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THE ANALYSIS

THIS week we publish as a supplement to 'The Ringing World' the analysis of peals rung in 1947. The three tables are illuminating; an examination reveals an upward tendency in many directions. Outstanding is the volume of peals handled, of which non-peal ringer readers of this journal need no reminding. The total of 2,174 peals has not been exceeded for many years, but the current year with 1,247 in the first six months indicates that the zenith has not been reached. Peals rung in the last three years were: 1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; and 1947, 2,174. The advance is conspicuous in view of the quiet time during February and March, due to abnormal climatic conditions; the loss was more than made good by ringing for the royal wedding, which brought November's total to 331 on tower bells and in in hand.

There has been no change in the position of the three leading associations, viz.: Kent County 136 (last year 125), Lancashire 133 (103), Leicester Diocesan 125 (97). It is in the succeeding positions that changes occur, the order being: Chester Diocesan 120 (83), Lincoln Diocesan 112 (80), Oxford Diocesan 110 (96), Sussex County 102 (63), Yorkshire 99 (92), Bath and Wells Diocesan 74 (35), Norwich Diocesan 73 (69), St. Martin's Guild 71 (65). Not every Guild has shared in these progressive totals. The year 1947 was marked by a drop in peals by University Associations—Cambridge from 24 to 11, Oxford from 17 to 13, and the Universities Association by 23 to 8. The creditable start of London University with five peals must not be overlooked. Perhaps one of our university correspondents will give an explanation. It is certainly not due to a lack of enthusiasm.

Another coincidence was that the three Associations bordering or part of the Metropolis each recorded a decline in peal ringing. Middlesex dropped from 76 to 52, Essex 70 to 55, and Surrey 23 to 10. Both of the former Associations had a marked decline in handbell ringing, caused possibly by migration, and this is the likely explanation. It was also a barren year for the Ladies' Guild and the National Police Association. Welcomed to the list are the Cumberland Association, the East Derby Association, the Scottish Association (after a lapse) and London University. Honours were easy, with 14 peals each, between the two rival veteran societies—the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The next stage, we suppose, is to calculate the points value of the peals rung. Such calculations we would, however, leave to an erstwhile correspondent.

Maximus ringing showed an advance with 19 peals against 15. Of these, 15 were in Surprise methods, as against 10 last year. Leicester dominated the position with eight peals. Cinques had a decline from 42 in 1946 to 32. St. Martin's are still leading in this field with 10. Only 16 societies recorded a 12-bell peal; last year the number was 20.

Naturally 10-bell ringing has a larger field, with 34 societies registering peals against 30 last year. Peals of Royal totalled 76 against 65, and Surprise peals 29 (24). Caters numbered 106 (86). The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford made a fine showing with 10 yeals of Stedman Caters.

There was a big jump in Major ringing, 861 peals against 665. Of this number, 299 were in Surprise methods against 274 last year. Regarding the principal Surprise methods, there is a change in the order of popularity. Superlative, which was next to Cambridge, has dropped below Yorkshire and London. The order is Cambridge 97 (92 last year), Yorkshire 49 (41), London 49 (29), Superlative 46 (45), Bristol 36 (28). Spliced Surprise Major had a splendid showing of 18 peals against 8 last year. In this direction, the Lincoln Guild's peal of 16 methods calls for praise. Double Norwich as a method is more than holding its own with 132 peals (115 last year). Plain Bob naturally predominates with 185. Lancashire's 30 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major reveals the hold of the method in

this Association. Kent Treble Bob is a long way behind with 88 peals (87 last year).

Triples had an increase, but it was not so marked with 305 peals against 238. Grandsire with 166 peals against 127 maintains its position. An indication of the advance in ringing is 129 peals of Stedman Triples as against 99. Guildford Diocesan Guild and Kent County Association both retain their love of Stedman Triples. Six and five-bell peals also were more numerous, 605 against 433. For six-bell ringing, Lincoln and Bath and Wells lead each with 48 peals.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

FREDERICK E. WILSON... <i>Treble</i>	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
*JOHN R. SMITH ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
J. FREDERICK MILNER... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. Tenor 25 cwt.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5940 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	RICHARD BENSON ... 8
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS... 9
CHARLES CLEGG ... 4	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 10
RONALD KENRICK ... 5	EDWIN C. BIRKET ... 11
JACK CLEGG ... 6	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No 55). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all the band. This composition is rung for the first time.

