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## LOOKING BACK

THE recent announcement in 'The Ringing World' of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston's resignation from the directorate of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, breaks an active partnership of over 40 years with a firm in which for the greater part of that time he was the controlling influence, particularly in regard to bells. Some 10 years after Canon Simpson had introduced his scientific method of tuning bells, Mr. Johnston, then a young man barely out of his teens, decided not only to master the principles but to introduce his own ideas in the development of this science. A life study has borne fruit, and Mr. Johnston can look back to about 50 carillons in all parts of the world which have come not only from his firm but in which he has given that personal supervision in tuning and details of the contract. This is apart from the hundreds of rings of church bells hung for change ringing. It is a record that rivals that of the great 17th century Dutch firm of Haemony Bros., of Amsterdam, which between 1644 and 1684 gave to Europe some 50 carillons.

Two of the largest carillons with which he was associated were provided through the munificence of John D. Rockefeller, jun., who visited Croydon! That at Riverside Drive Church, New York, contains 72 bells in a tower 400ft. high, with ascent by four elevators. The big bass bell in C weighs 18½ tons. The sister carillon in the chapel of Chicago University has also 72 bells with a bass bell of 17 tons in C sharp.

Another carillon he looks back upon with special pride is that in the Houses of Parliament at Ottawa. These 53 bells, with the largest weighing 10 tons, were provided to mark the 60th anniversary of the confederation of Canadian provinces in 1927. At the inaugural ceremony a squadron of 12 American planes, led by Col. Lindberg, attended, and one of the planes crashed. The funeral march was played on the new carillon by Lefève when the dead airman was buried. As far as London is concerned, probably the carillon that was most publicised was that for the Wellington War Memorial, New Zealand. Recitals were given on it daily by Clifford Ball, of Bournville, in Hyde Park during the summer of 1930.

A memorable day for Mr. Johnston occurred in May, 1925, when King George V. and Queen Mary visited the Croydon works and saw a number of bells cast, including a ring for Great Haseley, in Oxfordshire, and a bell for Buckingham Palace. Some 10,000 people visited the works that day. There have been other royal visits. Princess Beatrice came to see Carisbrooke bells cast, and the Duke of Connaught also attended. But royalty have not by any means been the only visitors it has been Mr. Johnston's privilege to entertain. Many will recall the three mammoth tea parties given by Mr. Johnston to the Exercise—that in 1932, embracing a company of 2,300 ringers and friends. Seventy of the prettiest girls in Croydon acted as hostesses and talked glibly if not always accurately about Superlative and higher methods to the amusement of those present.

Mr. Johnston's reminiscences would indeed fill a book. In the first World War he served with the Grenadier Guards in France, and in the last war was in command of a Works Home Guard Company, which had the benefit of Guards instructors from Wellington Barracks. The Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton was his adjutant in France, and in 1944, when Mr. Johnston was elected Master of the Clock Makers Company (the year of the centenary of the firm) Mr. Oliver Lyttelton was his principal guest. About six months ago his name appeared in the Honours List, when he was appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire 'for work done in development of the art of bell founding and tuning in this country.'

Like our other principal founders, Mr. Johnston is a practical ringer, being a pupil of the late Dr. Carpenter. He has some 32 peals to his credit, and one in which he has the happiest recol-



lections was that at Edenbridge, called by W. G. Smith, in which all the ringers were members of his firm. He was the hon. secretary of the Surrey County Association for upwards of nine years. His son at Winchester is learning to ring, and Mrs. Johnston has entered very fully into all his activities, having on many occasions acted as clerk to him in the inspection of bells and bell frames. Space prevents us from giving but a cursory glance at a busy life of great interest to the ringing fraternity. A book of reminiscences would make a popular appeal.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### LINCOLN.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*DONOVAN R. WHITE ... Treble	H. LESLIE PASK ... 7
*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 2	*RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 9
LEWIS SNELL ... 4	*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 10
JOHN FREEMAN ... 5	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 11
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

### NORWICH.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*ROBERT W. BARBER ... Treble	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 2	*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 8
*GEORGE SAYER ... 3	*CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 9
†HENRY TOOKE ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 10
*ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5	GEORGE BAILEY ... 11
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 6	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques 'inside.' A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey, of Wroxham, formerly of Norwich.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### READING, BERKSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5201 CHANGES;

From the 'Clavis.'

Tenor 23 cwt.

PERCY J. DYKE ... Treble	ARTHUR WIGGINS ... 6
MRS. D. CATHERALL ... 2	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 7
MISS PEGGY HART ... 3	GEORGE FOXELL ... 8
RAYMOND BURTON ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 9
*CYRIL WATTS ... 5	*VINCENT CHERRILL ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung for the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the ten bells (Grandsire Caters).

### BECKENHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... Treble	†RICHARD G. CROSLAND ... 6
*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
†MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... 8
*PETER G. PARROTT ... 4	JACK DAFTERS ... 9
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten. † First peal of Royal.

### SHEFFIELD.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
JOSEPH SAXTON ... 2	*BARRY HOLLAND ... 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 8
RALPH LONG ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 9
FRED A. ADAMS ... 5	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Royal.

Tenor 40 cwt.

### SOUTHAMPTON.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... Treble	*MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 6
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 2	ROY FAITHFULL ... 7
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 8
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9
*NELIA LEAHY ... 5	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Caters.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... 6
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 24 cwt.

### LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	FRED PRICE ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7
ROY FAITHFULL ... 4	HARRY GILLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

The first peal on the bells.

### GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*MISS JOAN ALISON ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
†FREDERICK JACKSON ... 2	HARRY MORGAN ... 6
G. LESLIE LUNN ... 3	CHARLES H. BAKER ... 7
JOSEPH DIXON ... 4	CECIL W. HOOTON ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

### HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

\* First peal in the method. † 500th peal.



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BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
JOHN D. ROCK ... Treble	+WILLIAM THOMPSETT ... 5
*MICHAEL P. MORETON... 2	+ROY HALLETT ... 6
REGINALD T. JONES ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON... 7
LESLIE EVANS ... 4	JOHN BOURNE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* 50th peal. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight. In honour of the christening of the Royal Prince.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS,

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

Middleton's.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*R. WINFIELD CARLISLE Treble	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
+SAM PINDER ... 2	*DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 6
+JOHN B. BENNETT ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Johnson's Variation.

