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THE LONG PEAL COMPOSERS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR

MANY of the present generation of ringers have only a hazy idea of the men who made long lengths possible. One reads that 21,600 of Bristol has been rung, yes, but what of the hours of patient labour in putting such a length together? Not to speak of the proving for truth. This is how one composer put it: 'John Smith parts the tenors and finds himself in a wilderness from which there is apparently no way out.'

Go back 50 years or nearly so when Thomas Day's 16,608 held the field and had been rung to Kent (1883) and Oxford (1892). Treble Bob was the popular method in the North of England in those days and there were plenty of men willing to have a go at beating the 16,608, but no composition was available. Even to-day there is a school of thought which says that nothing brings out the music of the bells better than a one-part peal of Treble Bob. The music of the Middles and Wrongs is considered by some to be as good as the Homes.

The 16,608 was on the three-part plan, but in 1906 Mr. Edwin Timbrell, a country shoemaker, introduced the five-part plan and produced a peal of 16,800 changes. This was rung by the Chester Guild on June 8th, 1906, and was conducted by Isaac Sidebottom. The writer has not full details of this performance, but there is no doubt that it was a landmark in the history of long peal composition. Timbrell extended this peal to 17,120, but this length was never rung, and he left ringing during World War I., returning in 1924. He still further extended his peal to 17,440, but again this length was not rung.

We come now to Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, a composer of great merit, and for many years a pillar of strength to the Durham and Newcastle Association. He will always be remembered as the first man to splice two Surprise Major methods to a peal, this being rung at Whitley Bay in 1924. Writing in 'The Ringing World' in 1922, he said that he had been investigating the possibilities of a longer length than Mr. Timbrell's 17,120 and had succeeded in producing 17,280. This length was duly rung for the Chester Guild at Over on July 21st, 1923.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff had all the 'plums' already in his possession. He had composed, and all had been duly rung, 14,112 London, 15,264 Bristol, 18,027 Stedman Caters, and 19,738 Stedman Caters (handbells). He com-

posed 18,240 Treble Bob, collected a band together and rang it at Mottram on June 10th, 1922. To the great disappointment of all concerned, Mr. J. W. Parker pointed out its falseness within a week of the publication of the figures. Thus the precarious nature of the task is illustrated, and in passing we may say that one of the best things the Central Council ever did was to insist that in future the composition was to be published some time *before* any record attempt. Gay Lindoff took the blow calmly and we find him later on taking part in Worsley's 17,824.

In dealing with long length compositions the name of the Rev. H. Law James, Rector of Surfleet and Master of the Lincoln Guild, comes to mind. We shall never know whether he composed a long length of Treble Bob, but he always seemed to be hovering in the background whenever long lengths were on the carpet. He beat the 14,112 of London by one lead, this being duly rung by his own Guild a year or two ago. Also he added four new courses to Middleton's 25 in adapting this peal to Royal and Maximus. His various compositions are too well known to be repeated here, but he did compose a 19,360 of Bristol which has never been rung.

Lastly we come to Thomas B. Worsley, a blacksmith who lived and worked in the industrial town of Bolton. He did not take up composition until early middle life, but his progress was rapid, and he produced many good compositions in all the popular methods. Then he turned his attention to long peals and produced 11,232 Superlative, which was rung at Bolton in January, 1927. This was followed by 17,824 of Treble Bob, which was rung for the Lancashire Association at Heptonstall on April 18th, 1927, conducted by Edward Jenkins. The peal is an irregular five-part. Still later he composed the 21,600 of Bristol and fortunately passed it on to his friend, E. J., with the result that everyone knows.

Tommy Worsley died at the early age of 57, and my information is that some of his papers were lost at the time of his death. Unfortunately of this distinguished list only one is still with us—Mr. Timbrell, who lives at the village of Chipping, but at the age of 81 his composing days are over. Some might speculate if the 21,600 peal will ever be beaten and it is very doubtful if it will. There are 22,222 of Stedman Caters by Mr. Lindoff and 22,000 of Double Norwich by Mr. N. Golden, also Mr. Lindoff had a long length of Double Norwich and F. E. Taylor of Oxford. Only the future will give an answer. M. R. P.

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO KING GEORGE VI.

Born December 14th, 1895 : Died February 6th, 1952

TWELVE BELL PEAL

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.	
WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE 7
MARGARET L. TUTT 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT 8
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 3	JOHN B. GUY 9
WILLIAM C. PORTER 4	PETER BORDER 10
JAMES HIGGINS 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 11
PHILIP WALKER 6	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Rung half-muffled.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
(St. Paul's Society, Burton.)

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28½ cwt.	
*BRIAN J. DEAKIN Treble	HAROLD E. HARRISON .. 6
†LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN .. 2	GORDON HARRISON .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	EDWARD J. WHITE 8
NOREEN BRAIN 4	GEORGE L. RODEN 9
WILLIAM J. LEACH 5	*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.	
REGINALD HOLMES Treble	FRANK WHITE 6
EDWIN DREWITT 2	HENRY C. WHITE 7
MARGARET L. TUTT 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 8
RICHARD WHITE 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
WALTER F. JUDGE 5	*FREDERICK J. ABSOLOM .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung half-muffled.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.	
*JOHN M. DUFFIN Treble	JOHN T. DUFFIN 6
*TERENCE HEMINGWAY 2	*WALTER LOCKWOOD 7
FRED BENNETT 3	*DAVID LOCKWOOD 8
*MARY DAVIS 4	LESLIE FISHER 9
MALCOLM L. BENNETT .. 5	MARK L. LOCKWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

* First peal. Rung fully muffled.

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

On Tues., Feb. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.	
HOWARD HOWELL Treble	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 6
*JOAN BERESFORD 2	DENNIS BERESFORD 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	*PETER BERESFORD 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	ERNEST STITCH 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	ERIC CRADDOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* 50th peal together. Rung half-muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
MELBOURNE PRICE Treble	ALFRED LOMAS 5		
RONALD BAGNALL 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6		
*WILLIAM THOMPSON .. 3	†JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7		
NORMAN TOMPKINS 4	*HENRY GASKELL Tenor		

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. † 25th peal. Rung fully muffled.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.	
JESSIE M. KIPPIN Treble	WALTER GLASSPOOL .. 5
JOYCE COX 2	BETTY FAITHFULL 6
NORMAN HAYES 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
*CHARLES TAYLOR 4	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
CHARLES ALDRIDGE Treble	FRED JAMES 5		
CLAUDE CORDEROY 2	ROBERT BLOND 6		
ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 7		
DOUGLAS JORDAN 4	CECIL CORDEROY Tenor		

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

Rung half-muffled.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 21 cwt.	
MARGARET A. P. BERTIE Treble	†WILFRED NICHOLSON .. 5		
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	JOHN A. BROWN 6		
*ROGER CHICKEN 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7		
J. WILLIAM ROBSON 4	CYRIL MORDUE Tenor		

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal (aged 15). † First of Grandsire 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
LLEWELLYN ALLUM Treble	RUSSELL PARKER 5		
FRANK RUFFLES 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6		
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 3	ALBERT E. WHITING .. 7		
CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor		

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

All are members of the Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 17½ cwt.	
ROSEMARY JARRETT Treble	LESLIE EVANS 5		
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS .. 2	REGINALD T. JONES .. 6		
JOHN D. ROCK 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7		
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4	LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN .. Tenor		

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Rung fully muffled, with the tenor open at backstroke.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JAMES W. FORDER Treble	*REGINALD H. DRANE .. 5
*HERBERT C. BOGGIS .. 2	*FREDERICK C. GUNTON .. 6
CHARLES BAILEY 3	*LIONEL A. LESTER .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal in method. Rung half-muffled.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN STERRY Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
HENRY HUBBALL 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
HOWARD HOWELL 3	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

Rung half-muffled.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. Treble	ERNEST H. KILBY 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. 3	ALICK CUTLER 7
*RUSSELL G. SPEARS .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(All Saints Society, Allesley.)

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

AUDREY A. TIMMS .. Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM A. STOTE 2	GEORGE GARDNER 6
DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 3	PERCY STONE 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 4	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Rung half-muffled.

