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These famous bell-founding firms have kindly consented to this adaptation of their advertisements to meet the pressure on our space, due to the compulsory reduction in the number of our pages this week.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD

Forty years ago—on Feb. 21st, 1908—the first peal by the Warwickshire Guild was rung at Stoke-in-Coventry. It was conducted by J. Frank Smallwood, who first suggested the formation of the Guild, and took an active part in its organisation. His story of the Guild's foundation—the predecessor of the Coventry Diocesan Guild—is below.

Forty-one years ago there was no territorial ringing society covering that part of Warwickshire containing Coventry, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Nuneaton and Rugby. The nearest societies were the St. Martin's Guild, which catered mainly for the Birmingham district, and the Midland Counties Association, which covered an enormous area, bounded in the north by Sheffield, in the east by Lincolnshire, in the west by Staffordshire, and the south by Birmingham. The Warwickshire towers seemed to be unfortunate in their isolation, and in 1907 I advocated, in a letter written to 'The Bell News' ('The Ringing World' had not then been born), the formation of a ringing association for Warwickshire. The idea was strongly supported by Harvey Reeves, the Editor. Feeling encouraged by this, I visited many towers in the district to gain further support, with varying results—Warwick and Rugby were very enthusiastic; Nuneaton, where there was an efficient company, were inclined to be hostile. They had rung many peals for the M.C.A. and were quite content to leave matters as they were.

Buses in those days were not numerous, and the usual means of getting from place to place was by cycling. Every evening of every week, wet or fine, I used to cycle from Coventry to take part in the local practices. On Monday it would be Rugby, where James George lived. (He was the proud possessor of a handsome black beard in those days.) He had been actively concerned in getting the heavy peal of eight installed in the new tower. Tuesday would see me on my way to Chilvers Coton, where a new peal of eight had been installed by Taylor's. Wednesday was practice night at Warwick, and there I used to meet the enthusiastic sexton, Ted Adams (who learned his ringing at Fulham), and where I had earlier met John D. Matthews (later Master of the Cumberlands), who was in those days a linotype operator working on the Warwick newspaper. I remember seeing John ringing 7-8 whilst coaching six others through their first efforts at Double Norwich on handbells.

Thursday was Nuneaton's practice night, and realising the importance of gaining support from this tower, I very rarely missed attending. Friday was the practice night at Stoke-in-Coventry, and much work had to be done there to raise a band strong enough for Grandsire Triples—so it was a pretty full time job to work up sufficient support.

After a few months, James George and A. L. Coleman, of Rugby, definitely promised their support, and shortly afterwards at Nuneaton Tom Chapman and Harry Argyie (whom I christened 'the heavenly twins,' because they were always together) came over to my way of thinking, and a meeting was planned to launch the new venture. Joseph H. White was doing some good and useful work at Nuneaton (where he was working at that time) by winning several of the ringers over to support the proposed Guild.

The meeting was duly held at the Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick, in November, 1907, and the Guild was founded with E. H. Adams as the Ringing Master and A. L. Coleman as Secretary. At first things did not move very swiftly, and it was not until February 21st, 1908, that I had the pleasure of conducting the first peal by the Guild—Grandsire Triples at Stoke-in-Coventry.

Shortly after this peal, Adolphus Roberts, a distinguished member of St. Michael's Youths, Gloucester, and Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Loughborough, took up residence in Coventry, and things began to move more quickly. Roberts very soon called the first peal of Stedman Triples, at Stoke, and Double Norwich soon followed. There was a young curate at Shottery, near Stratford, named the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and he soon joined in the activities and called the first peal of Treble Bob Major at Bedworth. Meantime Joseph Fenton and his band at Rugby had combined forces with the Coventry, and, along with Joseph H. White, helped to form a good Surprise band. Just at this period my work took me to another part of the country,

but before I left the district the Guild presented me with a very handsome set of tea china, which I still possess.

Joseph H. White acted for many years as secretary and later as Master, and has worked unceasingly for the benefit of the Guild. Frank W. Perrens has also played an important part in developing the Guild, and the present Master, Mr. F. E. Pervin, and secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, have shown themselves to be no less enthusiastic than their predecessors.

In nine years the Guild, which has changed its name to 'Coventry Diocesan Guild,' will be celebrating its jubilee. I hope I shall be spared to attend and meet the few surviving foundation members now left.