THOMAS LARKEY ... Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2	*THOMAS HESKETH ... 6
WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 3	*EDWIN BIRKETT ... 7
RONALD. KENRICK ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* 50th peal together. First peal in method on the bells. A birthday compliment to William Deacon and Malcolm C. Ridyard. Also for the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. Patridge, donor of the treble bell.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOSEPH WM. COTTON Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5
MISS JILL POOLE ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 7
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, J.P., patron of the living of Seale and president of the Midland Counties Guild.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 2	GEORGE DOBBS ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... 7
FRED JEFFERY ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

The conductor's 400th peal.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

*E. BARKER ... Treble	*LESLIE HOUGHTON ... 5
*CHAS. E. G. BANHAM... 2	ERIC A. DENCH ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	*BERT GOGLE ... 7
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 4	+DONALD MILES ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

*GEORGE H. MOORE ... Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
EILEEN BRACEY ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. William J. Lee, of Great Yarmouth. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MISS PAMELA A. MARTIN Treble	DEREK E. LATCHFORD... 5
*PETER A. NASH ... 2	+GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN... 6
MISS OLIVE M. MARTIN 3	+LESLIE S. BAINES... 7
+PETER HOLNESS ... 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

\* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First in the method. § First inside. First peal as conductor.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

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

*PERCY BONNETT ... Treble	+ANDREW C. SINFIELD... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	*ALFRED RUSHTON ... 6
*HAROLD BURTON ... 3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... 7
+RONALD J. SHARP... 4	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together. First peal of Lincolnshire by the Association and in the county. Tenor 23 cwt.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

BRIAN AUSTIN ... Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 5
RONALD C. NOON ... 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 7
RAYMOND H. IDLE ... 4	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON Tenor

Composed by WM. BIRMINGHAM. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

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

*COLIN MILTHORP, R.N. Treble	JOSEPH PORTER ... 5
ROGER LEIGH ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
*DEREK WHITFORD ... 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON... 7
*KENNETH HARTLEY ... 4	CHARLES CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. V. Williams, of Haslingden. Tenor 13 cwt.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13).	Tenor 14 cwt.
ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 6
ALLEN MORGAN ... 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in the method.

ELY, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

*MISS MARION GRAIN ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	ARTHUR ROLFE ... 6
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
*JOHN ROWSELL ... 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.



### CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*ARNOLD HILL ... ..Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 5
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 7
*F. BERNARD DITCHER... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

### DAGENHAM, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT W. BEARD ...Treble	*DENNIS G. BLOWS ... .. 5
DAVID W. BEARD... .. 2	COLIN E. WRIGHT ... .. 6
*MISS D. J. FLEETWOOD ... 3	FRANK V. GANT ... .. 7
REGINALD J. FUNNELL... .. 4	ARTHUR CHAPLIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR CHAPLIN.  
\* First in method away from treble. First of Major as conductor.

### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...Treble	JOHN DAVY ... .. 5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... .. 2	PETER F. DAVY ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS... .. 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 4	T. MARK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

### MELLS, SOMERSET.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Parker's.	Tenor 26 cwt.
*GEORGE CLARE ... ..Treble	*FREDERICK SAVAGE ... .. 5
*HARRY SMITH ... .. 2	EDWIN H. NASH ... .. 6
*EDWARD WICKHAM ... .. 3	RONALD BECK ... .. 7
*VICTOR SAVAGE ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

### KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ...Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... .. 6
*PHILIP WALKER ... .. 3	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal on tower bells.

### MARDEN, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... ..Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 5
JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 2	*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE ... .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 25th peal on the bells and 175th different composition.

### PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

PERCY SWINDLEY ...Treble	*ARTHUR WATKIN ... .. 5
*MISS NANCY P. BIRKS... .. 2	ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... .. 3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 7
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... .. 4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. O. Baker. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

### HAWKHURST, KENT.

#### THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

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

*MISS FRANCES WOOD...Treble	W. GORRINGE ... .. 5
†MISS HELEN GORRINGE ... 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... .. 6
†J. OWEN SANTER ... .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... .. 7
†ROY TAPPENDEN ... .. 4	LAWRENCE T. POPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

\* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.' † First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. A farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who is leaving for Southern Rhodesia with the R.A.F.

### HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY ...Treble	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 2	JACK G. BROTHWELL ... .. 6
ARNOLD HILL ... .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

### BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Being two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*TONY NURDEN ... ..Treble	FRANCIS MILES ... .. 4
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	TREVOR E. NEWBURY ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal.

### BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

FRANK C. PRICE ... ..Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS ... .. 4
WALTER SPARROW ... .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... .. 5
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. 3	*TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* 100th different tenor turned in to a peal. In memoriam Rev. R. M. Pitt.

### STANGROUND, HUNTS.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD CATLINGHAM ...Treble	HERBERT GOAKES ... .. 4
JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. 2	DENIS D. WRIGHT ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	GEORGE BUSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal of Minor on the bells since being augmented to six. Rung to commemorate the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the fourth.

### HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS E. RICE ... ..Treble	*ROBERT CRITCHLEY ... .. 4
MISS V. DRAPER ... .. 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... .. 5
MISS M. ACKERS ... .. 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

\* 25th peal. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Right Rev. C. R. Claxton, Bishop of Warrington.



**ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.**—On Dec. 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: G. White 1, W. Day 2, C. Lees 3, S. Brown 4, A. Kershaw 5, G. Jackson (cond.) 6. First quarter by the band. A farewell to the Rev. H. L. Clothier.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ralph Winsor (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Wingrove 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 3, J. Howard 5, D. Lamb 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, Noel Devonshire 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples Christmas Day.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's on Dec. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Skidmore (cond.) 1, E. J. Ridler 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, N. Denson (first in method) 4, C. A. Baker 5, V. Lucas 6, Sig. R. G. Hooper 7, J. Cox 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the 4th and an 83rd to the tenor.

**CAMP TON, BEDFORDSHIRE.**—1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 of Plain Bob): A. Murphy 1, M. Lockey 2, H. Lawrence 3, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 4, A. C. Sinfield 5.

