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'350 SURPRISE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS METHODS'

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

HOWEVER much we may deplore the cult of the Surprise method, especially the ringing in the past of so much Cambridge with its lack of 7-8 dodging in 1-2 and its one basic, unmusical composition, the Surprise method is more and more with us, and to most ringers is the be-all and end-all of ringing.

With the publication of this book, Mr. Andrew Corrigan, with painstaking diligence, has now provided the Exercise with more than a thousand Surprise methods from Major to Maximus. This is an achievement which deserves the highest gratitude of the Exercise, and which has, incidentally, radically changed the whole situation about Surprise methods. Instead of having about a dozen or so available to anyone who has failed to keep a file of 'The Ringing World,' and particularly instead of having to depend on exchange of methods in manuscript, anyone for a trifling sum can now have a reliable copy of any method ever published.

In the list of Royal methods, the first section deals with those in which peals have been rung—some 23, of which three are 'London' variations. The second section comprises some fifty methods extended from those included in the Surprise Major Section (Part C, published June, 1948). Some of these extensions may give rise to controversy; but, on the whole, most people will agree that most are acceptable as such. The last group of Royal methods includes a further fifty methods first published for ten bells, contributed in the main by that master of Surprise method construction, Mr. H. G. Cashmore. The grouping of Maximus methods is on the same lines. According to Mr. Corrigan, only eleven Surprise Maximus methods have been rung. In the 'extension' section six of the 'Bristol' variations are printed.

The absence of a note on the extension of methods is hardly surprising. This is a subject which will no doubt enliven the pages of 'The Ringing World' and the debates of the Central Council in the not so distant future, and Mr. Corrigan has very wisely avoided the slings and arrows of controversy. He has also omitted all the many versions of London Surprise except those already rung to a peal, and the "U.A.," which was very nearly rung to a 5,000. The fascination of London Surprise extension is one of the mysteries of the age. There is no acceptable extension, and Mr. Corrigan, very wisely, too, I think, blissfully ignores the presence of so many spurious contenders for the London title.

We have then now available, by virtue of private enterprise, a unique contribution to Surprise Royal and Maximus knowledge. It is not generally realised that a publication of this sort usually involves the unfortunate publisher in financial loss, and the modest price of this book is possible only because the collector has set the type with his own hand. For Mr. Corrigan is far better known in the typographical than in the ringing world, having contributed regularly for many years to trade papers and being the author of a number of books. The Exercise is much the richer for his interest and grateful for the bestowal of his talents on the production of a much-needed collection of Surprise methods.

['350 Surprise Royal and Maximus Methods' is published by Andrew J. Corrigan, Bath Press, Bitton, near Bristol, price 2s.]

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*STANLEY R. GARDNER ... Treble	†ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	†ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
†DOROTHY M. UDAL ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
†BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 4	ALAN JACQUES ... 9
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method. A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris on his 60th birthday and also to Mr. F. J. Bowley, sen., father of the tenor ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

KATHLEEN TILLEY ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6
*ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	*ALAN JACQUES ... 9
JILL POOLE ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... Treble	†ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 2	FREDERICK C. WHITE ... 7
*FRANK WHITE ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
†ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
†TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

* First peal on ten away from treble. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*CHARLES BAILEY ... Treble	JOHN F. MOOR ... 6
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 8
FRANK V. GANT ... 4	*GEORGE BAILEY ... 9
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal together for 35 years.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*GILLIAN A. SMITH ... Treble	†J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 7
PATRICK PRESTON ... 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 8
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 9
HAROLD PAILING ... 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † First of Caters in the method.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MARGARET E. RIDYARD Treble	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 6
†G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 8
RONALD KENRICK ... 4	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 9
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Cambridge.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JEAN C. BROWN ... Treble	*FRANK ARROWSMITH ... 5
*ALAN N. BROWN ... 2	*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	DAVID VINCENT ... 7
*ROY BROOM ... 4	ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Miss Joan Morris, a member of the local band, and Mr. G. Heath.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE ... Treble	STANLEY E. DARMEN ... 5
ALFRED SMITH ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate Mr. P. J. Johnson's 51 years' ringing.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARNWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
MARGARET RIGBY ... 2	FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN. ... 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.

The first peal of Staffordshire by all the band except the treble ringer, and by an all-Staffordshire band.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Treble	W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 5
WILLIAM COLLETT ... 2	WILLIAM H. MALE ... 6
DOUGLAS F. ELLENDER ... 3	†HUBERT ASHLEY ... 7
*MARGARET D. REEVES ... 4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by T. W. SHEPPARD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Collett.



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SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris' Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*JOAN BUSSEY Treble	CHARLES ROUSE 5
WILLIAM RICHINGS 2	JOHN WHITING 6
*P.C. FREDK. SCUDAMORE ... 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
HAROLD AUSTIN 4	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JOHN E. KIRBY Treble	*JAMES H. KIRBY 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 2	DONALD R. MARSHALL ... 6
PETER WOODWARD 3	GORDON BENFIELD 7
EDWARD SMITH 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the back eight since recasting. Rung in honour of the visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to the city.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

THOMAS SIMMONS Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 5
DENIS A. BAYLES 2	*ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... 6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
HERMAN W. SMITH 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

C.C. Collection Triples Methods, Peal No. 1.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	HENRY O. BAKER 6
NANCY P. BIRKS 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JOHN W. BEST 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all except ringer of 7th.

