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‘THE LORD BE THANKIT’

THE Editor has on his desk a reproduction of an original painting by J. Lobley, of ‘The Bell Ringer,’ depicting a scene in the middle of the last century of an aged man tolling a bell in the treadle fashion with one foot in the loop at the back-end. It is a picture bringing out all that is beautiful in the simplicity of life. What is as striking as the picture is the accompanying verse:—

For three score years he rang his simple praise:  
‘The Lord be thankit for His love always.’  
God grant that in these hurrying days that we  
May learn to serve in his high company.

Some might regard such thoughts as inappropriate for a Christmas message. But the Prince of Peace came not to this earth in a King’s Palace but in the humblest of all dwellings, the stable of an inn. His companions were the ox and the ass, and the first to honour Him were the shepherds of the field—men of lowly estate. We as ringers will be the first to proclaim Him to the waiting world to-morrow night. With measured tread we will climb the staircases to the belfries, leaving below all mundane things. Perhaps from one of the lancet windows we shall get a glimpse of the starry firmament, the wide heaven with its pin-points of light, and as we ascend there comes a consciousness of apartness from life and a mystic silence.

Christmas ringing is not a perfunctory act. While it is accompanied by great happiness it is indeed ethereal in its substance and a part of the ringer’s worship. It is an occasion that calls for the best in the individual, as near perfection as possible. The world below is listening for the beauty of the bells; in a sense it is part of the heavenly hosts that made the first proclamation to mankind of a Saviour who is Christ the King.

The first Christ came to the world in troublous days. Those difficulties are still with the world at large to-day. But despite outside conditions the peace and serenity of the village ringer quoted above is still available for those who seek. ‘The Lord be thankit for His love always’ is awaiting to be reborn in each heart this Christmas morning. If we approach to-morrow with that feeling of simple praise then the true happiness of Christmas will enter our hearts and whatever our circumstances a true joy will be unfolded within us.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDK. W. STOKES ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
PETER N. BOND ... 2	RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 8
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 3	H. LESLIE PASK ... 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	DANIEL COOPER ... 10
MARGARET FIDELL ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal as conductor on twelve bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

DOROTHY M. UDALE ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 2	LAURENCE GREENHOW ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
ALAN JACQUES ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus to be rung in this method. The conductor's  
50th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells. Tenor 25 cwt.

## TEN BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

HAROLD A. MAY ... Treble	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 6
*ERIC T. LEE ... 2	*T. MARK WHITE ... 7
*GEORGE L. GROVER ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 8
*RALPH BIRD ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 9
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the  
bells. Rung for the enthronement, on November 30th, of the Right  
Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell, M.C., M.A., as Bishop of Guild-  
ford Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNER ... Treble	NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
MICHAEL P. STANFORTH ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9
JILL POOLE ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal to be rung in this method

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ANNE WORTH ... Treble	JACK BARKER ... 6
JOHN WORTH ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 4	ALAN A. POTTS ... 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

*HAROLD BROUGH ... Treble	DENNIS HEAPY ... 5
†ANNE WORTH ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	STANLEY NADEN ... 7
BARRY CORBISHLEY ... 4	ALAN A. POTTS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal away from treble. Rung  
as a farewell to the Rev. T. Lever on his departure to Newton-in-  
Mottram. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.	
*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... Treble	†JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 2	HARRY HARRIS ... 6
JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 4	JOHN E. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.  
\* 100th tower-bell peal. † 50th peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled  
for the late Mr. Walter Perkins, churchwarden for 27 years.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
MAURICE HODGSON ... 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Comprising 2,240 changes of London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of  
Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 4½ cwt.

*SHIRLEY V. RYMER ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
*RUTH M. K. HOW ... 2	*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 6
*CATHARINE M. TRIST ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

*JOYCE CHENEY ... Treble	CYRIL WANDER ... 5
G. DULCIE ROBINSON ... 2	HORACE BENNETT ... 6
MAURICE BENNETT ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... 7
C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal. For the jubilee of the Guild. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

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

Comprising 2,880 Bristol, 1,216 London, 480 Cambridge and 480 Super-  
lative. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER SPARROW ... Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.