TEN BELL PEALS

CAMBERWELL, S.E.5.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PATRICIA HOLMES ... <i>Treble</i>	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 2	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
THOS. H. FRANCIS ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 5	JAMES BULLOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

A 21st birthday compliment to Patricia Holmes.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... <i>Treble</i>	*MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... 2	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... 7
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 3	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 8
*MARGARET BEAMISH ... 4	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 9
*JOHN E. S. MORETON... 5	*LEONARD TREVOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First in the method on the bells. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the Ringing Master of the Guild on his 44th birthday.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., July 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

WILLIAM TILLET ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... 7
*A. STANLEY BOAR ... 3	*ERNEST W. PYE ... 8
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5	†CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal of Oxford Royal as conductor. Tenor 32 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNAI... <i>Treble</i>	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
*DOROTHY UDALE ... 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major. Birthday compliment to Josiah Morris. A wedding peal for two local ringers, Gordon Dean and Miss Zena W. Walker, who were married at the above church the Saturday previous.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*MARK W. MARSHALL ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4	†ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WM. A. OLDFIELD. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

* 25th peal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN B. SANSOM ... <i>Treble</i>	KENNETH L. BROWN ... 5
DEREK R. JUDD ... 2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 3	THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 7
*LT. J. D. RICHARD, R.N. 4	FREDK. A. FINCH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 3 Hours,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER... 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	ALBERT DISERENS ... 6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
WILLIAM JUDGE ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

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

First peal of Surprise on the Island.

MOORSIDE OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES ... <i>Treble</i>	FRED MELLOR ... 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... 6
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

In memoriam Charles Platt, former ringer at the above church, and Ernest Sykes, father of the treble ringer.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*STEPHEN L. PARRY ... <i>Treble</i>	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
*FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 7
JAMES FEARNLEY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol on the bells. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mellor, of Moorside.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation, Two-Part No. 1. Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in B.

*WALTER J. FORD ... <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
*HERBERT J. LASKEY ... 3	†ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 7
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 4	*BERT GOGLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in two Major methods. † First peal in two Major methods 'inside.'

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ARTHUR T. PARKER ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... 5
MISS DORIS LIDBETTER ... 2	JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 6
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

DENNIS A. HALL ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
*JAMES W. EDEN ... 3	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 4	WALTER LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK A. COLEY.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 5
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2	†ERNEST THORLEY ... 6
*CHARLES THORLEY, SEN. ... 3	HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... 7
*JAMES THORLEY ... 4	*BENJAMIN BURKITT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
First peal in the method on the bells. 25th peal of C. Thornley, sen.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN E. S. MORETON <i>Treble</i>	*REGINALD W. REX ... 5
*LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 6
*ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of New Cambridge Major. First peal 'inside' of Surprise as conductor.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. GORDON LEAHY ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 5
PATRICK PAGE ... 2	JOHN H. HUNT ... 6
*TOM PAGE ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
†NELIA M. LEAHY ... 4	ALEXANDER PAGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS MARGARET BROWN <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. PRICE ... 5
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
ARNOLD G. MOORE ... 4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
PETER D. HUCKSTEEP ... 2	MARK W. MARSHALL ... 6
HARRY BAKER ... 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP ... 7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of Bob Triples by all the band and on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

W. E. MAULDEN ... <i>Treble</i>	WM. J. BUTTON ... 5
WM. J. G. BROWN ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
WM. J. GROOM ... 3	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD W. PANKHURST ... 5
GEORGE BEENY ... 2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 6
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 7
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb.

LIONEL A. LESTER ... <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS POYNTZ ... 4
HERBERT C. BOGGIS ... 2	*FRANK PEARSON ... 5
ALBERT PEGG ... 3	REGINALD H. DRANE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT C. BOGGIS.
* First peal.

ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one of Oxford Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PETER BAKER ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. NURDEN ... 4
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	TREVOR NEWBURY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., June 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one of Oxford Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 4
PETER BAKER ... 2	FRANCIS MILES ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	TREVOR NEWBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS D. E. L. RAYNER Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
LESLIE EVANS ... 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
L. T. MAINWARING ... 3	FREDK. R. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal of Minor, aged 14. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BREDON NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one Cambridge, one Double Oxford, one Single Oxford, one Kent, one Oxford Treble Bob and two of Bob Minor. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE R. SMITH ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 4
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	FRANCIS MILES ... 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	TREVOR NEWBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

MABE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAUDUS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ... Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4
†MISS JOAN E. WITHEY 2	†R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	†DENNIS ROE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal of Plain Bob and of Minor. † First peal of Minor.

