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CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS

BY J. W. CLARKE, MASTER OF THE CHESTER GUILD.

In 1540 the Abbey of St. Werburgh became the Cathedral Church of Chester. Records show that there were then installed six bells, not, however, in true musical sequence. This peal was later reduced to five in rather interesting circumstances, as revealed by the following extract concerning the third:—

'first there was a great bell in the Cathedral Church of Christe in Chester which hanged in the new steeple there, which bell was taken doune and solde by the Dean and Chapter of the same Cathedral Church the 4th. May 4 Ed. VI, for the somme of xxxiii li and the said somme is alleged by them to be paid unto the Ministers of the said Church for their styPend.' This bell still exists at the Parish Church of Conway, N. Wales. This practice was not unique.

The five remaining bells at the Cathedral were recast in 1605 and again in 1606. This second recast was probably due to the higher standard of musical sequence and mechanical efficiency demanded by the forerunners of change ringing. The fine rings unique to this country are due to change ringing, an aspect of it which balances the criticism of its responsibility for bells of antiquarian interest being recast.

The year 1626 provided a separate sanctus bell, still in regular use as a service bell. Its clapper is of the type then common with a wooden contrivance fixing it to the crown staple, as a means of combating clapper roll.

The following extracts of Cathedral records of 1738 give a most interesting picture of proceedings then:—

April 29.—For taking down and weighing the old Great Bell, Cartage to the Crane (Wharf), and of the weights. Boatage of it from the Crane and letters about it.....15 0
Nov. 4.—To Mr. Knight in part for casting the new great Bell.....£20
Dec. 1.—To the freight of the new Great Bell from London to Parkgate£4
To the river freight from Parkgate to Chester.....£1
To craning it a'shoar.....10 0
To the men that helped to get it a'shoar.....6d.
Dec. 4.—To the workmen and ringers the day the Great Bell was putt up.....5 0
Dec. 7.—To two men for watching the Great Bell all night after she was a'shoar.....1 0
Jan. 20.—To ringing for the Prince of Wales Birthday.....5 0
Jan. 22.—To Jn. Davies for Hog's Lard for the Great Bell.....6d.
(It was presumably 'dry' after such ringing!)

This tenor was recast in 1867, local repair having resulted in 36lb. of metal being knocked from the sound bow. The full octave was completed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, at the same time, and a chiming barrel installed, which is still in use, capable of ringing a plain course of 'Bob Triples.'

About this time the Curfew started in Chester, being rung on the tenor, the date being sounded on the present 7th and the month on the sanctus bell. The wear resulting from the tenor being rung up for this purpose led to its being rehung in roller bearings, with the whole peal, by Mears and Stainbank, in 1927. The year 1937, in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Chester Guild, saw the octave increased by the same firm to the present ten, consisting of bells dating from 1606 to 1937.

St. Oswald's Church formerly occupied the site of the present south transept to the Cathedral, and its parishioners therefore claimed this at one time as their Parish Church. Local patriotism extended for a period to the building of a brick screen across the neck of the transept, and the provision of a 'ring' of two bells in a campanile in the upper interior of a buttress of the main fabric!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... Treble	THOMAS BEVAN ... 7
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... 2	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 10
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6	*D. ALFRED KIRKBY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Cinques as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*HILDA M. TAYLOR ... Treble	*ERIC T. LEE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	†T. MARK WHITE ... 8
†RONALD I. SHEPHERD ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

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

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Royal. The conductor's 1,400th peal.

DERBY.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6
ALAN CATTELL ... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 7
JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 8
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 9
*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5	JOHN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First of Surprise Royal on the bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*DONALD R. MARSHALL ... Treble	†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 7
PETER WOODWARD ... 3	HAROLD WALKER ... 8
†ARNOLD COLE ... 4	FREDK. SEAGAR ... 9
RONALD H. DOVE ... 5	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal and 50th peal. The first peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MAURICE J. BUTLER ... Treble	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 5
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 6
A. YORK-BRAMBLE ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Stedman.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROY GARTH ... Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 2	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 6
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 3	JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 7
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

First peal in the method by all except conductor. First in method as conductor. 100th peal on the bells

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,024 London, 1,408 Bristol, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative with 107 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	*DENIS A. BAYLES ... 6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHAS. H. MOORE ... Treble	HENRY TOOKE ... 5
*CLIFFORD BIRD ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
†F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBRE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*H. PETER RAYNOR ... 6
JAMES HIGGINS ... 3	*PETER C. WRIGHT ... 7
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 4½ cwt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
*FREDK. A. COLEY ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Tenor 15 cwt.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.	
ELLIS D. SILLS ... Treble	FREDERICK A. CLUETT ... 5
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 6
CYRIL J. GOULD ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
RONALD E. NORRIS ... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD & KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Worcester Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... Treble	*ARTHUR HOARE ... 5
*ROBERT E. COLES ... 2	†GWYN I. LEWIS ... 6
*ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 3	*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 7
*ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal in these two methods. † First peal of Major. In honour of the appointment of Canon Lawrence Thomas as Archdeacon of Margam.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*LT. J. D. RICHARD, R.N. Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	KENNETH L. BROWN ... 6
JACK KING ... 3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 7
HERBERT J. ELDRID ... 4	FREDK. A. FINCH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JACK DAFTERS Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	HARRY HOVED ... 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN LUNHAM Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5
RONALD KENRICK ... 2	*THOMAS MARSHALL ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
THOMAS HESKETH ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 22 cwt.
*MISS PATRICIA JAMES ... Treble	*HAROLD STANFORTH ... 5
HARRY ROE 2	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 6
HARRY WARD 3	*ERIC WHARTON ... 7
WILFRED WHITTAKER ... 4	*MAURICE HILARY ... Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 15½ cwt.
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... Treble	*JOHN R. GRAVES ... 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 6
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
*J. WILLIAM PETTIGREW ... 4	JOHN GILSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's.	Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.
JEAN M. BROOMFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. EASTWELL ... 5
MARY PEMBERTON ... 2	*WILLIAM BUTLER ... 6
JOHN B. FORD 3	DAVID PEARCE ... 7
JOYCE HEARN 4	RICHARD E. PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. All the band are 18 years or under in age.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation Twelve-part.	Tenor 22 cwt.
*ALBERT L. CADWELL ... Treble	VICTOR S. ADAMS ... 5
JOHN HIGGINS 2	REGINALD A. HALL ... 6
REGINALD G. ABRAHAM ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
*REGINALD H. HOWSON ... 4	*CECIL SHARP ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