BATTERSEA, LONDON, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SQUIRE CROFT Treble	THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 5
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	†FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 6
CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY .. 7
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Rung half-muffled.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.	†HAROLD W. SMITH .. 5
*WILLIAM J. ATHOW .. Treble	STANLEY H. WALLIS .. 6
†ALAN S. SMITH 2	BRYAN F. SIMS 7
†OWEN P. SMITH 3	†GEOFFREY A. BRIDGE .. Tenor
*CYRIL J. SMITH 4	

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. First eight bell peal by a local band.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN SITCH Treble	BERTRAM C. HINES .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON 2	ALBERT PRYKE 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
CHARLES J. HARRINGTON .. 4	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung half-muffled.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*ARTHUR SNAPE Treble	†SYDNEY SAGE 5
RUTH M. JACKSON .. 2	WALTER SHAW 6
†JEAN C. BROWN 3	ALAN J. BROWN 7
RONALD T. BARLOW .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 5
*JOHN FORD Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 6
JOHN E. S. MORETON .. 2	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3	JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 4	

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

* First peal in the method.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

*MAURICE AIREY (14) .. Treble	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. 5
DENNIS R. AIREY 2	THOMAS SENIOR 6
GEORNE F. NEWTON .. 3	THOMAS COOKE 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	THOMAS HILL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

* First peal. Rung fully muffled.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 5
EDMUND C. ATYEO 2	ALBERT S. ATYEO 6
STANLEY A. GUPPY 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
WALTER H. POOLE 4	*SIDNEY W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung half-muffled.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. Treble	ELSIE K. FULTON 5
FREDA CLAYTON 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
H. GEORGE HART 4	HENRY D. BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung half-muffled.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED GREENOUGH .. Treble	CLAUDE CORDEROY 5
DOUGLAS JORDAN 2	ROBERT BLOND 6
JACK BERRY 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 7
HENRY BISHOP 4	DOUGLAS BOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

Rung half-muffled.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*CHARLES W. MORTIMER .. Treble	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. 2	HAROLD SMITH .. 6
BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 3	WALTER HUNT .. 7
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. Rung half-muffled.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
FREDK. J. LAMBERT .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. 5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung fully muffled.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 5
JOHN J. AMES .. 2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 6
HAROLD BARSLEY .. 3	HORACE BENNETT .. 7
FRANK TAYLOR .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. WHITTON.
Rung half-muffled.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. STEEL .. Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD .. 2	*ALAN W. STRANGEWAY .. 6
JOSHUA WORMALD .. 3	ERNEST SPENCER .. 7
PERCY MASSAM .. 4	HARRY HOMER .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Treble	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 5
*NORMAN HAYES .. 2	*JOHN GILBERT .. 6
NELIA M. LEAHY .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 7
WALTER H. GLASSPOOL .. 4	REGINALD REED .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

TIVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
ERIC SUTTON .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR .. 6
GORDON WALFORD .. 3	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 7
WILFRED F. WEBB .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER (C.C.C. No. 162). Conducted by R. O. FRY.
* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
MARION L. LIDGLEY .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. 5
WILLIAM J. SANDERS .. 2	*A. HUBERT EPLETT .. 6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 3	HARRY MILES .. 7
ALAN CARVETH .. 4	EDWARDS SANDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung half-muffled.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.
EDWARD S. T. FARR .. Treble	*KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. 5
*KENNETH C. CURTIS .. 2	BRIAN L. TAYLOR .. 6
†FREDERICK SCOTT .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 4	ALFRED J. PAINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. T. FARR.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung half-muffled.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

LEONARD G. TOOKE .. Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON .. 5
CHARLES E. BANHAM .. 2	WALTER R. FARROW .. 6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 3	PHILIP W. J. FRYER .. 7
WILLIAM CLOVER .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

Rung fully muffled.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.
MURIEL REAY .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
ALBERT H. FITTER .. 4	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

STEVE WRIGHT .. Treble	†JOSEPH E. G. ROAST .. 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT .. 2	†WILLIAM GLOVER .. 6
*JAMES SHEPPARD .. 3	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS .. 7
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4	PETER J. EVES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major.

Rung half-muffled.



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On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.

GERALD DARE	Treble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ..	5
FRED MELLOR	2	JAMES BROOKS	6
AUDREY T. SEVILLE ..	3	IVAN KAY	7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ..	4	MAURICE MITTON	Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

Rung fully-muffled.

**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM GERRARD ..	Treble	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE ..	5
BETTY SCHOFIELD ..	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ..	6
HERBERT S. PALMER ..	3	BRIAN SEDDON	7
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD ..	4	ROLAND ECCLES	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 18, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part.

*PAMELA M. EASTWELL ..	Treble	† WILLIAM BUTLER	5
† WILLIAM H. EASTWELL ..	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	6
† RUTH TABRAHAM	3	† † DAVID H. PEARCE ..	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	BRYAN J. MATTHEWS ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal. † First in method. ‡ 50th peal. Half-muffled.

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CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

MONICA HOWARD	Treble	REGINALD L. SILLS	4
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN ..	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
DAVID H. PEARCE	3	JAMES BROOKS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

Rung fully muffled.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 2 extents Norwich and Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	Treble	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ..	4
FRANK WARRINGTON ..	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
FRANK R. NICHOLLS ..	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung with clappers fully muffled.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE	Treble	RALPH MOORS	4
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	2	JOHN H. PAGETT	5
JOSEPH SOUTHALL	3	DEREK WATSON	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.

Rung half-muffled.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. Rung on the front six.

*HARRY GRUNDY	Treble	GORDON A. HALLS	4
CHARLES BLACKBURN ..	2	*A. RONALD POCKINGTON ..	5
KENNETH EDWARDS ..	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal in three Minor methods. Rung half-muffled.



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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob, two extents of St. Clement's Bob and 3 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*NORMAN R. SUTTON .. Treble	STANLEY D. SUTTON .. 4
JOAN M. WEBSTER .. 2	THOMAS SMITH .. 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 3	A. TREVOR SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TREVOR SUTTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung fully muffled.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES W. JONES .. Treble	KENNETH HARTLEY .. 4
†GORDON R. WHEWELL .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 5
BRIAN H. WOOD .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY WILLS .. Treble	JOHN WARDLE .. 4
PEGGY LAMB .. 3	FRANK LAMB .. 5
FRED JACKSON .. 3	ERNEST PADGETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PADGETT.

Rung half-muffled.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 36 120's (ten callings) and three 240's. Tenor 6 cwt.

GEORGE R. WILKINSON .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WATSON .. 4
PETER J. THOMAS .. 2	ROLAND F. COLLIS .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 3	DAVID BISHOP .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

Rung half-muffled.

ISLIP, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*DOUGLAS MAUNDER .. Treble	*HENRY W. HAYNES .. 4
GEORGE JONES .. 2	*PHILLIP TIMMS .. 5
*ARTHUR H. BATEMAN .. 3	*GEORGE JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JONES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by the local band. Rung half-muffled.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of Stedman, five 120's of Bob Doubles and 35 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. ROY HALLETT .. Treble	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM .. 4
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 2	ROBERT E. R. SMITH .. 5
MRS. G. M. BAINHAM .. 3	JOHN CHALLENGER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

Rung half-muffled.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ELIZABETH LL-JONES .. Treble	MARIE R. CROSS .. 4
*HILARY J. EASON .. 2	*JANET EASON .. 5
†RUTH PATON .. 3	*REV. J. V. PIXELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

ERIC NIXON .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. 4
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 2	PETER E. PARRY .. 5
PHILIP P. CARTER .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER E. PARRY.

First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

LEONARD RODMELL .. Treble	JOHN A. BROUGHTON .. 4
*SYLVIA IREDALE .. 2	HARRY RODMELL .. 5
JOHN M. HARROP .. 3	RONALD DUCKER .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk and Grandsire with Pitman's 240. Tenor 13 cwt.

*A. RICHARD LAMPHEE .. Treble	*C. HERVEY BAGOT .. 4
†CATHERINE E. LAMPHEE .. 2	PHILIP L. COOPER .. 5
†JONATHAN F. EGGLTON .. 3	*FREDERICK W. J. STAUDE Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP L. COOPER.

* First peal. † First tower peal. First tower peal as conductor. First tower peal in State of South Australia. Rung fully muffled.

BEARSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob, 30 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDWARD G. WHITE .. Treble	EDWARD F. HARNETT .. 4
JOHN H. R. BETTS .. 2	MAURICE G. WHITE .. 5
GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. 3	†NORMAN OLLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung half-muffled.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	RONALD E. BURT .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
FRANK PEARSON .. 3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung half-muffled.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

H. PERCY SPARKS .. Treble	FREDERICK G. SPARKS .. 3
ERIC A. RAYMOND .. 2	FREDERICK L. ANDREWS .. 4
ARTHUR CALLOW .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. PERCY SPARKS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Old Doubles (three callings) and Reverse St. Bartholomew (three callings); 8 extents each of April Day (three callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings). Plain Bob (four callings); ten extents Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*RALPH T. CLARKE .. Treble	ERIC NOBLES .. 4
*JOHN G. CHAPMAN .. 2	*CHARLES T. WINDRAM .. 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS .. 3	BERNARD E. FROST .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal in six methods. Rung half-muffled.

OXFORD.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY & THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 28 cwt.
MISS S. M. BROWN Treble | J. B. GUY 4
P. PRESTON 2 | F. P. WRIGHT 5
N. G. MCCRUM 3 | P. BORDER Tenor

Conducted by F. P. WRIGHT.

Rung fully muffled.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DONALD H. METTAM .. Treble | HUGH LONGLAND 4
JAMES H. MUSSON 2 | D. ALBERT FRITH 5
HENRY P. COLLIN 3 | ALBERT FRITH Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Mr. Musson has now 'circled' the tower. Rung half-muffled.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*SAMUEL COOK Treble | BRIAN R. SUTTON 4
JOHN H. PAGETT 2 | HAROLD V. COOPER 5
F. WILLIAM GIBBS 3 | FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN CHAMBERS Treble | †F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 4
†KEITH E. LOVETT 2 | †ROGER G. W. SOARS .. 5
†ROYSTON WILMORE 3 | HORACE MYATT Tenor

Conducted by HORACE MYATT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods.
‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in three methods as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

STEPHEN K. WHEELER .. Treble | NORMAN V. HARDING .. 4
TOM GREENACRE 2 | FRED RIX 5
ALEX NURSE 3 | CECIL V. EBBERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

Rung half-muffled.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

BRIAN COOKSON Treble | DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. 4
WM. THORNLEY, SEN. .. 2 | WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. 5
WILFRED WALKER 3 | GIRLING RIGBY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

Rung half-muffled.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to record the death of Mr. Philip
H. Pierce (86) of Brabourne, Kent, who, in
1907, rang a peal of Stedman Triples on every
day of a week.