TEN BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Cambridge Surprise Royal peal, including Philip M. J. Gray, Albert E. Cheeseman, R. Gordon Cross, Charles H. Kippin, Harry W. Simmons, and Thomas A. Blow.

\* First on ten and of Surprise. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Surprise Royal.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Stedman Caters peal, including Peter Bond, Cecil J. Matthews, Thomas H. Francis, George W. Steere, and D. Alfred Kirkby.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST AND B.V.M.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Grandsire Caters peal, including Fredk. Souter, Frank B. Lufkin, Charles E. J. Norris, Frank C. W. Knight, and Collin P. Suddards.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. Composition rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including Frederick Boreham, Lawrence Poulson, Oliver G. Barnard, and Walter Lee.

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat, Jan. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Ronald F. Burford, Roy Faithfull, Ernest F. Salmons, and William J. Trill.

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS. \* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Stedman Triples peal, including Arthur C. Chaplin, Thomas H. Taffender, John Armstrong, James Bullock, Alfred Prior, Edward D. Smith, Ernest W. Furbank, and Frank V. Gant.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method, also on the bells.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Bob Major peal, including John W. Rollison, Ernest Gower, Harold G. F. Reynolds, Robert W. Percy, A. Patrick Cannon, Peter H. Rollison, Ronald W. Pankhurst, and Frank H. Hicks.

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including Keith Salter, Clifford Skidmore, Alan A. Potts, George E. Fearn, Stephen L. Parry, David Vincent, Fred Dunkerley, and John Worth.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY. In memoriam the men of Kidderminster who fell during the war.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including Patricia Holmes, J. Frank Smallwood, Alfred H. Pulling, William J. Robinson, Raymond Philpott, T. Mark White, Thomas H. Francis, and Harold A. May.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 736 Cambridge and 704 Superlative, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 21½ cwt.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Spiced Surprise Major peal, including M. E. H. Pitstow, Jill Brittain, Winifred Adams, Harry Cheesman, Norman Hobden, Albert J. Adams, Albert E. Cheesman, and Harold N. Pitstow.

Composed by J. TOPP. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW. \* First peal. A compliment to Canon F. N. Skene (Vicar) on his 70th birthday.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including E. J. Davey, John Dearlove, Oliver Sippetts, Kenneth Snelling, Edgar R. Rapley, Albert E. Laker, Frank I. Hairs, and Raymond Overy.

Composed by J. TOPP. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY. \* First peal of Surprise.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and bell numbers for the Bristol Surprise Major peal, including Fredk. J. Finch, Leonard H. Bowler, George M. Kilby, J. Frank Smallwood, Thomas J. Lock, Maurice Hodgson, Allick Cutler, and Charles W. Roberts.

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS. The 200th peal on the bells, and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Matthews.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT PERRY ... .. Treble	*FRANCIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... .. 2	†FREDK. WELCH ... .. 6
REGINALD BEALE ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG... .. 7
JOHN T. LOCKE ... .. 4	†REGINALD WELCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.  
\* First peal 'inside' of Grandsire. † First peal on eight bells.

CHERITON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Jan. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

REGINALD A. REED ... Treble	JOHN WILLIS ... .. 5
*MISS F. GODDERIDGE... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*WALTER C. CHANDLER... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. Tenor 7 cwt.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE ... Treble	RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 5
WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 2	REGINALD BEALE ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 4	HERBERT W. PEARCE ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.  
First peal as conductor on eight bells.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Holt's Six-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS MARGARET RIGBY Treble	ARNOLD G. MOORE ... .. 5
†GEOFFREY W. BEECH (14) 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 6
†GEOFFREY D. WHALLEY ... 3	DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ... 7
EDWARD STEELE ... .. 4	†DAVID SHERRATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.  
\* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble	CYRIL WANDER ... .. 5
HAROLD HARPER ... .. 2	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 6
SYDNEY JESSOP ... .. 3	FRANK DEWEY ... .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 4	BERNARD H. DALTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.  
\* First peal on eight bells.

BUCKLAND MONACHORUM, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*DENIS F. WHEELER ... Treble	G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 5
†HARRY TIPPETT ... .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 6
H. FREDERICK MYERS... 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 7
ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 4	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.  
\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt.

