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BELL ROPES

TO the practical ringer the state of the bell ropes on entering a ringing chamber conveys an immediate impression of the status and interest of the local band in the Exercise. Such little points as the position of sallies and of the tucking-in of back-ends tell their own story, apart from the general state of the ropes. A keen band is ever-watchful of its ropes, and the history of peal ringing records numerous occasions when the prospect of a meritorious performance has been rendered void through the snapping of a rope.

Ropes to-day are costly, and it is not always easy to convince parochial church councils of the need of replacements. Normally for a belfry with eight bells rung regularly on Sundays and a weekly practice night with occasional peal ringing a year, a new rope each year will make ample provision for wear and tear. In the writer's own tower a set of eight ropes lasts on an average ten years, with a wear approaching 18 peal attempts a year, plus ringing three times on Sundays and a weekly practice. This basis is only maintained by constant watching and splicing.

The Central Council in their handbook, which is still not so well known as it should be, give this advice: 'Like the rest of the fittings, a bell rope requires attention to keep it in good condition. It should be well rubbed with tallow or castor-oil where it works in the fillet hole of the bell wheel, and wherever else there is friction, and it should be shifted from time to time slightly up or down. Also care should be taken to see that it runs freely in its course. It will add to the life of a rope and to the comfort of the ringers if one of the company at least is able to make a really good splice when occasion demands.'

Ropes are subject to the greatest strains when the bells are being raised and lowered. A youthful ringer's pride in being able to raise or lower a bell with a few strokes should be discouraged because of the added wear on the rope at the wheel, especially by severe checking. Bells should always be rung steadily and evenly without jerking.

We feel that there is some obligation on the part of visiting ringers to small country towers for peal ringing for the care of the ropes. There are towers where ordinary service ringing is very limited, and at least half the use of the ropes is by peal ringers. The privilege of ringing the bells carries with it a corresponding obligation, and we feel that a contribution towards upkeep is a legitimate demand. One country incumbent with a very small parish makes a charge of 10s. for a peal attempt, but the practice is not general. The question has been reviewed by one Guild, who have under consideration the creation of a rope fund for churches in their area. The suggestion has been made that a levy of 6d. a rope for each peal attempt should be collected. Naturally, if any such fund was created the committee administering it would be the leading conductors, and any provision of new ropes would be in towers where the incumbents were sympathetic towards peal attempts.

**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Oct. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING <i>Treble</i>	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	JOHN LINDON ... 10
WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
ALBERT WALKER ... 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 9
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 11
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 9
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 4	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 10
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6	ALAN ELSMORE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

A birthday compliment to H. Howell and M. G. Turner.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 8
*M. JANET MATTINSON ... 3	†T. MARK WHITE ... 9
GILLIAN R. BRITAIN ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... 10
ALBERT DISERENS ... 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 11
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 6	PETER N. BOND ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. H. FRANCIS.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Cinques. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews on their wedding anniversary.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF PLAIN ROB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;**

Tenor 35½ cwt.

FREDERICK SEAGER ... <i>Treble</i>	FRED HODGSON ... 7
WILLIAM BARTON ... 2	*SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 8
*PETER WOODWARD ... 3	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 9
*MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	*JAMES H. KIRBY ... 10
*ALFRED SMITH ... 5	*JOHN E. KIRBY ... 11
*THOS. W. STRANGEWAY ... 6	EDWARD JENKINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

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

**TEN BELL PEALS**

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 6
PETER N. BOND ... 2	THOMAS G. FOX ... 7
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 9
REUBEN CHARGE ... 5	JOHN PHILLIPS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.

\* 50th peal. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. R. W. Stannard.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND ST.

WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 29 cwt.

*FRANK VARTY ... <i>Treble</i>	*PERCY SWINDLEY ... 6
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... 9
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
DOROTHY M. UDALE ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	ALAN JACQUES ... 9
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by DENNIS A. BAYLISS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

\* First peal of Royal in the method.

PRITTELWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*DONALD COOMBS ... <i>Treble</i>	†FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
†LEONARD STILWELL ... 2	*GERALD FROST ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 3	†C. ERNEST SMITH ... 8
†EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	†GEORGE W. CECIL ... 9
KENNETH SNEILING ... 5	†WILLIAM T. BEESON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Believed to be the first in the method for the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE PARADISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*PETER LAFLIN ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK VARTY ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
JOHN WORTH ... 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* 300th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and by the Association.



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**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

LESLIE W. MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	*HARRY WILDE ... .. 5
*DONALD R. MARSHALL 2	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 6
*WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	*WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
*MOLLY AMBLER ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 3	ALAN CATTELL ... .. 7
LEONARD E. TREVOR ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.  
\* 100th peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Bertoline,

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

Pritchard's Four-part. ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD ROWLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE ASTBURY ... .. 2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 6
ERIC B. ALLMAN ... .. 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE ... .. 7
MARGARET RIGBY ... .. 4	FREDK. W.M. GROCOTT... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.  
A birthday compliment to the 5th ringer.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

WALTER ALLWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 5
*GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... .. 6
*CYRIL WRIGHT ... .. 3	*JOSEPH SAXTON ... .. 7
*STANLEY SLANEY ... .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

EDWARD JENKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 2	FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

WOOLWICH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
ALICK CUTLER ... .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.  
Rung as nearly as possible to the centenary of a peal, 5,600 changes, in this method rung in this tower on October 11th, 1849.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

GORDON C. BRIGGS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4
JOHN H. BROTHWELL... 2	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... .. 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 3	JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 7
*E. BRYAN PURSLOW ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.  
\* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
*WALTER SOAR ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... .. 5
†ALFRED MOULD ... .. 2	†HAROLD TAYLOR ... .. 6
†JACK BAILEY ... .. 3	†JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 7
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 4	WILLIAM A. PARSONS... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.	
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... <i>Treble</i>	*H. GEORGE HART ... .. 5
*ELSIE K. FULTON... .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 6
ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE... 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.  
\* First peal of Surprise.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	BRIAN S. COPE ... .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 6
*RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 3	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD... 7
GEOFFREY E. WATSON... 4	RONALD C. NOON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.  
\* 100th peal together. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Saddington, 70 years a ringer. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