EASTWOOD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Worcester Variation.	Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb.
MISS E. FOULK Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	*WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	*FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

* First peal of Kent and Oxford. † 25th peal together.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*GLADYS JARRETT Treble	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 5
*TREVOR A. CROSS 2	*ERIC NAYLOR 6
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 7
THOMAS BEAUMONT 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First in the method. Tenor 11½ cwt

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's No. 9.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
JAMES MARSH Treble	JOHN R. LUNHAM 5
JAMES TAYLOR 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
JULIA M. PRESTON 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
JOHN N. BROWN 4	HARRY MOORCROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

A birthday peal for Mrs. J. Marsh.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... Treble	CHARLES H. WEBB ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	GEORGE GARDNER ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 4	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Harvey William Mapleton Bree, M.A., Vicar's warden of the above church since 1917. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

BANGOR, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLANADDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
PIERCE ROBERTS Treble	J. A. RANDALLS 5
FRED EVANS 2	G. H. RANDALLS 6
NORA BIBBY 3	VINCENT CHILD 7
*LESLIE PITMAN 4	*P. DICKENSON Tenor

Conducted by G. H. RANDALLS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in 1947.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Holt's Ten-part (Variation).	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.
HENRY ROGERS Treble	*FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 5
*ALBERT H. WARD 2	*HAROLD PAILING 6
*PATRICK PRESTON 3	*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. Also by the Guild and on the bells. † 50th peal.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*THOMAS MARSHALL ... Treble	*JOHN L. ASHCROFT ... 5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 6
*JAMES BLACKBURN ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Santus, donor of the treble bell.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
J. ALWYN TAYLOR ... Treble	*V. WILSON SYKES ... 5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 2	GERALD DARE 6
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ... 3	S.S.M. PHILIP TOCOCK ... 7
*JAMES TAYLOR 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (Five-part). Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal after repairs to tower and bells. Rung to celebrate the second invasion of the Vikings.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 13 cwt.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON Treble	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON ... 5
*C. RON SMITH 2	T. WILFRED TAFFENDER ... 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 3	GEORGE DAWSON 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First in the method. To commemorate the fifty years George Dawson has been a member of the Leytonstone ringers. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. T. H. Taffender.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITFIELD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES A. MILNERTreble	*ARTHUR HIBBERT 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS 2	ALAN A. POTTS 6
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKERTenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

OLIVER G. BARNARD ...Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD... 6
CHARLES E. FISHER 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL... 7
*ROBERT E. LESTER 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTONTenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY PAGETreble	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7
WILFRED W. RING 4	HARRY PARKESTenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Bristol by all the band except the tenor ringer.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*GEORGE KENWARD ...Treble	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
*ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	*WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 4	HARRY PARKESTenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

*MARION GRAINTreble	ARTHUR ROLFE 5
*JOHN A. ACRES 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 4	RONALD H. BULLENTenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 18½ cwt.

GLOUCESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS AND
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HAROLD AUSTINTreble	WILLIAM JONES 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
GEORGE CASE 3	WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 7
WILLIAM SIDWELL 4	HARRY NEWMANTenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

A farewell peal to the ringer of the 4th.

LINSLADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*SYDNEY FOSKETT ...Treble	*HAROLD BURTON 5
C. HENRY HARDING 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER... 3	LEWIS HARRY BYWATERS 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES...Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the church's centenary, also as a welcome home to Miss Valerie Willard from South Africa.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

RONALD W. STEWARD ...Treble	RONALD G. BUGG 4
GEORGE W. MOSS 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... 5
*DUDLEY H. BUXTON ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 12 cwt.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MISS G. ROBINSON (17) Treble	KENNETH W. DUFFY (20) 4
†MISS B. A. DUFFY (18) 2	†HERBERT M. BROWN (14) 5
†MAURICE BENNETT (16) 3	†AUBREY A. PEPPER (17) Tenor

Conducted by AUBREY A. PEPPER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First as conductor.

TROWELL, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL GUILD.

On Mon., July 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BRIAN BUSWELLTreble	†KENNETH J. EDGE ... 4
BERNAL SHAW 2	†PATRICK PRESTON ... 5
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ... 3	§J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob. § First peal of Minor in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the dedication of the stained-glass window memorial to the fallen of this village in the 1939-1945 war.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIOL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKERTreble	*BRIAN HARRIS 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 5
JOHN W. BEST 3	PERCY SWINDLEYTenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal of Minor.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 26, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*ARTHUR JOPPTreble	F. ALBERT REA 4
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY... 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 5
HAROLD WILLET 3	CHARLES J. CAMMTenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rea. Tenor 19½ cwt.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GEORGE CHIVERSTreble	*PETER SHORT 4
*PHILLIP DERRICK 2	DAVID HOARE 5
FREDERICK SAVAGE 3	GEORGE CLARETenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal. Farewell peal to ringer of 2nd.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. H. A. COMPTON...Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWISTenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Surprise.

QUARTER PEALS

ALFORD, LINCS.—On July 31st, 480 Plain Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, J. I. Smith 2, Miss H. E. Broomhead (first of Doubles) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 5, W. Hall 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On July 31st, at the Annunciation Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, F. C. W. Knight 2, Edna M. Sills 3, B. D. Threlfall 4, J. L. Morris 5, R. W. Dent 6, R. L. Sills (cond.) 7, R. H. Baker 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On July 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Lewis (cond.) 1, H. Y. Cooke 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, A. Law 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, V. R. Williams 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. In memoriam Wilfred Andrews, Winchester Cathedral.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, J. L. Millhouse 2, Mrs. E. E. Davis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, W. D. Prockson 5, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 6, T. G. Fox 7, T. H. Francis 8.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Griffiths 1, Miss C. Griffiths 2, L. Barry 3, Miss M. Thomas 4, A. Griffiths 5, G. Pratt 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

DEAL, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy M. Milner (first quarter) 1, Redvers F. Elkington (cond.) 2, W. Bottrill 3, J. Baxter 4, H. Wood 5, M. M. Milner 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. F. Crowder 1, J. E. Warner, sen. 2, F. Morris 3, J. Warner, jun. 4, F. W. Richardson 5, E. Mounter 6, F. C. Shorter (cond.) 7, F. Stevens 8. For the 94th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On July 31st, at the Memorial Tower, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Stannard 1, R. Simmonds 2, S. Sturgeon 3, J. Banks 4, W. Goodship 5, A. Moore 6, W. Stannard (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Ballam 8. First quarter in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sandle 1, Miss J. Morse 2, Miss F. Hope 3, G. Freebrey (cond.) 4, Miss E. Morse 5, P. Pitts 6, H. Acoc 7, W. Godwin 8.