*EWART A. ANDREWS ... Treble	†REGINALD W. KYTE ... .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 2	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	ROBERT A. GEDEN ... .. 7
†THOMAS ABBOT ... .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
\* First peal on eight. † First peal 'inside' on eight. ‡ First peal.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*EDWIN SHARRATT ... Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5
*JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... .. 6
ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 3	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 7
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM P. DEANE.  
\* First Surprise peal. First peal of Surprise Major by a North Staffordshire resident band.

CHATHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

*RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	†FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 5
†BERT W. MAY ... .. 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 6
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 7
*TREVOR A. CROSS ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.  
‡ 50th peal. Tenor 25 cwt.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

JAMES HODGSON ... Treble	FREDK. SEAGER ... .. 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 2	FRED HODGSON ... .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	ALFRED SMITH ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

WORTH, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Jan. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER ... Treble	CHARLES G. STONER ... 4
FLORRIE WYMAN ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
ARTHUR C. STONER ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, King-ton, Oxford, Kent, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.  
\* First in seven methods. † 100th peal.

SEAL CHART, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being one 720 each of Reverse Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR E. WENBAN ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 4
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	W. GEORGE COOK ... .. 5
FREDK. W. BUDGEN ... 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

PENN, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of London and York Surprise, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK CORKE ... Treble	RALPH E. W. WENBAN... 4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 2	JOHN R. MAYNE ... .. 5
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD.

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 17 methods as follows: (1) Newdigate and Wildesden Delight; (2) Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (3) Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob; (4) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood and Wragby Delight; (6) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*ALEX. RICHARDSON ... Treble	*ERIC SIMPSON ... 4
†ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	*ALFRED JOHN LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in 17 methods. † First peal in 17 methods away from treble. Forty-nine changes of method.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*GRIFFITH LAWRENCE ... Treble	*ROY BELLAMY ... 4
*DOUGLAS CULLING ... 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 5
FRED A. ADAMS ... 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since the addition of a new treble. First peal in three methods as conductor.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents (C.C.C. 28, 29, 37, 39, 48, 50 and 52). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LOTTIE R. PIMM ... Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD ... 4
†NORA HONEY ... 2	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
‡DOUGLAS WILKS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY COMMINS ... Treble	DOUGLAS BELLAMY ... 4
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 5
RAYMOND WINTER ... 3	WILLIAM COMMINS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.

To celebrate the gift of a daughter to the wife of the ringer of 2nd.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT PARKIN ... Treble	*JOHN TOYNE ... 4
*MISS MAVIS KING ... 2	†FRED JEFFERY ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	RONALD TROWISS ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS STELLA P. WAIN ... Treble	NORMAN HOUGH ... 4
†MISS DOREEN WILDE ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
MISS MARY ELKINS ... 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method and of Minor.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM H. SMITH ... Treble	JOSEPH PRENTICE ... 4
DAVID SMITH ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON ... 5
WILLIAM HAYES ... 3	HUDSON BERRILL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

HANDBELL PEALS

GUILDFORD SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HAROLD F. WOOD ... 1-2	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' Tenor size 14 in D.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.  
Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH VESTRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 1-2	†GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6
*ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7-8

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 9-10  
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.  
\* 500th peal for Guild. † 500th peal for Guild and 600th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.  
Tenor size 15 in C.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.  
\* First handbell peal. Tenor size 17 in A.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR C. WALSH ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
FRED HODGSON ... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.  
Tenor size 17 in A.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT 21, THE CHINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 3-4	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 7-8

DONALD G. CLIFT ... 9-10  
Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
Tenor size 17 in A.

SIBLE HFDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.  
Tenor size 13 in E.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3-4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.  
First peal as conductor.

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**BELFRY GOSSIP**

All the tickets available have been sold for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

Mr. Donald G. Clift rang his first peal 20 years ago. A handbell peal marked the day.

The peal at Eastbourne was in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Rollison.

Mr. Arthur Pritchard, of Hadley, Shropshire, conducted his 100th peal at Hodnet, Shropshire, on January 24th.

The peal at Bickenhill, Warwickshire, was an 80th birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Hood).

Canon T. Guy Rogers, who has consented to preside at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, is retiring at the end of June after being Rector of St. Martin's for 23 years.