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

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 5
DANIEL G. COOMES ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	*FRANK E. PERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

* First peal of Stedman First peal in the method as conductor.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 18 cwt.
JOHN G. COLLETT ... Treble	PHILIP WALKER ... 5
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 2	H. PETER RAYNOR ... 6
*THOMAS J. H. PRINCE ... 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... 7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT ... 4	GILBERT H. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Triples. The first peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.
*ARTHUR J. MILWARD ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
ALAN CATTELL 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3	†ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
†GEORGE A. HOLLOCK ... 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First 'Treble Bob' peal. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 300th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 13 cwt.
FREDK. G. BEDDON ... Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 5
JOHN F. BUTLER 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 6
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
*CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 4	HARRY VICKERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
MILTON C. FOWLER ... Treble	†ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
*MISS BETTY LONGSTAFF ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	*THOMAS W. DOBSON ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
MISS GWEN D. MURKITT Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
FRANK V. SINKINS (83) ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
ARTHUR H. CROSS 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (13) ... 4	WILLIAM BRANTS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 22½ cwt.
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... Treble	FRANK E. HANSFORD ... 5
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	HENRY G. KEELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

WILESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
THOMAS J. LOCK ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	HAROLD BURTON ... 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

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

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt.
 ERIC E. SPEAKE ... Treble CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
 HOWARD HOWELL ... 2 J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 6
 RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 3 HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
 ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4 THOMAS H. JUSTICE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
 MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... Treble TOM PAGE ... 5
 ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 2 TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
 JOHN H. HUNT ... 3 FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
 *WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 4 FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
 * First peal of London.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.
 LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
 FLORIE WYMAN ... 2 WALTER CLAYDON ... 6
 EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3 WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
 KENNETH SNELLING ... 4 OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
 WILLIAM SALT ... Treble WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
 J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 2 SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
 *LESLIE RIVERS ... 3 JOHN THOMPSON ... 7
 CHARLES MARSHALL ... 4 ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
 * First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.
 HAROLD A. NOBES ... Treble WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
 *JOSEPH MERRITT ... 2 A. LESLIE PEARSON ... 6
 †FREDK. W. BISHOP ... 3 FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
 STANLEY E. COOK ... 4 JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR (C.C.C. No. 157).

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD, FAR HEADINGLEY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.
 *HENRY R. PARKINSON ... Treble GORDON BENFIELD ... 5
 FREDK. SEAGER ... 2 GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
 ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 3 ALFRED SMITH ... 7
 LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4 EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
 * First peal of Surprise. A welcome to the Rev. J. Wylie, M.A. as Vicar of St. Chad's.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. On the 'Stelfox' Eight.
 ELIZABETH FAULKNAI ... Treble ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
 *KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2 ALAN CATTELL ... 6
 *DOROTHY UDAL ... 3 HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
 MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4 HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*HARRY P. FLOYD ... Treble WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
 *KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2 †H. PETER RAYNOR ... 6
 MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3 †C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 7
 †PETER C. WRIGHT ... 4 ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.
 ERIC E. SPEAKE ... Treble J. DENIS HOLDEN ... 5
 ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 2 ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
 ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3 DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 7
 CYRIL TABENER ... 4 ALAN F. THIRST ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by ALAN F. THIRST.

The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Society and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.
 *RONALD C. SHERMAN ... Treble JOHN HARTLESS ... 5
 *MYRA J. TILLER ... 2 COLIN W. REED ... 6
 †BRIAN R. TILLER ... 3 JOHN V. DAVIS ... 7
 RONALD MARLOW ... 4 ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Kent.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*FRANK TARTON ... Treble FRED SHAW ... 5
 †DOROTHY TEMPLEMAN ... 2 EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 6
 DAVID H. ANSTEY ... 3 WILLIAM E. COURT ... 7
 CECIL J. BAKER ... 4 ED. F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID H. ANSTEY.
 * First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First of Major as conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.
 *CHARLES T. PAYNE ... Treble ALBERT E. HALSEY ... 4
 ALBERT B. HALSEY ... 2 ERNEST HUNT ... 5
 SAM FARMER ... 3 FRANCIS KIRK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal.

BAMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.
 *ARTHUR C. BANBURY ... Treble *JOHN F. A. WAITE ... 4
 ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... 2 HARRY PURCHASE ... 5
 VICTOR N. BURROW ... 3 *JOHN BROOM ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

* First peal. Believed to be first peal on the bells. A farewell to the ringer of the second on his leaving for London.

DINTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
 PETER ANGER ... Treble †JACK MUSSELL ... 4
 LESLIE A. PAGE ... 2 FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
 *COLIN W. REED ... 3 RONALD MARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, three 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH ... Treble	HARRY PARKER ... 4
DAVID SMITH ... 2	REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS E. JANET HOLMAN Treble	†EDWARD J. WELLS ... 4
†MISS D. M. JENNER ... 2	†DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE ... 5
†ALFRED C. GAMBRILL ... 3	WILFRED C. E. GOLDUP Tenor

Conducted by DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal 'inside'. A farewell to the ringer of the treble.

GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*SIDNEY KING ... Treble	*EDNA M. SILLS ... 4
*ANTHONY V. KEMP ... 2	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 5
†WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor and in the method as conductor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES L. LAKER ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAZZELL ... 4
ROGER BEALE ... 2	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... 5
LESLIE W. PENFOLD ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. BULL.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. A. WRIGLEY ... Treble	WALTER STARR ... 4
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2	S. SEALY WOODBURN ... 5
*ALLAN WRIGLEY ... 3	FREDERICK GOODING ... Tenor

Conducted by S. SEALY WOODBURN.

* First peal. To celebrate the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the tenor.

GRINTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*PAT ALLEN ... Treble	†ROGER SPENCER ... 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAM ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ... 3	JACK R. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

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

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

William C. Marshall Treble

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method. Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers who fail this week-end to send their remittances to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, will be replaced from our waiting list of subscribers.