HURST, BERKS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. B. C. Castle 1, B. C. Castle 2, A. Wiggins 3, L. Bune 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, W. J. Parker 6, W. J. Paice (cond.) 7, E. Allum 8. First of Stedman by 4, 6 and 8.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Mandeville 1, B. Eaton 2, B. Austin 3, R. F. Turner 4, C. W. Bird 5, B. P. Morris 6, R. G. Black (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall on July 23rd, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: R. Benson (cond.) 1, S. Livesey 2, W. Pye 3, J. Crawshaw 4, R. Smith 5, S. Thornycroft 6. First in method for 2, 4, 5 and 6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. E. Hitchins 1, F. S. Slatford 2, R. J. Harding 3, E. J. Hitchins 4, P. W. J. Harding (cond.) 5, H. J. Hunt 6. In honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Price. Mr. Price was for many years captain of the local band.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—At St. James' on July 23rd, 1,298 Plain Bob Major: R. M. K. How 1, H. Sargent 2, R. J. G. Thom 3, Mrs. M. H. Caldwell 4, E. Bumphrey 5, R. W. M. Clouston 6, N. Sharpe, sen. 7, Peter W. B. Semmens (cond.) 8. First in method 4, 5 and 7.

PORTSMOUTH.—On July 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, B. C. Stirland (first of Stedman) 2, Miss H. Dale 3, F. W. Burnett 4, W. Tate 5, H. A. Nobes 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. L. Harris 8. To celebrate the bicentenary of the first peal on the bells.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On July 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Abbott 1, Beatrice Brierley 2, P. Hudson 3, Marjorie Leach 4, J. A. Taylor 5, James Taylor (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For the wedding of Mr. E. G. Wheaton and Miss J. L. Parker.

JOINT MEETING AT SHEFFIELD

Fine bells, good company and the right temperature were the ingredients for the meeting of the Sheffield Society and Northern District Ladies' Guild at Rotherham on Bank Holiday Monday.

About fifty ringers were present and many ringers were pleased to meet old friends again. Methods rung included Double Norwich, Yorkshire and London Major, Stedman Caters, Little Bob, Forward and Cambridge Royal.

All requests were met by the Ringing Master, and under his careful leadership learners were gradually included throughout the meeting. Some very excellent ringing was enjoyed.

A short business meeting was presided over by the late secretary, Mr. H. Chaddock, who mentioned that the cup contest would be held at Clowne in September.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (who kindly visited the ringers during the afternoon), to Mr. Ryder (tower master), Mr. J. Turley (secretary), Mr. H. Chaddock (chairman) and to Mr. N. Chaddock, the Ringing Master.

The only disappointing part of the meeting was the small attendance of ladies.

WELCOME HOME

On July 27th, touches of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung at Christ Church, Mitcham, by many friends of Mr. A. Miller, who arrived home from Canada by air late on July 26th.

Mr. Miller flew to Canada last April to visit brothers whom he had not seen for over 50 years, and had a wonderful reception in Canada and the United States. He is the captain of the Christ Church band and has been a member for well over 40 years.

WEEDON BEG, NORTHANTS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. G. Osborne 1, S. Manning (first of Minor) 2, L. W. Houghton 3, V. A. Perry 4, K. R. Holtom (first of Minor as cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6.

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'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

During the Exeter 'week' of the Universities' Association, Mr. A. York-Bramble is to read a paper on 'Grid Analysis,' illustrated by some two dozen lantern slides. The paper and slides he proposes to offer to the Central Council library for record and circulation throughout the Exercise.

Four members of the Dobbie family rang their first peal of Yorkshire together at Sittingbourne.

The peal of Lindsey Surprise Royal at Loughborough Bell Foundry was Ernest Morris' 111th peal on these bells. This was rung on his 60th birthday.

Regarding brothers' peal record, Messrs. G. R. and William Pye rang over 1,000 together, and Messrs. E. and W. Pye over 600, writes Mr. E. W. Pye, of Ipswich.

Mr. David Vincent has 'completed the circle' of St. Mary's, Bowdon, Cheshire, and Mr. V. A. Jarrett that of St. Mary Magdalene's, Gillingham, Kent.

Mr. G. Freebrey, Derby, would like to congratulate the ringers at Fairford, Glos., on the progress they have made during the past year and to thank them for the opportunity to ring a quarter-peal with them.

Heaviest ring in Derbyshire, St. Luke's, Derby, with a tenor 30½ cwt., has been silent for four years owing to the 6th bell being cracked. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have removed the bell for recasting and the rededication is expected to take place in October.

To-day the Universities' Association assemble at Exeter for their ringing week. A company of between 35 and 40 ringers is expected, headquarters being at Thomas Hall. During the week there will be ringing at Exeter Cathedral, Buckfast Abbey and 35 other Devon towers. There will be about five peals during the week, most of the time being devoted to visiting a group of towers each day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Culled from details supplied to members of the Yorkshire tour now in progress: 'During former tours I have discovered who the "snorers" and restless sleepers are. The foregoing list is made out to provide maximum comfort for all. When you arrive at your "digs" you will find your beds labelled with your name. Please adhere to the instructions given. Unfortunately we have only seven single beds. These are reserved for those who rob others of their sleep.'

Mr. Ron Bullen, Ely, writes: May I correct the footnote to the peal of Yorkshire Royal rung at Southampton, July 9th, 1949 ('Ringing World,' page 338). Charles H. Kippin rang his first peal of Royal in this method Saturday, November 3rd, 1928, at Beddington, according to my peal records. First in the method by all the band, says the footnote.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Hugglescote was the first on the bells since they have been rehung on ball bearings, and the ringers who took part in the peal attended evening service, at which the Vicar made appropriate reference in the prayers and sermon to the reopening of the bells. They now go like tops, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. having made a very fine job of them.

Cambridge Youths, reinforced by members of the C.U.G.R., spent the Bank Holiday at Oxford. On the outward journey there was ringing at Bicester, and on the return at Leighton Buzzard. At Oxford, after an excellent lunch, Christ Church, Merton and New College were visited in turn and short touches enjoyed in spite of a threat by the proctors. After tea St. Mary's heavy six were utilised. At the tea table Mr. J. W. R. Quinney was heartily thanked for making the excellent arrangements. Members of the Oxford Guild, Messrs. Judge, P. Semmens, Moore and Bennett, were likewise thanked for obtaining the necessary permission.

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SUSSEX TOURISTS IN DEVON

July 3rd—10th, 1949

EXCELLENT weather marked the start of what proved to be a highly successful ringing tour organised by Mr. Oliver Sippetts and Miss F. Wyman. The party, consisting mainly of ringers from Sussex, left by coach from Crawley at 8 a.m. on July 3rd. After dining at Mere, the first stop for ringing was at Queen Camel, where Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge were rung on the famous heavy six. Tea at Fenny Bridges was interrupted by a fire alarm, and some of the party saw a lorry ablaze on the main road.