**CHEADLE, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. D. Steel 1, Miss M. Rigby 2, A. Peake 3, F. E. Wilshaw 4, A. W. Hall 5, J. G. Cartledge 6, W. Carnwell 7, N. R. Holland (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First Surprise Major for 2 and 5.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Beale 1, F. Welch 2, W. F. Gibbons 3, D. R. Best 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, R. Welch 6, J. T. Locke 7, J. W. Drew (cond.) 8. First quarter Major for 4, 5 and 6.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James' on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hunt 1, A. T. Weeks 2, M. S. Hunt (first quarter) 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6.

**DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Elsey, sen., 1, D. Clarke 2, D. Bryan 3, V. Bowen 4, F. J. Elsey, jun., 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 26th 1,260 Doubles, 240 each of Canterbury, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and 300 of Grandsire: J. E. Labbut 1, A. E. Partridge 2, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 3, H. Wooding 4, E. Smart 5.

**EYDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tompkins 1, J. Steel (first quarter) 2, H. Lansbury 3, E. Lines 4, C. Parish (cond.) 5.

**GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles, being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 3 six-scores of Plain Bob: W. F. Todd (first quarter) 1, G. Cherry 2, E. W. Winters 3, W. J. Croft (cond.) 4, F. W. Croft 5.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Mattless 1, H. Proctor 2, S. Proctor 3, T. Relf 4, C. Glenn (cond.) 5, C. Blakey 6, F. Proctor 7, P. C. Woods 8, T. Hall 9, W. Rose 10.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Wilkins (85) 1, Miss Doreen Coker (cond.) 2, Miss Sylvia Coker 3, E. Markham 4, F. Hayes 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, M. Ward (first quarter) 8.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. J. Pett (first of Major) 1, Miss S. E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell (first of Bob Major) 4, Mrs. K. F. J. Parr 5, E. Dodds 6, D. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

**IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Ridout 1, W. G. Damen (cond.) 2, E. Chant 3, F. Hilliar (first quarter) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. In memoriam the Bishop of Salisbury.

**LEEK, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,272 Stedman Cters: G. H. Hill 1, G. Wilkinson 2, J. Ball 3, P. Warren 4, J. Rider 5, T. S. Edwards 6, F. Billings 7, A. Rider 8, E. Sharratt (cond.) 9, C. Bettany 10.

**LONDON.**—On Dec. 26th at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, R. W. Stannard 3, D. Satow 4, E. A. Reeve 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, E. J. Peett 8.

**MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles, being 120 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire: B. McArthur 1, P. Neal 2, G. Beynon 3, G. Rooke 4, J. Watson (cond.) 5.

**NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Nelson 2, A. Leete 2, F. H. Beales 3, L. A. Freeman 4, V. R. Owens (cond.) 5, T. Owen 6. For the induction of the Rector, the Rev. T. Elliot.

**OLNEY, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. D. R. Tompkins 1, R. D. Perkins 2, B. S. Fisher 3, W. J. Robinson 4, A. H. Stapleton (first 'inside') 5, F. Boswell 6, A. A. Freeman 7, M. T. Cook (cond.) 8.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: E. Warner 1, W. Rose (cond.) 2, C. Woods 3, J. Mounfield 4, W. Waldron 5, R. Dawson 6, G. Bush 7, J. Bluff 8. First by 3 and 6.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Bishop, jun., 1, E. Gavin D. Tonkin (14 years, first in method) 2, W. Rogers (first in method as conductor) 3, A. F. Lewry 4, C. Brasier 5, F. Hammond 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, F. H. Hicks 8.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Rigby 1, C. H. Page 2, F. E. Wilshaw 3, N. R. Holland 4, W. P. Deane 5, A. D. Steel 6, A. Peake (cond.) 7, S. Lightfoot 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mantle 1, A. Rye 2, T. Wickens 3, F. Rye 4, F. Hawkins 5, H. Furminger (first of Minor as cond.) 6, E. Axon 7 (covering). First quarter of Minor 1 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

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## STOP PRESS.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, hon. secretary and treasurer, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, for the past 20 years, has been succeeded by Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Next week we hope to publish the list of those who rang 40 peals or more in 1948.

To-day is the 50th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise rung in the City of London at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street. The band were all from St. Peter's, Brighton, and the sole survivor is the conductor, Mr. George Williams.

A Cheshire ringer, noted for his 'cold feet,' presented Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vincent with an electric blanket as a wedding present.

Mr. W. Twidell, sen., who has rung at Tottenhamhoe, Beds, for over 60 years, rang his longest length on December 26th—1,260 Grandsire Doubles.

An attempt for Parker's One-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on Boxing Day, came to grief five courses from the end. Four were attempting their first peal.

Patrol Leader Marion Davies' question re Girl Guides as ringers has been answered by Hilda M. Shuttleworth, Field Head, Outgate, Ambleside, Westmorland. She rings at St. Michael's, Hawkshead, and is a Patrol Leader in the 1st Hawkshead Girl Guides.

Another Girl Guide ringer is Patrol Leader Joan Greasby, of the 1st Retford, Notts, Guides. She rang her first peal on March 19th, 1948, having started learning at East Retford in November, 1947.

Burford, Oxford, bells have been declared unsafe to ring. The traditional midnight ringing on New Year's Eve was observed by handbell ringing in the centre of the town by J. G. Collett, M. C. F. Collett and B. S. Nichols.

At the R.A.F. Station, Hereford, 'Ring out the old, ring in the new' was observed by F. S. Worth (Plymouth) 1-2, R. W. F. Scarrett (Cheltenham) 3-4, K. M. Cooper (Aldershot) 5-6, D. G. Rice (Plympton) 7-8, at the end of 1948.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of the University Association on New Year's Eve had the unpleasant experience in their attempted peal of 'London Royal U.A.' at Rickmansworth to come round after 3 hours 12 minutes 124356789X. It was found that 3 and 4 had changed over a course or two from end. Mr. Wilfrid Moreton was conducting and the company had never stood all together as a band previously. Some had rung only a couple of leads or so of the method and the rest had never struck a blow. Another attempt is to be made.

Mr. W. A. Kitchenside has thrice 'circled' Frant, Sussex, tower.

On Boxing Day Mr. Henry Tooke rang his 200th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The peal at Conisborough, Yorkshire, on Boxing Day was rung through two weddings, and concluded by ringing a third bridal party into the church.

North Staffordshire ringers feel that they climbed another rung on the ladder by the first of Superlative Surprise Major by resident members.

