Appleton, H. W. Gardner, H. J. Mansfield, A. Hubble, and afterwards 720 of Kent Treble Bob with the bells open by H. J. Mansfield, E. J. Runter, H. Seager, B. Mann (cond.), A. Hubble and T. C. Sayer. The local band also rang during the evening.

Representing the bellringers were H. J. Mansfield, A. South, A. Hubble, W. H. Chalk (Maldon), T. C. Sayer, H. Seager (Great Totham), E. J. Runter (Springfield), G. Neville, C. Mann, B. Mann and H. Appleton (Goldhanger). There were floral tributes from Maldon and Goldhanger ringers.

MR. T. H. CAUNT.

A well-known ringing personality in the Melton Mowbray area, Mr. T. Harry Caunt, of Hose, has passed away after being in failing health for about a year.

He had been a member of the Framland Society for 48 years and was also a member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He was a regular service ringer at St. Michael's, Hose, and was very much respected. Mr. Caunt leaves a widow and 10 children. In 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Caunt celebrated their golden wedding.

A memorial service was held at Hose on November 27th, at which many ringers were present. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service. On November 29th his fellow-ringers rang 1,260 Doubles (comprising 480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire). They were Albert Allen (Hose) 1, Alfred Moulds (Hose) 2, Edw. Tinsley (Long Clawson) 3, Wm. Sharpe (captain, Hose ringers) 4, J. Wm. Smith (Melton, cond.) 5.

MR. JOHN HEARD.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers has lost one of its oldest members in Mr. John Heard, who died on November 11th, aged 85. He was one of the last surviving members of the band which, under Col. C. A. W. Troyte, made ringing history at Huntsham.

He joined the Guild in 1878 at the age of 14 and rang his first peal—the 14th for the Guild—at Huntsham on September 30th, 1880, the method being Grandsire Triples. The exact number of peals he rang is not known, but for very many years he never missed a quarterly meeting of his branch, and he was a tower of strength when a practically new band was started at Huntsham after the first world war. His elder brother, Walter, with whom he rang several peals, predeceased him some years ago.

The funeral took place at Huntsham on November 15th, when the Guild was represented by Sir Gilbert Acland-Troyte, and a wreath from the Guild was placed on the grave.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Isleworth on November 19th was the first by constitutionally elected members of the local company.

Kent County Association

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The final meeting of 1949 was held at the famous ringers' church of St. Nicholas, Leeds. Being the eve of a new church year, it was appropriate that the Vicar, the Rev. F. Tyrie, should give as an Advent message, 'They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,' interpreted in terms of our art.

Tea was served by girl members of the Youth Club in the Parish Hall, followed by handbell ringing, which included a course of Grandsire Cinques. There was no formal business, but the opportunity was taken of expressing to the Vicar the appreciation of ringers generally for being able to come so often to ring peals, and of noting with some concern the restoration work now urgently needed in the tower. In reply, the Vicar said it was difficult for the village to maintain a ten-bell band (though several young people were taking an interest), and accepted with thanks the service collection of £1 towards the tower restoration fund.

The meeting paid respect to the memory of Canon G. F. Coleridge, recalling his long and great service to the ringing Exercise, so suitably honoured by the Central Council in electing him their president.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells rang out in a wide variety of methods, including Little Grandsire Caters (the day's special method), Cambridge Royal and Bristol Surprise, and many of us turned homeward with a feeling of new accomplishment. E.S.J.H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

VISIT TO WINTHORPE.

Winthorpe, a pretty village 1½ miles from Newark, was the meeting place of approximately 50 ringers on November 19th, the attraction being All Saints' Church with a light and rather nondescript ring of six bells.

The present church, which is of red brick, occupies the site of a much older building that was demolished towards the end of the 19th century.

Less than 18 months ago Winthorpe bells were seldom rung and then only by visiting bands. Then Mr. Harry Cloxton, an old M.C.A. member, took a hand and got together a young band, and within eight months had a team capable of ringing Grandsire Doubles. The newly-formed band is now grappling with Minor.

Mr. Cloxton's enthusiasm permeated the recent meeting. The number of young ringers trying something new was astonishing, and their zeal augurs well for the Southwell Guild and the Newark District in particular.