The tourists were joined at Exeter by Mr. and Mrs. E. Stitch and Mr. and Mrs. T. Roderick, and the bells of St. Thomas', Exeter, were rung for evening service. Afterwards to Ashburton, where the Golden Lion Hotel was the headquarters for the next few days. The handbell ringing which followed the evening meal became a regular feature of the tour.

At 8.30 a.m. on Monday the party left to ring at Crediton. Unluckily the recommended route proved impossible for the coach, and Crediton could not be reached in time. However, Tiverton (8, tenor 25 cwt.), where the bells were raised in peal, and Uffculme (8) were visited in the morning. Dinner was at Cullompton, and Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung on St. Andrew's bells. Thence to Broadclyst (8) and Heavitree (8), where the bells were much admired. After tea in Exeter ringing took place at the Cathedral. The 'Thomas Eight' were raised in peal and subsequent ringing consisted of rounds on twelve, Stedman Caters on the back ten and Cambridge Major on the 'Thomas Eight.' The ringing masters for the day were Mr. O. Sippetts and Mr. G. Cecil.

Tuesday's programme started at Bickington (6), and then Buckfast Abbey, where the party met Mr. A. Bennett. Here rounds on twelve and Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung. Buckfast Abbey proved to be very interesting, especially as some of the wood-carving in the choir had been executed at Crawley. The ring of eight at Ugborough proved to be a tough handful. During dinner, Mr. R. Overy, who had been ringing master during the morning, handed over his 'badge of office' to Mr. L. Stilwell. Ringing followed on two good eights, Berry Pomeroy (17 cwt. tenor) and Torquay (Upton), tenor 14 cwt. After tea a drive through wonderful scenery along the sea coast brought the party to Chudleigh, and all enjoyed this pleasant ring.

On Wednesday morning the bells of St. Andrew's, Ashburton, were rung before taking leave of the town. The journey to Widecombe was very enjoyable, and the six bells were soon set going, but people purchasing souvenirs of Uncle Tom Cobley nearly upset the time table. Over Dartmoor to Tavistock (8, tenor 24 cwt.) for ringing and lunch. Thence to ring at Okehampton and Hatherleigh, both octaves. At Hatherleigh the party was met by Messrs. Myers, of Plymouth, and tea was enjoyed at the George Hotel.

A switchback ride to Barnstaple followed, and this was the headquarters for the remainder of the week. The secretary of the local Guild was at St. Peter's, Barnstaple, to meet the visitors and was able to answer many questions on West Country ringing. The ringing masters for the day were Mr. E. Stitch and Mr. A. E. Laker.

The following morning Mr. F. Hairs was ringing master. A visit was paid to Chittlehampton, an excellent ring hung in a magnificent tower. The incumbent was a ringer and rang Stedman Triples with the visitors. Chulmleigh, another ring of eight, was the next church to be visited. Lunch followed at Eggesford, and Mr. G. Cecil took over office of ringing master. South Molton's impressive 140ft. tower contains a ring of eight bells, tenor 24 cwt., and in the ringing room are many certificates to show the prowess of its ringers. The party then set off to ring at

Combe Martin (8, tenor 10 cwt.), and after tea the two eights at Ilfracombe, Holy Trinity and St. James', were visited.

FINE CORNISH WELCOME.

Friday proved to be the most interesting day for the majority of the tourists. The coach left Barnstaple for Truro, and halting at Bodmin for refreshments, where a set of handbells was found hanging in the bar. At Truro the visitors were met by the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Miss E. Symons; vice-president, the Rev. A. S. Roberts; the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southeard; the treasurer, the Rev. Canon Peeke; and Mr. H. Miles. The ten bells of Truro Cathedral, tenor 33½ cwt., were rung to Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

The Church of St. Cainwen, Kenwyn (8, 15 cwt.), was next visited, set amid lovely scenery. The tea at Truro was by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Southeard and was thoroughly enjoyed. Speeches of welcome were made by Miss Symons and Canon Peeke, and Mr. F. Hairs suitably responded. The return journey to Barnstaple was by way of Launceston, where the evening meal had been arranged. On arriving at Launceston a single bell was heard ringing and some of the party investigated the sound. It proved to be the curfew bell, but it was not possible to ring at the tower owing to the remainder of the bells still being lashed after a learners' practice. The ringing master for the day was Mr. O. Sippetts.

On Saturday the first tower to be visited was Pilton (Barnstaple), a ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.). This was followed by a journey to Tawstock, where there is a very interesting church. Here they have a ring of eight bells, tenor 18 cwt., and a ringers' jug. Afterwards came St. Michael's, Torrington, with a good octave, 16 cwt. tenor, rung from the ground floor. Mr. R. Overy had been ringing master during the morning, and after dinner the duty fell to Mr. E. Rapley. St. Bridget's, Bridgerule (8, 10 cwt.), was the next on the list, and then to Clovelly for tea. After ringing at Stratton (8, 22 cwt.), the ring of eight at St. Mary's, Bideford, with its 17 cwt. tenor, was the last to be visited before returning to Barnstaple. At the hotel that evening a presentation was made and a vote of thanks given to both Mr. Sippetts and Miss Wyman for their work in arranging the tour. Mr. Sippetts was given a tiepin and Miss Wyman a brooch.

Sunday was the last day of the tour, and the coach set out in the morning to return to Crawley. Those friends who had joined the party at Exeter left at Bridgwater and the remainder went on to ring on the excellent octave at All Saints', Westbury, Wilts, with its 35 cwt. tenor. An alfresco tea at Pewsey was enlivened by handbell ringing, and the six bells of St. Peter's were rung for evensong.

On the coach on the last stage of the tour statistics were compiled to show the tourists had rung at 36 towers, rung 17,171 changes of the following: Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Minor, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Bristol, Cambridge, London, Norfolk, Superlative and Yorkshire Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob Royal; and they had climbed 1,208 steps to reach the belfries. The handbell ringers had rung up to Grandsire Cinques 'in hand.' When the coach reached Crawley it was noted that the total distance covered on the tour was 1,002 miles. T. G. F.