The peal of Pudsey Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Willemsden, on Feb. 28th, was Mr. T. J. Lock's 50th peal on the bells. He has now 'circled' the tower for the sixth time, an achievement that has taken 20 years and 2 months to complete.

Mr. A. H. Pulling passed another century mark in his peal record at Kingston-on-Thames on February 28th. His fourteenth!

The peal at Aberavon, Glam., on February 28th, was the 70th together of Mr. Ernest Stutch and Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

There is a break of 18 years between the peal on March 6th and the previous one at the Minster Church at Reading.

Mr. William A. Stote has called a peal from every bell at Keresley, Warwickshire. Mr. Harold Folwell has also 'circled' this tower. The peal at Davenham, Cheshire, was a birthday honour to the conductor, Mr. H. W. Howard, and to the relatives of two other ringers.

In honour of the millenary year of St. Michael's Church, St. Albans, a peal was rung on February 21st, the first by a regular Sunday service band.

Our leading article this week is taken from a paper read by Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Guild, to the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarians' Society.

Mr. Charles H. Wickens heard his daughter call a happy birthday to him with a peal of Doubles at Twineham on March 6th. It was his 50th and Mr. G. Packham's, senior's 71st.

Acknowledgment of the assistance given by Kenneth L. Brown and Jack King, of the College of SS. Mark and John, Chelsea, to the Acton-Ealing band during the past year was their birthday peal at Acton on February 28th. The peal was also a compliment to Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey on giving up the secretaryship of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of the Central Council visiting London next Whitsun, who would like to take part in a peal on either Saturday, May 15th, or Monday, May 17th, are advised to write, stating the methods they are capable of ringing, as soon as possible to E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5, who will endeavour to arrange as many peals as are required.

A new edition of 'Grandsire' in the Snowdon series is expected in May or June.

The peal at Skipton, Yorks, on February 28th, was a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Metcalfe.

Writes a Hinckley correspondent: Mr. Ernest Morris is now 'filling in the calendar.' A batch of two hand and three tower bell peals was included.

A leap year child was Mr. G. Illman, the old Sussex ringer. His 21st birthday on Feb. 29th brought his age to 88 and was honoured by peals at Rusper and Worth.

The Central Council publication, 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' is again available, price 4d., from the Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

We regret a typographical error was made in our editorial last week. It was Mr. Ernest Pye who handled the tenor in the badly-oscillating Stradbroke tower.

Burnham, Bucks, can be justly proud of Saturday, February 28th, when six of their 'teen age girls were ringing in three different successful peals in three different counties, one in Bob Royal at Kingston (Surrey), three in the under 19's peal at Feltham (Middlesex), and two in a peal at Wyrardisbury (Bucks). In this last peal Mr. Frank Sinkins (aged 83) took part with Mary Jaycock (age 13), almost the two extremes.

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NEW HANDBELL RECORD

13,664 OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

As briefly announced in our columns, the record length for Major in hand has been lowered by a peal of 13,664 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Bushey on February 29th in 6 hours and 4 minutes by four prominent members of the Exercise. Details of the peal are recorded in this issue.

The peal was first discussed during the war and the idea revised about 18 months ago, but February 29th was the first occasion the four had met for the purpose. Everyone who participated was very pleased with the peal.

The composition was by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, and it is singular that the two previous records of Major in hand were composed by him.

In the past Major records on handbells have been achieved by young bands of ringers. The previous one was 13,440 Bob Major, rung at Pudsey, Yorkshire, on June 5th, 1911, in seven hours and seven minutes, for the Yorkshire Association by W. F. Thorpe (16 years 6 months) 1-2, F. W. Jones (20 years 3 months) 3-4, Ernest Mann (19 years) 5-6, Ernest Hoyle (19 years 9 months) 7-8. Ernest Mann was the conductor.

Previous to that the record was 11,200 Bob Major at Norwich on April 26th, 1894, in which the ringers were J. A. Trollope (aged 18) 1-2, G. P. Burton (18½) 3-4, J. E. Burton (17½) 5-6, C. E. Borrett (19) 7-8. J. A. Trollope conducted.

As to Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the longest length in hand was 5,248 changes rung by the Cambridge University Guild at Surfleet, Linco., on September 9th, 1924.

The Midland Counties Association hold the record on tower bells with 17,104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Wigston, Leics., on December 27th, 1904, in 10 hours 35 minutes. The ringers were Josiah Morris treble, Thomas H. Taffender 2, Charles H. Fowler 3, Thomas R. Hensher 4, James Houghton, jun. 5, William H. Inglesant 6, Arthur R. Aldham 7, William Willson (composer and conductor) tenor. This surpassed the 17,024 rung at Kidlington, Oxon, on May 22nd, 1899, in 11 hours 12 minutes.

PEN PICTURES.

The following intimate pen pictures of the participants in the new record length have been supplied to the Editor at his request:—

EDWIN A. BARNETT (1-2) Age 29. Peals rung 549 (134 on handbells); conducted 109 (24 on handbells). The third generation of a ringing family, his first peal was in 1929 at the age of 11, since when he has added a variety of methods. Reaching his 100th peal at the age of 15½, he was the youngest to accomplish this. One hundred and sixty of his peals have been with his father; 172 on the bells of St. Paulinus', Crayford, including peals by the youngest bands to ring Bob Major and Spliced Surprise, and 51 at St. John's, Erith.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY (3-4). Age 40. Peals rung 502 (285); conducted 151 (112). The look of weariness and boredom on his face when he rings the most difficult methods on handbells has to be seen to be believed. But he has the gift which so few conductors possess of inspiring complete confidence by his ability to 'anticipate' trips, and there are many ringers who have him to thank for their handbell peals in other than 'bread and butter' methods.