On the same day, Boxing Day, Mr. Arthur Pritchard and Mr. Claude Cousins rang their 200th peal. Here's to the 300th together!

Has a peal ever been rung at Stoke Rochford, Lincs, before? Mr. H. Reginald Woods is submitting a claim for the first on the bells.

As far as we can gather, only one peal was rung for the midnight Christmas service. This was at Clopton, Suffolk. There were a number of quarter-peals.

Mr. T. E. Sone informs us that his calling of peals of Holt's Original five times 'round the circle' took place in 16 different towers and not at Brenchley as announced in our last issue.

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## Christmas Quiz Answers

Appended are the answers to our Christmas Quiz:—

### ROUND ENGLAND QUIZ.

1. St. Andrew's, Plymouth.
2. St. John's-on-the-Wall, Bristol.
3. St. James', West Teignmouth.
4. Holy Trinity, Queensbury, Bradford.
5. Acle, Norfolk.
6. St. Andrew's, Rugby (5 and 8 bells).
7. St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge.
8. Carlisle.
9. Bradford-on-Avon.
10. Swaffham Prior, near Cambridge.

### HUNT THE PSALMS.

11. Call, Ps. 102 (2).
12. Quick, Ps. 124 (2).
13. Touch, Ps. 144 (5).
14. Guide, Ps. 7 (9).
15. Course, Ps. 19 (5).
16. Stand, Ps. 37 (41).
17. A Code. Write down the letters in order as a 24 of Bob Minimus. Read in turn the work of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th: 'Some rings of bells exist in which a bell is heavier than one of lower pitch. Good examples are at Ditchling and at Cefn Coed.'

18. Darts Problem. Write a course of Plain Bob 20 in. The pairs of bells dodging at the lead-ends give the arrangements for each night (count the bell making seconds with the treble).

19. Stedman Triples. In order starting from the treble: Jack, John, Arthur, Tom, Bill, Tony, Bob, Pat. The bells are hung anticlockwise.

Anagrams. 20. Grandsire Triples. 21. Double Norwich Court Bob Major. 22. Stedman Doubles. 23. Original Caters. 24. Bristol Surprise Royal. 25. Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

The prizewinners will be announced next week.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

An increase of 34 members, receipts increased by 50 per cent., and contributions to the Essex Bell Restoration Fund doubled, were the chief features of the secretary's report at the annual meeting of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association held at Barking on January 8th. Congratulations were also extended to the division's four very active octogenarians, E. Bacon (Loughton), G. Playle (Dagenham), W. Nelder (Wanstead) and R. Stannard (Leytonstone).

A most impressive service, conducted by the Rev. Priestnell, was enjoyed by 46 members.

The following elections were made at the business meeting which followed: Master, Mr. J. Chalk; secretary, Mr. F. V. Gant; representatives to the committee, Messrs. Sitch and Groves.

The thanks of the meeting are due to the local Master, Mr. Caleb Penn, for the excellent arrangements in a much blitzed ringing chamber.

### A DAGENHAM VETERAN

On Boxing Day Mr. George Playle, of Dagenham, Essex, celebrated his 80th birthday. A life member of the Essex Association, Mr. Playle has been associated with the Dagenham tower for well over 50 years. Although not quite so well in health as of yore, George still enjoys occasional touches. The peal in his honour on Boxing Day was also the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Chaplin, towerkeeper and Master at Dagenham. A peal of Bob Major was rung in their honour.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, LEICS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire): Miss K. Faulkner (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Hart 2, C. Windram 3, F. Wallington 4, W. Hector (cond.) 5.

## A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(With special reference to 'London'.)

Increasing interest in ringing on the higher number prompts reconsideration of the question of some Royal and Maximus methods published and rung under familiar names of Major methods, yet not always acceptable as the methods so named. The London method is still generally regarded as one of the most difficult to be rung, and as giving its successive ringers a 'hall mark.' It may therefore be of some interest generally to realise that a systematic analysis of its structure permits it to be defined in such a way that the method may be evolved, free of adulterations, as Royal and Maximus extensions of the original or basic method.

(The following is an abridged extract from a work on Principles of Method Structure in Change Ringing, and the rights of reproduction elsewhere of this article are reserved by the author.)

The main reason, perhaps, for so much controversy on the subject of extension is the lack of stated principles or conditions of the matter. A clearer idea of what is involved seems essential. There are two points of view:—

1. The Ideal. This demands that extensions must be identical in form with the basic. Strictly speaking, this can be the case only with 'Original,' though some consider that such methods as Plain Bob, Grandsire, Cambridge, Yorkshire and the like, come within this category.
2. The Proximate. This demands that the recognised extension, or contraction, must be the nearest obtainable form of the basic, having regard to certain conditions or principles of method structure.

Since the majority of recognisable extensions may be considered as falling within category 2, such conditions may be set forth as below.

In view of the unfortunate pronouncements, ambiguous and erroneous, sometimes made in regard to method structure, it is necessary, first of all, to restate, in simple terms to avoid all doubt as to intended meaning, the fundamentals, and to show how the concluded conditions or principles are derived from them. Thus:—

A. Methods having a hunt-bell (or hunt-bells as in Grandsire with two) produce rows of changes in sets usually called 'leads.' These sets of rows are linked together where the hunt-bell is found 'at the lead.' The actual dividing line between any one 'lead' of rows and its successor is thus between the two rows which have the hunt-bell at its full lead. So the first row of any 'lead' is the one with the hunt-bell striking the last blow of its full lead, before hunting up to the back; while the last row of the set is the one with the hunt-bell (usually the treble) back down again at lead, and striking the first blow of its full lead there.

B. Each set of rows ('lead') divides into exactly similar halves, on either side of an athwart dividing line which separates the two rows where the hunt-bell lies full behind. This divides the set into two 'half-leads,' the second of which will be found to be an exact 'reflection' of the first, so called because the similarity of network of the bell-paths is obvious if a mirror be placed on the dividing line to face the first or upper half, and the reflection in the mirror be compared with what lies below it in the second or lower half.

C. All sets or 'leads' of the plain course of a hunt-controlled method are identical in structure.

D. It follows from B and C above that a 'reflection' (similar to that found about the half-lead dividing line) will be found about the dividing line between the leads themselves, i.e., the first half of any lead is the 'reflection' of the second or last half of the lead immediately preceding it.