SHRIVENHAM, WILTS. — On July 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. G. Wilton 1, Miss B. J. Stange 2, Miss B. M. Stange 3, A. R. A. Peake 4, J. E. Manners 5, B. Bladon 6, P. Anger (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. Grainger 8. First of Triples for 2, 3, 4. First of Oxford Bob by all the band except the conductor. A farewell to G. Collins on leaving for Australia.

2,000th Issue

Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, writes:—

The Editor asks for reminiscences for the 2,000th number. My personal recollections of nearly fifty years ago are that 'The Bell News' obviously was coming to an end and could not last many years even with gold infusions. What was going to happen? The Exercise could not support two papers. Other rivals to the dying 'Bell News' were themselves short-lived. Then the right man arrived in John Goldsmith. Of his perseverance and success others will no doubt write.

Now the paper has been in a sense 'nationalised,' or at least 'exercised,' and its future lies with the Exercise, acting through its national organisation.

[The Editor acknowledges many other letters on this subject, which he hopes to refer to in due course.]

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT SHEDFIELD.

In expectation of a well-attended meeting in the glorious sunshine at Shedfield on July 23rd, the secretary had arranged for the six bells at Wickham to be at the disposal of the Guild, thus relieving congestion at the very small eight-bell tower.

Bells were available from 2.30 p.m. onwards, methods up to Spiced (5) Surprise Major being rung at Shedfield, and up to Cambridge Surprise Minor at Wickham.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. G. Crowley), after which about 60 people sat down to an excellent tea. In addition to district members, visitors were present from Chichester, Kingston (Hereford), Southampton (St. Michael's and St. Mary's), Woolton Hill, Worthing and Uxbridge. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. B. G. Crowley. Three new ringing members were elected, and Soberton was selected for the next meeting on October 15th.

Mr. Chappell proposed and Mr. Hunt seconded that the following resolution be forwarded to the sub-committee dealing with schemes for a Guild war memorial and the memorial to the late Master (Mr. G. Williams): 'That, in view of the fact that Mr. George Williams was born and started his ringing career at Droxford, two new bells be added to the existing four, as a combined Guild war memorial and a memorial to Mr. George Williams.' This was carried unanimously.

Thanks were expressed by the district chairman (Mr. Lister), to the Vicar, the organist and the young ladies who had arranged tea.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

A very warm welcome was accorded the 47 members and friends of the South and West District on July 16th at St. Mary's, Twickenham, this being the first occasion the Association has visited St. Mary's since the induction of the new Vicar (Canon Rogers). Ringing was of a high standard, ranging from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise.

A beautiful service was conducted by the Vicar, who took as his text the very appropriate words, 'He hath put a new song in my mouth.' Tea, provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, and arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Lovell, was most enjoyable.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar presiding, tribute was paid to the late Vicar and president of the Association, Preb. Cole Sheane, and Mr. J. Herbert, of Twickenham, who have passed to their rest, also Mr. E. Hancox, of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon. The meeting stood in silence. Eight new members were elected, including Canon Rogers as an hon. life member.

Thanks were accorded to Canon and Mrs. Rogers, the churchwardens, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell and family, and Mr. E. Morris and his band of ringers for the truly Middlesex welcome accorded the Association. F. A. F.

COMING-OF-AGE OF ST. AMBROSE GUILD, BRISTOL



A memorable picture taken at the 21st Birthday Celebration of the Guild on July 16th. Names from left to right:—Back row: W. B. Kynaston, N. Denson, C. Williams, C. Greedy, A. Liversedge, R. Bryant, A. A. Hilliar. Second row: Mrs. C. Baker, Miriam James, Ann Clarke, G. Elliott, Mary Davis, Mary Hilliar, E. Hancock, J. T. Dyke, V. Lucas. Third row: Mrs. F. Skidmore, Mrs. Kynaston, W. Lansdown, Rev. F. C. Vyvian-Jones, J. W. Jones, J. G. Jefferies, C. R. Harding, P. C. Williams, F. Skidmore. Front row: Mrs. D. M. Bennett, E. J. Ridler (vice-captain), Mrs. F. Lee, Mrs. Swann, Rev. F. S. Lee, A. C. Baker (captain). By kind permission of 'Evening World,' Bristol.

OBITUARY

MR. A. A. HADLEY.

The death occurred on July 22nd of Mr. Arthur Albert Hadley, of 57, Riverholme Drive, West Ewell, Surrey. He was 78 and leaves a widow and daughter.

Starting life at Cradley, Worcs., deceased learnt ringing at the age of 16 under Mr. W. H. Fussell, and during the ensuing 25 years travelled by cycle and on foot to all the towers in the district ringing and teaching.

In 1921 he moved to Ireland, taking up the appointment of sexton and head ringer at St. Saviour's, Arklow. Here he continued to teach young ringers, and there must be many who remember his proficiency with handbells.

In 1932 he had a fall, in which he sustained a fractured right arm and dislocated shoulder and was picked up in a critical condition.

In the subsequent case at Wicklow Circuit Court, in which he was applicant under the Workman's Compensation Acts, judgment turned on his incapacity to continue his work of giving instruction in bellringing, there being no other person in Arklow capable of doing this work. After Mr. Hadley had demonstrated his inability to raise his arm above the level of his shoulder, the Judge ruled that he was no longer fit to be a bellringer and awarded him the maximum compensation.

Returning to England, he still took a very active interest in change ringing and was instrumental in starting and keeping together a band of ringers at Ewell Parish Church.

In 1944 Mr. Hadley and his family were made homeless by what is thought to have

been the second flying bomb to fall on this country. His son-in-law was killed while he was injured in the head.

Mr. Hadley was a most likeable, unassuming and accomplished ringer, with a rare skill for imparting his knowledge. He has been greatly missed during his illness of the past 15 months.

Handbells were rung over the grave at Ewell and Epsom Borough Cemetery by ringers who knew him from Ewell, Epsom, Ashted and Leatherhead.

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Ewell on July 24th as a tribute to his memory: Babara Pottinger 1, Margaret Howard 2, R. F. Layton 3, A. Williams 4, J. Hill 5, H. E. Good 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, A. F. Rippington 8. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

MR. E. MANSELL.