Since ringing his first peal in 1919 at the age of 12, he has taken part in many notable handbell performances, including Spliced Surprise in up to six methods, as well as nearly 50 peals of Double Norwich. On tower bells he participated in many of the new Surprise methods rung in the Bushey area before the recent war, and was also one of the band who set up the present Stedman Cinques record—12,663 changes at Oxford in 1946. Since the war he has also taken part in the first peals

of Yorkshire, Felstead and Jersey Surprise on handbells—the two latter the first ever in those methods.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE (5-6). Age 44. Peals rung 324 (94); conducted 233 (57). The writer has been told that a well-known ringer, when Harold Cashmore was learning to ring, advised him to give up on the grounds that he would never make good! However, his first peal was Superlative in 1921 at the age of 17, and his first handbell peal was in the same method in 1927. His peals include a record number of Surprise Major methods—over 50, in all of which he has conducted at least one peal—as well as nearly 50 peals of Surprise Major on handbells, most of which he has conducted from 5-6, including Spliced Surprise in up to six methods. His many brilliant performances have aroused the greatest admiration, and he and Ernest Turner, on their record as composers, ringers and conductors, may fairly claim to be in the forefront of ringers of the present day.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER (7-8). Age 38. Peals rung 420 (138); conducted 196 (77). This was his first handbell peal for over two years, but it goes without saying that he was completely at ease throughout. His first peal was in 1927 at the age of 17, since when he has successfully accomplished many of the difficult tasks ringing has to offer, such as calling Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples from an 'inside' pair. Most outstanding, perhaps, has been his record as a conductor of Spliced Surprise. He is the only ringer besides Harold Cashmore to have called a peal of spliced on handbells, and on tower bells he was at 23 the youngest ringer to accomplish this. Since then he has called peals in up to nine methods, mostly from a non-observation bell, and in many cases his own compositions, as was the peal in four methods at Crayford referred to above. Like Chris Woolley, he is a good chess player, at which game the other two members of the band 'also ran.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Thirty members attended the annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch at Acle on March 6th, the service being conducted by the president of the Association (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), with the Rector of Acle as organist. Tea followed in the Church Room.

The president took the chair for the business meeting. Mr. G. W. Fletcher was unanimously elected chairman and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood re-elected branch secretary. Messrs. G. Bussey, P. Newstead, E. Goate, G. Walpole and A. King were appointed the branch committee. Mr. G. G. Walpole and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher were elected representatives of the branch on the Association's Standing Committee.

New members admitted were G. H. Moore (Hethersett), Margaret Dingle, Betty Eccleston, Violet Pitchers (Acle), G. A. Kindred and W. Garnham (Pakefield). The next meeting is to be held at a five-bell tower, Reedham, on June 12th. Mentioned in the vote of thanks were the Rector, those who helped with the tea and Mr. H. Lidbetter.

WESTERN BRANCH.

Either the weather, or the petrol restrictions, or more probably both, were reflected in the attendance at the Western Branch meeting at Fakenham. Only about half the average for the previous year were present.

Small meetings, however, have their compensations. After all one can take a rope to try a new method more often and with less diffidence than is the case when plenty of better men are waiting. Consequently several of the less advanced ringers were given the chance to do so.

Durham & Newcastle Assn.

COMMEMORATION MEETING.

There was a large gathering of ringers present at Sunderland for the J. W. Parker Commemoration Meeting, held on March 13th. The bells of St. Ignatius', St. Michael's and Holy Trinity were all available and good use was made of them.

A service was held at St. Ignatius', the church where the late J. W. Parker gave his services so freely in many ways, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Marshall. Mr. Frank Ainsley, hon. treasurer, was the organist.

At the meeting held after tea, with Mr. W. N. Park, president, in the chair, Mr. R. L. Patterson spoke of the late Mr. Parker, saying that he was a great churchman, ringer and friend, and a person to whom they could all look up to. Mr. John Anderson, of Newcastle Cathedral, thanked the various incumbents for the use of their bells. He said there was a possibility that the bells of Holy Trinity would be repaired in the future, and he was looking forward to the time when regular service ringing was resumed at that church.

The Rev. G. H. Marshall replied, and said that he was pleased to welcome the ringers to St. Ignatius', and was especially pleased to have a congregation in church for service, the majority of whom were men. Mr. K. Arthur thanked the wives and friends of the ringers of St. Ignatius' for waiting at tea, which was acknowledged by Mrs. F. Ainsley.

Mr. W. N. Park welcomed two visitors, Mr. Speed, of Eastbourne, and Mr. Worrall, of Cardiff, who are stationed at Catterick. He also welcomed lady ringers from St. Andrew's, Roker, who have been trained and will be ready to man the ropes as soon as the new bells are installed.

The president also made reference to the passing on of Mr. Oswald Simm, of Cramlington. His death took place on March 6th at the age of 79 years. He had been a member of the Association since 1896. The members stood in silence to his memory.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

CHELTHENHAM BRANCH.

At a quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Bishop's Cleeve on March 13th, Mr. Boardman, treasurer of the Church Council, stated that about half of the £350 required for two new trebles had been given or promised. Ringers present voted support for this project and promised assistance to the local band when they get them.

The branch secretary was instructed to take such action as necessary to get an invitation from the Association to the Central Council to hold a meeting in Cheltenham in the near future.

Twenty-eight members representing twelve towers were present. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and after discussion as to whether Double Bob was the same as a bob each way, a course was successfully brought round. C.R.

TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Eldersfield on March 13th. At the short business meeting 14 performing members, including the Vicar, were elected members of the branch.

Eldersfield has an excellent ring of six with a 21 cwt. tenor. The tower has been without a band for some years and the election is a striking example of what can be done when the incumbent takes an active personal interest in his ringers and ringing. Whilst one or two of the ringers are old hands, the majority are of the rising generation, so it is reasonable to hope that the Eldersfield bells will not go silent again.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: W. Izzard 1, A. Ford 2, A. Waller 3, C. Izzard 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, G. Freeman 6.

Chester Diocesan Guild

WIRRAL BRANCH.

A memorial tablet of oak with incised letters to the late Mr. H. S. Brocklebank, tower-keeper at Oxtou for over 50 years and branch secretary for 31 years, was dedicated at the annual meeting of the branch at St. Saviour's, Oxtou, on February 28th. The tablet is in the ringing chamber and was subscribed for by the congregation and Wirral ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. N. J. Blow) conducted the service in the presence of 80 ringers, friends and relatives.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) presided, supported by the Guild secretary (the Rev. J. D. Pearson). The accounts, which showed a credit balance of £53 17s. 10d., were passed.