Repairs have been or-
dered by the Dean and
Chapter of St. George's
Chapel to the oak bell-frame in the Curfew
Tower at Windsor Castle. A muffled peal,
which is normally attempted at the death of
the King, could not be rung owing to the
rotten state of the timbers. This belfry was
built in 1478 and has not been materially al-
tered since.

Miss Jennie Armstrong maintained the old
custom at Morpeth by ringing the 'Pancake
Bell' in the Watch Tower on Shrove Tuesday.

Accommodation is strictly limited for the
Middlesex supper at Heston on March 15th and
tickets will be issued in rotation. No tickets
will be available after March 10th.

Mr. Paul Coste, an American, rang a half
peal at Durdee Episcopal Cathedral on the day
of the King's funeral. Possibly he is the first
American to ring a quarter in Scotland.

A correspondent asks how many men have
called peals with absolutely no observation bell.
As far as he knows these are Messrs. W. H.
Barber, Maurice Swinfield and Maurice F. R.
Hibbert.

Mr. Eric Goldschmidt, of 1, Old Burlington
Street, London, W.1, is producing a weekly
radio programme with a 'bells' theme entitled
'Wedding Bells.' It features anniversary
stories, belfry memories and true romances of
listeners. Readers who would like to partici-
pate in this programme are asked to com-
municate with Mr. Goldschmidt.

On the day of the King's funeral a peal was
attempted at St. Peter's, Leeds, but was lost
after an hour's ringing. It was attempted the
following Monday, when one of the band be-
came indisposed and was obliged to give up
within ten minutes of the finish. The peal was
successfully rung on February 21st. Altogether
the bells were rung muffled for approximately
12 hours apart from Sunday ringing.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret that we have
not been able to publish all
the quarter peals sent in
in connection with the memorial services to
King George VI. because of pressure of space.
First rejections were those which did not com-
ply with the usual form:—Name of town or
village, date rung and method. When dealing
with hundreds we expect this simple co-opera-
tion. The compilation of the quarter peal
pages has meant many hours of additional
work.

By ringing the second in the peal at Wollas-
ton on February 16th Mr. J. H. Pagett has now
'completed the circle' in that tower.

The peal of Minor rung by the Oxford
University Society at St. Mary-the-Virgin's on
February 16th was the first peal on the bells of
the University Church by the University
Society and was rung by a band all of whom
are 'in statu pupillari.'

Any old member of the Oxford University
Society who can join the Easter tour at Leices-
ter from April 14th to April 20th will be
heartily welcome and are requested to contact
J. B. Guy, University College, Oxford, for fur-
ther details.

Two peal attempts in Hertfordshire for the
Royal funeral were unsuccessful. The first, at
Great Gaddesden, was lost through a rope
slipping wheel, and the second, at Apsley End,
by a choirboy switching the lights off at the
main.

A muffled peal to the memory of Samuei J.
Hector was rung at Trowbridge Parish Church
on February 23rd. The band, gathered from a
wide area included officers of the Salisbury
Diocesan Guild, the general secretary of the
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the chair-
man and secretary of the Swindon Branch of
the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Associa-
tion and representatives of four Bath towers.

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BRAMLEY, HANTS

Some five years ago a fund was started for the restoration of our bells at Bramley Church, Hants. In 1638, soon after the present brick tower had been built to replace an earlier wooden structure, our five largest bells were cast by Ellis Knight, of Reading. These five bells were rehung in a new oak frame and a sixth bell added in 1883 by John Warner and Sons.

In view of the interest taken in the church bells at Bramley—the 16th century churchwarden accounts are full of items relating to the bells—it was suggested that we should try and raise enough money to add two smaller bells to complete the octave. From the outset we met with difficulties. It was found that the beams supporting the bell frame were unsound; inspection disclosed that the floors in the tower were in an advanced state of decay; consequently the estimated cost of the work was much higher than we had anticipated. However, 'having put our hands to the plough' we could not turn back. After careful consideration we decided to place the work in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Eventually the bells were dismantled and despatched to the foundry in February of last year. On a day in May we saw our two new bells cast. The bells were returned to the tower in January. The six bells, returned, were rehung with new fittings in new framework supported on heavy steel girders and the two smaller bells added to complete the ring of eight.

The dedication of the two new bells took place on Saturday, February 16th. When the service started every seat in our little Norman church was filled. The Right Rev. Bishop L. H. Lang, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Greenstreet) and Canon Jeudwine, conducted the service. During the service the churchwardens escorted the clergy to the tower. Here Mr. P. L. Taylor, representing the bellfounders, handed the ropes of the two new bells to the churchwardens. They presented the ropes to the Bishop and requested him to dedicate the bells 'to the Glory of God and to the use of His Holy Church.'

After blessing the bells the Bishop handed back the bell ropes to the Vicar. He was instructed to see that the bells were set apart from 'all profane and unhallowed uses.' As the clergy returned to their places we Bramley ringers rang rounds on the eight bells for the first time. Another hymn was sung, the Bishop gave his address and his Benediction and the congregation left the church to the music of Stedman Triples rung by a band drawn from visiting ringers.

Tea was served in the Village Hall for some 60 visitors from the following towers:—Aldershot, Basingstoke (All Saints' and St. Michael's), Bucklebury, Deane, Ditchling, Farnborough (Hants), Guildford Cathedral, Hurst, Loughborough, Mortimer (St. Mary's), Overton, Reading (St. Mary's), Sherborne St. John, Silchester, Sonning, Thatcham, Winchester (St. Maurice's), Wolverton, Wootton (St. Lawrence's). During the evening the bells were kept ringing and everyone expressed their pleasure both at the tone of the bells and at the way they handled. Mr. Taylor must have been well pleased with the congratulations he received.

When finished, the work will have cost us £1,300. Towards this large sum of money the ringers have raised £575. We wish to record our gratitude to the Winchester and Portsmouth

Diocesan Guild for their grants amounting to £20.

We now have a very nice ring of eight bells in the key of G with a tenor 3 feet 4½ inches in diameter and of 12 cwt. 14 lb. weight. Each bell bears an inscription as follows:—

Treble.—Praise the Lord O my soul.

Second.—Forget not all His benefits.

Third.—I was glad when they said we will go into the house of The Lord.

Fourth.—O, Come hither and hearken all ye that feare God. 1638.

Fifth.—This is the house of God and the gate of heaven. 1638.

Sixth.—O enter into His gates with thanksgiving. 1638.

Seventh.—And O worship the Lord in the beauty of holines. 1638.

Tenor.—For holines becometh His house for ever. Amen. 1638

W. CLIFT.

THE MERCERS COMPANY'S GIFT TO NAZEING CHURCH

All Saints' Church, Nazeing, was crowded on Saturday afternoon, February 16th, for the service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells and the dedication of the new treble by the Bishop of Barking (the Right Rev. Hugh Gough).

The Rev. H. F. Hawkins (Vicar of Nazeing) conducted the service before the dedication and the Rev. C. Scott-Little (Deputy Master of the Essex Association) acted as the Bishop's chaplain.

In the congregation were eight members of the Worshipful Company of Mercers, who had presented the new bell as a memorial to the late Captain Archdale Palmer, J.P., a member and former Master of the Company. Members of the Nazeing Parish Council were present and relatives of Captain Palmer including his niece, Miss Wellesley, and three cousins, the Earl of Selbourne, the Honourable Lewis Palmer and Mr. Stuart Palmer.

Ringers from all over the county and surrounding Districts included representatives from Saffron Walden, Thaxted, Romford, North Mymms, Chadwell Heath, Waltham Abbey, Goffs Oak, Cheshunt, Hatfield, Edmonton, Broxbourne, Harlow Common, Roydon, Hertford, Benington, Woodford, Wanstead and Bengeo.

The lessons were read by Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P., Master of the Essex Association, and Captain H. S. Totton, R.N., Master of the Worshipful Company of Mercers.

During the singing of the hymn 'Come, ye people, raise the Anthem,' the Bishop moved in procession led by the crucifer to the tower at the western end of the church, escorted by his chaplain, the Vicar and the churchwardens. Here the Bishop received the five ropes of the restored bells from Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, representing the bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., and the rope of the new treble from the Master of the Mercers Company, and, after dedicating the bells 'to the Glory of God and the service of His Holy Church,' he presented the ropes to the Vicar who in turn passed them to Mr. C. W. Sams, the captain of the Nazeing band. Whilst the procession was returning to the chancel the dedication rounds were rung by the following band:—Miss Dorothy Mansfield 1, C. W. Sams 2, K. C. S. Wood 3, Miss Elsie Burton 4, W. C. Mansfield 5, R. C. L. Wood 6

In his address the Bishop said '... although in normal times this service would be a time of rejoicing, at this time our thoughts are tinged with sadness at the death of His late Majesty King George VI.' He said he could see a con-

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS

Something like 50 years have elapsed since the five bells of Weston Turville, near Aylesbury, last rang, until their recent restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

It was certainly a red-letter day in the history of the parish on Sunday, February 24th, when the Bishop of Buckingham attended morning service to dedicate the bells, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Wheeler.