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

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.	
Mrs. F. I. HAIRS ... <i>Treble</i>	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Mrs. F. I. HAIRS ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	†FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
ALICK CUTLER ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.  
\* 400th peal for the Association. † 500th peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Cuthbert,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.	
JOYCE P. GAYMER ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 5
MARGARET FIDELL ... .. 2	DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 7
ROBERT BELL ... .. 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.  
In celebration of the 77th birthday of the Dean of Durham.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.	
HARRY HALL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 6
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 3	W. WILGREGG MILLER ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.  
In memoriam W. J. Groom.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

J. J. Parker's Ten-part (CCC. No. 28).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... <i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	*R. GORDON CORBY ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	†BRIAN HARRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,**

BERTIE A. CORWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR DAY ... 5
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 3	*JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 7
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
FREDERICK WATSON ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR HALLAM ... 4
*GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	*PETER HALLAM ... 5
*LEON WATKINSON ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

\* First peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT BOOTH ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 4
DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... 2	HARRY PARKER ... 5
ERIC HORNBV ... 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.  
EAST PECKHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure Reverse and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK MANSER ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT KELVIE ... 4
*TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 5
WILLIAM MANSER ... 3	†LUTHER J. HONESS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.  
\* 200th peal. † 150th peal.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being seven extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
*MRS. J. NAISH ... <i>Treble</i>	DONALD LEE ... 4
*MRS. T. W. KIMBER ... 2	GEORGE CLARE ... 5
*JACK NAISH ... 3	DAVID HOARE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.  
\* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM BRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST PRESTON ... 4
HARRY BARNES ... 2	FREDERICK JACKSON ... 5
JOHN O. WELER ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

GAYWOOD, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

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

Being seven 720's called differently.	Tenor 12 cwt.
HENRY WARNES ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD GREENACRE ... 4
ERNEST SHIPP ... 2	CHARLES TOVELL ... 5
CREEK SHIPP ... 3	ROBERT GREENACRE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT GREENACRE.

In memoriam Archdeacon Radcliffe, Rector of the parish 1906-1945. Archdeacon Radcliffe died October 10th, 1949.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being seven 720's, differently called.	Tenor 12 cwt.
FREDERICK WATSON ... <i>Treble</i>	LEON WATKINSON ... 4
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	PETER HALLAM ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 14 extents each of Stedman and Plain Bob, two arrangements of Morris' 240 and 10 six-scores of Grandshire. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*MARY I. KENNELLY ... <i>Treble</i>	†IVOR H. TURNER ... 4
*E. MARY BLISS ... 2	†JACK R. WORRALL ... 5
†COLIN BARWICK ... 3	†H. GEOFFREY JONES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal of Doubles for the society. Rung for the visit of the Chancellor, the Rt. Hon. Winston S. Churchill.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY OF SS. MARY, BARTHOLOMEW AND GUTHLAC,

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

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM DUFFY ... <i>Treble</i>	AUBREY A. PEPPER ... 4
HERBERT M. BROWN ... 2	FRED BRIGHTMAN ... 5
GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

HOWARTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... <i>Treble</i>	*SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 4
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 2	*HARRY WILDE ... 5
*VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. H. Simpson and Miss Molly Ambler. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

PATRICK HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN THOMAS ... 4
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 2	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5
FREDERICK NURDEN ... 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* 300th peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WICHE.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... <i>Treble</i>	ALLEN MORGAN ... 4
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... 5
GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Surprise.

More peals on page 533.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. P. Bates 1, D. Ogden 2, W. Harrison (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. B. Robinson 4, R. Edwards 5, B. Redfern 6.

**BINFIELD, BERKS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Millard 1, Mrs. J. A. Rance 2, A. G. King 3, J. Rance 4, A. Fleet 5, A. J. N. Rance (cond.) 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Michael's (City), on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Irwin (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Kennelley (first of Doubles) 2, Miss A. Timms (first of Doubles) 3, L. Watson 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, I. H. Trueman 6.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On Oct. 13th, a quarter peal Little Bob Major: G. F. James 1, G. Kite 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, P. J. Spice 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, E. C. Bishop 6, C. Cullen 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. To commemorate the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to Bromley to lay the foundation stone for the rebuilding of the Parish Church (SS. Peter and Paul), which was destroyed by enemy action in 1941.

**CHATHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris (first quarter) 1, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 2, D. T. Hill 3, R. Skinner 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, R. Norris 6, C. S. Jarrett 7, C. E. Norris 8. A compliment to Mr. C. E. Norris on attaining his 60th birthday and his 45th year as a member of St. Mary's tower.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. T. Finey 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Stella M. Wickens 3, Joyce Humphrey 4, N. J. Smith 5, W. G. Challen 6, R. G. Blackman 7, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major for 1, 3 and 5.

**CREDITON, DEVON.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Brown 1, B. Pigeon 2, J. Salway 3, G. Skinner 4, C. Deem (first in method) 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, F. Wreford (first as cond.) 7, G. Luxton 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CHELTENHAM.**—At the Parish Church on Oct. 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Tippetts (first quarter) 1, W. Williams 2, P. Baker 3, E. Evans 4, W. Dyer 5, I. Goulter 6, G. Kilmister 7, T. Boreham 8, E. T. Newbury 9, W. Newman 10.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 1, H. S. Arbin 2, A. W. Coles 3, G. Spencer 4, T. Pink 5, N. A. Tomlinson (cond.) 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8.

**DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Minor (720 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Plain Bob and 180 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Miss H. Gorringer 1, C. J. Piper (first 720 Treble Bob) 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, F. J. Lambert, jun. 4, E. G. D. Tonkin (cond.) 5, F. H. Hicks 6.

**GRANTHAM, LINC'S.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Mackears (cond.) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, R. Parker 3, J. Haw 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, F. S. Parsons 7, H. R. Woods 8. First in method by 2, 3, 4 and 8.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss S. M. White (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, E. Rapley 3, E. Lish 4, F. Cruttenden 5, C. Longhurst 6, E. Packham 7, B. White (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Cruttenden.

**HURST, BERKS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Allum 1, C. A. Lee (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Green 3, C. W. Mortimer 4, W. Hunt 5, S. Day 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, E. Bailey 8. First quarter by 3, 6 and 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss J. H. Friswell 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, G. A. Parsons (first of Doubles) 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, K. S. Seeger 6.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Rita Parker 1, G. F. Roome 2, W. H. Ashby 3, S. F. Earl 4, A. Beckwith 5, T. Jennings 6, W. R. Hammons (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, A. E. Sibley 8. For the engagement of the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

**OLDHAM, LANCs.**—At St. Mary's on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan D. Fry (first quarter) 1, J. T. Warmsley 2, G. R. Fairnie (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. Barlow 4, J. Carter 5, P. H. Tocock 6, V. Sykes (cond.) 7, H. Standley (first quarter) 8.

**PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bould 1, D. F. Wheeler 2, G. H. Myers 3, A. S. Weatherby 4, W. G. Lavers 5, R. A. Southwood 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, G. W. Lavers 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples.

**READING, BERKS.**—At the Church of St. Mary on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. B. Diserens 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, A. Whittle 3, A. Wiggins 4, C. Watts 5, J. S. Taylor 6, N. J. Diserens 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. To commemorate the wedding of the ringer of the 3rd.

**UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hart 1, F. Miles 2, F. Hart 3, Jean Durrant 4, A. J. Pierpoint 5, A. Richardson 6, F. Weller (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 16th, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire Doubles: O. Pole 1, E. Norman 2, R. Short 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Chilcott (first quarter) 6. First for all in three methods.

**YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Whitney 1, K. Burge 2, A. Goodman (first quarter) 3, B. Burge (cond.) 4, S. Elliott 5, H. Wooding 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

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## LATE NEWS.

Mr. Charles A. Button, a well-known  
London ringer for over 40 years, a  
member of All Hallows' band, Totten-  
ham, and later of St. Leonard's,  
Streatham, died on Oct. 24th, aged 77  
years. He was a member of the Col-  
lege Youths, the Middlesex County and  
Surrey Associations.

Writes the conductor of  
the peal rung at Witney  
on October 22nd: 'It was  
not expected that Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Nichols  
would be asked to participate in a peal  
which was arranged in honour of their own  
wedding! The band had met one short,  
which gave another man cause for concern  
about missing an evening bus, and the con-  
ductor was on his way to contact a local  
ringer when he "discovered" Nora and Ber-  
nard in the town, where, apparently, they  
were waiting to hear the start of the peal.  
They were duly "roped in," and the peal  
was rung as published.'

We have received a correction re the peal  
of Superlative at St. Michael at Coslany,  
Norwich, on October 7th. Patrick I. Chap-  
man rang 2nd and Bryan S. Cope 3rd.

The peal at Bunwell, Norfolk, on October  
22nd, was the first of Minor to be conducted  
by a member of the local band for over 40  
years.

The bells of Crowland Abbey, Lincs, were  
rung to a peal on October 20th. The last  
peal on the bells, it is believed, took place  
22 years ago.

Mr. Wilfred Williams reminds us that the  
claim by the Lincoln tourists re peal of  
Lincolnshire at Salford Priors is not correct.  
The first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise was  
rung there by the St. Martin's Guild on  
June 15th, 1946, which he conducted.

Another young ringer has entered the peal  
columns. Christine Beale, of Shepton Beau-  
champ, who is only thirteen years of age,  
rang her first peal (Grandsire Doubles) in  
company with her father and brother, on  
October 23rd. The peal, which was rung at  
the first attempt, was a nineteenth wedding  
anniversary peal for her father and mother.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Mr. Harold Maroon,  
Master of St. Giles', Lin-  
coln, is leaving Lincoln to  
work with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of  
Loughborough. In his farewell peal on Oc-  
tober 22nd all the band had been taught by  
him to handle a bell.

The peal of Cambridge at Northowram,  
Halifax, was arranged for five Westhoughton,  
Lancs, visitors.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Alan P.  
Cave, of Liverpool, who met with a serious  
accident in France, is making good progress  
and hopes to be walking again this week-end.

Mr. Frederick N. Smeaton, a Bexhill-on-  
Sea ringer, sailed to Adelaide, Australia, on  
October 20th. The band is also depleted by  
the departure of Miss Kathleen F.  
Fletcher to Bournemouth.

The 'Ringers' Handbook' has been re-  
printed, the fourth edition having been sold  
out. It is obtainable from Mrs. E. S.  
Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham,  
Somerset.

The Wygggeston Grammar School for Boys  
has a flourishing ringing society, with three  
handbell peals to its credit. The society  
owes its inception to Mr. L. Greenhow, a  
Master of the school and a Leicester Cathed-  
ral ringer.

Ringers who are also members of Rotary  
will be interested to know of an exchange of  
greetings between the clubs of Barking, Essex,  
and Trinidad. These have taken the form  
of an exchange of recordings of sounds fami-  
liar to each place. Among the recordings  
from Barking was a well-struck bobbed course  
of Stedman Triples on the bells of St. Mar-  
garet's. Those making the recording were:  
C. Fenn (cond.) 1, W. Beard 2, H. Worboys  
3, D. W. Beard 4, C. Wardell 5, G. W.  
Faulkner 6, G. Cottis 7, S. Holgate 8.