St. Martin's Guild has lost one of its oldest members by the regretted death at the age of 78 years of Mr. Ernest Mansell, of 208, Solihull Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

For 43 years he had been a service ringer at St. Martin's and previously was a member of the Yardley Parish Church service ringers. The exact number of his peals is not known, but he had rung 50 peals at St. Martin's, chiefly Stedman Cinques. A clever exponent on handbells, he broadcast on several occasions from the Midland Region of the B.B.C. with his own company, all of whom he had trained.

Mr. Mansell worked for many years for the Birmingham City Corporation public lighting department, and after his retirement resumed

his previous calling as a gardener. He was at work a month previous to his death.

A good living man, he loved his church, his home and his family, and his lovable character endeared him to hosts of friends. A widow and grown-up family are bereaved.

The first part of the funeral service took place at St. Martin's Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Coddington (curate), who also officiated at the interment in the family grave at Yardley Cemetery. Mr. P. Gotterill was at the organ and accompanied the hymns.

The widow and family were present and the St. Martin's Guild was represented by Alderman A. Paddon Smith (vice-president), Messrs. A. Walker (Master), J. F. Harvey (librarian), E. C. Shepherd (Ringing Master), G. E. Fearn (secretary and treasurer), F. E. Haynes and W. C. Dowding. At the interment a course of Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside. Among the many wreaths was one from the St. Martin's Guild. A. W.

HARRY METCALFE.

The many friends of Mr. James Metcalfe, of Scorton, Lancs, will be sorry to hear of the tragic death of his son, Harry, aged 15 years, who died in the Royal Lancaster Infirmary after being hit on the head whilst playing cricket.

The funeral took place at Scorton on Aug. 3rd and was attended by ringers from Kirkby Lonsdale, Morecambe and Lancaster, in addition to the local band.

The bells were rung muffled as the cortege left the church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—The sub-committee appointed by the Standing Committee to report on the 'Decisions' is now at work on the matter, and it has occurred to us that there may be many members of the Exercise who may have strong feelings on various controversial matters, and if there are any who feel disposed to write to me, I can promise that any suggestions or ideas they may put forward will be earnestly considered by the sub-committee.

It will be appreciated that the task before us is a formidable one, and we shall be glad to receive any help or guidance from those who are genuinely desirous of getting matters straightened out. We are anxious to 'feel the pulse' of the Exercise, and will do our best with what, we feel sure, will be recognised as a most difficult proposition.—Yours faithfully,
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

63, Argyle Road, West Ealing, London, W.15.

A BROADCASTING TRANSPPOSITION

Dear Sir,—On the evening of August 4th, there was a broadcast called 'From Tower and Steeple' in the West of England Home Service, of which I was the producer, and I should be glad if you would print this apology for a mistake which occurred during the programme. While we were on the air the recording of the bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, was put on by an unfortunate error in place of those of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. This I regret very much, firstly because the listeners were not given an opportunity of hearing the fine bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, and secondly because the bells and excellent ringing from St. Mary's, Southampton, were broadcast without acknowledgment.

The mistake was more unfortunate because Mr. E. J. Taylor was known to have been our technical adviser on the programme, and I should like to make it clear, especially after all the trouble he took in helping us to avoid inaccuracies, that he was in no way responsible for any mistakes during the transmission.

May I also add here how very much we have appreciated the co-operation of the many bands of ringers who helped us to make the recordings.—Yours faithfully,

BRANDON ACTON-BOND.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM AT ST. NEOTS

Dear Sir,—I am asked to state that no permission was given for ringers from Sible Hedingham to ring at St. Neots, also the mistake is theirs. Permission was granted for St. Ives bells and the bells raised ready for them. It is regrettable such a misunderstanding arose and a rush into print. One consideration should be given to the St. Neots verger; his hearing is not all that is desired.

F. WARRINGTON,
District Ringing Master,
Hunts District, E.D.A.R.

CHILD RINGERS

Sir,—A child who takes up ringing at the age of 15 may normally expect some 50 years' enjoyment of the art. Yet there are some so jealous of fame that they will strive to add an extra half-dozen years at the beginning and so risk the health and strength that will enable them to enjoy the last twenty-five.

In the full knowledge that it will bring down on my head a storm of abuse from all proud parents, I put forward the suggestion that no peal should be recognised which includes a ringer under the age of 15. And I hurriedly put up an umbrella in defence and add, 'unless a certificate has been obtained from the school medical officer to show that the child is well enough developed to stand the strain.'

To be the 'youngest ever' is a worthless record anyhow. It is a tribute to the bell-founders' rather than the bellringers' art.—Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM MORLAND.

Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

RINGING AND SERVICE ATTENDANCE

Dear Sir,—Full marks to Group Captain Lister for raising this very difficult and nagging problem of ringers' attendance at Sunday services after ringing. It is, as he suggests, high time the matter was seriously considered by the Exercise in general and not least by our directors of policy, the Central Council.

There are, I think, two sides to this problem. Speaking mainly from local experience, it is evident that there is a substantial number of ringers, married and with young families, who, quite rightly, will not stay behind to attend Sunday services without their wives. Now it resolves itself to this; either the Church retains very useful members, in the belfry and not in the congregation, or it loses members altogether. There is an alternative, of course, and that is for the clergy, or those responsible, to provide 'sitters-in' for these particular ringers on occasional Sundays.

On the other side of the picture, however, we do find a section of ringers, both old and young, who are quite capable of representing their function in the body of the Church in public worship, but the shameful fact remains that ringers throughout the Exercise are noted for their absence at Sunday services.

The faults, however, do not lie entirely with the ringers. In my opinion a good proportion of the fault is with the clergy. How often do we find our Vicars and Rectors visiting us in our ringing chambers on Sundays, perhaps to join with us in a prayer, and how often are we exhorted to attend the service following? How often are the ringers given any Christian leadership or advice by their clergy, and lastly, how often do our clergy enquire into and criticise the continued absence from public worship of the ringers, which is their right? To these questions I think the unfortunate answer must, in most cases, be very very rarely.

However, I am sure of this fact, church bellringers will not be fully recognised as church officials anywhere until there is ample evidence that the ringers do not ring entirely for their own enjoyment, and that they are prepared to join regularly in public worship with the congregation they call to church by the ringing of the bells.—Yours faithfully,

PETER H. ROLLISON.

Eastbourne.