Four members of the local band have been instructed by Mr. H. C. Jones, of Ellesborough, and they rang rounds immediately after the dedication, assisted by Mr. Roland Biggs, of Hughenden.

Other ringers present included Mr. Alan R. Pink (Oxford), Mr. Walter Lee (Hughenden) and ringers from Wendover. The bellfounders were represented by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, and 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles was rung by:—H. C. Jones 1, R. Biggs 2, W. Lee 3, A. P. Cannon 4, A. R. Pink (conductor) 5.

The bells have been tuned and rehung with ball bearings, in a new iron frame, together with new fittings. The tenor weighs 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

The collection amounted to over £5 which was given to the Essex Association Bell Restoration Fund.

After the service the Bishop and visiting clergy, members of the Mercers Company, the visiting ringers, the relations of Captain Palmer and other visitors were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the local Guild. About 70 people were present. During the course of tea the Vicar thanked the Mercers Company for their generosity in providing the money for the new bell. The Master, in reply, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Captain Palmer who, he said, was a very revered man in the Worshipful Company and that it gave them very great pleasure in giving the bell. Ringing was then resumed in the tower under the direction of Mr. B. G. Burton, the District Master of the North-Western District.

The Nazeing bells were originally installed in 1779 by the Whitechapel Foundry and were rehung in 1900 by the same firm. The full cost of restoration and the provision of a new bell amounted to £590.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

Particulars of the bells are as follows:—
Treble.—Note F sharp: A.M.D.G. Et in Gnatam Memoriam. Archdale Palmer, MDCCCLXV—MCML. Viri Valde Dilecti, Stirpis Suae in Nazeing Ultimi, D.D., Mysterium Mercerense, Londini. Honor Deo. 1951. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon; weight, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Second.—Note E; Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt, 1779; weight 4 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Third.—Note D; Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt, 1779; weight 5 cwt. 12 lb.

Fourth.—Note C sharp; Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt, 1779. Recast 1951 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. H. F. Hawkins, Vicar; S. J. Martin, T. W. Jacks, churchwardens; weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Fifth.—Note B; Thomas Banks and James Martin, Overseers, 1779. Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt; weight 7 cwt. 2 qr.

Tenor.—Note A; John Pegrum and John Walker, churchwardens, 1779. Pack and Chapman of London, Fecerunt; weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

K. C. S. W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Wirral Branch

In spite of dull, damp, November-like weather, the annual meeting held at St. Mary's, Eastham, on February 16th, attracted a gathering of 66 ringers and friends. The very fine-tuned ring of six was kept going during the afternoon, and after the business meeting, in methods up to London Surprise Minor. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Wright Davies) who gave an interesting address based on an extract from one of Lieut. Bowers' letters; Bowers perished on Scott's ill-fated Antarctic expedition.

The company was entertained to an excellent tea (wedding breakfast, North Country style, would be a better description) in the Church School. The business meeting followed with the chairman, Mr. J. Cooke, officiating. Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, who learnt his ringing in Wirral, and also of Mr. T. Rye, churchwarden at Eastham.

The statement of accounts showed credit balances in both general and social funds. The hon. secretary's report revealed that there had been a slight decline of interest in ringing affairs and that the 'Ringing Renaissance' dating from the lifting of 'the Ban' appeared to be over. Twelve monthly meetings had been held and there was an average attendance of 47. The third annual dinner, entertainment and dance held at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, in March, had been attended by 107 ringers and friends. A coachload of members had attended the Guild Annual Festival at Stockport and in June two coaches had been engaged for a half-day outing, visiting Warburton, Rostherne, Witton and Davenham. Once again the annual social proved very popular and a company of over 200 had been present.

Total membership had slightly increased from 154 to 158. Performances worthy of mention were:—Peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Minor methods at Bidston by Sunday service band and a peal of 21 Spliced Surprise Minor methods at Birkenhead, being the greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

New officers elected were:—Mr. H. S. Bailey, auditor; Mr. C. B. Penberton, Assistant Ringing Master; Mr. A. T. Sutton, representative on Guild Committee. The retiring officers were warmly thanked for their work during the year.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting should be held at Neston, provided the bells were available.

The meeting closed with an omnibus vote of thanks to all at Eastham responsible for arrangements. Mr. G. F. Pickthall responded on behalf of Eastham ringers and expressed great pleasure at being once again able to welcome members to his tower. Mr. A. L. Shepherd, Eastham Ringing Master, also spoke, thanking Branch members for assistance given during the past three years and stated that their labours were now being rewarded as methods up to Treble Bob Minor were now being rung in place of the plain course of Grandsire Doubles formerly rung.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual lunch of the Oxford University Society was held in the Forum Restaurant, Oxford, on Saturday, February 2nd. Mr. Albert Walker was present as the guest of honour, and the University of Bristol Society was represented by Mr. J. Worrall. Many old members were present and it was very pleasant to meet them ringing in Oxford again. Methods rung and standards of ringing both varied considerably during the day, but in the evening a successful attempt at a peal of Kent Royal 'in hand' closed an enjoyable day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The second session of the 26th Council (55th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 3rd, 1952, at Lincoln.

All resolutions to be proposed shall be sent to the honorary secretary in writing, signed by two members of the Council, not less than six weeks previous to the meeting.

Honorary secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that the affiliation fee became due on January 1st last.

The Council's headquarters will be The Saracen's Head Hotel, High Street.

Other hotels in the city are:—

White Hart, Baligate.
Albion, St. Mary Street.
Great Northern, High Street.
Queen, High Street.
(All licensed.)
Grand, Oxford Street.
Oxford, Oxford Street.
(Unlicensed.)

GEO. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

The White House,
Caister-on-Sea.

RINGING OVERSEAS

In forwarding a peal of Doubles in three methods rung at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, Adelaide, South Australia, Mr. Philip L. Cooper writes:—

No doubt hundreds of peals have been rung in the last fortnight in England in memory of the late King and this is at least the second in Australia this week. Excluding the tenor ringer, who is 39 years of age, the average age of our band is 18 years. We have only been change ringing since 1950 and to-day's peal went through beautifully with only a few slight lapses caused by fatigue.

The temperature was about 85 degrees during the peal which began after a State-wide two minutes silence at noon. The striking was exceptionally good and we are very pleased with ourselves.

We are eagerly looking forward to being able to ring an open peal for the Coronation and perhaps another for the Royal tour of Australia.

IN HOBART

From Hobart, Tasmania, comes by this week's post the news of a quarter peal of 1,280 changes in honour of the 15th anniversary of the opening of the tower of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart. This was rung on December 7th, the ringers being:—J. Millington 1, P. Dalwood 2, D. E. Kirby 3, J. Biggs (conductor) 4, R. Hay 5, L. B. Uhr-Henry 6. This was the first quarter peal of the Society and the treble was rung without a stay.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. John's, Stanmore, on February 23rd, and was very well attended. The Guild was made very welcome at the tower.

After tea the business meeting was held in the tower, during which the annual meeting was decided for June 7th at Milton-next-Gravesend. The arrangements for the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild, this year to be held in London on July 5th, were discussed and put in hand.

Excellent striking and a wide range of methods, from the 'four standards' to spliced, brought a very enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

Thanks are due to the tower-keeper for extending a hearty welcome, and the incumbent for allowing the bells to be rung. M. F. J.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of

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ODD CHANGES

Birmingham can boast of two of the most remarkable products of the ringing Exercise. One is Mr. John Carter's ringing machine, the ingenuity of which is so extraordinary that it almost passes belief. . . . The other . . . is Mr. Harry Withers, the man who, without having seen the figures of the peal, took down correctly all the course-ends of the record peal of London Surprise, and who 'called' a peal of Superlative while standing outside the tower and pressing an electric button which rang a bell up in the ringing chamber when bobs had to be made.

For the first time a peal has been rung upon church bells in which husband and wife have taken part, and this distinction has fallen to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey. Hitherto the only instance of husband and wife ringing in a peal together has been the handbell peals rung by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

[The latter statement was corrected the following week Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lambert, of Halesworth, Suffolk, having taken part in two peals of Doubles on handbells in 1895-96, some four years before Mr. and Mrs. Williams' first together.]

MR. W. RANFORD'S 500 PEALS

Congratulations to the well-known Worcester-shire ringer, Mr. William Ranford, on completing his 500 peals. 'Father,' as he is generally known by his many friends, is now nearing the completion of his 83rd year. He commenced ringing on the bells of his native parish of Suckley in 1887 and rang his first peal at Leigh, Worcestershire, on November 23rd, 1906. His list is appended.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1. Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 2.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 4, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Double Norwich 2, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 8, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 3.

Caters.—Grandsire 10, Stedman 18, Double Norwich 1.

Surprise Major.—London 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 44, New Cambridge 2, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 1, Whitbourne 1.