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## The Story of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild

(Continued from page 519)

THE formation of the Diocesan Guild in 1899 presupposes the existence of centres of activity in Lincolnshire before that date. The most important of these was at Lincoln itself, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, which then stood in the centre of the town. Here a hand practised methods up to Surprise Major in the 'nineties, names connected with it which are now of historical interest being those of Gabriel Lindoff, Arthur Craven and John Austin. About this time, the production of a long length of London Surprise occupied composers' minds, and Lindoff worked on his in Lincoln. It is worth noting that James' composition in the same method, one lead longer, was rung by a Lincolnshire band almost half a century later, and it seems fitting that this should be so in view of the work done on this method by men having connections with the county. Much of St. Peter-at-Arches Church is incorporated in the modern one of St. Giles', including the eight bells, by Rudhall, which have not been recast.

### EARLY PERFORMANCES

The first recorded peal for the Diocesan Guild is one of Bob Major, rung at Heckington, near Sleaford, in November, 1899, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. Six-bell bands were also very active, and this has always been so in a primarily rural Guild. The first recorded peal of Surprise is Cambridge Minor, conducted by John W. Lake. It is interesting, too, to note in passing that the first peal of Surprise Major was rung on handbells, the method being Superlative. This was rung for the Guild by William Keeble and his band, who not infrequently made excursions into the county from South Yorkshire. The Lincoln Guild can also claim the first peal of Spliced of any kind ever rung, being 14 Minor methods, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. Members of that band still living are Messrs. Arthur I. Holmes and John W. Lake. That well-known figure of the day, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, also visited the Guild, usually as the guest of the Master at Surfleet. The customary peals of Stedman were rung, and no doubt the Guild's love of this method in all branches is due to that early stimulus.

### BETWEEN THE WARS.

After the 1914-18 war, the Guild was not slow to recover. At first, activity centred around Surfleet, many interesting ten-bell methods being rung, but the late 'twenties saw a great revival in Lincoln itself. The first peal of London came in 1928, conducted by John A. Freeman. The twelve bells at the Cathedral have been in good use ever since their installation in 1928, and 'firsts' in all the standard methods up to Cambridge Maximus are recorded with unfailing regularity from that time. Rivalry with the Chester Diocesan Guild produced some excellent performances in the Minor field, Vernon Taylor and his band ringing up to 80 methods in 1937. This has been eclipsed in recent times by George E. Feirn and his band, who rang 104 methods on tower bells (1939), and since the war 105 methods—the

maximum in seven extents—on handbells, a truly outstanding performance.

### THE PRESENT DAY

Recent peal achievements by present members of the Guild are too fresh in the memory to need further elaboration. One cannot pass by, however, the peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 22 methods, and the 14,144 London Surprise Major. It is performances of this kind which place the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on the highest level, and epitomise the sterling work put in by all members throughout the length and breadth of the county. Truly will this Guild be able to look back with justifiable pride on its first fifty years when the jubilee commemoration dinner is held this coming December.



The band that rang the record peal, 14,144 London Surprise Major, Oct. 4th, 1947. Left to right (back row): K. W. Mayer (3), J. L. Millhouse (7), G. W. Creasey (treble), C. Mc Guinness (2). Left to right (front): K. S. B. Croft (4), J. Freeman (tenor) conductor, J. A. Freeman (5), J. Walden (6).

### GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The North-West Branch of the Guild held a very interesting meeting at Merton on October 15th, and renewed contact with a tower which was in affiliation during the years 1875 to 1881, when the Rev. J. A. Kempe did pioneer work for change ringing. Merton was one of the eleven towers in union in 1875.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. G. Nelson, Rector; the Rev. W. H. Smale read the lesson, and the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Chittlehampton, was the preacher. Tea was provided by the lady friends of the local band, who also attended. The next meeting was fixed for February 11th at Holsworthly.

### COWLEY'S BELLS—continued.

3rd.—3½ cwt. The same inscription as on the 2nd except that Walter is spelt Waltar.

4th.—4 cwt. Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitas. Ed Hemins fecit Sept. 3rd 1739.

5th.—4½ cwt. 1693.

Tenor.—6 cwt. James White, Will Terrell, C.W. 1694.

All except the new treble have the additional inscription: 'Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1949.'

A. R. P.

## Cowley's New Bells

THE ONLY MODERN RING IN OXFORD.

The Late Perpendicular tower of St. James', Cowley, one of the many parishes within the boundaries of the city of Oxford, held until recently an old mixed ring of five bells which had not been rung for upwards of 50 years. Two of the bells were cracked and the frame was decrepit.

As part of the parish war memorial, it was decided to rehang the bells in a new steel frame, to retune the sound bells and recast the cracked ones, and to add a new treble.

When the bells were in the foundry, however, it was found that the old bells would not tune satisfactorily and the parish nobly shouldered the extra burden of the recasting. The result is that the parish has now a light ring of six of which it can justly be proud, and the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on an excellent job of work.

It is strange to reflect that of the twenty odd rings of bells within the city boundaries, this is the only modern example of the bell founder's art. Oxford is known as the city of lost causes, so presumably the founders have not yet lost heart!

On October 23rd, the new bells were blessed by the Lord Bishop of Dorchester. The day could not have been worse; it rained incessantly from morning till late at night, but in spite of this the church was full to overflowing. The new bells were heard for the first time during the service, while the Bishop's procession was passing from the tower to the chancel.

The Bishop, in his address, referred to the uses of bells throughout the ages. He also remarked that the devotion of bellringers to their work was one of the encouraging signs in the life of the Diocese of Oxford at the present time, and he took the opportunity of driving home the lesson of attendance at services for which they rang and the need to become communicants.

After the service the tower was open from 4 p.m. until evensong at 6.30 p.m., and all the visitors, to the number of about 25, had the opportunity of a pull. Everyone voted them a grand little ring. A false ceiling has been placed 3ft. below the bell chamber and this has had the effect of pleasantly modulating the sound in the tower, which is only about 30ft. high and lower than the roof of the nave.