In view of the successful gathering, it is worth recalling that at the previous meeting at Winthorpe in June, 1947, only five ringers and one non-ringer attended. The magic transformation certainly spells progress.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CREWE BRANCH.

The Crewe Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at Nantwich on November 19th. Various methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise Major. The Rector (the Rev. J. Tyler Whittle) conducted the service.

Tea, provided by the ringers' wives, was followed by a short meeting. Amongst those present were Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Guild, and visitors from several counties—Mr. R. Travis and Miss M. Holden (Messingham, Lincs), Mr. J. Boyer (Walkden, Lancs), also Chapel-en-le-Frith (Derbyshire), Stoke-on-Trent (North Staffs), Market Drayton and Hodnet (Shropshire).

Mr. Clarke gave an interesting talk about bellringing activities of the branch and Guild, which, he said, was one of the foremost in the country and a very live one too. He said the branch was noted for hospitality and he thanked all concerned.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
*J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A farewell compliment to Sir Eric Truscott from his fellow-members of the above Association.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. EDWARD BRUMPTON ... Treble	JACK N. FREEMAN ... 4
RONALD CHAFER ... 2	HARRY HALL ... 5
BERNARD FREEMAN ... 3	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal by all the band except conductor. First peal on bells.

TOTTERNOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*ALAN J. BROYD ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 4
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
R. JOHN SCOTT ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Heley.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	*FRANK BRIGHTMORE ... 4
BARRY HOLLAND ... 2	*PETER E. SAMPSON ... 5
WILLIAM HOLLAND ... 3	DENNIS HOLLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.

* First peal. First of Minor by all except treble. First peal as conductor.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GRAHAM T. HOLMES ... Treble	WILFRED C. E. GOLDER ... 4
PETER NEWING ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5
E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal (age 14).

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
FREDERICK WATSON ... 2	ALFRED E. WARWICK ... 5
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... 3	*EDWARD W. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. * First peal, for whom it was a farewell prior to joining H.M. Forces.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

ARTHUR SNAPE ... Treble	*JOHN BARKER ... 4
*BRIAN L.L. HALLWORTH ... 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ... 5
ALFRED FROST ... 3	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal. * First peal of Minor. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith, he being a ringer at above church for 47 years, and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6

ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3-4 | FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3-4 | MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells. First of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. F. Knight on the birth of a daughter.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT HOLYWEIN STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

No. 43. Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents each of St. Clement's College and Plain Bob and three of Double Bob, in three methods. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal of Minor in three methods 'in hand' by all.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT GREENWAYS, GIPSY LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | *FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5-6

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4 | *J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4 | *TERENCE A. THORNBUR ... 7-8

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

Witness: MRS. H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | *FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 7-8

JOHN BRAMLEY ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on ten 'in hand.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FALSE COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir,—The mistake in the f.c.h. of Wordsworth Surprise Major has been pointed out by more than one of my good friends, the correspondents whose co-operation has made the series of Surprise Methods possible. They did so, in fact, before the second edition was printed, but in the rush of getting that issue to press the corrections were overlooked.

So far as I know there are three Major methods with wrong f.c.h. attached. They are Knebworth, which has 25634, 53624, 65432; Kendal and Wordsworth, which both have 24365, 52643, 36524, 65243, 46532. Among the Royals, Cambridge and Lindoff 83 have 24365 as well as the two shown, while Wakefield has 54632, 65324. A complete errata list will be sent with the next issue of the series, which is to be published early in January.

It should be pointed out, however, that in no circumstances whatever should anyone embark upon the production of peal or other compositions without making his own tests for the f.c.h. of the method itself as well as for their absence from the peal. Indeed, it is hardly too much to say that the conductor as well as the composer of any peal should be capable of proving it, except perhaps in the case of spliced peals, the proof of which, like their composing, is emphatically a specialist's province.