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**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Carter's Twelve-part.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
*E. J. GRACE ... .. 2	...Treble	*C. ALDRIDGE ... .. 5	...
C. E. GREGORY ... .. 2		*C. CORDEROY ... .. 6	...
G. F. JAMES ... .. 3		*H. ALDRIDGE ... .. 7	...
A. R. GREENOUGH ... 4		C. CORDEROY ... .. 7	... Tenor

Conducted by G. F. JAMES.

\* First peal. First peal since rehangng of bells.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
JOHN H. SITCH ... .. 2	FRANK V. GANT ... .. 6
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 4	HARRY TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.  
With good wishes to Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Byles on leaving St. Thomas's for Becontree.

**BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble	*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	*HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.  
\* First peal in method. First peal in method as conductor.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 28½ cwt.	
*PETER FOSTER (14) ... Treble	*GEORGE L. RODEN ... 5
*NOREEN BRAIN ... .. 2	GORDON HARRISON ... 6
†WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
*ALAN FOSTER ... .. 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.  
‡ First peal of Stedman Triples away from tenor. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. A compliment to Miss Doreen Roden on reaching her 21st birthday and announcing her engagement.

**FRINDSBURY, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.	
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 6
PATRICIA SMEE ... .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS ... 7
ERIC NAYLOR ... .. 4	*CYRIL D. CHANTLER ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.  
\* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Easter and Mrs. K. L. Naylor.

**HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.**  
**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.

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

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.	
*THOMAS DUNWOODY ... Treble	†FRED E. DUKES ... .. 5		
†JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 2	*HARRY BROWN ... .. 6		
*JOHN SAVAGE ... .. 3	*JAMES EDGAR ... .. 7		
*WILLIAM PRATT ... .. 4	*JOHN LEWIS (14) ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method.  
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and in Ireland. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. E. S. Barber, M.A., Vicar.

**EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*LIONEL J. CLARKE ... Treble	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5		
*SAMUEL P. MARDLIN ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 6		
*DERICK MUNNS ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 7		
†RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	†ROY V. BELDMO ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

**CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.	
ERIC BRUNTON ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
THOMAS WILSON ... .. 3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... 7
HARRY ANDERTON ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.  
An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. A. Barnes, of Reddish.

**CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.	
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	*J. MARTIN PAGE ... .. 5
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 2	*JOHN E. COOK ... .. 6
*GILLIAN A. SMITH ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
*ERIC EDMONDSON ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
MARGARET L. TUTT ... Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 15
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

**BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,\**  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.	
JOHN A. WEBSTER ... Treble	ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 5
HUGH ROBERTS ... .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 6
FRANK VARTY ... .. 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 7
ERNEST T. CARVELL ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

**GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HARRY MORGAN ... Treble		GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5	
PETER N. BOND ... .. 2	*JACK F. HODSON ... .. 6		
MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 7		
*G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor		

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire as conductor.  
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

**GOUDHURST, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
SIDNEY A. WHITE ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5		
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 6		
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7		
*ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... Tenor		

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR EVANS ... ..Treble	A. REGINALD BLABY ... .. 5
WALTER LEE ... .. 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
*IAN STEDMAN BIGGS ... .. 3	ANTHONY E. COX ... .. 7
JOHN KAPE ... .. 4	NORMAN CORNWALL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY COX.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. John Morris's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN SCOTT ... ..Treble	JOHN BRAMLEY ... .. 5
*JOHN MORETON ... .. 2	JOHN MORRIS ... .. 6
JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 3	*JOHN THOMPSON ... .. 7
JOHN TROTMAN ... .. 4	JOHN LLOYD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN TROTMAN.

\* 50th peal together. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. G. Strutt, Vicar of Holy Trinity, recently appointed priest-in-charge of St. John-the-Divine.

## NEWCHURCH (CULCHETH), LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. MURIEL REAY ... ..Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT ... .. 5
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... .. 2	*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ... .. 6
*MARJORIE ABBOTT ... .. 3	EDWARD IDDON ... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... ..Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal. † First peal in method. In memoriam Ben Thorpe.

## OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ALBERT O. LEWIS ... ..Treble	(CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
RALPH MOORS ... .. 2	*ROBERT LEES ... .. 6
ERNEST TURNER ... .. 3	REGINALD CHANCE ... .. 7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY ... .. 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Sir Sydney Law, Wollescote, November 27th, and Canon W. C. Jordan, Belbroughton, December 1st.

## RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROY BROOM ... ..Treble	ARTHUR HIBBERT ... .. 5
*DEREK OGDEN ... .. 2	CHARLES CLEGG ... .. 6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... .. 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... .. 7
MARY WALSHAW ... .. 4	JACK CLEGG ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Rung for the wedding anniversaries of the 6th and tenor ringers.

## ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

BERYL R. COWLIN ... ..Treble	JOHN F. PENNELLS ... .. 5
*SIDNEY BAILEY ... .. 2	SIDNEY G. SMITH ... .. 6
SYDNEY C. DRIVER ... .. 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... .. 7
JOHN A. DOWNING ... .. 4	†(CECIL H. HANKINSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smith on their 23rd wedding anniversary. First peal to be rung on the bells for 37 years.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## NETTLEBED, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6240 CHANGES;

Pitman's and Morris's, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MARK G. CASTLE ... ..Treble	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 4
*HARRY E. WELLS ... .. 2	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 5
*EDGAR C. BELSON ... .. 3	*A. JOHN PINCHIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor. In memoriam (half-muffled) for Canon G. F. Coleridge.

## HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. CRITCHLEY ... ..Treble	EILEEN RICE ... .. 4
*MARGARET ACKERS (14) 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... .. 5
JOHN POUNDS ... .. 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

\* First peal away from treble. Rung half-muffled in memory of Councillor Neale.

## BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALEX J. WEBSTER ... ..Treble	ALFRED CUSICK ... .. 4
JOAN WEBSTER ... .. 2	*HUGH ROBERTS ... .. 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.'

## BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD KILBY ... ..Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4
CECIL E. CARR ... .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... .. 3	JOHN J. MORRIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Stedman, Chase, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

RONALD C. NOON ... ..Treble	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON... .. 3
GEORGE CARE ... .. 2	*HARRY WOODING ... .. 4

\*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG ... ..Treble	WILLIAM EDWARDS ... .. 4
WILLIAM POTTS ... .. 2	*ERNEST STEELE ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

\* First peal of Minor.

## DAWLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY C. BAGLEY ... ..Treble	JOSEPH L. STANIER ... .. 4
MISS B. A. CARTER ... .. 2	ERNEST J. ROWE ... .. 5
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

First peal on the bells.

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lewis 1, R. Corke 2, E. C. Haynes 3, Miss E. Stewart 4, K. Williamson 5, W. H. Viggers 6, E. J. Bragg (cond.) 7, R. Mills (first quarter on eight bells) 8. For the first Confirmation by the Bishop of Guildford (Rt. Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell).

**ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Gardner 1, C. H. Webb 2, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 3, P. K. Williamson 4, F. W. Perrens 5, H. G. Summers 6, C. Aylett (first quarter in method) 7, W. A. Stote 8. A birthday compliment to James George.

**BATH.**—On Dec. 2nd, at St. Michael's, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. D. Evans 1, T. F. King 2, Miss B. Spice 3, W. G. Prescott 4, M. Helps 5, J. Owens 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. G. Brown 8. First quarter of Yorkshire by all except 3, and the first quarter of Yorkshire rung in Bath.

**CHECKENDON, OXON.** — On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. L. Baughan 1, Miss L. E. Slade 2, M. L. Baughan 3, C. J. Hearns 4, A. Wiggins (cond.) 5, E. Brant 6. First quarter for all except the conductor.

**ELTHAM, KENT.** — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Biggs (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Ashdown 3, G. W. Ashdown 4, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder 7, J. Hurrell 8.

**GRESFORD, NORTH WALES.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ray Williams 1, Nora M. Bibby 2, Wm. Roberts 3, A. Tilston 4, G. H. Randles 5, S. Randles 6, T. R. Griffiths (cond.) 7, R. Jarvis 8. To celebrate the wedding of Capt. C. Toller and Miss Ann Pease; also for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Toller.

**GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.** — On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Parker 1, R. Worrall 2, E. Hornby 3, B. Ongley 4, H. Howard (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6. For the coming-of-age and engagement of Miss M. Cooke.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barratt 1, A. Worth 2, B. J. Ongley 3, L. Copnall 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, H. Callwood 6. First quarter by all.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Biggs 1, A. Cox 2, R. Blaby 3, R. Biggs 4, N. Cornwall (first 'inside') 5, P. Newton (cond.) 6, J. Kape 7, V. Evans 8.

**NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Cording 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, G. A. Parsons 4, R. K. C. Wilkings (first quarter) 5, J. E. Loftly 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, D. Neal 8. A 21st birthday compliment for ringer of tenor.

**QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. F. Medway 1, Miss E. M. Hannam (first of Minor) 2, J. Hallett 3, T. Hayward (first of Minor) 4, H. L. Parfrey (first of Minor as cond.) 5, S. S. Woodburn 6.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Illman 1, A. Gear 2, Miss B. Sagers 3, Miss E. Illman 4, F. T. Hoad 5, A. T. Shelton 6, W. Claydon (cond.) 7, J. Henstridge 8. First quarter 3 and 8. Birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

**ROYSTON, YORKS.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, E. Stainrod 2, D. Hall (first quarter 'inside') 3, S. Dance 4, E. Atkinson 5, D. Smith (cond.) 6. A farewell to F. Mitchell on joining H.M. Forces.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Clark 1, W. J. Nudds 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, A. C. Wenban 4, C. Wenban 5, J. E. Rootes 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, G. A. Hughes 8.

**ST. ISSEY, CORNWALL.** — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Northey 1, A. H. Flett 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, S. J. Robinson 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, G. W. Taysom 6. First quarter on the bells.

**STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Parker 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, T. Charity (first quarter) 3, F. S. Parsons 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. For the induction of the Rev. A. Otter as Rector of Stoke and Easton and Bishop of Graham.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Duncan 1, L. G. Parsons 2, R. E. Lester (first quarter in method) 3, S. J. Philbrick 4, S. W. Arbon 5, H. D. Lister 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. P. M. Hinde, a former Vicar, and R. J. Steed, late member of the local company.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissat 1, A. J. Hicks 2, C. E. Taylor 3, R. Hill 4, H. Newson 5, J. Sangwin 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, J. Rich (first quarter on 8) 8.

**STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, C. Wills 2, D. Gay 3, W. Hart 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, D. Inkpen 6. First quarter 2 and 6.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Davidge (first quarter) 1, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first of Doubles as cond.) 2, F. G. Wilton 3, A. Tickner 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, Miss M. E. Richards 6.

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.** — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Robinson 1, C. Skinner 2, R. Seth 3, C. Hone 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6. First quarter by all the band.

**THANET, KENT.**—At the Church of St. Nicholas-at-Wade on Dec. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. P. Bolton (first quarter) 1, Betty Solly 2, H. Luck 3, E. Milsted 4, A. Hinkley 5, J. A. Russell (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor for all.

**THORLEY, HERTS.** — On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (240 Stedman and 1,200 Grandsire): P. Warboys 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, R. Hayden 3, G. Newman 4, T. Camp 5, C. Warboys (age 15, longest touch) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to F. Warboys.

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Headlines in a local  
Midlands newspaper re-  
cently read, 'D'ye ken  
John Peel.' This was as a result of eight  
'Johns' scoring a peal of Grandsire Triples  
at St. John's Church, Leicester, on Dec. 3rd.

Mr. George E. Feirn has 'circled' Gains-  
borough tower.

Mr. Frank Varty has rung Plain Bob from  
Minor to Maximus.

By ringing the treble to the peal of Pains-  
wick Surprise at Portsmouth Cathedral on  
November 26th, Mr. F. W. Burnett has twice  
'completed the circle' there.

Congratulations to Mr. Albert E. Thompson,  
St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on ringing his first  
peal of London Surprise Major and Cambridge  
Royal.

The peal at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on  
Saturday, was rung on the 23rd anniversary  
of the wedding of Mr. S. G. Smith who enter-  
tained the ringers to tea afterwards. It was  
the first peal on the bells for 37 years.

The Editor and the Editorial Committee ex-  
tend to all ringers their best wishes for Christ-  
mas and hope that in 1950 a better 'Ringing  
World' will be presented to readers.