An unusual feature was provided by Tony Price, of Feltham, who rang the third and fourth to the first touch of Surprise on the bells. The first 720 on the bells, Plain Bob Minor, was rung for evensong by the following: Miss M. A. Carter 1, V. J. F. Bennett 2, Miss L. R. Pimm 3, P. Walker 4, T. W. Bond 5, A. R. Pink (conductor) 6. It was P. Walker's longest length of Minor. Tea was very kindly provided free of charge for all ringers by the Parochial Church Council. This gesture was much appreciated.

The following are the weights and inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—3 cwt. Remember 1939-1945. May they rest in peace.

2nd.—3½ cwt. Daniel White, Walter Day, Churchwardens. Edward Hemins fecit 1738.

(Continued foot of previous column.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## TWO SCHOOLS IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Regarding young Alan Cattell's century, for some time now it must have been obvious to readers that there are two schools of ringing in Leicestershire. Surely, therefore, young Alan must belong to the wrong school to have his achievements dashed to the ground by B.G.W.'s letter published last week. I have had the pleasure of ringing nearly 40 peals with Alan and would state without hesitation that he is one of the safest ringers I have met. Whilst I appreciate that Alan Jacques has scored a fine list of peals for his age, I still fail to see why he should be rated in advance of Alan Cattell just because he belongs to the other school of ringing, and I am confident that Alan did not make the claim himself as B.G.W.'s letter leads us to believe.

Re the Leicestershire tour, surely if the tour had been given the title of Midland Counties tour, which in actual fact it was, as the counties of Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Rutland were visited, then the subsequent ill-feeling would have been avoided.

Re attempt for 17,152 Bristol. Readers will recall that a notice appeared in Belfry Gossip that an attempt was being made at Gilmorton on February 19th last which was cancelled the following week by late news stating that the attempt would be limited to 10,000. Is it not high time that we had an explanation in our columns as to why the record attempt was not made on that day? The second attempt at Nuneaton some time later was abandoned after four hours' indifferent ringing.

'ONE OF THE MERRY MEN.'

## A WIRELESS QUERY

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether any other of your readers shared my experience on Saturday, October 15th, about 9 p.m. The 'Music Hall' programme on the B.B.C. Home Service had concluded and the microphone had been switched over for Big Ben to strike 9 p.m., and in the interval before the chimes I could hear faintly what seemed to be like bells ringing.

As the set is an old one with some spreading of the stations, at first I took it to be a nearby station, but when I sought to trace it the 'bells' went off, so I am now inclined to believe that the sound came from Westminster. I listened intently at the conclusion of Big Ben's performance and fancied that I caught the sound faintly once again. Was it possible that I heard the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, ringing at this time?—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

## ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALL

Dear Sir,—There will no doubt be many of our ringing friends who perused the notice which appeared in the issue of October 14th, re the suspension of ringing at St. Matthew's Church, Walsall. The restoration of the tower is part of a scheme estimated to cost at least £20,000, and work has already commenced on the tower.

Naturally, the local band are anxious that the suspension shall be as short as possible, and feel that there will be many of our friends who have had the pleasure of ringing on our splendid ring who would be glad of an opportunity to participate in helping along this restoration and so assist in reducing the silencing of the bells.

Any subscriptions donated will be gratefully acknowledged by the Vicar of Walsall, 64, Highgate Road, Walsall.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES S. EASTWOOD,

Tower Secretary.

Walsall.

## THE LOST BEAT

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. R. Newman on 'the lost beat' is something which I have been expecting. It is time someone had the heart and was valiant enough to have expressed such an opinion. I had hoped that a better known person among the ringing fraternity than myself would have endorsed your point of view.

I have done my very best in my own locality to emphasise the importance of the beat. It was handed down to me and I have tried to instil it in my pupils, of whom I am very proud. Carry on, Mr. Newman, for we cannot shut people's eyes or stuff their ears to what you state.

Finally, whom do we serve? Firstly, the vicar; secondly, the parishioners; and should they be served with that beat which you desire, there would be less writing to the papers and the long-suffering would not only lessen itself, but create a greater friendliness towards our fraternity.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Greenfield, near Oldham.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION'S ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—The Irish Association decided some time ago to write the names of those members who served in Defence Forces during the last war into the Peal Book.

There may be some of the non-resident life members who served their country who would like to be included in the Roll of Honour; if so, I would be glad if they will let me have their names, together with rank and regiments, also any decorations.

It is proposed to close the list at the end of November and it may not be possible to include any names received later.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinson, Dundalk.

## PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I beg to withdraw the peal of Herefordshire Little Surprise rung at Burg-hill, Herefordshire, on September 30th, 1949.

The composition is, unfortunately, false. It is, in fact, impossible to produce one with the tenors together.

I offer my sincere apologies to the band.—Yours faithfully, WILFRID F. MORETON.

Lampeter, Cards.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD MEMORIAL TO THE REV. E. S. POWELL.

The members of the Daventry Branch held their monthly meeting at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Staverton, on October 8th, and were joined at the service by local parishioners and ringers from Birmingham, Raunds, Northampton, Rugby and Mrs. E. S. Powell, from Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

During the service the Ancaster stone tablet which has been placed in the sanctuary of the church in memory of the late Vicar of Staverton and Ringing Master of the Peterborough Guild, the Rev. Everard Slade Powell, was dedicated. Miss M. Clark, a local ringer, unveiled the tablet.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. G. Glascoine, the lesson was read by the Rev. T. W. Long, chairman of the Guildsborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild, and the memorial tablet was dedicated by the Rev. R. H. Palmer, of Cogenhoe, Northampton, who in his address spoke of the fine example set by the Rev. E. S. Powell, of the valuable work he had accomplished for ringing and for the Church, and of his willingness to give good advice and friendship to all who sought it.