† First peal of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells. A farewell to Inst. Lieut. D. Roe, R.N., who is joining H.M.S. 'Ocean.'

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob, and two different extents of Kent T.B. and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... Treble	NEVILLE MOYES ... 4
HAROLD KILBY ... 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3	JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

First five-method peal by all the band.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge.

WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE Treble	FRANK TRINER ... 4
SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... 2	ALBAN J. JACK ... 5
*CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

* 50th peal. Rung in honour of the centenary of Mrs. H. Cope, of Norton-le-Moors.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble	*TERENCE G. MORTON (16) 4
*PAMELA A. MARTIN (18) 2	†D. E. LATCHFORD (17)... 5
†PETER HOLNESS (16) ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of London. † First Surprise peal. A birthday compliment to H. P. Ayre, at present in Suez Canal zone.

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Oxford, one 720 of Plain Bob, one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... Treble	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4
*MISS ELIZABETH MORTON 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL 3	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal in five methods.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Ipswich, (2) Wells and London, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) York, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PATRICIA GILBERT ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
BETTY SPICE ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

A golden wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Wilcox, of Thorington, Essex, former Rector of Maulden.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER ... Treble	†ALAN F. THIRST ... 4
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	*HARRY BOSWELL ... 5
*ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., May 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HOBART E. SMITH ... 1-2	CHAS. J. SEDGLEY ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	WM. J. G. BROWN ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by C. MARTIN.

Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN THE BELERY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

COLIN HARRISON ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark Mr. Josiah Morris's 81st birthday, which occurred on the above date.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT QUINTA CADIZ, AVENIDA PANAMA, LOS CAOBOS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grand-sire and 22 120's of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in D.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 1-2	ROLAND PARK ... 3-4
IRENE PARK ... 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

First peal in more than one method of Doubles by all.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

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Mr. Leslie Evans 'completed the circle' at Kingsland, Herefordshire, by ringing the tenor to a peal of Minor on June 25th.

Congratulations to Mr. Raymond Overy on his 100th peal. The milestone will give great pleasure to his friends connected with Guildford Royal Grammar School.

The Peal Analysis is given as a supplement to this issue. The pages are identical in size with those of our journal to enable it to be bound if desired. It is not stitched for fear of mutilating a column or two of figures.

Young readers will be interested in the broadcast talk to children on August 3rd between 5.15 and 5.40 p.m. by Miss Jean Sturgess, a 14-year-old ringer of Fareham Parish Church, on 'How I became a ringer.'

A two-day festival was held at the King's Head, Wateringbury, Kent, to promote good Christian fellowship and to provide funds for repairing and rehanging the bells of the village church, reports 'The Licensing World and Licensed Trade Review.'

Whilst on a day's outing, five of the Chilvers Coton band, Messrs. John E. S. Moreton, Leonard Trevor, James F. Clarke, John A. L. Thompson and J. W. Frank Trotman filled in their spare time by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Shiplake, Oxfordshire.

The peal of Oxford Royal at Ipswich enables Mrs. Pipe, Messrs. Boar, Brett and Pye to complete peals on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells in the method. Mr. Boar has now rung 8, 10 and 12 bells in seven different methods. Mr. Symonds has secured 100 peals on the 11th bell at St. Mary-le-Tower.

It will be recalled that Lichfield Cathedral bells were the gifts of the Freemasons of Staffordshire. The first Masonic peal on the bells was rung on July 10th. Bro. T. H. Reeves, of Birmingham, was to have been in the peal, but could not ring owing to his recent illness. He was listening and joined the company afterwards in a meal.

News from Cumberland is infrequent. A sign of progress is that the first recorded quarter-peal on the bells of St. Stephen's, Carlisle, was rung on July 17th. It was 1,380 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire) by C. Lightning 1, J. Boustead 2, C. Brown 3, J. Ling 4, R. Ling (cond.) 5, and T. Park 6. It was the first quarter of Doubles for all the company.

A cryptic note from Mr. George Gilbert, Burnham, Bucks, re Plain Bob, runs: 'Do we now say Plain Grandsire, as we have Reverse and Double Grandsire? Bob Major is Bob Major.'

On the same topic Mr. Christopher Weldon Woolley writes: 'When I next meet my friend, Mr. Edwin Arthur Barnett, I will endeavour to explain to him why we schoolmasters find it easier to read three words than two. Those who find reading difficult can, of course, count the number of words—but there is much more in it than that!'