Major.—Double Norwich 20, Double Oxford 2, Double Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 6, Kent Treble Bob 20, Spliced Oxford and Kent (Worcester Variation) 1, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 20.

Triples.—Stedman 13, Grandsire 36, Oxford Bob 11, Court Bob 1, St. Clement's 1.

Minor.—Surprise (Seven methods) 1, Surprise (One method) 11, One method 15, Three methods 2, Four methods 7, Five methods 5, Six methods 3, Seven methods 195, Eight methods 1, Ten methods (including one 7,200) 3, Fourteen methods 1.

Doubles.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 2, Three methods 2, Four methods 2, Five methods 1.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 407

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Middlesbrough (St. Hilda's), Saturday, March 15th. Ringing 2.30—4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting approximately 5.15. 413

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be at Ramsbottom on Saturday, March 15th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Cups of tea; bring own food. All welcome.—J. Porter. 405

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YOUNG RINGERS AND HEAVY BELLS

Dear Sir.—The letter signed by 'Nervous' prompts me to write a few words regarding the apparently growing practice of allowing ringers of tender age to show their prowess on heavy bells. Often I read that such and such a bell has been rung by a young person, and my thoughts go back some 20 to 30 years when, as a fit man, possessed of more than his fair share of physical strength, I used to strain every muscle to put that bell in its proper place. The truth is, of course, that these youngsters may swing the bell, but ring it properly they do not. Any good ringer who rings on the back end of even a light ring knows that to ring such bells properly, even in rounds, requires considerably more effort than merely to swing them. Such a practice only serves to encourage the type of 'backender' who, on the word 'Go,' stays more or less put, while the other bells, with varying success, just fall over him. I am reminded of a large stone in a mountain torrent, whenever I hear this sort of ringing, except that it doesn't sound so well.

Regarding Mr. Hooper's letter, a number of ringers asked me to give my opinion in the matter of service ringing on Sunday, February 17th. I replied that, in my view, the bells should be rung open. Apart from custom and belfry usage, it does not seem fitting that people should be called to worship by muffled bells. Muffled ringing could quite reasonably, however, have been done after service.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

LEAP YEAR THOUGHTS

Dear Sir.—As last week's 'Ringing World' appeared on February 29th, I may keep it as a souvenir, for providing it continues as at present, I'll be lucky to see another. Budding composers and future centenarians can work on a few date 'touches' or even a plain course of Major for beginners, or Treble Bob if you like, for first pealers, say—no splicing necessary, though possible, but not round at hand.

As leap year comes round our thoughts will always turn affectionately to the late Maurice F. R. Hibbert, who enjoyed a birthday every four years and, typical of him, once remarked, 'I was lucky to be born at all.' I think it was February two years ago he reminded the Exercise a method existed called 'Scientific Triples' (which appeared in print later), but apart from old dust in 'Bell News,' he never expected a peal to be knocked off.

The late Maurice Swinfield called one peal of Stedman Triples (Law James' 7-part No. 2); also William H. Barber (Law James' 7-part No. 1). Maurice Hibbert called six such compositions with no observation bell. Have we a conductor still with us of equal claims?

D. 'C.' V.

STEEL OR WOODEN FRAMES?

Dear Sir.—Apropos the announcement that there is rot in the nearly 500-years-old oak timbers in the bell frame of the Curfew Tower at Windsor, the following paragraph appeared in the 'Daily Telegraph':—

'Despite the difficulties of obtaining good seasoned oak, it has been decided not to use steel for suspending the bells. Bells hung from timber have a better tone.'

I have always understood that the difference between a steel and wooden frame is negligible from the tone point of view. It would perhaps be interesting to hear the opinions of the more experienced members of the Exercise on this, and also whether the statement could be backed up by scientific data.—Yours sincerely,

J. MARTIN PAGE.

King's Langley, Herts.

EAST BERGHOLT BELLS

Dear Sir.—In reply to the query from Australia regarding East Bergholt bells, we do ring changes on them. The treble starts off and holds over the 2nd, then the 3rd, and so on till she passes the tenor, then she leads again (wrong) and then passes each bell in turn till she comes home again having lost a whole pull in the process, in order to be at the same stroke as the rest. The treble signals by hand to the other bells when he wants to change; as the noise is so great shouting is useless.

In the bellcage there is a board which states: 'On April 21st, 1821, was rung on these bells 120 changes of Singles by making the tenor the quick hunt and the treble the half ditto.' Then follows the names of the ringers. Most ringers think it means Grandsire, but whatever it was, it was a wonderful performance. Owing to the noise it had to be learnt off by heart.—Yours truly,

W. D. BAILEY.

Stratford St. Mary, near Colchester.

MRS. PAILING'S THANKS

Dear Sir.—May I, on behalf of my two sons and myself thank all ringers who contributed to the Memorial Fund, which I received yesterday, £163 1s.

It will be of considerable help in educating the boys and I am more than grateful. I feel I must say a special 'thank you' to the Nottingham District of the Southwell Guild for all their kindness and help in the belfry.—Yours sincerely,

M. I. PAILING (Mrs.).

Arnold, Notts.

LONG PEALS OF MINOR

Sir.—I myself called a 10,080 Minor over 40 year ago (Easter Monday, 1911, in 5 hours and 55 minutes), at Ratby, Leics. The Vicar gave a peal board for this and erected it in the porch where—as he remarked at the time—everyone going into church would see it, and not merely a few ringers who go to the belfry! Several other 10,080's have been rung, and in my 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' I record a 15,120 at Wath, Yorks. in 8 hours and 20 minutes on Shrove Tuesday, February 27th, 1816.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester

Dear Sir.—A peal of Minor of the same length as the one at Tunstall, namely, 10,080 changes in 13 methods and in the somewhat shorter time of 5 hours and 24 minutes was rung for the Bedfordshire Association at Fimberton on June 23rd, 1923, conducted by the late Charles W. Clarke.

H. D. HARRIS.

Woburn.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

By J. HIGGINS

A peal of Stedman Triples having two symmetric observation bells. There are five callings—A, B, C, A1, B1, the standard calling being:—

2314567

3527146 A
3526174 B
3524167 C

3457216 A1
3456271 B
3451267 C1

Repeated nine times, with single for the very last bob at half way and end. (The effect being to interchange 6 and 7.)

A	B	C
2314567	3527146	3526174
3426175	5734261	— 5631274
3467251	S 5742316	— 5617342
S 4732615	— 7253416	— 6753142
S 4726351	7231564	S 6731524
S 7643215	2167345	S 7165342
7631452	S 2167354	— 7153642
6175324	S 1327645	— 1374526
— 6153724	S 1367254	— 1345726
S 1367542	S 3612745	— 3512467
S 1375624	3624157	— 3524167
3512746	6435271	
— 3527146	— 6452371	
	S 4263517	
	4231675	C1 3456271
A1 3524167	2147356	
	S 2173465	— 4632571
	1326754	— 4627315
5436271	1365247	S 6743251
5467312	S 3512674	— 6732451
S 4753621	— 3526174	— 7264351
S 4736512		S 7243615
7641325		— 2371456
7612453		— 2314756
S 6274135		— 3425167
6243751		— 3451267
S 2367415		
S 2374651		
3425716		
— 3457216		

St. Andrew's University Society

The inaugural meeting of the St. Andrew's University Society of Change Ringers was held on February 5th when the following officers were elected:—Master, Donald R. Marshall; hon. secretary, Miss M. L. Hawksley; hon. treasurer, Alan H. Batten.

For some time past members have attended practices with the local band at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Dundee, and have been holding regular handbell practices in St. Andrew's.

The Society's first official ringing was, unfortunately, an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Doubles, on February 15th, in memory of His late Majesty, King George VI. Owing to the inexperience of the band and the weight of the bells, only a half peal was scored.

Norfolk Churchwarden's 80th Birthday

On February 23rd Mr. Ronald E. Browne, churchwarden at Loddon, Norfolk, celebrated his 80th birthday, and to honour the occasion members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers rang a peal of Superalive Surprise Major on the bells of the Parish Church.

Mr. Browne, himself an honorary member of the Association, has been associated with local ringing for over 50 years and although not aspiring to great heights as a ringer, often helped to make up a band on Sundays by ringing the treble to call-changes. He is also a member of the choir.

After the peal, the ringers, their wives and families, together with other friends, were entertained to tea by Mr and Mrs. Browne.

MEMORIAL RINGING TO A BELOVED KING

We publish this week our fourth instalment of quarter peal ringing to the memory of King George VI.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Blaise, 420 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): D. Wheat 1, Mrs. A. Smythe 2, Miss D. Smythe 3, Mrs. E. Wylie 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

BRECON, WALES.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: S. V. Edwards (first quarter) 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, W. C. Smith 3, A. Matthews 4, G. Davies 5, J. Parry 6, J. A. Smith 7, D. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Watkins 1, P. Tomkins 2, J. Thomas (cond.) 3, J. Bedford 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6. Rung half-muffled.