The work of carving and fixing the tablet was ably carried out by Lawrence A. Turner, and the cost of £50 was met by subscriptions.

## 100 Years After

As recorded in 'The Ringing World' on March 4th, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on February 12th, 1949, to commemorate the centenary of a peal in the same method rung on February 10th, 1849, at St. Mary's, Woolwich.

The board in the tower recording the earlier peal also states: 'The same band after diligent practice and steady perseverance accomplished on October 11th in the same year (1849) 5,600 changes of London Surprise Major, which arduous task was completed in 3 hours and 27 minutes and stands unequalled by any peal on record.'

The centenary of this peal also has now been commemorated by a peal of London rung on October 15th, conducted by Mr. F. J. Cullum. It is of interest to note that the 1849 peal was the second ever rung of London Surprise Major, the first being at St. Andrew's, Norwich, on November 17th, 1835.

It is hoped that the two 1949 peals will also be recorded in the tower.

The October 15th peal was a suitable birthday compliment to Messrs. E. A. Barnett, Crayford; Mr. A. S. Richards, West Wickham (who stood in the peal), and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Bradford, all of whose birthdays fall on this date.

## ROCHDALE'S BELL ANNIVERSARY

On October 15th and 16th, All Saints' Church, Hamer, celebrated the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the church bells. On Saturday advantage was taken of the occasion to reinstitute the annual tea and social of the Rochdale Branch of Change Ringers.

Commencing with Communion at 2 p.m. for ringers and friends, followed by ringing until tea, the evening was spent in a social, which included whist, dancing and handbell ringing by the branch members from Oldham. This was greatly appreciated by over 250 people present.

On Sunday special services were held in church and were well attended. The afternoon service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Wallworth, and the preacher was the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, who is also a keen ringer. This was followed by tea in the school, at which a huge birthday cake was cut by an old All Saints' ringer, Mr. W. Turner (78) and Master Keith Abbott (12), the youngest ringer.

In the evening the Bishop of Manchester preached on the message of the bells. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the chancel at both services by Mr. and Mrs. W. Crabtree, of Todmorden, and Mr. H. Barlow and Mr. V. Sykes, sen., of Oldham. J. T.

## ARCHBISHOP OF YORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

In honour of the visit of the Archbishop of York to Victoria, B.C., on October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the Cathedral bells by G. White 1, Margaret Izard 2, D. Boniface 3, A. Izard 4, A. King 5, C. Millard 6, E. W. Izard (cond.) 7, E. Merritt 8.

For the occasion Mr. C. Millard motored 130 miles to ring and then returned home on the Monday morning to Courtenay, Vancouver Island. Mr. G. White, who is one of the youngest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is also a member of the Vancouver Flying Club, and piloted his plane from Vancouver to Victoria in order to be in time for the ringing. The bells were also specially rung by the same members on Sunday, October 2nd.

The ringers were very pleased when they received a letter of appreciation from the Archbishop, in which he specially mentioned the excellent striking.



BRADWELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
WILLIAM J. FRENCH ... *Treble* | †GEORGE F. BURTON ... 4  
JAMES E. WHITLOCK ... 2 | \*WILLIAM YATES ... 5  
\*GEORGE W. HOLLAND ... 3 | ARCHIE J. LATHALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. WHITLOCK.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Doubles and first of Stedman. A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. Thurlow, who were married at this church on September 22nd, 1888.

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt.  
LEONARD G. TOOKE ... *Treble* | \*RONALD E. BURT ... 4  
FRANK PEARSON ... 2 | †T. CHARLES BROWN ... 5  
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 3 | CEDRIC F. W. PHILIPPO *Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. PHILIPPO.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. A welcome home to R. E. Burt on leaving Royal Navy.

## CORSLEY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being 17 extents of Stedman, 17 Grandsire and 8 Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... *Treble* | DONALD E. LEE ... 4  
\*FRANK A. PENN ... 2 | PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 5  
\*MRS. F. A. PENN ... 3 | LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS *Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

\* First peal in more than one method.

## HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 2,160's (C.C.C. 152, 153) and one 720 (C.C.C. 150). Tenor 16 cwt.

\*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... *Treble* | \*THOMAS G. FOX ... 4  
†GEOFFREY F. CARTER ... 2 | †DENNIS F. HARMAN ... 5  
†§WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3 | †ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Kent Minor. ‡ First peal. § 100th peal. A 40th birthday compliment to G. F. Carter and a farewell to Robert W. Biggs, verger of St. Mary's.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 39A, HIGH STREET,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*MARION GRAIN ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6  
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3-4 | RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7-8  
Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

\* First handbell peal of Major away from tenors.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

In THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

\*DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6  
WALTER P. WHITHEAD ... 3-4 | †JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7-8  
Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal in the method 'in hand.'

## BURRAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1949, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

At 'STEDMAN', 128, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

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

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4  
HECTOR KNIGHTS ... 5-6

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

In five methods, comprising 1,728 Plain Bob, 1,296 Gainsborough Little Bob, 864 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College Bob and 432 Little Bob, with 377 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.  
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8  
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6  
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 3-4 | \*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8  
Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

\* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At 'TRENTWOOD,'

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

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6  
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8  
Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all. First in the method for the Guild by a resident band. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,

In THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

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

Being 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor size 8 in C.  
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 1-2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4

\*MARGARET RIGBY ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.  
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 1-2 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8  
Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

A second anniversary wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Speakman, of Upton, Poole.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

In six methods, comprising 1,152 each of Plain Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, 864 each of Wellington Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 each of Crayford Little Bob and Little Bob, with 431 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8  
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

## BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Comprising 2,816 London, 864 Bristol and 704 each Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method.

\*MARGARET D. WOOLLEY ... 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6  
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8  
Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

## BELFAST.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

In THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.  
JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4  
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

## The Worcestershire and Districts Association

### Annual Dinner

The twelfth annual dinner, held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 1st, lost none of its popularity, a company of 96 sitting down under the chairmanship of the newly installed Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, M.A., D.Litt.