Many correspondents have suggested that I should complete the series of methods with an issue devoted to Treble Bob methods other than Surprise. Before embarking upon the collection of material for this I should be glad to hear from ringers as to the possible usefulness of such a group. Contributors would save me a great deal of work if they sent me their methods in half-lead form, not in place notation, and if available a note of the f.c.h., first performance or progressive lengths, and the composition. I should like to have some idea of the number of methods available before the end of January.—Yours truly,
Bitton, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

WORDSWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. A. R. Pink, I should like to point out that the false course-ends of Wordsworth Surprise are as given in 'The Ringing World,' and not as in Mr. A. J. Corrigan's book, where they are incorrectly given as 24365, 43265 and 32465. Actually they are 24365, 65243, 52643, 36524 and 46532, and

there seems to be very little chance of obtaining a peal in full courses. Happily, all the false course-ends affect the lead commencing 18674523, so that if a bob 'Before' is called in every course, the method can be treated as one with a clean proof scale. The composition is a half-peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, and was composed by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope in 1894. The figures will be found in the C.C. Collection of peals (Plain Bob and Double Oxford) on page 265, peal No. 22.—Yours sincerely,
CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

Dear Sir,—Re the queries by Mr. Alan Pink in this week's 'Ringing World.' I think the composition really belongs to the late Arthur Craven; he produced several peals on the same plan for Rutland Surprise some time in the early 1920's. However, the same composition was used to a peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major (doubled by singles, of course) at Thorne, Yorkshire, on Saturday, May 1st, 1948; but as I had no means of ascertaining who was really the first to obtain it, the composition was credited to J. A. Trollope in the Yorkshire Association annual report in accordance with the peal report sent in by the conductor.

Taking priority as the standard, as is usual in crediting a composition to a certain composer, it will be very difficult to prove who is the rightful owner in the absence of actual dates.—Yours sincerely,

Pudsey. WILLIAM BARTON.

The Editor also acknowledges letters on this subject from Denis N. Layton (Banstead), J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln) and F. Dench (Great Yarmouth).

VERSES WANTED

Dear Sir,—I don't know if any of your readers possess long memories, but many years ago (about 1931) someone with a gift for piecing together nursery rhymes drew up one about tubular bells. Can any reader who still has the copy forward it to me? I can remember two lines from it ran thus:—

'Jingle, jangle, in the spire,
Bad example to the choir.'

And later came several words preceding, 'their music tells, of these tubular monstrosities called bells.' That is as far as my recollections take me.

P. AMOS.

30, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton.

Dedications

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.

On November 19th, the Bishop of Chelmsford dedicated the bells and the new lych gate at St. Mary the Virgin's, South Benfleet, Essex. The five old bells, including one of the early 15th century, have been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with new bearings and the old wooden frame has been renovated and strengthened by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, who cast the new treble bell, inscribed 'A Thanksgiving for Victory, 1939-1945,' making a ring of six.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Houghton, took the service, and the Archdeacon of Southend, the Ven. E. N. Gowing, and other local clergy were also present.

There was a large congregation, including Mr. A. A. Hughes from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, members of the local Council and ringers of the Essex Association.

During the dedication service the new local band rang the first touches of rounds, and after the service a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the team from Rayleigh, where the local band had received their first instruction.

After tea the bells were rung under the supervision of Mr. J. Chalk (Master of the S.W. District), Mr. F. V. Gant (secretary) and Mr. F. T. Lufkin, of Prittellwell, with rounds for the beginners and changes for more ad-

vanced ringers. Among the methods were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and St. Clement's Minor.

Owing to defects of the frame, the bells had not been rung since 1913, but there is a record of an old peal board of 1794, unfortunately no longer in existence, and the new band has therefore something to emulate.

Ringing will be at 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 7.30 p.m. on Thursdays.

ST. DONARD'S, BELFAST.

On November 26th, a ring of six bells was dedicated in St. Donard's Parish Church, Belfast, as a memorial to the late Rector, Canon Alexander Moore, B.A., Hon. C.F., by the Right Rev. W. S. Kerr, D.D., Lord Bishop of Down and Dromore.

The bells, which were cast and installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., are in the key of A flat. The total weight of the bells is 32 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb., the tenor weighing 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus has also been installed.

Over 50 visiting ringers were present and all had at least one ring on the bells. The opening touches were rung by Mrs. N. Reid 1, F. King 2, Mrs. E. Loxton 3, R. Stewart 4, H. Anderson 5, J. Rush (cond.) 6.