BRONLLYS, BRECON.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. V. Edwards 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, J. L. Gwynne 3, W. C. Smith 4, B. H. Davies 5, J. A. Smith 6.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Davies (first quarter) 1, P. A. Smith 2, W. Young 3, E. Smith 4, H. D. Paul 5, W. Seeking (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at hand-stroke.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Feb. 6th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, Rev. T. P. Hearn 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, V. R. Williams 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, W. H. Hayward 6, W. Wrigley 7. Also on Feb. 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, F. J. Lewis, jun., 2, Sgt. L. Dixon (R.A.F.) 3, A. Law 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung half-muffled.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (being 2 720's Plain Bob): Miss M. Dowsett (first quarter) 1, J. West 2, I. Saunders (first quarter 'inside') 3, P. J. Came 4, E. W. Roast 5, J. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

DUNDEE.—At the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, on Feb. 15th, 2,520 Grandsire Double (on the back six): Rev. C. Harwood Dixon 1, Miss M. L. Hawksley 2, Alan H. Batten 3, P. North 4, D. R. Marshall (cond.) 5, P. Coste 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Marlow 1, Gillian Britain 2, W. Robinson 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. Coward 5, A. Harman 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, D. J. Oakshott 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of King George VI., and also a tribute to Mr. A. Mann, for over 50 years a ringer in this tower, whose funeral took place the previous day.

FARNWORTH, LANCs.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catharine Howard 1, H. Smethills 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, A. Lomas 4, J. Thornley 5, V. Gaunt 6, P. Crook, sen., 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung fully-muffled.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. S. Wyles 1, H. Manuel 2, C. Eades 3, F. Pack 4, B. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, W. Dennett 7, P. R. Jemmett 8. Rung half-muffled.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Stoddart 1, H. Tice 2, H. J. Newman 3, C. Pound 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, C. Stoddart 6, R. Pound 7, P. Coles 8. First quarter ever by a local band. Rung half-muffled.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Cook 1, L. F. Ellis 2, Miss J. Lear 3, T. Harris 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. C. Day 6, J. W. Owen (cond.) 7, E. Veale 8. Rung half-muffled.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Colum, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Fielding (first away from tenor) 1, Joan McKinlay 2, W. H. Young (first as cond.) 3, Lily Hughes 4, J. Campbell 5, D. L. Dunseith 6. Rung half-muffled.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, A. Cooper 3, S. Summers 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Whitehead 1, J. A. Grace 2, D. B. Cater 3, H. Clegg 4, S. A. James (cond.) 5, J. S. Whitehead 6. Rung fully-muffled.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Williams 1, Joan Gray 2, Valerie Willard 3, G. Weston 4, H. Ross 5, E. Knott 6, P. Gray (cond.) 7, J. Roper 8. Rung half-muffled.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Lampert 1, D. Neville 2, F. Parsons 3, Miss E. Chandler 4, C. Osler (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: S. Blatch 1, S. King 2, N. King 3, R. Bridges 4, H. King (cond.) 5, J. Lodge 6. Rung half-muffled.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (360 each of Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Oxford and Double Court): B. Barber 1, J. Forder 2, T. Fenn 3, D. Fenn 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, A. E. Long 6. Rung half-muffled.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, G. Bush 2, S. Wright 3, C. Woods 4, W. Rose (cond.) 5, H. Goakes 6, L. Hadman 7, W. Barker 8. Rung half-muffled.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, M. F. Oakshott 3, J. Bennett 4, P. J. Spice 5, C. A. Hughes 6, R. H. Begrie 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8, F. L. Blewer 9. Rung half-muffled with tenor covering.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Gosling 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, I. Jenkins 3, A. Snape (longest length on 'inside') 4, E. Holdsworth 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled.

PRESTWICH, LANCs.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. Leyland 1, H. Hardisty 2, V. Eckersall 3, P. Reeves 4, F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, F. Maude 6, G. A. Bell 7, L. Reynolds 8. Rung half-muffled. Also on Feb. 14th: F. Maude 1, H. Hardisty 2, A. Turner 3, V. Eckersall 4, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith 5, F. Reynolds (cond.) 6, G. A. Bell 7, A. Leighton 8. Rung fully-muffled.

RAINFHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Emily B. P. Walker 1, Patricia Smce 2, F. J. Cheal 3, W. C. Plumridge 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, T. A. Cross 6, G. Kenward 7, W. Holland 8. Rung half-muffled.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Stagg 1, C. Drewett 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, H. C. Spencer 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, R. G. Clemens 6, S. Seymour 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Miss J. C. Worthan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. M. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung half-muffled.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hicks (first quarter) 1, E. Avery 2, G. King 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, F. Hook 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hicks 1, G. King 2, E. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, F. Hook 8. Rung with bells half-muffled.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Faithfull 1, Mrs. C. H. Kippin 2, Joyce Cox 3, Mrs. R. Faithfull 4, Ann West 5, D. Cecil Williams 6, W. Glasspool 7, M. J. Butler 8, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 9, O. N. Curtis 10. Rung half-muffled.

SPRATON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Buckley 1, W. Brown 2, R. Buckley 3, J. Griffen (first quarter) 4, G. Wykes (cond.) 5. Rung fully-muffled.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6-8 covering): S. Bull 1, A. Hammond 2, Joan Hills 3, A. Reeve 4, Constance Chinnery (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6, H. Chinnery 7, H. Kenyon 8. Rung fully-muffled with tenor open at back-stroke.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: A. Roberts 1, R. D. Hayne 2, — Haile 3, N. Haile 4, H. Folwell 5, F. Brassington 6, F. E. Pervin (cond.) 7, H. E. Sibley 8. Rung half-muffled.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lees 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, A. L. Dunn 3, D. H. Watson 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. Whatmore (cond.) 6, G. W. Boughton 7, R. Cooper (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Clemens 1, J. Reed 2, C. Drewitt 3, R. G. Clemens 4, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 5, P. Stagg (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Clemens 1, P. R. C. Williams 2, C. Drewitt 3, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 4, R. G. Clemens 5, P. Stagg 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints', on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. O. Noble 4, H. W. Pratt 5, F. R. Nicholls 6, L. W. Fisher 7, S. Clements 8. Rung fully-muffled.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Powell 1, G. Pearson 2, F. Green 3, N. Tompkins (cond.) 4, A. Lomas 5, W. Thompson 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Jones 8. Rung half-muffled.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Witt 1, W. Warren 2, W. H. Tarr 3, F. Chedgely 4, A. H. Reed 5, C. Williams 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, H. Mockridge 8. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Rowsell 1, F. Matravers 2, W. H. Tarr 3, D. Witt 4, W. Warren 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, G. Sage (first quarter in eight) 8. Both rung half-muffled.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. R. Turner 1, Group Capt. T. V. Lister 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, W. Bartlett 4, A. J. Cole (cond.) 5, H. S. Ball 6, Miss P. F. Sprackling and R. M. Packwood rang fixed trebles. First quarter by all except ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 St. Simon's, 360 Grandsire): J. P. Eastland 1, T. Radford 2, E. A. Boam 3, F. Bradley (first quarter of Doubles as cond.) 4, W. Riley 5. First quarter Doubles 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Young 1, Miss W. E. Hunt 2, Miss J. D. Cuddy 3, Miss P. Holloway 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, W. Hunt 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8. Rung half-muffled.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Newick (first of Minor) 1, Ann Bassett 2, A. Hemsley (first of Minor 'inside') 3, C. Pilbeam 4, L. W. Giles 5, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 6. The first quarter of Minor by a local band for over 50 years. Rung half-muffled.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, M. Cook 3, A. Armstrong 4, V. Adams (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. V. Ballam (first quarter) 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. L. Rickwood 3, E. Footer 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, J. R. Waller 2, A. Hunter 3, A. V. Coates 4, G. W. White 5, W. A. Breckon 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, J. Hodgson 8. Rung half-muffled.

WIGTOFT, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor and St. Clement's Minor: F. Richardson 1, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 2, L. H. Taylor 3, J. W. Baily 4, R. J. Toynton 5, R. Padley (cond.) 6.

WONERSH, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. P. Hammond 1, W. E. Enticknap 2, A. Rooke 3, L. S. Hammond 4, G. D. Enticknap (first quarter as cond.) 5, B. Mackett (first quarter) 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Minor (being 36 Little Bob, 720 Plain Bob and 504 Single Oxford Bob Minor): Miss L. Fox 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, T. Yardley 4, R. O. Stroud 5, H. Kirby (cond.) 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHs.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Webster 2, E. Millington 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, J. Clutton 5, J. M. Capper 6, A. Lea 7, C. Pridding (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

IN MEMORIAM QUARTER PEALS TO KING GEORGE VI.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Beverley and 720 Lightfoot): J. Hobbs 1, W. J. Puddifoot 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, A. V. Good 4, E. J. Upton 5, W. C. Hughes 6. Rung half-muffled.

ARDINGTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, quarter peal of Bob Doubles: H. A. Gardiner 1, Mrs. H. A. Gardiner 2, H. White 3, R. Davis 4, C. Lay (first as cond.) 5, A. Stone 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. First of Doubles 3, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss V. Burton 1, C. Cooper (cond.) 2, W. H. Johnson 3, Miss L. Mottishaw 4, Mrs. L. Heath 5, Mrs. J. Somerville 6, G. Arrand 7, B. Birkett 8. Rung fully-muffled.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Wills 1, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 2, Eileen Burton 3, J. Walton 4, T. Bollingbroke 5, C. Weston 6, D. Watson (first in method) 7, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Illston 1, R. Flowers 2, G. James (cond.) 3, T. Earby 4, C. Walton 5, W. Green 6. Rung half-muffled.

BARNLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor: B. Broadhead 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, P. Carbutt 3, H. Rusby 4, N. F. Moxon 5, E. Stainrod (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Howe 1, P. Hall 2, W. Carbutt 3, F. Mitchell 4, P. Carbutt 5, A. Birch 6, N. F. Moxon 7, E. Stainrod (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. Rung fully-muffled.

BARWELL, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill 1, J. L. Hough 2, A. H. Hough (cond.) 3, Miss B. Colver 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. A. Lucas 6, G. P. Garner 7, T. K. Deacon 8. Rung half-muffled.

BATH.—At the Abbey, on Feb. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Prescott 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. H. Hurford 4, H. D. Taylor 5, M. Helps 6, J. Hallett 7, T. F. King (cond.) 8, R. O. Fry 9, H. Merrett and K. Medway 10. Rung half-muffled following the two minutes' silence in memoriam H.M. King George VI.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Baker 1, S. G. Grant (cond.) 2, W. Mortimer 3, J. Romain 4, F. Hale 5, F. Wiltshire 6, H. Gummer 7, T. Merritt 8. Rung half-muffled.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: F. Jukes (first quarter on eight) 1, A. Mallen 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, T. Hemmings 4, A. C. Boxley 5, B. Lawton 6, J. Lloyd 7, S. Mallen 8. Rung half-muffled.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Talbot 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Mrs. S. Brown 4, G. Stocker 5, R. Crook 6, R. Rex (cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8. Rung half-muffled.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Cochrane 1, Mavis Watson 2, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 3, T. Pryce 4, A. W. Skelton 5, G. C. Smith 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Bangs 1, T. Norris 2, Mrs. T. Norris 3, P. Nash 4, S. Smith (first quarter in method) 5, A. Wenban 6, L. North 7, N. Jenkins (cond.) 8. Rung fully-muffled.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nunn 1, R. Darch 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Jordan 4, J. Thurlow (cond.) 5, J. Parling 6. Rung half-muffled.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barratt 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2, J. Lawrence 3, A. Worth 4, A. Street 5, J. P. Jackson 6. Rung fully-muffled.

CHESTER.—On Feb. 6th, at the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. W. Griffiths 1, Miss H. Close 2, J. Hayes 3, A. B. Close 4, P. Swindley 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6, R. G. Corby 7, T. Griffiths 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Mole 1, F. Sheraton 2, W. Phillips 3, M. A. P. Bertie 4, J. W. Robson 5, C. Mordue 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, R. Chicken 8. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wells 1, A. Lintott 2, A. Williams 3, E. C. Birkett 4, J. Ridyard 5, F. S. Almond (cond.) 6.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Oliver 1, P. Draffan 2, R. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, A. Cowan 5, R. B. Skelton 6, T. W. Dodd (cond.) 7, T. B. Hargreaves 8. Rung half-muffled.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Gray 1, Elizabeth Brown 2, Miss M. Mackenzie 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, H. J. Gray 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara W. Chown 1, S. G. Osborne 2, A. A. Chown 3, W. Kilsby 4, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. Rung half-muffled on the back six.

DEAL, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Manfries 1, Miss A. Vine 2, Miss J. Wells (cond.) 3, M. Milner 4, J. Baxter 5, W. Mount 6. Rung half-muffled.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, G. H. Daynes 2, J. Hurrell 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, R. G. Long 5, T. A. Easterby 6, J. E. Warner 7, A. F. Bennington 8. Rung half-muffled.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Pudney 1, F. Claydon 2, H. Carter 3, F. Limb 4, F. Ridgwell 5, C. Saywood 6, R. Lyon 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

EBBW VALE, MON.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, A. Evans 2, Audrey Stephens (first 'inside') 3, R. Alsop 4, B. Werry 5, J. Alsop 6, R. Stephens (cond.) 7, J. Jaynes 8. The ringing of the 4th also rang for Queen Victoria's funeral. Rung half-muffled.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, T. Staggs 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, W. Paul 5, W. Bower 6, S. Atkins 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Myles 1, Miss J. Morse 2, R. Wenban 3, Miss E. Morse 4, W. Godwin (cond.) 5, G. Burge 6. Rung half-muffled.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. H. Mills 1, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 2, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 3, L. Hallett 4, R. C. Turner 5, R. E. Woods 6. Rung half-muffled.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Sewell 1, J. A. Ainsworth 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, J. Hedley 4, T. W. Crowe 5, N. H. Hewett 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. Heal 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringers also wish to associate with this ringing the name of E. Wallace, member of Newcastle Cathedral Guild, whose tragic death occurred earlier in the week.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, A. Bradford 2, H. Morgan 3, S. Dixon 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5, G. Arrand 6, C. H. Baker 7, J. S. Cook (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Beverley and 720 Bourne): K. B. Good 1, T. G. Morton 2, A. V. Good 3, W. Ayre (cond.) 4, E. J. Upton 5, D. E. Latchford 6. Rung half-muffled, and also in memory of Canon Frederick Halsey.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. M. White 1, Mrs. C. A. Crutenden 2, E. Lish 3, F. E. Crutenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, E. W. Morey 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, E. F. Packham 8. Rung fully-muffled.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): Miss J. Phillips 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, D. Body (first quarter) 3, L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Hollingdale 1, P. F. Romney 2, J. Backshall, jun., 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, R. Cragg 6. Rung fully-muffled.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cummings 1, B. R. Cummings 2, D. K. Lane 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, W. G. Lane 5. Rung half-muffled.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss M. J. Freer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, P. Spice 4, C. W. Outley 5, J. H. Lott 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, J. W. Ward 8, J. Bullock 9, F. L. Blew 10. Rung half-muffled.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: J. Coe (15, first quarter) 1, W. Carnwell (cond.) 2, E. Twigg 3, F. Edwards 4, J. V. M. Mosley 5, W. Edwards 6. Rung half-muffled.

LEICESTER.—On Feb. 17th, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jay Whitehead 1, E. R. Whitehead 2, Arthur Cattell 3, Alan Cattell (cond.) 4, E. Cattell 5, C. V. Cattell 6. Rung half-muffled.

LEIGH, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Card 1, G. Hitchcock 2, D. Pankhurst 3, G. Whitehead 4, B. Pankhurst (cond.) 5, B. Lucas (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, quarter peal Stedman Triples: C. Willmington 1, R. Smith 2, F. Housden 3, R. Stephens 4, M. Stephens 5, J. Grove 6, E. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Crampton 8. First of Stedman Triples 4 and 5.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Keeble 1, A. Smith 2, A. Levy, jun., 3, E. Steward 4, A. Pipe (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): F. Millier 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Rosemary Hutchings 3, Derek Millier 4, Muriel Legg 5, M. Hutchings 6. Rung half-muffled.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 1, E. A. Barnett 2, R. K. Wilkings 3, E. H. Kilby 4, J. S. Mason 5, W. R. Oatley 6, T. J. Lock 7, P. A. Corby 8. Rung half-muffled for the civic memorial service.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,952 Kent Treble Bob: F. Linfoot 1, F. Popplewell 2, C. Aaron 3, A. Rogers 4, H. Smith 5, A. Henchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung fully-muffled.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Feb. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Bottomley 1, V. Norbury 2, H. Lomas 3, W. Matthews 4, S. Pickford 5, H. Lonyon 6, K. Smith 7, W. E. Mashiter 8, F. Yates (cond.) 9, C. Morlidge 10. Rung half-muffled.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Finch (cond.) 1, H. Vince 2, G. Berry 3, J. Prentner 4, A. Pipe 5. Rung half-muffled.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Smith 1, E. Peare 2, B. Myles 3, W. Godwin (cond.) 4, H. Day 5, G. Burge 6. Rung half-muffled.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, K. Acer 4, H. Pickles 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung fully-muffled.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Anson 1, V. Hollinshead 2, E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Longlands 4, L. Evans 5, H. Parks 6, H. Edge 7, G. H. Childs 8. Rung half-muffled.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. J. Baker 1, J. J. Yeates 2, B. Shearn 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, C. J. Miles (first quarter) 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Mansfield 1, L. Beale 2, C. W. Sams 3, A. A. Livings 4, K. C. S. Wood 5, W. Aley 6. Rung half-muffled. The bells were dedicated the previous day.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 240 Stedman and 780 Grandsire): J. G. Hall 1, R. Jackson 2, P. Wishart 3, T. M. Cox 4, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 5, A. Spurdle 6. First quarter of Doubles and in three methods for all except 5. Rung half-muffled.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Monk 1, R. J. Andrews 2, D. Sleet (cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, H. Hancock 5, J. Ribbans 6. Rung fully-muffled.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon and 60 of Place Bob): L. Warren 1, W. G. Soar (cond.) 2, T. J. Marriott 3, P. Marriott 4, A. J. Marriott 5, W. Noble 6. Rung half-muffled.