Captain of Curry Rivel (Somerset) tower is Mr. Herbert Perry. His and Mrs. Perry's ruby wedding is honoured by a peal recorded this week.

Mr. J. Parker, who has represented the Royal Cumberland Youths at meetings of the Central Council from 1897-99 and 1906-47, is not seeking re-election this year. He was thanked for his services at the annual meeting last Saturday.

Mr. C. R. Belton has succeeded his late father as captain of the Barwell, Leicestershire, company. Other officers are Mr. G. P. Garner, vice-captain, Mr. A. A. Lucas, secretary, and Messrs. J. Hill and A. Hough, joint towerkeepers.

On February 7th, at Shoreham, Mr. F. Bennett rang his 1,550th peal and his 900th as conductor. He is in his 80th year. This is the highest number of peals by any ringer living. Mrs. E. L. Hairs, his daughter, participated in the peal.

Argument that the Cumberlands would better fulfil the role of a national ringing society if the mastership was at times held away from St. Martin-in-the-Fields preceded the election of Mr. Walter Ayre as the new Master on Saturday. 'Now we are nationalised,' was the cry that greeted his election.

With the idea of encouraging younger members to take office Wroughton (Som.) ringers have elected Mr. W. H. Kingcott, aged 18, as vice-captain to Mr. H. W. Knight. At the annual meeting it was decided to utilise the balance of £4 3s. 2d. towards a board for recording the Hesse memorial peal, which is to be an annual feature.

Two Northants towers—Gayton and Rothersthorpe—where ringing for several years has fallen flat, are back in the news again. Rothersthorpe has appeared in the peal columns with three 'firsts' and Gayton has a waiting list of recruits for their first quarter.

The Exercise will join with us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shuker on completing to-morrow 50 years of married life. We trust that Lancashire will not overlook this golden occasion. Mr. Shuker has held the office of secretary of the County Association for 37 years, and we trust he is still going strong with his co-secretary, Mr. T. Wilson, of Blackburn.

Appropos the splendid achievement of George W. Pine recorded last week, we are reminded that John R. Mayne rang peals of London, Bristol, Four Spliced Surprise Major, Cambridge Superlative and Yorkshire all at the age of 12 years. Margaret Beamish is the youngest ringer to score a peal of London, which she achieved at the age of 11 years. John Mayne rang his peals two years ago.

**London County Association****ANNUAL MEETING AT SOUTHWARK.**

Resulting from the terrible fate of St. Clement Danes' in May, 1941, are the changes of venue for the London County Association's annual meetings. The place chosen for 1948 was Southwark, a parish in which the Association had its headquarters prior to 1839. During the afternoon and evening of February 7th, well over 100 members and friends participated in the proceedings, which almost regained a pre-war standard.

A well-attended, stimulating and pleasant service was held at the Cathedral and conducted by the Vice-Provost (Canon F. S. L. Fitz-George), assisted by the Succentor, the Rev. D. J. W. Bradley.

At tea in the Chapter House members were again privileged by the presence of Canon Fitz-George. The electing and initiating of seven new members and ratifying a previous election was one of the first items of the business meeting which followed.

In his report, the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, stated that some 14 business and practice meetings had been held, 22 new members had been elected and 15 peals had been rung. These ranged from Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal, and included one rarely heard in London—Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

An activity which had continued very successfully was the rotational visiting for Sunday service ringing of towers in the London area which lacked ringers. Very few Sundays had passed without one or more bands of ringers carrying out this important work. Quarter-peals were successfully negotiated on most occasions, many of them being in Surprise methods. These activities enabled many young members to score their first quarter or first in the method.

Elections of officers were: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; general secretary, Capt. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Mr. N. G. Hollingworth; treasurer, Mr. G. J. Strickland; stewards, Mr. Squire Croft and Mr. C. M. Myers; trustees, Mr. A. H. Keighley and Mr. T. W. Taffender; honorary chaplain, the Rev. H. E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark Cathedral.

The health of Mr. E. A. Young had improved sufficiently for him to attend the meeting. He was able to hear personally the thanks of the Association for his untiring work since joining in January, 1891. Since this date he has served in all appointments other than that of Master.