E. In methods with more than one hunt-bell these dividing lines occur at the mid-spaces between the rows of the full leads and half-leads respectively of those several hunt-bells.

F. At each of such dividing lines a bell 'makes a place' across the line. This is known as the turning or pivot-place. Thus, there is a pivot-place for the lead and a pivot-place for the half-lead, known respectively as the 'full lead pivot' and the 'half-lead pivot.' The reason for the name may be seen from B and D above, in so far as the reflection of the work of the place-making bell gives it a path after the place, which is the reflection of its path before the place. Hence the two similar parts of its path turn about its 'pivot' place.

G. Pivot places are fundamental and are fixed throughout the range of a method, in contraction from or extension from the basic. The positions of the places thus made are always counted as so many away from the hunt-bell. The full lead pivot place is counted as so many places away from the hunt-bell's full lead, while the half-lead pivot place is counted as so many away from the hunt-bell's full lie. Where a pivot bell makes its place at the extreme position in the row (that is, at the end opposite to the leading or lying of the hunt-bell(s)), it is said to pivot in the 'extreme' place.

H. In 'double' methods, the pivot places at the lie are the same numerically as at the lead, i.e., the same number of places from the position of the hunt-bell. In single methods they may be the same, but frequently are different. But in any case, whatever the positions are in the basic, so they remain throughout extension or contraction of the method. Any variation of these positions at either lead or lie is a departure from the parent method. The extreme place is always at one end of the row.

I. Following are examples of pivots in methods:—

Method.	Full-lead pivot.	Half-lead pivot.
Plain Bob	Seconds	Extreme
Cambridge	Seconds	'Seconds'
Grandsire	Thirds	Extreme
Double Norwich	Extreme	Extreme
London	Seconds	'Fourths'
Kent	Extreme	Extreme
Albion T.B.	Seconds	Extreme

J. Reconsidering what has been said in B, D and F above, it may be seen that the pattern of the whole working path of any bell divides into two main halves; the first part pivots around the full lead place-making and may be known as 'Lead-pivot Section,' while the second part pivots round the half-lead place-making and may be known as the 'Half-lead-pivot Section.' Now since each of these sections divides again into two parts, the second being the reflection of the first (as we have seen), we have, in all, four sections of bell-path work, mutually reflective in pairs.

K. These four sections of work are to be found in all hunt-controlled methods as accepted for ringing by the Exercise of to-day.

NOTE.—All the fundamentals stated above apply throughout the range of extension and contraction of hunt-controlled methods. Any so-called variant of a method which does not conform with them is clearly not the original method on that number of bells, and should be given another name or a name variant. There are other reasons for forfeiture of name-claim, as will be seen.

(To be continued.)

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (rung on back six): H. Dickens, jun., 1, G. W. Anker 2, D. Nock 3, K. Smith 4, N. Smith 5, R. N. Eaton 6, W. G. Anker (cond.) 7, E. Thompson 8.



## OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

## MR. FREDERICK G. BIGGS.

With regret we record the death of Mr. Frederick G. Biggs, of Hughenden, Bucks, who died on Christmas morn, aged 81. He was for over 60 years a ringer at Hughenden, an excellent striker, and could take any bell in any method.

He had a vivid recollection of Lord Beaconsfield, and as a choirboy attended the funeral in 1881. He had many 'firsts' to his credit, including the first of London for the Oxford Guild in 1892, almost the first of Alliance ever rung (Crawley rang the first the previous day), the first of D.N. and Superlative for Bucks among many others. He was always ready and willing to assist beginners, and very helpful in keeping the bells in going order.

Many of his 274 peals were rung with such stalwarts as Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the three Australian tourists, W. H. Fussell, George Martin and J. S. Goldsmith, and that prince of ringers, J. W. Washbrook, probably the greatest exponent ever, and the first ever to ring two tower bells to a peal, a feat at that time so incredible that the editor of the 'Bell News' refused to publish it until he received confirmation, which was quickly forthcoming with further similar peals and then eclipsed by taking a pair of bells to Stedman in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's thousandth peal. Fred rang more than a hundred peals with his son, Mr. Roland Biggs.

By trade a first-class chairmaker, he was one of the very few real craftsmen remaining in this deplorable age of mass production.

The funeral was at Hughenden on January 1st, many ringers from surrounding towers attending, and four of his brother ringers of Hughenden acting as bearers. A course of Triples was rung at the graveside, followed by a short touch on the tower bells. In the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

A list of his peals is appended, the first being in 1889 and the last in 1943, in 26 towers:—

Grandsire Triples 26, Caters 2; Stedman Triples 75, Caters 2, Cinques 3; Erin Caters, 1. Plain Bob Major 20, Minor 8, Spliced 1; D.N.C.B. Major, 32; Alliance Major, 1; Forward Major, 1; K.T.B. Major 8, Maximus, 1; Oxford and Kent (spliced), 1; Oxford and Kent Minor (spliced), 1; Oxford T.B. Major, 1; St. Clement's Major, 1.

Surprise Major: London 25, Cambridge 24, Superlative 17, Yorkshire 7, New Cambridge 5, Norfolk 2, Rutland 1, Bristol 2, Beaconsfield 1, Hughenden 1, Brighton 1, Newcastle 1, Spliced, 4 methods 1, Cambridge Minor 1. Total, 274.

## THE REV. HECTOR MACTURK.

Silk Willoughby, Lincs, has lost a great lover of the bells by the death of the Rev. Hector MacTurk, who died on December 27th. For 24 years he was Rector. Two years ago, when he had a serious illness, he would not hear of the bells being silent, although his home was not more than 20 yards from the church. 'The bells must be rung,' he said. His opinion of ringers was equally high. 'I consider that bellringers are a noble band of churchworkers and a happy family,' he once said.

## MR. E. S. MYNARD.

A member of the Emberton, Bucks, band for 46 years, has died in the person of Mr. E. S. Mynard. He had several peals to his credit rung for the Bedfordshire Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

His funeral was on December 30th. In his memory 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent and 600 Oxford) was rung on January 2nd by J. Lovell 1, H. Lovell 2, F. J. Mynard (cond.) 3, C. Wilson 4, F. W. Mynard 5, W. Cook 6.