OBITUARY

MR A. J. CORRIGAN

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Andrew James Corrigan, aged 67 years, the dearly-loved husband of Mrs. Jessie Corrigan, of Bitton, near Bristol, on February 25th, after a short illness. The funeral was at Bristol Crematorium on February 27th, and besides the family mourners, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association were represented by the following:—Mr. John G. Jefferies (Master); Mr. F. G. Leaker (vice-president and chairman of the Bristol City Branch, of which Mr. Corrigan was a member); Mr. C. R. Harding (vice-president and chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch); Mr. A. Prince (member of the Management Committee); Mr. Oliver E. Hill (Dursley); Mr. Allan A. Hilliar (Bristol); and Mr. Frank Skidmore (hon. secretary). The floral tributes included one from the officers and members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Andrew Corrigan was a well-known personality in the Exercise throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. He hailed from Ireland, having been educated in Dublin, and was taught to ring by none other than Gabriel Lindoff. He came to England and was particularly well known and respected in Norwich and the Southampton area, where he lived for a short time before coming to Bristol about 1938.

His peals, although no accurate record has been kept, numbered hundreds, many of which were rung for the Irish Association in Dublin, especially at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he was a member for a great many years. He was also a member of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol.

A printer by profession, he rendered valuable service to the Exercise by his publications of Surprise methods, which are widely known. The Gloucester and Bristol Association have lost a good friend who, through his professional and practical assistance, had made it possible for the Association to continue to issue its annual reports, despite the high cost of printing in these days. In fact he was working on the report for 1951 when he had the seizure from which he never recovered and this report will be his memorial. The work and time that Andrew Corrigan spent in the interest of ringing and ringers had made him loved and revered throughout the Exercise.

FRANK SKIDMORE.

MR. T. H. SURTEES

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association lost its oldest member when Thomas Henry Surtees, of Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham, died at the age of 84 on February 10th. His membership dated back to 1886.

He was a member of the Benfieldside band in its heyday of Surprise Minor ringing and his only peal was one in seven Surprise Minor methods. He had not been able to do any ringing of recent years and last rang for one of the victory celebrations during the war.

The funeral took place on February 13th at St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, conducted by the Vicar, and was followed by interment at Benfieldside, where he was born. The Association was represented at the funeral and special ringing was arranged at Blackhill and Benfieldside.

Mr. Surtees rose to be manager of the Shotley Bridge Branch of the Co-operative Society. He had many hobbies in addition to his ringing and these included fishing, photography and cricket. He did much to bring happiness to his fellows by various efforts in Shotley Bridge and a crowded church at his funeral, with some mourners having to stand outside, tells of the high esteem in which he was held in the locality.

MR. ERNEST WALLACE

The sudden death of Mr. Ernest Wallace came as a great shock to his ringing friends in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and more especially the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

He died in hospital following severe head injuries sustained in an accident involving a private car while he was cycling along Jesmond Road, Newcastle, on February 13th. The funeral was private at Heaton Cemetery, following Requiem Mass at St. Theresa's R.C. Church, Heaton, on February 18th. Mr. Wallace was only 30 years of age and he leaves a widow to whom is expressed deepest sympathy.

Ernest began his ringing career at All Saints', Newcastle, and, after a short stay with the Fenham band, he eventually became a member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild. He developed into a first-class ringer both on tower bells and handbells. Under the tuition of the late Mr. W. H. Barber, and in partnership with Mr. Chris Hetherington, he was an expert tune ringer with four bells 'in hand' and there will be many ringers who will recall how these two had delighted audiences at the Association's annual meetings. On tower bells he was principally noted for his ability with complicated touches of Stedman.

Ernest was not a prolific peal ringer. The time that he was able to devote to ringing was, for the past few years, restricted by his spare-time study and, later, evening-class tuition at Rutherford College. He obtained his B.Sc. by these studies. Nevertheless, the list of his 44 peals, which is appended, shows a good variety and several in the more advanced methods, many of these latter being rung with little or no previous practice. He 'completed the circle' at St. John's, Newcastle, with his last peal and he had made good progress in his ambition to do the same at Newcastle Cathedral, having rung all but 1, 2 and 4 of the thirteen.

Ringers will mourn the untimely passing not only of a first-class ringer with an unbounded enthusiasm for bells and ringing, but also a fine character and good companion, and will find the gap that he has left very hard to fill.

An attempt for a peal on the night of his funeral came to grief through a broken rope, but after this had been spliced 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung half-muffled at St. John's, Newcastle, by C. McGuiness 1, K. Arthur 2, W. E. Robinson 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, E. N. Harrison 5, T. W. Crowe 6, E. P. Crowdy 7, D. A. Bayles (conductor) 8. Another attempt is to be made for a memorial peal.

His peals are as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

Maximus: Kent 1. Cinques: Stedman 1; Royal: Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1. Kent 1. Surprise: Albanian 1, Cambridge 2, New Cambridge 1. Caters: 5 (cond. 1).

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Triples: Stedman 3. Minor: 7 methods 2 (1), 5 methods 1. Doubles, Stedman 1 (1).

HANDBELLS

Plain Bob Royal 1, Major 3. Total: Tower bells 40 (conducted 3), handbells 4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Northern District was held at Stevenage on Saturday, February 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. King, after which tea was taken at the Rectory, 36 members being present. The Rector took the chair at the business meeting at which three new members were elected. Ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Wolvey and Burton Hastings on Saturday, March 8th. Burton Hastings bells (5) 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Wolvey bells (6) 6 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Tea at Wolvey 5 p.m.—A. J. Hinde, Dis. Sec. 382

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual at East Grinstead on March 8th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in small Parish Hall.—C. A. Bassett. 317

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans and Western Districts.—Joint meeting at Harpenden on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45—8 p.m. Tea 5. Reports available. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 365

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, March 8th, at Hythe. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the School Room, by kind invitation of the churchwardens.—B. W. May. 336

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 8th, St. Mary's, Church Road, Leyton (Central London tube). Ringing 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, Leyton Restaurant, near Town Hall, 5 p.m. Business 6, and ringing till 7.30.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Wanstead 1575. 338

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at Christ Church, Manchester Road, Cubitt Town, E.14, on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 to 6 p.m. Service, tea and business. Bus route 56—Poplar to Limehouse—passes church.—T. J. Lock. 347

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) to all who notify Mr. W. Graves, Low Street, Carlton. Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 390

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Yoxford, March 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. 361

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, March 8th, Tuddenham, 3—5 o'clock; Rishmere 7—9 o'clock. Tea in Ipswich at 5.15. Election of District Secretary.—M. Page. 368

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, 5.15 p.m. Redhill bells not available as previously stated.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 282

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, March 8th, 3 p.m.—B. W. White. 356

HALESWORTH PARISH CHURCH.—Even-song, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, March 9th, unveiling of stone tablet memorial to F. C. Lambert. All ringers and others interested are invited to attend. 297

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held on March 15th at the Bell Foundry, 3 p.m. St. Margaret's, Barking, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 404

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkburton, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify, not later than March 12th, Mr. R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 401

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano, March 15th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 389

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting, Barton, Saturday, March 15th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please.—Dennis Knox, Dis. Sec. 392

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Lawton, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea must be received by 12th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 384

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, March 15th, Tibshelf (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All persons requiring tea please notify, not later than Thursday, March 13th, Mr. T. H. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf.—J. W. Price. 399

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, St. Neots (8), Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in local cafés 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 393

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Leigh on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5. Notify for tea, by March 11th, W. H. Poulton, The Leigh, near Gloucester.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec. 366

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, March 15th, Fairford. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names by March 13th.—E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester. 409

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, March 15th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 373

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Eleventh annual supper and social, Saturday, March 15th, 6 p.m. in Church Hall (next Church), Heston. Bells (8) from 4. Tickets, 4s. each, available until March 10th, from F. W. Goodfellow, Dis. Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks. 319

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SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Hilmarton (6), March 15th, at 3. Names for tea, Rev. Rich, Vicarage, Hilmarton, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 381

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Chiseldon, March 15th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 381

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Annual quarterly meeting at Brighouse, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday, March 12th, H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 352

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Joint meeting with Beverley and District Society at Hull on Saturday, March 15th. Bells: Holy Trinity (10) after meeting till 9 o'clock; St. Mary's, Lowgate, 2 to 4 o'clock. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.15. Tea (3s. 6d.) in Choir School, near Holy Trinity Church, 5 p.m. Please inform, by March 13th, Mr. G. F. Williams, 90, Hall Road, Hull.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 381

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Sunday, March 16th at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Fairland School at 2s. 3d. each. Names or numbers, not later than Thursday, 13th, to Mr. A. Haines, 9, Watton Road, Hingham. Ringing after tea till 9 p.m. 379

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Meeting at Kelvedon, March 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names, if possible, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon. 398

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Meeting at Longstone (6) on Saturday, March 22nd at 3 p.m. Cafe close by; own tea arrangements. All are welcome.—D. S. Gregory. 412

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch. — Annual meeting at Acle, Saturday, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Church Rooms. All names in by March 19th to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth, 378

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Meeting, Sandford St. Martin (6), Saturday, March 22nd. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 387

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.— Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting arranged to take place in Coventry on April 19th has been postponed to April 26th.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 396

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.— Informal Dinner Mardle, Open to all Norfolk and Suffolk Branches. Wednesday, April 30th, 7.30 p.m., Swan Hotel, East Harling. Handbells after. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, please, to Dr. Paul Jonason, East Harling, Norwich, 875

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