The 'Dawe' Cup Handbell Competition did not take place, as only one entry had been received, this being from All Saints', Isleworth. The team decided they would refrain from competing in the hope that more teams would enter next year.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**

The first quarterly meeting at Bedworth on January 17th attracted between 50 and 60 members and friends. Nuneaton being next on the rota as the place of the annual meeting in April, a suggestion was made that Chilvers Coton be the meeting place, there being ten bells and more members at that tower. The rule was not being infringed in any way, as Coton was in the Borough of Nuneaton. The suggestion was carried.

Rosemary Ashley, of Bulkington, was elected as a member. An appeal by Mr. L. J. Hinde, also of Bulkington, for a donation from the Bell Restoration Fund towards the cost of two new trebles, resulted in the sum of £5 being given.

The Master, Mr. F. E. Pervin, gave notice that he wished to retire from that position in April and asked the members to seek out a suitable successor.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 8s. Votes of thanks to the local ringers for arranging such a sumptuous tea and to the Rector for his unusual address closed the meeting.

**OBITUARY****MR. EDMUND H. LINDUP.**

West Sussex lost an old and valued ringer when Mr. Edmund H. Lindup passed away on February 4th at the age of 78 years. 'Ned' had been a member of the Sussex County Association for 62 years, serving several years on the Western Division Committee, and most of his ringing had been in his native town of Worthing and at Brighton. He had been connected with St. Botolph's, Heene, from the time he joined the boys' choir, and rang on State and Royal occasions for over 60 years.

Following cremation, a half-muffled peal of Bob Minor was rung on the nearby bells of Tarring, Heene bells being out of order.

He rang in 200 peals, more than half of which were rung at Heene—Minor 5 (conducted 4), Grandsire Triples 20 (9), Caters 2, Bob Major 14 (2), Stedman Triples 103 (56), Caters 7, Kent Major 7, Royal 1, Double Norwich 24 (5), Cambridge Major 8 (1). Superlative 9, total 200, conducted 77.

**MR. W. H. LAWRENCE.****An Appreciation.**

William H. Lawrence was born at Little Munden on December 17th, 1875, and was by profession a gardener, being the head of the staff employed by Mr. Nigel Hanbury, of Dane End Estate. He gained his first knowledge of change ringing from the famous Benington band, and in 1895 started a band at his village church, which rang its first 720 in March, 1896.

He was the leader and inspiration of the band until his death, and although sickness during the past few years prevented his accustomed appearance in the belfry, his interest never flagged, and bodily suffering did not prevent his attendance at the Easter meeting of the Herts Association.

The six-bell towers have produced some great ringers, and 'W.H.L.' can be numbered as one amongst many. On October 8th, 1907, he rang at his Parish Church the treble and second in a 5,040 of Minor in five methods, this being followed on February 26th, 1910, by a peal in seven methods, in which he not only rang the first two bells, but also conducted the same. He joined the College Youths in 1898, and was also a member of the Oxford Diocesan and Essex and Middlesex Associations and others. He was a member of the choir, and no Sunday to him was complete unless he was able to be present.

Whatever he undertook, whether on the cricket field, the belfry or other church work, it was his humble Christian personality which overshadowed all things and gained the esteem and respect of the village community and beyond. He could say with St. Paul, 'I know,' and in the power and strength of the Risen Saviour he went forward to accomplish the task which lay before him. We thank God for such a one, trusting many ringers will follow his example.

He also kept a record of the Society's history from its commencement in 1895 to 1939, and from the year 1901 to 1939 (excepting the years 1917, 1918, 1919, war years) the number of 720's rung during each year. This book has been presented to the Vicar and churchwardens.

One beautiful spring memorial to our departed friend is to be seen in the village churchyard, which has been covered for many years with hundreds of daffodils which he planted. The spot is famous. Until now this has been kept a secret, and many have wondered how the beautiful carpet of flowers came into being.

G.W.C.

Between 1901 and 1939 no fewer than 2,539 720's were rung by the Little Munden Society, and the years 1936 and 1937 20 different methods were rung.

Mr. Lawrence's peals are: Maximus K.T.B. 1; Cincus, Stedman 6; Royal K.T.B. 1; Caters, Stedman 2. Grandsire 5; Major K.T.B. 12, Oxford 1, Cambridge 3, Superlative 2, Double Norwich 3, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 11; Triples, Stedman 11, Grandsire 20, Bob 1; various Minor peals 118; total 198.