Mr. Robert G. Black, of 2, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Guild, is in a difficulty over the Guild's official badge. The die is in possession of Mr. George Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead, Somerset, but no reply has been received to his letter. If any ringer in the neighbourhood can enlighten Mr. Black as to whether the business is in being it would be appreciated.

College Youths Visit Sussex**VETERANS' SPECIAL TOUCH.**

It has now become the custom of the Ancient Society of College Youths to hold a summer meeting in the country. This year the meeting was held at Lindfield and Cuckfield, by invitation of the Master, Mr. George W. Cecil, and was very well attended, one member travelling from as far afield as Dorset. Ringing in various methods from Grandsire to London Surprise was well struck, and a very fine tea served in the Parish Hall was much enjoyed by the visitors, who seemed to be unanimous in agreeing that it is much better to live in the country than in town, where the food problem is more acute. In spite of strenuous efforts by the hungry visitors, there was a goodly amount of food still on the tables after all had eaten to their hearts' content. These good Sussex friends certainly know how to provide a meal!

A short business meeting was held, and two new members were elected, being the 59th and 60th to be elected during the Master's term of office. It is believed he has ambitions to top the 100 before his term expires, and everyone will wish him success in his efforts.

One outstanding characteristic of the ringing was a touch by the 'youngsters' of the party, whose combined ages totalled the extraordinary figure of 595 years. They were Henry R. Newton, George Williams, E. Fenn, F. A. Young, A. B. Peck, A. R. Macdonald, George F. Hoad and W. H. Pasmore. This touch was perfectly struck and was an object lesson to all who heard it. George Williams, at 91 years of age, proved he could still call the bobs.

At the other end of the scale the visitors were impressed by the capable way two young lady members of the Cuckfield band rang in touches of Grandsire and Stedman. A message from the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. F. I. Hairs), welcoming the party to his territory, was received, and regrets were expressed that pressure of business prevented him and Mrs. Hairs from attending.

J. F. S.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD**REPORT FOR 1947.**

The Guild was formed in 1927 by a body of ringers whose aim was to encourage and instruct the young beginner in the art of change ringing and thereby create interest in bell-ringing for the service of the Church.

The inaugural meeting was held at The Peacelands, East Grinstead, and was attended by representatives from East Grinstead, Penhurst, Oxted, Coleman's Hatch, Cuckfield, Cowden, Turner's Hill, Balcombe, Crawley and Hartfield.

There have been many obstacles to surmount, but through the years we have progressed steadily to the strong and happy position which we are in to-day with a membership of over 100, the result of tenacity of purpose, the co-operation and able leadership of officials, the loyalty and enthusiastic support of every member, and the encouragement of the president, vice-presidents and the clergy.

The balance sheet shows a balance in hand of £59 13s. 1d.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

At the meeting at Aughton on July 3rd of the Liverpool Branch, Mr. P. W. Cave was elected hon. branch secretary in place of Mr. G. R. Newton, who has resigned.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Hobson) presided at the meeting, and a good number attended and partook of an excellent tea provided by the ringers of Christ Church and their ladies and friends. The joint gathering of the Liverpool and Wigan branches proved most enjoyable. A welcomed visitor was Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable.

The next meeting of the Liverpool Branch will be at Huyton on August 14th.

OBITUARY**MR. R. H. BARTRAM.**

Doyen of the ringers at Melton Mowbray Parish Church was Mr. Richard Henry Bartram, whose death at Bottesford on July 2nd whilst staying with Mr. A. W. Ward, an old ringing friend, is regretted. Mr. Bartram was 82.

A native of Buckminster, Leics., where he learned to ring, Mr. Bartram later moved to Wymondham where he joined the Framland Society in 1885. He came to Melton in 1894, and the day after he joined the Melton ringers, and three days afterwards was accepted for the choir.

A silver bell was presented to him in 1901 by the Melton Society of Change Ringers in appreciation of his efforts in developing the art of change ringing in Melton and in recognition of the successful conducting of the first local peal.

His peals numbered 151, of which he conducted 32. Of his peals that call for special mention was one of Doubles rung by Mr. Bartram and his four sons. He participated in two fathers and sons peals—Grandsire Triples (four fathers and their four sons) Kent Treble Bob Royal (five fathers and their five sons). He conducted the first peal by an entirely local band at Melton Mowbray on April 23rd, 1901. It was in his native village of Buckminster that he last rang—120 Stedman Doubles in May, 1947.