After the service tea was served in the Parochial Hall.

F. K.

Quarter Peals

to the Memory of Canon Coleridge

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. R. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, F. James (cond.) 5, B. Gardner 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Bob Major: Miss A. Talbot (first quarter of Major) 1, G. K. Dodd 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss J. Mathews 4, G. Stocker 5, A. Hawkins 6, R. W. Rex 7, R. F. Crook (cond.) 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: D. Mason 1, Mrs. W. White (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Fennell 3, M. Mason 4, R. N. Elliott (cond.) 5, J. Mason 6.

HURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Froom (first quarter) 1, J. Harland 2, B. C. Castle (cond.) 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, C. A. Eele 6, F. Hicks 7, E. Bailey 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Froom 1, C. A. Eele 2, J. Harland 3, Miss E. Green 4, B. C. Castle (cond.) 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, E. Allum 7, E. Bailey 8. 7.6.8 covering.

LAUNTON, OXON.—1,260 Union and Grandsire Doubles: G. Gregory 1, J. Marriott 2, H. Massey 3, H. Gregory 4, F. Sharpe (cond.) 5, F. Allen 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's on Nov. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Burton 1, Mrs. Catherall 2, Miss Hart 3, Mrs. Lewington 4, A. Wiggins 5, T. Lanaghan 6, E. Humfrey (cond.) 7, C. Pullen 8, C. Watts 9. V. Cherrill 10.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wood 1, J. A. Parker 2, L. Paice 3, F. Cooper 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Gilbert 1, F. V. H. Sinkins (84) 2, R. Franklin 3, F. G. Groombridge 4, Miss A. A. Ewins 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Welling (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8. First quarter of Stedman for 3 and 5.



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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—A Guildford District meeting, together with LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), at Worplesdon, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting. 6123

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. 6137

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Usual arrangements. 6142

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual district meeting, Dec. 10th. Bells, Andover (8), 2.30 to 4.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Dairy Cafe, Bridge Street, followed by meeting. 6157

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's, 8), Dec. 10th. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. Look up Yorkshire Major.—C. A. Bassett. 6158

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Meeting Llandovery (6), Dec. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanelly, Carm. 6163

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Willingham (6), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5, White Hart. No service.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6164

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—B. W. White, Hon. Div. Sec. 6165

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6172

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Standon, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 6178

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Banstead, Dec. 10th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and nomination of officers. 6179

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Ixworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 to 6 p.m. Tea found, bring own food. Meeting after.—W. Stannard, Hon. Sec. 6182

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6183

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 10th, St. Ann's, Highgate, 2.30 to 4. St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 4.30 and evening. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 6186

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting to be held on Dec. 10th at Todmorden Unitarian Church. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6208

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 14th, please, to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, Sat., Dec. 17th, 3.30. Service and tea. Names for tea by Dec. 13th, Mr. S. T. Price, Bridge Cottage, High Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 6204

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Washington (6), Dec. 17th, 3. Names for tea (by 14th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6203

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Birstall, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, by Wednesday, Dec. 14th. 6198

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, St. Alkmund's, Derby, Dec. 17th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby.—J. F. Wilkinson. 6201

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Melton Mowbray, Sat., Dec. 17th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road.—J. H. Cook. 6200

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare (6), Sat., Dec. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea provided at 5 to all advising early to Mr. A. Orbell, 2, Railway Terrace, Stoke-by-Clare. Clare (8) available 7 to 9 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions, please.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 6205

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Bispham on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6207

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 3 p.m., at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6211

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Ashchurch, Dec. 17th, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Good bus service from Tewkesbury. Names for tea by Dec. 13th.—E. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury, Glos. 6210

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Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union and friends in the Church Room. The Rector of Acle accepted the invitation of the chairman, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, to preside at the business meeting.

A silent tribute was paid to Mr. George Clayton, who passed away on November 5th, aged 69. A member of the Association for about 35 years, he was also associated with the old St. Nicholas' company at Great Yarmouth.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, general secretary, regretted to announce that the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, was unable to attend through illness.

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