## Australian Peal Withdrawn

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 21st, 1947, there appears a record of a peal of Doubles in three methods at the Church of St. Jude, Randwick, Sydney, being 1,200 Antelope and 1,920 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. I regret to inform you that the peal was false.

This was pointed out to us in an air-letter received in Sydney two days ago from Mr. A. R. Pinn.

The Antelope was called in ten callings, four of which (the Quick callings) are false, as there are three repeats in each course.

We are naturally very disappointed, as this was the first peal by five of the band.

We wish to apologise for having caused a false peal to be recorded and request that it, together with a quarter-peal of Antelope appearing in the same issue, be deleted from the records.

When the method was sent out to us from England it was stated that it was based on Grandsire, but only six callings were sent. A quarter of an hour before the peal commenced the lead ends for the four quick callings were worked out, and as there was no repeat in the lead ends, it was assumed that these callings had been overlooked, but we have now discovered to our dismay and loss that they were left out with very good reasons.—Yours faithfully,  
R. S. ROWE, Conductor.

St. Jude's Society of Bellringers,  
Randwick, Sydney.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Visiting St. John's, Penge, after an interval of 39 years, the Lewisham District had a most successful meeting attended by 50 members.

Conspicuous at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. E. Bailey, was the election of 22 practising members, including the young band of The Annunciation, Chislehurst, trained by Dr. F. C. W. Knight, a welcome re-affiliation. The election of three non-resident members previous to peal attempts was ratified.

Chislehurst was chosen for the next meeting on May 1st, and the combined meeting with the Surrey Association was suggested for Sept. 4th at St. Mary's, Lewisham.

A most cordial welcome was extended to the district from the church authorities. The Vicar (the Rev. Ian E. Douglas Jones) conducted the service and gave the address, Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) read the lesson and Mr. N. Hext (Penge) acted as organist.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### CAMBRIDGE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Rev. P. Chamier, branch president, and Mrs. Chamier entertained the 41 members and friends attending the annual meeting at Cambridge on Jan. 17th to tea following the service at St. Andrew the Great.

At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected, and after discussion it was decided to start a fund to assist with bell repairs, etc. A collection to start the fund realised £1 11s. 8d.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening was at the Churches of St. Andrew the Great, St. Benet and St. Mary the Great.

## BISHOP AND AMPLIFIED RECORDS

Dedicating an amplified system for broadcasting recordings of bells at St. Mary Stoke, Ipswich, the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich said: 'It would have been far better for the Church to have had a peal of bells, but even if their cost could be met, it would be out of the question at the moment to get them cast. Moreover, unless the tower were rebuilt or reinforced, it would not be possible to ring them.'

'The choice is between the recorded bells or nothing. If you had a peal of bells and your only difficulty was to find ringers for them I should certainly not have been willing to dedicate what is at best an inferior substitute.'

## Hillingdon Ringers' Supper

A company of 33 attended the first supper of St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, on January 30th, under the chairmanship of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford).

Proposing 'The St. John's Guild,' the Vicar referred to the long service of Mr. Hann, the 80-year-old veteran with 60 years to his credit, and Mrs. Goodfellow, who has been a ringet at the church since 1920. It was a great pleasure to him to see that the Guild had a membership of 20.

Appropriately, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (the captain), in reply, referred to Hillingdon's contribution to ringing and that three peals of Grandsire Triples were rung there in 1733, only 15 years after the first peal ever rung. He spoke of previous members who had died in recent years—Harry Chandler, of Warnham fame, 'Rich' Warnett and 'Nob' Davey, both of whom died on military service, Gilbert Mitchell, and dear old Jack Pratt, their late beloved captain, who died last April.

Mr. F. G. Baldwin, who gave 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild,' paid tribute to the work of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, as secretary of the South and West District.

Mr. Cockey, responding, strongly supported Mr. Goodfellow's contention that more should be done in towers to control and improve the sound of the bells. With less volume of sound in the vicinity of the tower, bells would be more appreciated by the public. He explained what had been done at St. Stephen's, Ealing.