He was a blacksmith by trade. Mrs. Bartram died in 1935 and he is survived by Miss E. E. Bartram and Mrs. H. Ormond (daughters), and Mr. E. Bartram, captain of the St. Mary's ringers, and Mr. J. R. Bartram, Nuneaton (sons). Two sons are dead. One died after a long illness contracted during the 1914-18 war, and the other died from an illness after saving a child from drowning in the river at Melton Mowbray.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, on July 5th, the Rev. C. M. S. Clarke officiating. Ringers attending were Messrs. R. F. Elkington (Anstey), S. Proctor (Grantham), H. MacKears (Hough-on-the-Hill), A. Ward (Bottesford), J. R. Gilson, H. Clayton and Miss E. Wise. The bells were rung half-muffled after the service.

HIS PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 4 (conducted 4); Minor 18 (8); Bob Triples 2; Grandsire Triples 26 (19); Bob Major 7, including 7,056 (1); Kent T.B. Major 16; Double Norwich C.B. Major 13; Cambridge S. Major 4; Superlative S. Major 3; London S. Major 1; Bristol S. Major 1; Stedman Triples 24; Stedman Caters 16; Grandsire Caters 8; Bob Royal 2; Kent T.B. Royal 4; Cambridge S. Royal 2; total 151 (conducted 32).

MR. E. A. BISH.

The death is announced of Mr. Ernest E. Bish, a well-known South London ringer and a member of St. Leonard's, Streatham, band.

Aged 73, he was a native of Ditchling, Sussex, where he became a leader of the local band. It was due to his efforts that the Ditchling bells were rehung and two trebles added to complete the octave.

In 1923 he came to London and joined the Parish Church, Wandsworth, ringers; he was their leader until 1925, when he joined St. Leonard's. Here he was most regular in attendance for the Sunday services.

Mr. Bish was a member of the College Youths, London County and Surrey Associations. He had rung peals in the four standard methods on eight bells.

The funeral was at Wandsworth Cemetery on July 16th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave: Reuben Sanders 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, J. W. Chapman 5-6, Reuben Charge 7-8. Other ringers present were Messrs. S. Howard, A. Miller and T. Miller (Christ Church, Mitcham).

LETTERS

ON NOMENCLATURE II

Dear Sir,—Let us not mislead the coming generation of change ringers nor lightly abandon some of the traditions of the Exercise. Mr. Andrew Corrigan does ringers a great service in publishing his collections of methods and in pleading for the abandonment of certain 'cramping obsessions' in the matter of method construction; and when, over 25 years ago, I put forward similar, though less far-reaching, views, I received little support from the theorists. The truth is that years of research have confirmed that this middle course should be advocated. And the business of extension should be a matter of 'opening up' the basic mould in application to higher numbers, and not of cramping the original scheme, on the latter, to a numerical resemblance to the former.

The science of change-production (methods) is man-made, not natural, and 'suffers' from limitations imposed by the arbitrary conventions demanded by the Exercise through long usage and custom. But for this, there would be little questioning of 'extensions,' which would then appear very different from some of those now seen. By neglecting these conventional limitations (not at present to be contemplated!) there can be produced immediately for almost every basic method extensions which will pass the only true tests. These are: (a) How does the extension compare with the design of the basic, i.e., to the eye? (b) (more important) How does it appeal to the man at the end of the rope, i.e., does it seem, in the main, to be the same method (with extra bits for the additional bells) in the actual ringing of it? Those conventional limitations, however, step in and rule out most of such 'ideal' or 'theoretic' extensions—Cambridge is an exception—by these three chief requirements:

- (c) Natural lead-ends—and in 'associated' order in the p.c.
- (d) Not more than two blows in any one place.
- (e) No penultimate place unless treble lies next.

Now it is the simple fact of searching for modifications, to make the easily-produced 'theoretic' extension conform with the demands of these conventional limitations, that gives the method builder such a headache; and as Mr. Corrigan suggests, some extraordinarily dissimilar methods have indeed been published as 'extensions' of the basic method-name. For example, in the London method, alone, I have evolved, over the years, almost as many Royal variants as there are letters in the alphabet; but only one of these, and its counterpart in Maximus, would pass the tests here enumerated.

But, and this is the crux of the matter, it would be false to the traditions of this essentially British art of ours, to discourage the search for something to satisfy the natural ambition of the peal ringer on the higher numbers, who wishes to 'go one better,' in methods long honoured in the Exercise on the lower numbers. It is true, of course, that ultimate judgment and acceptance rest, not with the theoretician, but with the main body of those who actually ring. So that whenever extension figures are published to comply with all five conditions, (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above, no one of us will be able to prevent the Exercise accepting them and ringing them under the name of their basic method. Such publication may be 'just around the corner'!