RIGHT OR LEFT-HANDED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Re the query of a Leicester ringer on the above; when I was taught to handle a bell it was with the rope-end in my right hand—wrong perhaps. My much respected friend, the late John H. Cheesman, with whom I rang nearly 100 peals, and who rang over 1,000, rang the same way. He used to say we were 'kack-handed' ringers. Whether he meant right or left-handed he never said—and I never asked. Right or left, he was a ringer par excellence.—Yours faithfully,
F. M. MITCHELL.

Gravesend, Kent.

AN EXAMPLE FROM BOXING

Dear Sir,—In last week's 'Belfry Gossip' there is a query from Leicestershire with regard to a ringer holding the end of his rope in his right hand. Obviously he is a right-handed ringer, as his left hand will be above his right, on the hand and back stroke.

A boxer who is right handed normally holds his left hand in front of the right, and a right-handed person hauling on a rope does exactly the same, whether the rope happens to be horizontal or vertical.

I myself ring with the end of the rope in my right hand, and have had my stance termed left handed by many friends. I don't agree.—Yours sincerely,
A. L. SHEPHERD.

Eastham, Wirral.

Truro Diocesan Guild

AN INTERESTING REVIEW.

The Truro Diocesan Guild follows a fairly set course in regard to meetings—or festivals as they are called in Cornwall—by the holding of such gatherings in each branch in spring and autumn, with an annual diocesan festival which alternates roughly to the west and east of the county. This year the Truro Branch opened the programme when Mr. George Clemens arranged for his bands and friends to meet at St. Budock, near Falmouth, in April. With a second octave at St. Gluvias, and six at Mabe, all Taylor rings on ball bearings, the ringing went merrily. Service and tea according to custom, and a welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Williams, completed the picture. Some years ago these three rings (then two sixes and a five) rocked anti-clockwise in wooden frames. Now rigid metal holds them all.

May was a month of meetings. Two fell on one day. The Guild officers like to be present, so the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southard) went to St. Mewan (six bells)—there was ringing too at St. Stephen-in-Brannel (8)—and the diocesan secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella) to Werrington. The former was a Mid-Cornwall Branch affair, and arranged by the secretary, the Rev. F. F. Gilbert. After an afternoon of practice, when service and tea were over, the various bands rang, not in competition, but for proficiency certificates. Elaborate arrangements had been made for a recording van to be there, and afterwards each band could buy a record of the ringing they had done. Many did so. The latter was the Launceston Branch, and there Mr. W. F. Moss had two eights and a six at Launceston available also. Mr. E. G. Capes, of Clevedon, went tower hunting on this occasion.

The Penzance Branch had its headquarters at Manacavan for service and tea. The Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Dixon) welcomed the members, but as Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram is a churchwarden, and was once Master of the Guild, that welcome was very much augmented. Mawgan (6), St. Anthony (8) and St. Keverne (8) were on the programme, and judging by how members and visitors unite to traverse Cornish lanes at high speed to ring in all the towers, the term 'dawdle' of ringers is far too old-fashioned. Some enthusiasts are already jet-propelled. This meeting decided on St. Mary's, Penzance (8), with Gulval (8) and Madron (6) for the next meeting on Oct. 22nd.

Last, and not to be forgotten, was the South-East Branch gathering at St. Mellion (6) with Pillaton (6). Mr. H. J. Clarke is secretary and also Deputy Master of the Guild. This branch covers the beautiful Tamar Valley, and Mr. Clarke has struggled for years to keep alive the art of method ringing.

The Diocesan Festival was at Carbis Bay (8) on July 23rd, with Leant (6), Zennor (6), Towednack (8) and Phillack (8) also. One hundred and thirty had tea after only 100 had said they were coming, but the day was too happy to issue reprimands, and members were welcomed from all over Cornwall, and visitors from Northamptonshire, Hampshire, Middlesex, Devonshire and Lancashire got caught up in more whirlwind transportation, and a man from Middlesex found himself in a car which passed a motor bike at high speed on the coastal road to Towednack. On the motor bike were two ringers from Plymouth. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roberts), and Canon C. K. Peeke (Guild treasurer) preached. A message was read from the Bishop of Truro. The president of the Guild, Miss Eileen Symons, was present. Ringing went on from 2.20 to 9 p.m. Thus, so far this year, the festivals have been well attended with numbers from 50 to 130, which is a matter of encouragement. We know in Cornwall that method ringing has yet a long way to go, but the ringers are on the march and are a living witness of church life generally.
A. S. R.

ASH BOCKING, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's,
Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD... Treble	RONALD G. BUGG ... 4
GEORGE WATERMAN ... 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOAN ALISON ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 4
JACK BRAY ... 2	†PHILIP BARNES ... 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4
CLAUDE COUSINS ... 2	CECIL V. EBERSON ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBERSON.

A compliment to Mr. James C. Reader, churchwarden, and Miss
Nora A. Saunders on the occasion of their marriage.

PASSENHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY RIDGWAY ... Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE ... 3
THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 2	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND ... 4
WILLIAM YATES ... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS E. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Doubles.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, Sandal, London
Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DORIS MARSHALL ... Treble	†G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 4
†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE (14) ... 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... 5
FREDERICK FLINT ... 3	ARNOLD HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung
in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. P. H. F. and Mrs.
Sturdy.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob
and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BOOTH ... Treble	DAVID SMITH ... 4
ERIC HORNBV ... 2	DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... 5
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

A birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringers of the 4th.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

VICTOR A. PERRY ... Treble	STANLEY M. RUDDLESSEN ... 4
MAUD CLARKE ... 2	KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 5
ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by KILBY R. HOLTOM.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At STEDMAN, 128, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*BRIAN WARWICK ... 1-2	†HARRY POYNER ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' † First peal of Triples. A com-
pliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rowley on their 25th wedding anni-
versary.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
At OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 8 in C.

RONA MINALL ... 1-2	*W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
ROSEMARY SMITH ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* 200th peal 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At EMMANUEL COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

C. G. WOODHEAD (Pemb.) 1-2	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 5-6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 3-4	J. B. ROWSELL (Jesus) ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. DODDS.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,
At OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 8 in C.

ROSEMARY SMITH ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
BRENDA FELS ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 1-2	*DENNIS BERESFORD ... 3-4
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 5-6	

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 1-2	PETER BERESFORD ... 3-4
DENNIS BERESFORD ... 5-6	

Conducted by TREVOR REYNOLDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At FERNDOWN HILL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROY C. HURST ... 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: MR. MARTIN STEWART.