Immediately before the admirable and well-served meal the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, introduced the chairman, saying how happy they were that he had consented to accept the office of president. He came to them, as it were, fresh from the mint, for only that afternoon he had been installed and instituted as Dean of Worcester. They felt particularly honoured that his first public engagement after that service should be to preside at their dinner.

In a suitable reply, the Dean said the one disappointment was that owing to trouble with the pinnacles and battlements the cathedral bells could not be rung that day, but the Association had gone one better and rung all the bells of Worcester for him.

Supporting the chairman were Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mrs. Skidmore, the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, the Rev. L. J. Birch (Vicar of Beoley) and Mrs. Birch, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) and Mrs. Cartwright, M. J. Bass (vice-president), and the gathering was representative of all parts of the Diocese.

The loyal toast having been honoured on the call of the chairman, Mr. J. R. Newman proposed the toast, 'Church and State.' He could not feel at all sure that the altered conditions and outlook of the times were for the better, and to-day it was more than ever necessary for Church and State to get together. When so many day-to-day expedients were being adopted, it would be wise to try the influence of the teaching of Christianity—a spirit of brotherhood between nations. All who were churchmen should strive for that influence to be carried to the State. In coupling the name of the Rev. L. J. Birch, Mr. Newman said it was not unusual to find a parson ringer, but more unusual to find his wife a practical ringer too.

In reply, the Rev. Birch said he often heard, 'Why doesn't the Church do something?' but the truth was that all are members of the Church, and its work was done by clergy and laity working together. In this connection ringers had a particularly important part to play, for the message of the bells reached beyond the church flock, and he reminded ringers that they, too, should have a sense of obligation to worship.

Speaking as a ringer to the clergy, he was well aware that most of the clergy in the diocese did take an interest in their ringers, but where they did not he suggested the ringers should go to the parson, invite him to the belfry and teach him to handle a bell. He appealed to ringers and clergy to strive to reach these two ideals.

In proposing the toast 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. W. C. Dowding said it was one to which only one with a residential qualification could do justice and, although now in Birmingham, he was a Worcestershire man. He referred to early stalwarts and pioneers of the Association: W. Short, who had at one time been Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild and had called the 11,111 record of Stedman Cinques; the late W. Page and R. Matthews; others still active, Messrs. S. Grove, W. Ranford, S. T. Holt and C. Camm; the present Master, C. Skidmore and his inseparable companion, T. Hemming, and the general secretary, who was responsible for the

arrangements that evening. He reminded the members that Rule 1 stated that their first object be 'to reorganise the true position as church officers,' and he personally never tired of hearing that ringers should be good churchmen.

Mr. D. H. Watson, one of the younger members and the newly-elected Northern Branch Ringing Master, replied. The older members, he said, had been mentioned, but the future of the Association rested on younger shoulders, and he sometimes wondered if they accepted the responsibility as they should. He felt, too, that more opportunities should be taken for publicity; in ringing matters the ignorance of the public was still appalling. He appealed to the younger members to support the Association in every possible way.

Mr. T. Hemming proposed the toast of 'Kindred Associations,' and extended a special welcome to the four young ladies from Wallacey, who were with them that evening.

Mr. V. A. Hemming, of Shirley, replied. Although Worcestershire born, that was the first of the dinners which he had attended, but he felt that the arrangements compared favourably with any in the country, and the atmosphere of informality made the welcome all the more sincere. In thanking the Association, he wished to associate the visitors with the welcome extended to the new president.

All the items on the musical side of the programme were well received. Songs were given by Mr. G. J. Hemming, with his daughter, Miss Jean Hemming as accompanist, monologues by Mrs. J. Thomas, a selection of popular tunes by the Brierley Hill handbell band (Messrs. T. Hemming, C. Skidmore and J. Lloyd), and a tittum course of Grand sire Cinques was rung on the fine Association handbells by the Hinton band: R. G. Freeman 1-2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, J. Thomas 7-8, P. Harris 9-10, Miss M. Rowland 11-12.

### DISS RINGER MARRIED

On October 15th the wedding took place of Mr. W. A. Lock and Miss M. Bishop, whose family is well known in farming circles.

A well-known change ringer of Diss, Wed a Bishop with a prefix of Miss, Though one of a flock

Of a good farming stock,

Now Lock, stock and barrel, she's his.

(With apologies from B.A.T.S., of 'The Belfry'.)

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

An attendance of 135 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Canterbury District on October 15th. This was easily a record for the district, 27 towers being represented. The bells of St. Alphege's, St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's were kept going during the afternoon until the service, which was held in St. Stephen's Church. The service was conducted by the Rector, and a collection for the Benevolent Fund realised 2 gns.

Tea was held in the Parish Room, a 'Dilnot Special' being laid on in buffet style.

The annual business meeting followed. In his report the district secretary, Mr. B. J. Luck, announced an increase in membership as well as more income and less expenditure, due to various economies effected by the Association. A total of 360 members paid up for the year, including 31 hon. members. The chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, was re-elected, as was the secretary and Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Port. For the two offices as representatives, there were five nominations. Messrs. C. E. Buesden and H. R. French were elected. The secretary was also re-elected. For the next by-meeting Wickhambreaux was chosen by special request to celebrate the silver wedding of one of the local ringers, Mr. S. White.