—Yours very truly,
A. YORK BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park, Netley Abbey.

JOHN WALLIS

Dear Sir.—In 'Hampshire Church Bells,' by Rev. W. E. Colchester, there is a list of over forty bells in Hampshire bearing dates from 1581 to 1628 cast by John Wallis, of Salisbury.

R. O. STRFET.

Bearsden, Glasgow.

OUTINGS

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

The ringers of Bucklebury, Berks, augmented by a few friends, held their annual outing on July 3rd. Towers visited were Chippenham (Wilts), Tetbury (Glos.), St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, Burford (Oxon), and Christ Church, Swindon, all good peals.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal. An enjoyable day was spent by all. R.W.R.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

Lavenham ringers, with their wives and friends, visited Herts on July 10th and rang touches at Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, St. Albans (St. Peter's), Hatfield and Hatfield Broad Oak (Essex). Luncheon was served at St. Albans and tea at Hatfield. Changes and well-known airs on the handbells (at Bocking, Essex) concluded an enjoyable day's programme. S.H.S.

POOLE.

Poole ringers, accompanied by their Rector, the Rev. E. C. Harris and Mr. F. W. Townsend, who, though unable to ring himself, still loves to listen to good bells and ringing, visited Romsey Abbey, East Tytherley, Downton and Cranborne for their annual outing on July 3rd. The good meal which was awaiting the party at Downton and the bells of Romsey and Downton were the high spots of the day.

At Cranborne a very pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers, who hope before long to have their bells made worthy of the church and tower. A.R.M.

RAINHAM, KENT.

South-East Kent was toured in a 32-seater coach on July 3rd by St. Margaret's, Rainham, on the occasion of their annual outing. The party included ringing friends from Chatham and Sittingbourne.

After ringing on the six at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, the route was along the Elini Valley to another old church at Elham. Lunch was partaken of at Folkestone before ringing upon St. Mary's fine eight. Thence along the coast to New Romney, where ringing was enjoyed for an hour. Tea was at Tenterden, after which the party made good use of St. Mildred's bells. The last call was at Headcorn. Touches were rung in the usual standard methods.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

The third annual outing took place on July 10th, when the route lay through Somerset and Devon to Exeter. A start was made at 7.45 a.m., Bridgwater being reached at 9 a.m. Here the party were met by Mr. C. Evans and the fine eight at St. Mary's were soon set going to Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

At Cullompton, Major Silwood had everything in readiness. Before ascending the tower some time was spent examining the fine rood screen and Jacobean gallery of this beautiful church. A splendid course of Cambridge Royal and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were tapped off and all were loath to leave such grand bells. However, on to Exeter, a fine lunch, and out to Heavitree, where Mr. C. Glass welcomed us. Then more Cambridge, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman on another glorious eight.

The high spot of the day was ringing on the 12 at Exeter Cathedral. Here we surpassed ourselves, both Messrs. Glass and Laver congratulating us on our touches of Stedman Cinques. At Tiverton, with its lovely tower and fine peal, we rose the bells in true Devon style and were soon ringing London, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman. Then off once more for Wrington, but this time our call was the Golden Lion, but not without viewing Wrington's glorious tower, now fully encased in steel scaffolding, and hearing the local remark that the bells go much better now that the tower is held up. D.G.C.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

BLANDFORD FESTIVAL.

The third ringers' festival at Blandford, Dorset, in accordance with the will of Mr. Samuel Francis Pond, who died in Australia, 1941, took place on July 3rd. He left money to the Borough Council for the purpose of ringing the curfew daily in Blandford and for an annual competition among Dorset ringers.

Visitors from Leicester were among those present. The Rev. F. Li. Edwards, general secretary of the Salisbury Guild, conducted the service, at which a collection was taken for the Joseph W. Parker Memorial Fund. At tea in the Corn Exchange the company was welcomed by the Mayor and by Mr. B. A. S. Hicks (churchwarden).

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and six-bell contest of the Association was held at Marsden on July 3rd, four teams competing, namely, Meltham, Friezland, Huddersfield and Liversedge.

About 50 members and friends were present and some good striking was heard. The result and order of ringing was as follows: Meltham, 280 faults; Friezland, 156 faults; Huddersfield, 212 faults; Liversedge, 108 faults.