## MR. R. EDWARDS.

By the passing of Mr. Richard Edwards, St. Oswald's, Oswestry, has lost a ringer who for 57 years was a model of punctual and regular attendance. On Sunday, December 19th, he was ringing as usual, but two days later was taken ill and died in a few hours at the age of 77.

Mr. Edwards was not a prolific peal ringer, ringing about 20 in the standard methods, but was rarely absent on a Sunday. Surely his epitaph is 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

W. B. K.

## MR. W. LINTER.

In connection with the passing of Mr. W. Linter, of Swanmore, Hants, reported in our last issue, A.P. writes that Mr. Linter took part in 720 Kent Treble Bob on his 91st birthday on November 27th, 1948. The same bells were rung muffled for his funeral by members of the Diocesan Guild. In a tribute, the Rector (the Rev. A. E. McCaig) mentioned his work as chorister, parish clerk and captain of the ringers for many years. He assisted in coaching many beginners. He was a personality and will be missed and remembered for many years.

## A 200th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—Regarding the peal of Grandsire Caters at Reading on December 22nd the following may be of interest to your readers. In the 'Reading Mercury' under date of November 26th, 1748, is the following:—

'At this date St. Laurence's Church bells, 10 in number, were cast and hung by the ingenious Mr. Catlia, of Shoe Lane, London, and the event was commemorated by the Society of Reading Youths ringing a "compleat peal of 5,040 Caters in 3 hours and twenty-nine minutes."'

No record can now be found of the names of those taking part in this peal and no records of the Reading Youths are known to exist, and further application to the Bodleian Library has failed to find a copy of the 'Reading Mercury' of that date.

The church records state that at that date the existing eight bells were recast and turned into a ring of ten.

On November 27th, 1948, an attempt was made to ring 5,040 Grandsire Caters, but it came to grief after two hours' ringing through two bells changing over, but a second attempt, though not the same peal, was successful.

The peal rung in November, 1748, would be also the first in Reading and the first in Berkshire.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. FOSTER

(Foreman, St. Laurence's).

## TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN

Until October, 1947, Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire, had had a 'stone' band. On December 18th, following an unsuccessful peal attempt, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by: John H. Jones 1, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 2, J. Scott 3, A. H. Fitter 4, A. D. Cook 5, A. J. Collins 6. This was the first quarter of Grandsire by all except the conductor.

A complete restoration of the bells and framework by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank is due to commence after Christmas and finish by May, 1949. The contract includes a new all-metal frame, rehanging in ball bearings, recasting the fifth and adding two new trebles.

The front five bells are by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, and were cast in 1707. In 1733 the tenor was cast by Smith, of Edgbaston, the last major overhaul being in 1894.

To have a permanent record of the bells a gramophone recording was made. If anyone would like a copy they are asked to contact Mr. John H. Jones, Bank House, Tanworth-in-Arden, near Birmingham.

## LETTERS

## A SUFFOLK VIEW ON THE B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—In endorsing the Somerset protest in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' I wish to acquaint my fellow-ringers of my experience with the B.B.C. in doing my best to get campanology properly recognised by them. We shall not get the recruits so urgently needed in the art until the general public realise that it is not just a matter of removing one's coat and tugging like blazes at a ton of metal.

I recall the journalist's report of the peal at Chelmsford, which gave the impression (in ignorance) that the door was locked to prevent anyone stopping the ringers from making a noise.

We were given a place of honour by Maurice Brown in the St. George's Day broadcast and, as you know, were cut down as much as possible in the final arrangement of the programme. This recording was one of the finest pieces of striking I have ever heard, and in reply to my request to purchase the record I was politely informed that it was their copyright and they didn't intend to part with a copy. I pointed out that if a band leader had a few bars played and was faded down to allow the commentator to start talking it would be regarded as an insult.

The 'Radio Times' printed the name of the Vicar and organist, but the name of the ringing conductor or mention of the bells did not seem to matter.

I was once told by a B.B.C. director that ringers seemed so keen on their art that they had little or no time for the listening public, and was also asked what we saw in it. I replied that, apart from all the interest which ringing produced, I had 40,000 good friends spread about the country.

My part in the St. George's Day programme was to arrange for the ringing item, and I pointed out that one of the important things was to have the 'mike' on the best side of the tower, also the correct distance away, but in the few broadcasts we have had since this advice has not appeared to be of any importance to the B.B.C., with the result that we often get the tenors drowning the trebles.

Here's wishing us all a 'striking' New Year, with recruits available to get every ring of bells in the country sending forth their message of peace and goodwill every Sunday.—Yours fraternally,

LESLIE MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

## FORWARD MINOR

Dear Sir,—For some time I have been experimenting with a method which I understand is Forward Minor, but I have been unable to compose a full 720 or prove conclusively the impossibility of so doing. I wonder if any of your readers can help me?—Yours faithfully,

P. H. WHITAKER.

Kildwick, near Keighley, Yorks.

## WEST REGIONAL BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—Two brief notes on broadcasting in the West may be of some interest:—

(a) The broadcast from St. Mary Redcliffe was magnificent. I do not think that I have ever heard bells come over the air with quite such grand effect.

(b) In an announcement of religious broadcasting on the West Regional on January 3rd it was officially stated that the programme would include examples of 'fine bells and skilled bellringing.'

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.



ST. CRANTOC, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CRANTOC,**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
*DONALD DOCKING ... Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 4
†A. HUBERT EPLETT ... 2	ALEX J. WEBSTER ... 5
F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ... 3	*CLARENCE STEPHENS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells. A tribute to the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

## SEDLEScombe, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

LESLIE W. JARVIS ... Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4
*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 2	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 5
*HELEN GORRINGE ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in three Minor methods. First peal in three methods on the bells. To commemorate the induction of the Rev. A. S. Roberts as first Vicar of Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

## LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILFRED NORGROVE ... Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4
LESLIE EVANS ... 2	JOHN D. ROCK ... 5
*THOMAS STEAD ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Minor.

## BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

CYRIL J. SMITH ... Treble	*NORMAN BETT ... 4
*OWEN P. SMITH ... 2	HAROLD W. SMITH ... 5
ALFRED J. OLDFIELD ... 3	STANLEY H. WALLIS ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY H. WALLIS.

\* First peal. First peal on bells by a local band.

## WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four extents of St. Clement's Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN TANNER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4
†MARY TANNER ... 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 5
NESTA D. SMITH ... 3	RICHARD SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal. † First peal on working bell. A farewell to ringers of treble and 2nd.

ST. WEONARDS, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WEONARD,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES ... Treble	RAYMOND A. BREWER ... 4
*HENRY G. BREWER ... 2	REGINALD T. JONES ... 5
*S. GOODWIN ... 3	L. G. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\* First peal. For the wedding of Mr. L. Roberts, son of the Vicar.

## STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, 5 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HAROLD DRURY ... Treble	THOMAS A. RELF ... 3
*FREDK. S. PINCHBECK ... 2	*FREDK. WM. PARSONS ... 4

H. REGINALD WOODS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. REGINALD WOODS.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. A wedding compliment to the daughter of the Bishop of Grantham.

## KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD DERRICK ... Treble	*JOHN OWEN ... 4
*ERNEST SHEARN ... 2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
*HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 3	*WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First in the method on the bells.

## DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS JEAN BROWN ... Treble	JACK MUSSELL ... 4
GORDON WALFORD ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
LESLIE A. PAGE ... 3	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED ST. CLEMENT'S AND CRAFTY COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4	*PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First spliced peal. First peal on the bells.

## TEING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Miss A. B. STOCKDALE ... 1-2	G. DODDS (Emma.) ... 5-6
(Girton) ... 3-4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 7-8
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's.) ... 3-4	

Composed and Conducted by G. DODDS.

\* First peal and first lady to ring a peal 'in hand' for the Guild.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8
ROY C. HURST ... 9-10	

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN. A compliment to the conductor's son on his 18th birthday.

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## Cheshire Xmas Day Wedding

Former fellow-students of Cheshire Agricultural College, Mr. Gordon George Vincent, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent, of Hale, and Miss Betty Skellern, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Skellern, Melrose, Boundary Lane, Mossley, were married on Christmas Day at Mossley Parish Church. The 130 guests included many ringing friends.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Sellors) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore white silk velvet with coronet of orange blossom and net veil. Her bridesmaids, the Misses Grace Davenport and Jean Hoyland, were in fuchsia velvet. Mr. John Vincent was best man, and Messrs. W. Copeland, T. Hayes and J. Cooke were groomsmen.

Handbells were rung between the toasts at the reception by J. Worth, Mrs. Vincent, Gordon and John Vincent. In proposing the toast of 'The bridegroom's parents,' Mr. John Worth brought in a crack or two about the Suffolk origin and the inevitable 'Thumb-piece.'

Friends who have known the bridegroom from a boy rang a peal at Wrenbury. He heard the last hour and spent a happy time with them before leaving for his honeymoon at Blackpool.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vincent will be living at Wrenbury.

## REV. A. S. ROBERTS FIRST VICAR OF CARBIS BAY

December 18th was a great day in the history of Carbis Bay Church, when the church was consecrated, and the Rev. A. S. Roberts instituted and inducted as first Vicar of the newly-created parish. The church was built in 1929, and has been served by a priest-in-charge.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts has been at Carbis Bay for eight years, and during that time much has been done to constitute the new parish. Additions have been a ring of eight bells, and in August last an electric striking tower clock. It must be unique for a priest-in-charge and his wife to have taken part in five peals on their own bells before the church became a parish church.

The Bishop of Truro and the Assistant Bishop, who is also Archdeacon of Cornwall, and the Rev. I. S. Jenkins (Vicar of St. Ives and Rural Dean) took part in the service.

## ESSEX PEAL BOARDS

The excellent spirit prevailing between ringers and clergy was much in evidence at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, on Dec. 12th, when two peal boards commemorating recent peals were dedicated by Canon Courthope during evensong.

During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by G. W. Faulkner 1-2, C. Fenn 3-4, R. W. Stannard 5-6, F. V. Gant 7-8.

## LATE NOTICES

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at Bolton Parish Church, St. Jan. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.15, followed by business. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4678

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Annual, Kibworth, Jan. 22nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45, Railway Hotel. Names by Jan. 18th.—L. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4679

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Annual, Christchurch, Jan. 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Jan. 19th.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4681

## Barwell, Leicestershire

The first Ringers' Sunday at Barwell, Leicestershire, on December 12th, was a great success. The local band had decorated the church with flowers and evergreens in readiness for Christmas, and in each window was placed a handbell, signifying the thoughts and prayers of the day. Special leaflets containing ringers' hymns had been printed and were used by the large congregations.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m., which was a corporate celebration for ringers, was preceded by touches of Grandsire Triples, and an hour's ringing before matins brought a busy morning's duty to a close. The Rector preached at this service and spoke of the long history of bells and bellringing.

In the afternoon a special service of carols, sung by children's massed choirs of 200 voices, attracted amazing crowds, and every available space in the church was filled.

Following this, tea was provided for visiting ringers and friends who attended afternoon and evening services at the Church Institute. Evensong was preceded by touches in various methods, the preacher being Canon R. F. Wilkinson, himself a ringer of, West Bridgford, Notts.

Throughout the day members of the local band acted as readers and sidesmen, and at eventide, when the last of the congregation had departed, we all felt that our first Ringers' Sunday had made its mark upon the life of the Parish Church. Collections throughout the day amounted to £15, and were handed to the local bell fund.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Goole on January 1st, and was attended by about 35 ringers from 15 towers. The bells were kept going from two o'clock until service, conducted by the curate, Rev. Metcalfe, who gave the address.

Tea was served in the Church Schools, after which the business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox, who began by wishing all a very happy New Year. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Coldwell, of Snaith, and L. Straughan, of Pocklington, and Mrs. Graves and Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, of Carlton. It was decided to hold the spring meeting at Carlton and Snaith. The usual votes of thanks were passed, special thanks being expressed to Mrs. J. J. Taylor for her kindness in providing such an excellent tea, including an iced cake to celebrate the New Year.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. W. Pearson, of Pontefract, an old member of the Association, who died recently. A collection for the bell repair fund realised 18s. Mr. A. E. Sellers appealed to those not at present taking 'The Ringing World' to become subscribers and so help to keep the paper going. Ringing in various methods continued till 9 o'clock.

## MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY'S 200 PEALS

Mrs. F. J. Marshall says rang her first peal on July 12th, 1930, and has rang her tower-bell peals in 50 different towers. Details:—

Tower bells: Grandsire: Doubles 3, Triples 16 (conducted 2), Caters 4, Doubles, four methods 1. Stedman: Doubles 1, Triples 4, Caters 2, Cinques 4. Plain Bob: Minor 5, Major 7, Royal 2. Minor: two methods 3, three ditto 1, seven ditto 1. Kent T.B.: Minor 2 (1), Major 3, Royal 5, Maximus 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 6; Superlative S. Major, 3; Cambridge S. Major, 9; Yorkshire S. Major, 2; London S. Major, 4. Total 89 (3).

Handbells: Grandsire: Doubles 16 (13), Triples 58 (14), Caters 9, Cinques 1; Doubles, 2 methods 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Plain Bob Minor 5 (1), Major 16, Royal 1; Kent T.B. Minor, 1. Total 111 (28).

## NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid. Notices must be received not later than Monday.

## IN MEMORIAM

George Henry GUTTERIDGE, died Jan. 14th, 1946. 4663

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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## MEETINGS

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4332

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8), Saturday, January 15th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. 4519

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th, St. Albans. St. Peter's (10) 3.4.30; Cathedral (12) in evening. Tea and business meeting 5.15.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 4567

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's (8), Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells from 2 till 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall.—H. J. Millett, Hon. Sec., 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 4582

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swalcliffe, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Tadmarton bells after.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 4604



**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wolaston, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business afterwards.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4635

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual, Glastonbury, Saturday, Jan. 15th.—Wm. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 4634

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Goringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4605

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting in vestry 6.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 4643

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual branch meeting at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Jan. 15th. Bells (12) available from 3. Tea 2s. 6d. Names to C. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield. 4648

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 15th. Ringing 3 to 5, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Victoria. Tea 5-5.45. Business meeting St. Stephen's Vestry, 5.45-6.15. Ringing 6.30-8. St. Mary's, Lambeth (Lambeth Bridge). We welcome all ringers and friends.—A. F. Udall, Hon. Sec., Southern District. 4645

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Acton, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 7.30. Short business meeting in belfry.—F. Finch. 4664

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Earls Barton, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30. Notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 4592

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Annual Ditchet, Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchet. 4628

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, Jan. 19th.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4640

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 22nd, St. Chad's, 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business. Ringing at St. Chad's in the evening. Numbers for tea must reach me on or before Jan. 19th.—C. A. Barron, 15, Claremont Hill, Shrewsbury. 4642

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Wolvernamp-ton (12), Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Committee 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, St. Peter's School. Names for tea by Jan. 18th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 4607

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. St. John's bells 12 to 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Hall, Silverdale Road. Please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, by Jan. 19th. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 15th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4603

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service All Saints' 4. Tea and meeting after service. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. Notify for tea by Jan. 18th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 4621

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Westbourne (8), Jan. 22nd, 3. Names for tea (by 19th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4649

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—First annual district meeting, Ipswich, Jan. 22nd. St. Margaret's (8) 2.45 to 9, St. Matthew's (6) 3 to 5, St. Clement's (6) 3 to 9, St. Mary-le-Tower (12) 7 to 9. No ringing during tea and meeting. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4622

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints', St. Margaret's and Cathedral bells 2 to 4.45. Tea and meeting 5, St. Martin's Day School, Friar Lane. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 18th.—W. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 4619

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 to 5. All requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please notify me not later than Jan. 18th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4618

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints' (8), 2 to 4.45. Both All Saints' and St. Giles' (10) after meeting until 9. Committee meet Parish Hall, Ropergate, 3. Fish tea (3s. per head) at Co-operative Cafe, Beasfair, 5, only to those who notify Mr. H. C. Walters, 30, Newgate, Pontefract, by Jan. 19th. General meeting same room immediately afterwards. Tea tickets at St. Giles' Vestry 4 to 5. One minute from cafe.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 4617

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to Mr. J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 4651

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting after. Please notify by Jan. 17th.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4650

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells: St. Mary's (8), 3, All Saints' (6) 4. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4646

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—G. H. Paulson, Darley Dale. 4654

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meetings at Worle, Jan. 22nd, and Westbury-sub-Mendip, Jan. 29th, 5-9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 4662

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stratford and Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Clifford Chambers, Jan. 22nd. By permission. Bells 3. Tea 5.—C. R. Steed. 4665

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—High Wycombe, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Committee meeting 3.45. Bells 6.—A. D. Barker. 4666

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech District.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in belfry 6.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4677

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, by Tuesday, Jan. 18th. 4673

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 22nd, St. Peter's, 2.30. Tea, Parochial Room, 5. Meeting, ringing Cathedral after. Names to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Jan. 19th latest. 4674

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Measham (8), Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Take own food.—J. Cotton. 4676

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Battle (8), Jan. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday.—F. H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex. 4668

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 22nd. Bells: St. Andrew's-the-Great (8), 2.30; St. Benet's (6) 2.30-4 and after 6.45; St. Mary's-the-Great (12), 6.30. Service 4.15 at St. Andrew's. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road. 4675

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Birkenhead, St. Mary's (6), Jan. 22nd. Tea free if notified by 18th.—Alex. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4660

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Corporate Communion at Long Ashton, Sunday, Jan. 23rd, 8. Ringing 7 to 8. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Wednesday, Jan. 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4632

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Ledbury, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Jan. 25th.—H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 4653

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and Willesden bells during evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4652

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 29th. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 25th to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4655

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Ely, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. St. Mary's Cafe, almost opposite church.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4658

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Institute. Business meeting follows. Names by Jan. 24th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 4661

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Wulfram's, Grantham (10), Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham, by Jan. 24th, please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 4669

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Next business meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3. Practice Southwark Cathedral, Jan. 18th, 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4672

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 in Coffee House (near Church). Names for tea by Monday previous to C. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4671

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at Royston. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 26th, please, to Rev. Canon F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4670

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Southwark, St. George-the-Martyr, 3 to 4.45. Cathedral, 4 to 5 and evening. Service 5 in Cathedral. Tea 5.45 in Chapter House. All peel books available. Handbell contest. Report book 1939 to 1948 inclusive available, price 1s. 6d. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please. Practice meeting Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 7th, 7.15.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4680



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