Mr. W. H. Coles toasted the visitors, among whom was Frank Blondell, one of the famous Guildford handbell band of some 40 or so years ago, and who took part in the longest peal ever rung on handbells. Mr. W. N. Genna, of Pinner, suitably responded.

## HERTFORDSHIRE JUNIOR RINGERS

Enterprise and reputation for novelty attracted a company of 140 to the annual social of the Western District Junior Section of the Hertfordshire County Association at Berkhamsted on January 31st. Donald Cartwright and Pamela Martin arranged a most enjoyable programme of games and dancing.

Highlight of the proceedings was the sketch in which Mr. Walter Ayre was tried by a jury of young ringers and declared to be fit to become the first honorary member of the Association.

The programme also included songs by Miss Jean Iling, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. N. Clarke, a solo on a saw by Mr. J. Kingham (Tring), and handbell touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples by Miss Rowena Minall, Miss Brenda Fells, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton and Mr. W. Ayre. Berkhamsted handbell ringers—Miss Ruth Wells, Miss Joyce Burton, Mr. H. Porrett and Mr. S. Chappel—played a selection of tunes.

Mr. W. Ayre (county secretary), after commending enthusiasm, administered a little homily, in which he urged no standing still, as more young people were still being taught to learn the art.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

### NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, on Jan. 31st. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson), and tea was provided in the Church Rooms.

The branch chairman (Mr. G. Valentine) presided at the business meeting, supported by the assistant secretary (Mr. Eric Nobles), the attendance being 50. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. R. S. Cowley (hon. secretary), S. Millward and J. Linnett.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. G. Valentine; secretary, Mr. Eric Nobles; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Hammons; Guild Committee, Messrs. G. Care, P. Jones; Branch Committee, Messrs. J. Dunkley, B. O. Soden; auditor, Mr. W. Gamage.

Mr. Gamage thanked the Vicar for conducting service and use of bells, the organist, and Mr. Ashby for making necessary arrangements.

## QUARTER PEALS

BARWELL, LEICS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hough 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, H. Duncombe 3, A. A. Lucas 4, T. K. Deacon 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, G. P. Garner 7, R. Coleman 8. First quarter in the method by 1, 3 and 4.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Mary E. Shadrack (first quarter) 1, P. Mouser (first inside) 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, W. Allen 4, A. Church 5, A. Edwards 6, C. Jaguard 7, A. H. Everett (cond.) 8.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Walford (first as conductor on handbells) 1-2, W. Stevens 3-4, Miss G. Stevens 5-6.

GLOUCESTERS.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Mary de Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wright 1, T. Newman 2, T. Pritchard 3, W. Sidwell 4, G. Case 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, W. Cox 7, H. Newman 8.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Remigius', 1,264 Bob Major: C. Curson 1, R. Lofty 2, C. H. Moore 3, Miss E. Bracey (first quarter) 4, T. Spight 5, R. Fisher 6, R. W. Curson 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob): Mrs. E. Ford 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Brooks.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Impey 1, E. Hancock 2, P. E. Jones 3, F. Corke 4, W. S. Childs 5, W. Honer 6, T. Bannister (cond.) 7, S. Humphrey 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Duffell 1, W. Woodward 2, J. Meakes 3, W. Avery 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (first as conductor) 6.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Jan. 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: M. J. Stimson 1, F. A. Fenton (cond.) 2, F. J. Stimson 3, A. Makears 4, H. Alley 5, W. Smith 6, F. Shephard 7, H. Clayton 8, E. Bartram 9, H. G. Bailey 10. First quarter in the method by all except 2, 4 and 9.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters by H. G. Thompson 1, J. I. P. Davis 2, W. G. Young 3, E. T. Hendley 4, H. G. Baverstock 5, R. C. Hurst 6, A. R. Macdonald (cond.) 7, R. H. True 8, W. H. Houlton 9, H. P. Davis 10. First of Caters for five of the band. For the 81st birthday of Mr. F. W. Townsend, captain of St. James', Poole, ringers.