## NOTICES

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### HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Francis Clare, retired from concert stage, wishes to sell lovely set of 25 concert HANDBELLS by Mears and Stainbank. Two octaves (chromatic) from G (below) Old Philharmonic. Split ball and felt clappers, stiffened leather handles. £60, including two fibre cases and underquilt.—Glebe Farmhouse, Alington, Norwich. 5979

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.—Two octaves in F plus low E, also B flat in lower octave; price nearest £25.—A. Edgerton, 50, Ward End Park Road, Birmingham, 8. 6021

### HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF 8 HANDBELLS for Nativity play, on loan or hire (15C-8C).—R. D. Scullard, 30, Canberra Road, Old Charlton, London, S.E.7. 6055

### MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted, experienced HOUSEKEEPER.—Paul Taylor, Bell Foundry House, Loughborough, Leicester. 6058

It is not too early to think of Christmas. The ideal present for a ringer is 'DELIGHT' RECORD BOOK.—Prices and samples from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6008

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, LONDON.—Practice at St. Mary's, Lewisham, is cancelled until further notice owing to a fault in the 7th bell.—J. Dafters, Towerkeeper. 6056

### 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.

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE.' Complete sets of parts, price 6s. 6d.: bound volumes, 10s., post free. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 5053

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiter Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

### MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—312th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 1-2.15; St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 2.15-3.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4-5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5891

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Wickhambreaux, Sat., Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation.—B. J. Luck. 5974

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Selston, Notts, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 5.30. Dinner 6.30. Tickets (7s. 6d.) can be obtained from the secretary, Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. Only a limited supply left. 5981

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Nov. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5986

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Bere Regis, Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Bus service, Weymouth 1.50. 5988

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Ockley, Nov. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at King's Arms. Numbers for tea to Mr. Duffield, The Gardens, Ockley Court, Dorking, early, please. 5989

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting, Debenham, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5, to all who notify Leslie G. Brett, Framsdon, Suffolk. 5952

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Hinton, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea. 6000

**FLY ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Littleport (8), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Lincoln's Cafe.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5997

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Manchester Cathedral, Saturday, Nov. 5th, from 5 until 9.—E. Walker, Sec. 6045

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, Nov. 7th, 7.15.—T. J. Lock. 6047

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5998

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting Montacute, Nov. 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5992

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Wellington, Nov. 12th. No tea for those who do not notify Mr. M. Pritchard, The Glen, Station Road, Tadley, near Wellington, Salop, of their intention to attend on or before Saturday, Nov. 5th.—C. M. Barron. 6005

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 12th. No tea arrangements; teashops nearby. 5992

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Nov. 12th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 6020

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Dartington (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 6025

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Northwold, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5; own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6022

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting is on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. James' (6), West Derby. Bells open 2.30. Service 5. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5.30. Names for tea must (repeat must) be sent before Wednesday, Nov. 9th, to Mr. H. C. Holmes, 7, Elmar Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, 17. Telephone Lark Lane 1200. 6041

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Combined practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Names for tea to A. G. Thompson, The Square, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby and J. Woods, Branch Secs. 6044

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Nov. 12th. Tea; names by Nov. 9th to H. Brown, 46, The Crescent, Southwick.—B. White, Hon. Div. Sec. 6049

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Sileby, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Wednesday, Nov. 9th, to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester. 6026

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Speldhurst (8), Nov. 12th. Tea, George and Dragon. Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 6050

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thanksgiving service, Blewbury, Berks, for restoration of bells, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3.30. Tea 4.30, followed by ringing. Names for tea not later than Nov. 8th, please, to C. Corderoy, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 6048

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3. Tea 5, The Rose, Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6042

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting Tilehurst, Nov. 12th. Bells 3.4.30, 6.30-8.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea Nov. 8th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 6040

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Tadmarton (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Service and tea. Swalcliffe after 7.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec. 6039

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing St. Mary's, Battersea, 3.4-3.40 and 7-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5-6. Business 6-7. Names for tea to Mrs. Hart, 29, Edna Street, Battersea, S.W.11. Phone BAT 3946. Bus Nos. 39, 49, 19 or 34 tram to Battersea Garage.—A. F. Uvall. 6034

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6036

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting at Guldborough, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Nov. 8th, please. 6033

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting Upper Cam (6), Nov. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Nov. 8th Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 6032

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 6029

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Anston (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield, by Nov. 8th.—H. Denman. 6029

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Stotford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6030

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Eastham (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 8th at latest.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6051

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Meeting Cefn-Coed (Merthyr), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Nov. 8th for certain. No name, no tea.—D. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 6028

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Kirkby Mallory, Nov. 12th. Bells (6), 3. Make own tea arrangements at cafe in village.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec. 6035

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Ticknall, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby, by Nov. 10th.—J. Cotton. 6052

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Roehdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 until 7. Meeting at 7.—Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6053

**BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Penistone, Nov. 12th, 2.30. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, near Sheffield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6054

**MITCHAM.**—A Ringers' Service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited. Ringing 5.30.—A. Miller. 5980

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—E. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Acle, Saturday, Nov. 19th, not 12th, as first stated. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea very latest Wed., Nov. 16th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6023

**SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.**—The Bishop of Chelmsford will dedicate the new treble bell and rededicate the restored five bells on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. The bells have been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with new bearings, and the old wooden frame renovated and strengthened by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Tea (2s.) at 4.30. Names to Mr. C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet, by Nov. 12th. Ringing till 8. 6024

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe (6), Nov. 19th, 2.30. 1½ miles Newark. Town bus service. Cards for tea to Harry Cloxton, Holme, Newark, by 16th.—J. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 6031

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam. 6037

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hoddesdon, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Parochial Church Council kindly providing tea. Please notify W. Mumford, 7, Century Road, Hoddesdon, by Nov. 16th. All welcome. 6038

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Jennings, 2, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, Braintree. 6043

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 3 to 4.30; Immanuel, Streatham, 6.30 to 7.30; St. Leonard's, Streatham, 7.30 to 8.30. Tea 4.45. at Messrs. Williamson's, 55, Balham High Road. Nominations for district officers now due.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6046

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Jubilee dinner, to be held in the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 6. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3.45, and St. Giles' (8), 2 to 5. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from Mr. John Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Those interested in peal attempts, Friday evening or Saturday morning, please mention when applying for tickets.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6027

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