Liversedge were declared winners, and presented with the Association's silver cup.

BELLRINGERS PERFORM

A religious play, entitled 'The Legend of the Bells,' was enacted in Burford Parish Church, Oxon, on June 27th, before a large congregation. It was specially written and produced for the patronal festival by Miss K. M. Briggs, of Burford, and more than 70 persons, including choir and ringers, took part.

Handbells and tower bells were rung during the course of the play, and afterwards a quarter-peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples was rung by J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, J. J. Westmacott 8. The play was repeated the following evening.

AN APPROPRIATE RECORD

At Meole-Brace Church, Shrewsbury, amplifying apparatus has been installed. Records of well-known London bells sounded incongruous as coming from such a small tower. A member of the congregation thought a record of good six-bell ringing would be more suitable and he approached the Rector and ringers of All Saints', Berrington, with this object in view.

A recording was taken by Mr. H. F. Pollard, radio engineer, of 23, Castle Street, Shrewsbury, of a touch of Grandsire Doubles, which is now used for services at Meole-Brace. Records are available to those interested. As far as is known, this is the first record made of Shropshire bells.

MARLOW PEAL TABLET UNVEILED

Prior to evening service at All Saints', Marlow, Bucks, on July 4th, a peal tablet was unveiled by the Vicar, those present including the two churchwardens.

The tablet commemorated a peal of Bob Major, which was rung half-muffled on Feb. 14th, 1943, to the memory of the late Mr. W. H. Badger, who was connected with All Saints' Church for 78 years.

After the unveiling a short service touch was rung by the same band who stood in the peal with the exception of Mr. Harry Wingrove, who, although not yet able to ring, was present at the ceremony. All present were pleased to see Mr. Wingrove back in the belfry after his recent operation, and a hope was expressed that he would soon be able to take a rope again.

LUTON, BEDS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Keith J. Tilling (first quarter) 1, H. Burton 2, J. Herbert 3, A. E. Rushton 4, E. Conquest 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, R. Kendall 8.

NOTICES

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PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3573

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'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE,' by Frederick Sharpe. Bound volumes, price 10s.; complete sets of parts, each part with stout paper cover, price 6s. 6d. To be obtained from the author, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3852

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MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Coddendam, July 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Edward Ellenger. Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3804

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Chart-ham, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3795

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3810

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8), Saturday, July 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.10 p.m., followed by business meeting. 3826

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Masham (8 bells), Saturday, July 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3835

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch. Meeting at Snitterfield (6), at 3 p.m. sharp, on Saturday, July 24th. Tea provided. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3828

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Eynsford, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 at Hillcroft. 3815

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Necton (6), Saturday, July 24th. Tea 5 p.m. No business.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3819

DERBYSHIRE AND EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Ringing rally, Chesterfield (10), July 24th, 2.30 p.m. Ringing also available at Old Whittington (6), 3 to 9, and Staveley (8), 2.30 to 4.30. Tea 5, St. James' Hall, Chesterfield. 3844

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Wedmore, Saturday, July 24th, 6.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Local Sec. 3851

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Special-ringing Sunday at Ely, July 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 to 5, St. Mary's Hotel. All welcome.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3830

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell (10) on Wednesday, July 28th. Bells 6.30. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 3946

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Bitton (8), July 31st, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 3838

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Campsall (8), July 31st, 2.30. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley. 3841

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth, July 31st. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by July 27th Cecil Holden, Warrington Road, Great Budworth. 3839

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, East Harling, Saturday, July 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Munro Hall 5 p.m. only for those who notify me by 26th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 3832

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting, Rougham (6), Saturday, July 31st. Names for tea by 28th to A. Gillings, Horringer (please comply). 3806

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Calne on Saturday, July 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by July 27th, please!—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 3824

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Tetbury, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Card for tea to W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, by 27th. 3840

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Drighlington on July 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (2s. per head) only for those who notify Mr. S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, by July 30th. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 3945

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Lytton Hall. Names for tea by July 29th to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin, Herts. 3942

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattershall, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Fortesque Hotel at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 26th. Good bus service from Boston.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 31st, Ellesborough, 3 p.m. Bring tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3850

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Combined August Bank Holiday meeting of Portsmouth and Southampton Districts. Bells available (all 8's): Bishop's Waltham, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Soberton, 2-4 p.m.; Curdrige, 2-4.30 p.m. Service (4.30) and tea (5.15) at Curdrige. Soberton and Curdrige bells available after tea. Names for tea before July 29th to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 3847