Believed to be the first peal of Royal 'in hand,' in the county and
for the Guild. Tenor size 16 in B.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
At EMMANUEL COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

C. MOOR (Trinity) ... 1-2	ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 5-6
G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 3-4	C. G. WOODHEAD (Pemb.) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. G. WOODHEAD.
First peal of Major as conductor.

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Acton, Saturday, Aug. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Rectory 5. Special welcome to kindred societies.—F. Finch. 5580

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Meeting Llanfagan (Brecon), Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food and cups; tea provided.—D. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 5692

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6), Saturday, Aug. 13th, 6 to 9. Please note the altered date.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5586

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham (8), Saturday, Aug. 13th. Usual arrangements.—F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5571

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, Aug. 13th, 3. Please bring own tea.—C. A. Barron. 5610

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley (re-opening of the bells), Saturday, Aug. 13th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—B. C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5590

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), Aug. 13th. Anything from Doubles to Spiced Surprise Minor.—C. A. Bassett. 5589

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puddletown, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5599

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Aberavon, Aug. 20th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. A good attendance desired.—F. J. Hannington. 5601

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Barnby Don, August 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Notify R. F. Lum, 5, Malkiln Cottages, Barnby Don, by August 17th. 5628

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury (not Wybunbury), Saturday, August 20th, 2.30. Please send names for tea by 16th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 5629

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Dalwood, Aug. 20th, practice meeting. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., 2, Pater-noster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 5613

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hungerford (8), Aug. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. H. Oram, 83, High Street, Hungerford, Berks, by Aug. 17th. 5612

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 20th, Liscard St. Mary's (8). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 15th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5617

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 5618

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry and Stratford Districts.—Meeting at Sherbourne, near Warwick, Aug. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring food, cups of tea available. Stratford district members, please note.—Frank E. Pervin. 5619

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ichester and Crewkerne.—Combined meeting, Curry Rivel, Aug. 20th. Notice for tea essential.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 5616

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Sledham (6), Aug. 20th, 3. Names for tea (by 17th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 5615

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tilsforth (six bells), Saturday, Aug. 20th, at 3 o'clock. Bring food. Tea provided.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 5626

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Great Dalby, Aug. 20th. Bells 3. Tea, meeting, Royal Oak. 5. Names to H. T. Bonshor, Great Dalby, by 17th.—J. H. Cook, District Sec. 5621

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Brightling, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringer, Hon. Sec. 5620

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Godstone, Saturday, 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Notify J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshot, Oxted, Surrey, Aug. 16th. 5633

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting is at Waterfoot on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells from 3.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Tea supplied at reasonable price at New Inn. Names to J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5614

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Brading, Aug. 20th. Names for tea by Aug. 16th to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 5622

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Deanery.—Practice meeting at Enmore, Aug. 20th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5625

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Weston-in-Gordano, Aug. 20th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5624

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough and Leicester Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Aug. 20th, Prestwold (8). Ringing 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield, by Aug. 17th. 5623

IRISH ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Drogheda (8), Aug. 27th, 2.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.30. Names by 22nd. Visitors welcome.—John T. Dunwoody, 49, Victoria Road, Holywood; Fred E. Dukes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk. 5627

THREE GUILDS FESTIVAL.—GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch).—To be held at Hawley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Service 4. Tea (2s) 4.30. Hawley (8), Yorktown (8), Sandhurst (6) and Yateley (8) from 2 to 9; Farnborough (6) and Bagshot (8) from 2 to 3.30; Finchamstead (6) 6 to 9 p.m. A coach will run between towers in the evening, fare 2s. Tickets for coach and tea, 3s. 6d. (under 16 years 2s. 6d.), from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants.—J. Chesterman, B. Castle, G. S. Joyce, District Secs. 5587

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSN.—Preliminary.—Annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6. Tickets (7s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch secretaries, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5609

THE LADIES' GUILD
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District, held at Christ Church, Epsom, on July 30th, attracted a gathering of some 35 members and friends.

Tea, arranged and provided by Mrs. Massey, of Claygate, was delectable and generous and was served alfresco in the peace of the Vicarage garden. The secretary then followed her usual custom of dismissing the gentlemen to amuse themselves whilst the ladies settled down to a business meeting, at which no less than nine ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

Mrs. Lathbury expressed her pleasure at seeing so many young members coming along. Mrs. Hazelden, of Guildford, the district's vice-president, took the chair.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Higher Brixham on July 23rd, when visitors were present from London, Taunton, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Ashburton and Buckfastleigh. Ringing took place during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. de Cerjat).

After a bountiful tea the business meeting followed, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. J. E. Lilley). Four new members from Brixham were elected. A special meeting will be held at Highweek on August 27th, and the next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartington and Totnes on October 29th, both meetings subject to the necessary permission.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, to the lady organist and the local ringers and their wives. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandire Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Minor. A. L. B.

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The quarterly meeting held at Loughton on July 23rd turned out to be a very popular fixture indeed, for 51 sat down to tea and approximately 60 members and friends enjoyed ringing on this fine eight. Apart from one or two touches, the ringing was of a high order and ran the whole gamut from rounds to London.

The most enjoyable service was taken by Canon M. N. Lake, and at the business meeting which followed 12 new members were elected.

Youth and old age were very much in evidence in the persons of little Evelyn Pryke, of Brentwood, aged 12, hunting the treble through Grandsire and Plain Bob, and the evergreen and popular 'Teddy' Bacon, of Loughton, who at 86 seems to have lost little of his vigour and none of his enthusiasm, calling a nice touch of Stedman.

QUARTER PEALS

ROYSTON, HERTS. — On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Linwood 1, A. Gilbert 2, A. Dockerill 3, H. Heathfield 4, W. J. Houghton 5, A. Parish 6, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Allgood 8. For the dedication of Priory Memorial Gardens.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET. — At St. James' on July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: O. Witt (first quarter on eight) 1, G. Walford 2, H. Floyd 3, E. Wadman 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Simons 8.

THRYBURGH, YORKS. — On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Edmondson 1, Elaine Wright 2, Shirley Bampton 3, R. Rhodes 4, T. Cutts 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

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