The hon. secretary's report revealed a lively interest in branch affairs. Membership had increased from 111 to 123, and the average attendance at the 12 branch meetings was 42 (highest 83 at the June meeting). The social at Wallasey was attended by 220 ringers and friends, and it was hoped that this would be an annual function.

Peals were few, but several were worth mentioning. Resident members scored first peals of London and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal. The Sunday service band at Bebington rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The officers were re-elected, although there were changes in the nominations for Guild Committee.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

A perfect, sunny day, a beautiful ancient Priory Church with good toned bells made the quarterly meeting at Lodgers on March 6th most enjoyable. The Rector (the Rev. O. L. Willmott), who is a ringer, conducted the Guild Office, and full justice was done to a lavish tea by the 45 ringers present.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, branch chairman, presided at the business meeting. The statement of accounts, presented by Mr. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary), showed a balance in hand of £19. The Rev. O. L. Willmott and Mr. A. J. Wells (Loders) were elected members, and the next meeting was arranged for Beaminster on June 5th.

The suggestion of the Guild's General Committee that one member from each branch should be nominated as a candidate for election to the Central Council at the annual meeting of the Guild was unanimously approved, and the branch agreed to submit the name of Mr. George Stedman Morris as its nominee.

Mention was made of the death of Mr. Frank Bugler, a long-standing member at Beaminster, and the members present stood in silence.

Very warm thanks were accorded the Rector for his welcome and ministrations to the branch, the local ringers for their splendid hospitality and the organist, Mr. B. Elsworth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DIVISION.

A change of officers took place at the annual meeting of the Eastern Division at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 28th, attended by 44 members, including Mr. F. I. Hairs, Master of the Association.

Mr. J. A. Downing (secretary) and Mr. W. Rogers (Master) did not seek re-election, and Mr. F. H. Hicks and Mr. A. F. Lewry were elected respectively to the vacant posts.

At the service which followed the Vicar stressed the importance of ringing in relation to the church, which was warmly appreciated by the ringers.

The belfry was again visited, ringing ranging from rounds to Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich. A gratifying sight was the younger members partaking in rounds, Bob Minor and Major, Little Bob Minor and Grand- sire Triples.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. G. Barron 1, J. W. Meade 2, L. P. Cook 3, E. Brown 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. W. Burnett 6, W. A. Theobald (composer-conductor) 7, J. H. Hunt 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 4.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On March 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Townsend 1, E. C. Ayres 2, J. H. R. Freeborn 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, W. Edwards 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 29th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor, rung on the middle six with treble in front and tenor covering: Alison Haseler 1, G. Fordham 2, O. Santer (cond.) 3, Lucy Moor 4, Ruth Leney 5, L. Pope 6, G. Waters 7, R. Johnstone 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8, and first in the method for 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, I. Gardener (first quarter) 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's on March 5th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: E. F. M. Samson 1, F. Price 2, F. Jacobs 3, Mrs. John Coutts (first quarter) 4, C. Forfitt 5, E. Waters 6, A. V. Davis 7, J. Coles 8.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral on March 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, J. W. Unwin 3, C. E. Buesden 4, R. G. French 5, T. Holmes 6, H. R. French 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

CHURCH STRATTON, WILTS.—On March 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. J. Gardiner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, J. Berry 3, W. Trueman 4, H. Bishop 5, I. Trueman 6, W. W. Daniell 7, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 2, 6 and 7.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On March 7th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss B. Thrush (first in method) 1, P. J. Woodgyer (first 'inside') 2, J. King 3, E. T. Chapman 4, R. J. Carlton 5, K. L. Brown (cond.) 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. L. J. Brown 1, R. B. Blond 2, J. Gordon (first quarter as cond.) 3, H. K. White 4, E. R. Robey 5, G. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb 7, D. Napper (first quarter) 8.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, Miss M. Williams 3, S. J. Nicholls 4, J. Roberts 5, R. S. Beckett 6, J. R. Towers 7, E. Hawkins 8. First quarter of Grand sire by all except conductor.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: J. Badman (first quarter, age 13) 1, R. G. Field 2, F. Reakes 3, Miss B. Look 4, W. Higdon 5, J. Lintern 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, F. Field 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 28th, 1,295 Grand sire Caters: A. Ward 1, C. Glenn (cond.) 2, E. Nidd 3, A. Mackears 4, G. W. Creasey 5, J. Cragg 6, B. C. Blakey 7, R. Wood 8, T. Hall 9, B. H. Dalton 10. First quarter on ten by 1 and 10.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 28th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: S. Romans 1, T. Newman (cond.) 2, G. Case 3, W. Sidwell 4, H. Daniels 5, W. Cox 6, H. Newman 7, L. Barry 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On March 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, W. J. Barrat 4, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, B. Bover (first of Triples) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On March 7th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. G. Hollingworth 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, S. Croft 4, E. W. Furbank 5, C. W. Otley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Bullock 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On March 6th at All Saints', 1,259 Grand sire Caters: J. W. Wilkins 1, Miss Doreen Coker 2, P. Hayes (cond.) 3, Miss Sylvia Coker 4, Miss M. I. Goodship 5, E. Markham 6, R. Coles 7, W. Avery 8, G. R. Goodship 9, P. Squires 10. First quarter in the method on ten by the three ladies. First quarter on ten bells by 8 and 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John, on March 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, W. N. Genna 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, F. Blondell 5, A. A. Diaper (first of Stedman Caters) 6, P. Jones 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 9, H. W. Impey 10.

HUNTINGDON.—On Feb. 29th, at St. Mary's, quarter-peal Plain Bob: H. B. Bull 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. H. Dunnington 4, H. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert 6, S. Gavette 7, C. Young 8.