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Rotherham (10), Monday, Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Good teas obtainable at the British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 3808

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, August 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Duke's Head. Tea notifications to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by July 29th. 3821

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Luton (5), Saturday, August 7th. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. G. Butler, Luton, Spalding, before July 30th. Bells available 2.30. 3811

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, August 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Names to me by previous Wednesday. No. 8 bus to Blackbird Cross.—T. J. Lock, District Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 3848

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Speldhurst (8), Aug. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, Tonbridge. 3856

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special ringers' service at Marksbury, Aug. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea essential. Collection for Bell Fund.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 3854

DUDLEY GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Next quarterly meeting at Clent, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Please note date.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 3853

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Tickets now available for annual dinner on October 9th, 12s. 6d. each. Limit 100. First come first served. Cash with order, please, to G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3829

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LLANDUDNO. — On June 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: S. Brown 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, Miss Marjorie Jones 3, Miss Kathleen Ruffell 4, J. Flood 5, R. Wilson (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor 3 and 4. A farewell to the ringers of 4 and 6.

OLDHAM, LANCS. — On July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. T. Walmsley (first of Caters away from tenor) 1, H. Longden 2, V. W. Sykes (first of Caters) 3, H. Barlow 4, R. Longden 5, A. Ridyard 6, S. H. Dearden 7, E.S.M. Philip Tocock 8, V. Sykes (cond.) 9, W. Howarth 10.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT NOTTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Lygo 1, W. White (cond.) 2, E. Dale 3, F. Spencer 4, C. Knapp 5, A. Ingram 6, S. Loach 7, J. Ancliffe 8. Bung to celebrate the 81st birthday of G. Nowell (capt.).

ST. ALBANS.—On June 27th, at St. Peter's, for patronal festival, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. V. Frost 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, T. J. Southam 3, A. Dale 4, C. F. Sayer 5, H. G. Mason 6, F. J. Spicer 7, R. C. Smith (first 'inside') 8, G. W. Debenham 9, B. C. Johnson (first in method as cond.) 10.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX. — On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Thrift 1, Miss A. White 2, R. Rondel (first quarter) 3, J. Myhill 4, H. Devenish (cond.) 5, E. Runter 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on June 27th, for the Patronal Festival, 1,440 Bob Minor: Raymond Knight 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Robert Hartley 4, Brian Sullivan 5, Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except the conductor, and first by the local band.

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ASSOCIATION	MINOR											DOUBLES											Total											
	21 Methods	20 Methods	16 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	12 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	25 Methods	22 Methods	19 Methods	15 Methods	13 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods		6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method					
Bath and Wells Dio.							2					1	1	16							1	2		2		23	48							
Bedfordshire		1		1		1	15			2	1			3													25	3						
Cambridge Univ. Gld.																												3						
Chester Diocesan																												2	27					
Coventry Dio. Guild							4		5		3	2	3	10														5	12					
Cumberland County																													2					
Devonshire																													1	5				
Derby Association																													4					
Dudley and District																													1	1				
Durham and Newcastle																													1	1				
East Derbyshire																													1	8				
Ely Diocesan																														3				
Essex Association																														23				
Gloucester and Bristol																														1	14			
Guildford Diocesan																														3	9			
Hereford Diocesan																														1	8			
Hertford County																														1	24			
Irish Association																														1	10			
Kent County																														1	1			
Lancashire Association																														1	3			
Leicester Dio. Guild																														1	27			
Lincoln Dio. Guild																															7	26		
Llandaff & Monmouth																															1	1		
Middlesex County																															1	3		
Midland Counties																															1	10		
Norwich Diocesan																															1	24		
North Staffs Assn.																															2	8		
Oxford Dio. Guild																															3	21		
Oxford University Soc.																															1	2		
Peterborough Diocesan																															1	26		
St. David's Dio. Guild																															1	2		
St. Martin's Guild																																5		
Salisbury Guild																																6	19	
Shropshire Association																																1	8	
Soc. R. Cum. Youths																																1	4	
Southwell Dio. Guild																																1	9	
Stafford Archdeaconry																																3	12	
Suffolk Guild																																1	9	
Surrey Association																																1	1	
Sussex Association																																2	24	
Truro Diocesan																																6	6	
Universities' Assn.																																3		
Win. and Portsmouth																																1	5	
Worcester & Districts																																4	9	
Yorkshire Association																																2	18	
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TOTAL	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	5	8	9	7	14	33	52	30	199	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	13	14	16	105	605				