POPULAR, LONDON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Mrs. A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, J. Armstrong 5, C. Otley 6, E. Furbanks 7, R. Begrie 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Coombes (first as cond.) 1, S. Philbrick 2, R. Croucher 3, J. Belham 4, R. Brown 5, F. Souter 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, W. Perry 8. First of Stedman 1, 2, 3 and 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Harris 1, Miss M. Tiller 2, R. Marlow 3, B. Tiller 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, F. Harris 7, W. Cheater (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

ST. ALBANS.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Peter's, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Wren (first in method) 1, H. V. Frost 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, G. W. Debenham 4, C. F. Sayer 5, H. Mason 6, R. Darvill (cond.) 7, T. J. Southam 8, W. Ayre 9, F. Spicer 10. A 21st birthday compliment to treble ringer.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Jan. 25th, at All Saints', quarter-peal Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, L. W. Fisher 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, H. W. Pratt 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, J. Perkins 8.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Len Mardlin (first quarter) 1, A. L. Mardlin 2, Miss J. Harding 3, Miss F. Reed 4, Miss B. Bull 5, R. J. Houghton (cond.) 6.

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## GOLDEN WEDDING

SHUKER—READE.—On Feb. 21st, 1898, at St. Edward's, Leek, William Henry Shuker, of Market Drayton, Salop, to Annie Reade, of Leek, Staffs.—36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester, 14. 3080

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## MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30. S. Nicolas'. Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, limited to the first 70 names received by A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Widford (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual district meeting, Heston, Feb. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320. 2997

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3062

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, Feb. 21st, St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), will be available from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. St. Stephen's (6) from 4 to 5 p.m. No tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3061

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Meeting, Launton, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bicester (8) after tea. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3045

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 3071

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thorne, Feb. 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5. 3065

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Trumpington (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at The Green Man. Committee please attend.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3063

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Watlington (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring food)—W. Buckenham Marham, King's Lynn. 3064

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Cheshunt, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me before Tuesday, Feb. 24th, please.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Over (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to M. Ginn, Station Road, Over, by 25th.—C. Gimbert, Sutton Ely. 3051

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Those wishing for tea, please notify Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, by Feb. 25th.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 2.30. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. W. Robson, 15, Logan Terrace, South Shields, by 26th.—W. F. Sheraton. 3078

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting will be held at Locking on Saturday, Feb. 28th, 6.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3076

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Hemingford Abbots, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own food. Cup of tea available.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3074

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Countesthorpe (6), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 24th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 3083

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 28th, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Notify by 24th Mr. P. H. Rollison, 2, Southfields Road, Eastbourne.—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 3086

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Fakenham. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please reply early.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3081

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Windsor Parish, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 5.45 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3082

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Saturday, Feb. 28th, meeting, Kegworth (8), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, District Secretary. 3050

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Worley Road, Leeds 12. 3090

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—St. Anne's, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names for tea to W. H. Ratcliffe, 40, Hope Street, St. Anne's, Lytham St. Anne's, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 25th.—J. H. Foster. 3092

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—North Stoneham, Feb. 28th, 2.30. Teas for those who advise by Feb. 24th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh 3082

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Alveston, Feb. 28th, 3. Tea 5. Names to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, Feb. 25th, latest. 3083

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Alteration of date. Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxtun (8), on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Dedication of the memorial to the late Mr. H. S. Brocklebank immediately after service.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 3085

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Belton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3086

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Daresbury, Feb. 28th. Advise Mr. H. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington, if requiring tea by 25th.—John E. Ashcroft. 3088

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Ringing meeting, March 6th, Ipswich. St. Clement's St. Lawrence's and St. Mary Quay. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 at Co-op Cafe, Carr Street. Names by March 3rd, please, to Edward Ellenger, District Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3073

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Annual.—Meeting at Acle (6), Saturday, March 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5.15. Bring own sugar. Number for tea by Wednesday, March 3rd, to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3024

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alney (8), March 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by March 1st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 3087

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Tenterden, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by March 3rd to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3085

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent, March 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Miss D. Dobbie, 117, High Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, by March 3rd, please. All ringers welcome.—E. M. Mitchell. 3088

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Morriston, March 6th. Bells 6.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business following.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot. 3081

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ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly, Haverfordwest (8), March 13th, 3. Service 4, tea following. Names by March 6th.—C. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 3089

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Committee meeting, Oxford, Saturday, March 13th, at St. Aldate's Rectory Room, 3 p.m. sharp.—Wm. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 3072

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Dartford on Easter Monday. Further particulars later.—G. H. Spies, Hon. Sec. 3084

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