IFLEY, OXON.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: Miss A. Rodwell (first quarter) 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, Miss N. Honey 3, L. W. H. Busby (first 'inside') 4, W. Fern (first 'inside') 5, J. Adams 6.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—At St. Mary's, on March 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Baker 1, Dorothy Templeman 2, E. C. Gobey 3, E. Fletcher 4, E. F. Gobey 5, F. Shaw 6, D. H. Anstey (first as cond.) 7, F. Tarlton 8. First in method for 2 and 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Gilman.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor (treble leading, tenor covering): H. Brooks 1, Miss E. D. Farrell (first quarter) 2, Miss S. E. Harris 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, E. Dodds 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, D. J. Charnley 7, A. Tomblin 8. First in method 3, 5 and 7.

LAMPETER, CARDS.—On March 7th, at St. David's College, on handbells, 1,360 Bob Major: Rev. C. E. Cox 1-2, K. Williams 3-4, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 5-6, R. Hallett 7-8. First quarter for 1-2 and 3-4. First 'in hand' for 7-8.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: J. Bennett 1, C. H. Walker 2, L. Chislet 3, S. Ball 4, E. Jones 5, P. Arndre 6, W. Packer 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Madeley 1, R. Hazledine (first in method) 2, W. Chester (first in method as cond.) 3, R. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, F. Price 7, S. Hughes 8. A farewell to the conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On March 5th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss B. Cleveland 2, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, J. H. S. Giddings 3, F. S. Slaford 4, P. W. J. Harding 5, F. A. Penn (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

SOUTH NEWTON, SALISBURY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: Miss B. Smith (13) 1, E. Smith 2, D. Kiddle 3, P. Rock 4, F. E. Manns (cond.) 5, G. Smith 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,259 Grand sire Caters: H. Austin 1 G. Case 2, T. Newman 3, W. Sidwell 4, T. Pritchard 5, W. Jones 6, W. Cox 7, T. Witts 8, L. Barry (cond.) 9, H. Newman 10. First quarter for 1 and 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. P. Morris (cond.) 1, A. T. Kirkman 2, L. G. Toseland 3, B. F. Lumbers 4, J. Shafford 5. First quarter Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand sire): G. Wills 1, A. Armstrong 2, V. Adams (cond.) 3, F. Gasson 4, T. C. Watts 5, C. T. Watts 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. Also on March 1st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. Sharp 1, C. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, Rev. F. J. Amies 4, F. Gasson 5, V. Adams (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Stedman, 240 each of April Day and Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 300 Grand sire): Wm. A. Hughes 1, L. W. Skinner 2, R. Hartley 3, B. Sullivan 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, C. Sullivan 6. First quarter in five methods by all except conductor.

WEST DIDSbury, MANCHESTER.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: E. Bowkett 1, R. D. Airey 2, J. D. Shepherd 3, Miss M. Walshaw (cond.) 4, J. Clegg 5, C. Clegg 6, B. Walshaw 7, D. Henshall 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise,
Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*†DONALD CHADWICK ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	†FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Treble Bob.

SANDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM J. BARRETT ... Treble	PETER J. EVES ... 3
*(GEORGE ABBOTT ... 2	*JOHN R. STONE ... 4

ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. BARRETT.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN A. WHARTON ... Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 3
*MISS J. M. GRIFFITHS ... 2	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4

L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

WALLACE W. COUSINS ... Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4
EDWARD BARKER ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WALTER F. MAWBY ... Treble	*EDWARD G. BENNETT ... 4
ERIC NOBLES ... 2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 5
†NORMAN F. BULL ... 3	*RONALD A. PEARSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and
three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD C. NOON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 4
*STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN ... 2	PHILIP JONES ... 5
GEORGE CARE ... 3	ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. The conductor's birthday
peal. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jones
(Brafield).

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 4 callings, and 22 six-scores of
Grandsire, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FREDK. F. GODSMARK ... Treble	*GEORGE A. PACKHAM ... 3
*STELLA M. WICKENS ... 2	*BASIL W. WHITE ... 4

CHARLES H. WICKENS ... Tenor

Conducted by STELLA M. WICKENS.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal in two methods
on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

Record Length of Major on Handbells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, in 6 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 13664 CHANCES;

Tenor size 15.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
Witness: Miss Margaret D. Telford.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*MISS R. M. MINALL ... 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 3-4	*MISS BRENDA FELS ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal on eight bells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
In ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Arranged to mark F. S. Wilson's 73rd birthday.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.

THE FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At SUNNYVIEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEOFFREY DODDS ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3-4	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 7-8

*J. REGINALD HEATH ... 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal on ten bells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
In M9, WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3-4	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 7-8

GEOFFREY DODDS ... 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 3, 1948, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
In THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty six-scores (10 callings) and one 240 Morris'. Tenor size 14 in D.
FREDK. E. DUKES ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
In ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C. sharp.

CHARLES MARSHALL ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	COLIN HARRISON ... 9-10

PERCY L. HARRISON ... 5-6 | JOSIAH MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Believed to be the first exact 5,000 rung 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Fri., Mar. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
In ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH RINGING ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 7-8

GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Steedman on handbells.

OBITUARY

MR. OSWALD SIMM.

Mr. Oswald Simm, a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for 52 years, passed away on March 6th at the age of 79 years. He was a regular Sunday service ringer at Cramlington, until ill-health compelled him to give up ringing some years ago. His peals numbered 31. The interment was at Cramlington Churchyard on March 9th. A course of Bob Minor was rung over the grave by three of his oldest friends, Messrs. A. Goffon, J. Goffon and J. E. R. Keen.

THE REV. M. C. POTTER.

One of the earliest members of Cambridge University Guild, the Rev. Michael Cressé Potter, Emeritus Professor of Botany in the University of Durham, died at New Milton on March 9th in his 90th year. His last peal is believed to have been one of Kent Treble Bob Major just before the 1914 war.

'Church Bells' of March 12th, 1881, records: 'On the 22nd ult., five members of the Cambridge University Guild rang three six-scores of Bob Doubles, being their first unassisted performance: R. Copeman (Clare) treble, E. Knowles (St. John's) 2, M. C. Potter (Peterhouse) 3, Rev. A. Boughey (Trinity) 4, W. Pearson (Clare) tenor. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. Also on Saturday, the 12th ult., six members of the society rang on the handbells 720 Bob Minor: R. Copeman 1, M. C. Potter 2, Rev. A. Boughey 3, E. Knowles 4, W. Baker (Clare) 5, W. Pearson 6.'

Of Mr. Knowles we know little, but all the remainder took Holy Orders, and Canon Baker, the Rev. Boughey and the Rev. W. C. Pearson were all well-known ringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Will Secretaries of Associations who elect their Central Council representatives on Easter Monday kindly send names and addresses immediately after the meeting?—G. W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting at Heston on Feb. 21st, Mr. J. Lewis Cockey, the hon. district secretary, presented his tenth and last annual report, which recorded another successful year. Twelve district and one general meeting had been held with an average attendance of 40, a considerable increase. Peal ringing was prolific and quarter-peals for service ringing had been more than maintained, with St. Mary's, Ealing, topping the list with eight.

The resignation of Mr. Cockey from the hon. secretaryship was received with regret, Mr. E. C. S. Turner testifying to his devotion and unselfishness and the high esteem with which he was held by both clergy and laymen.

Mr. Cockey, in reply, said during his ten years of office he had made many life-long friends and had a host of pleasant memories.

The retiring Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Finch, was elected to the office of hon. district secretary; other officers elected were: Assistant hon. district secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Bannister; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. W. W. Webb; Central Committee, Messrs. F. C. Baldwin, G. M. Kilby and J. S. Lewis Cockey; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

The general secretary reminded members that the C. T. Coles Memorial Fund was still open, and much more was needed towards a memorial to their late and much loved general secretary, and a ready response was accorded.

The vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Craggs) for the use of the bells, and to the members of the Heston band and friends for the excellent arrangements for tea, hoped the day was not far distant when the Heston supper, an annual event of pre-war days, would be possible. Mr. H. C. Chandler gave his assurance that he would be very happy to assist in organising this old Middlesex custom.

LETTERS

PEALS AT CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any readers of 'The Ringing World' can remember ringing a peal at Chobham. When I sent in the peal on February 14th I claimed it as the first for 25 years, but no member of our band can remember one since 1892, when the bells were augmented from five to eight. I should like to know how many peals have been rung since then.—Yours truly,

Burrow Hill, Chobham.

R. COLLINS.

DOUBLE NORWICH 4ths PLACE BOB

Dear Sir,—The congratulations of the Exercise will doubtless be offered to the gentleman who, according to a footnote in 'The Ringing World' of March 5th, has just rung his first peal of Double Norwich with a fourths place bob away from the treble. If he perseveres, perhaps he will one day emulate the achievement of the Hampshire ringers who rang a peal of Cambridge with a single in it, or take part in some equally meritorious performance!

—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have for some time been compiling a bibliography of bells and change ringing, and have already received valuable help from the librarian of the Central Council and others interested in the Exercise.

Now, however, I have exhausted all the resources at my disposal without being able to trace certain books which I know to exist, and I am hoping that some of your readers may be able to assist me. I am particularly anxious to see a list of books which was printed by the Rev. E. Banks James at the Seafeld Park Press in November, 1932.

I require details of publisher, place of publication, paging and illustrations for the following: 1 William Andrews, 'History of Bells' (Paisley, 1885); 2 J. T. Fowler, 'Bells and bell-ringing'; 3 J. T. Fowler, 'A bell at Pontefract'; 4 G. F. Woodhouse, 'Change ringing machine.'

Finally, does anyone know the identity of 'W.S.C.R.' the author of a humorous pamphlet, published in 1883, entitled 'Great Paul tongue-tied'?—Yours faithfully, F. J. HILL.

6. Scarth Road, Barnes, S.W.13.

NOTICES

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MISCELLANEOUS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—The address of the new Hon. District Sec. is F. A. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13. 3260

CORNWALL.—Will all ringing brethren of the Craft coming to Cornwall during the summer kindly write to the undersigned? It is hoped to arrange for some peal ringing for the Craft in the county.—E. V. Williams, Copper Hill, Redruth. 3220

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Rededication, Bletchingley bells (8), March 27th. Service 3. Ringing 3.30. 3201

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, March 29th. Service, All Saints' 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells—Cathedral (12), All Saints' (10), Claines (10) and Hallow (8)—times later. Own arrangements for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3185

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wells, Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral, 12 noon. The Right Reverend the Bishop will preach. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Wickenden's Restaurant. Names essential, 1 p.m. Committee meeting, Priest Row, 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Bells—St. Cuthbert's 10.45 to 11.40, 2 to 3 and in the evening except from 6.30 to 7; Cathedral, after lunch till 2.45 and during the evening from 4.45. The following towers will be open on notice being given: Dinder, Croscombe, Glastonbury (both towers), Chewton Mendip.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 3172

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Six towers available from 9.30 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch, Nightingale's, 12.45, followed by business meeting. Application for lunch by March 27th (limit 70) to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3189

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday. Bells, Great St. Andrew's, 11 to 3.15 and after tea; St. Benet's, 11 to 3.15 and after 7; Great St. Mary's, 1.30 to 3.30 and after tea; R.C., 11 to 12.30 and 6.30 to 8. Service, Great St. Mary's, 3.30, followed by tea at Dorothy Cafe and business meeting. Cups of tea will be provided at St. Andrew's between 12.30 and 1.30 for those bringing luncheon sandwiches.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 3199

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting, Walton-on-Thames, on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall. St. Mary's bells, Oatlands Park, will be open at 7 p.m.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 3203

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. St. Paul's 10 bells will be available from 10.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. St. Peter's 6 bells will be available from 9.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lunch will be held in the St. Paul's Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names, please, for lunch as early as possible to Mr. S. Foskett, 38, Miller Street, Bedford. 3200

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Dartford, Easter Monday. Ringing times: Dartford and Old Erith, from 10 a.m.; Christ Church, Erith, from 11 a.m.; Crayford, after lunch; Bexley, 4 till 7 o'clock; Sidcup, 4 till 6.30. Applicants who have not received luncheon tickets by post please apply at Dartford belfry between 11 and 11.50 a.m.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 3254

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Wisbech (10). Saturday, April 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Means, Melbourne, 56, Queens Road, Wisbech, not later than April 1st.—W. Buckenham, Marcham, King's Lynn. 3209

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, April 3rd. Tea 1s. 9d.; apply Frank Rhodes, Overdale, Kebroyd Lane, Triangle, Halifax, before April 1st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Little-moor, Queensbury. 3210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), April 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify. Train from Banbury 3.15. Return 7 p.m.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting, Hursley, Saturday, April 3rd. Wedding 2.30 p.m. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at the King's Head. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, c/o Mrs. Hayes, 39, St. Bernard's Road, Shreshampton, Bristol, by Monday, March 29th. 3190

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, April 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, by March 27th. 3197

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Wigston Magna (8), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names before Tuesday, March 30th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 3207

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth (6), April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea for certain by March 30th.—D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 3206

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 3rd. Cathedral and St. Alkmund's, 2.30 till tea. Committee 4 p.m., St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Tea 5 p.m., St. Peter's, followed by meeting. Cathedral and St. Peter's available after tea. Names to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, not later than Thursday, 1st. 3192

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston Parish Church, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at the Holte Hotel at 5.15 for those only who notify Mr. W. L. Whiston, 174, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 23, not later than April 1st. Cost of tea 2s. per head. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3206

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Albans. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) at Christ Church Parish Room, Church Crescent, 5.15 p.m. Numbers by March 27th at latest. Ringing: Cathedral, 2 p.m. to service and in evening; St. Peter's, 2 to 3.30 and in evening; six-bell towers, 2 to 3.30 (St. Stephen's only) and after the meeting. Hatfield bells (10) available in the morning. Notice has been given that the rules will be revised at this meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead. 3212

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Crewkerne (8), April 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Good bus service. Please notify by March 30th for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 3228

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, April 3rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3226

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—City and Rural Branch.—Combined meeting at Almondsbury (8), April 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea by March 29th, Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 3224

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Whickham, St. Mary's, Saturday, April 3rd, 2.30. Please notify Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, for tea by April 1st.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3219

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting, Denford, April 3rd. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, please. Ringstead available from 6.15 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 3233

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch.—Meeting, Buckland Monachorum, April 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3221

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Beighton (6), April 3rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 3217

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Dilhorne (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Bentley, Rock Cottage, Dilhorne, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3216

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Next meeting Spratton, Saturday, April 3rd. Names for tea MUST reach me by Monday previous.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 3231

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3234

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Chicheley (6) on Saturday, April 3rd, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 3258

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Godstone, April 3rd. Bells (2) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting 5.30. Names for tea by March 31st to J. W. Knight, 19, White Cots, Oxted. 3238

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Walthamstow, Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing, St. Saviour's (8) from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 31st.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3237

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's Church (8), April 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than April 1st to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 3240

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bradford-on-Avon, Saturday, April 3rd. Usual arrangements.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3241

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness Branches.—Joint meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 31st, to W. Bolton, Kirkmead, Silverdale.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Branch Secretaries. 3244

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silverton, April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea early to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 3255

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting of the Grimsby District at Thornton Curtis, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 3s. per head in Schoolroom. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. W. Tomlinson, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, by Wednesday, March 31st.—H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3250

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 3rd, Rainford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 3s. to those who write to S. Cadwallender, 51, Church Road, Rainford. No business. 3266

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice and social evening afterwards at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Social 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Admission to social in Victoria Hall, Ash, is 2s. Proceeds in aid of the Ash Bell Fund. £1,000 is needed. Will you help us and buy a ticket or send a donation? Please send to G. S. Joyce, District Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3251

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Bispham, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3264

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, the Cathedral, April 3rd. Bells 3. Evensong 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names by March 31st, please.—George E. Griffiths, 38, Beeson View, Chester. 3265

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Tutbury (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Service 4.15 p.m., ringing afterwards.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 3262

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnley, April 3rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3263

CHISLEHURST, ST. NICHOLAS.—Weekly practice changed to Wednesday on and from April 7th, commencing at 7.45 p.m. Sundays 5.45 p.m. (a light at Chislehurst War Memorial). 3235

LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting at Bolsover, Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 6th Arthur R. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton. 3230

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Wombourn, April 10th. Bells 3. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4. Service 5.30. Replies by Monday, April 5th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 3218

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, Wymondham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage Room. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 6th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 3223

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting, St. Osyth (6) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 3 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by April 7th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3225

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on April 10th. Bells ready at 10.30 a.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 at 4s. 6d. each. Names to Mr. Ivan Kay, 69, Fir Tree Lane, Bardsley, Ashton-u-Lyne, before April 7th. Limit 100.—W. H. Shaker, T. Wilson, Hon. Secretaries. 3236

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, April 10th. Important: Names for tea to me not later than Thursday, April 1st, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 3249

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Cranford (6), April 10th. Names tea imperative by Friday, April 2nd.—G. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 3247

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Chislehurst, April 10th. Bells available Eltham Parish Church 1.15 to 2.30; Chislehurst, Annunciation, 2.30 to 4.15; St. Nicholas', 6.30 to 8 p.m.; and Sidcup, 7.30 to 8.45. Service at Annunciation 4.15, followed by tea and business. Tea applications must reach Frank Knight, 4, Cambray Road, Orpington, by April 6th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 3245

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, April 17th. Clerkenwell, Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 2.30. Clerkenwell also after meeting. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30. Names for tea before April 14th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 3222



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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Barford St. Martin, April 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by April 7th to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 3243

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting. Heanor, April 10th, 2.30. Names for tea to T. Needham, Mundella, Hassock Lane North, Shipley, Derbyshire, by 7th. 3242

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford-Arundel, April 10th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please. Rockwell Green bells after meeting.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 3253

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Wenden (6), Saturday, April 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 7th, please to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3239

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Will members please reserve Saturday, April 17th, annual general meeting at East Retford. Full particulars later. Maximum attendance essential.—T. Groombridge, jun. 3252

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Dedication of bells, Great Wakering, five rebung and sixth added, by the Lord Bishop of Barking, Saturday, May 1st, at 3.30 p.m. Tea.—H. Milton, High Street, Great Wakering, Southend-on-Sea. 3227

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The following practices have been arranged: Chislehurst, Church of the Annunciation, last Thursday each month, 7.30 to 9; Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', last Tuesday each month, 7.30 to 9.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3246

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