It was fitting that the peal of Cambridge  
Minor for George Heley's golden wedding was  
rung on November 24th at Totternhoe, Beds,  
where he learned to ring. Although a member  
of the Dunstable band, he has for many years  
assisted the Totternhoe ringers on practice  
nights, one of whom is young Alan Broyd  
(under 14), who rang the treble (his first peal)  
in grand style from start to finish. Incidentally  
Alan rang his first 720 on January 16th this  
year, and since then has scored no less than 45  
720's and one quarter peal, ranging from Plain  
Bob to Cambridge Surprise, all for Sunday  
services.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

The Lincoln Diocesan  
Guild scored a peal of  
Spliced Surprise Minor in  
33 methods by the Sunday service band at  
Frampton on Dec. 10th. This is a first per-  
formance. Congratulations to Mr. J. R. Young  
and his band on a fine achievement.

With his peal of Double Norwich at Milton  
Abbas on November 26th, Mr. W. C. Shute has  
now rung peals on all eight and ten bell towers  
in Dorset. The peal was a 21st birthday com-  
pliment to Miss Dorothy V. Gould, of St.  
John's, Bournemouth.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at Hadlow,  
Kent, was rung in the same tower and on the  
same day (the 95th anniversary) as a previous  
peal of Bob Major called by William B.  
Newman, the conductor's uncle. The peal was  
the same composition (Annable's three-part),  
and by a sheer coincidence took exactly the  
same time—3 hours and 1 minute. Lewis New-  
man is believed to be the only living relative  
of those who rang in the original peal, and is  
the cousin of F. Newman (the well-known  
Kentish and College Youths ringer), the son  
of William B. Newman.

Mr. Harry Sear (captain) has completed 50  
years' service in the tower of St. Mary's,  
Bletchley, Bucks. It is worthy of note that  
the Sear family have held the position of  
steeplekeeper in St. Mary's tower for over 100  
years without a break. Harry followed his  
father and grandfather in the office. For  
many years he was in the service of the L.M.S.  
Railway, retiring in 1944, having held the  
position of chargehand wheelwright at Wolver-  
ton. He is remarkably agile for his age and  
looks forward to many years of ringing amongst  
his beloved bells. Unfortunately a peal at-  
tempt in honour of the event came to grief,  
but a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was  
rung.

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## A Christmas Quiz for Ringers

By KEWSETT

Three book prizes are offered for the answers nearest the correct solution. Closing date Jan. 10th, 1950. Envelopes to be addressed 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o the Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, Surrey.

- Which church tower with 8 bells has a double spiral staircase around a single newel?
- Which church with 10 bells has a clock which strikes 13 instead of one?
- Which church with 8 bells is known locally as 'The Flat Iron'?
- Which ring of bells was first tuned on the Simpson method by Canon Simpson?
- Which English county town has only a ring of 6 bells?
- Where is there a ring of 12 in the minor scale?
- Which ring of bells is nearest to the Greenwich Meridian?
- Where can the New Year be rung in first?
- What is the greatest number of consecutive calls (ordinary bobs and singles) that can be obtained in a peal of Bob Minor?
- They had just rung a peal and three of the ringers were discussing it.  
'That's funny,' said one. 'The numbers of our three bells add up to the same as the sum of all the rest!'  
'Yes,' said another, 'and no two of us were next to one another either.'  
If the bells were hung normally, which three bells were they ringing?
- 'I've done it!' says George. 'I've just rung a peal with the number of changes the square of my age. I could have done it last year for the first time, but we haven't enough bells.' How old is he?
- 'When I was sixty, we rang date touches of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. And not with singles either,' he added with disdain. In which year?
- What length of touch is it impossible to obtain in any Surprise or Treble Bob Minor method, using ordinary bobs (touches of 24 or 696 changes ruled out)?
- 'I distinctly felt the tower shake,' said Robin after they had rung a peal in an English tower. 'No wonder,' said Chris. 'If you climbed an inch for every change we rang, you would still be a long way from the top.' Where were they?
- Solve the following anagrams, objects likely to be of use before, during or after a peal attempt:—  
Grant skit splice  
Mile rap skin  
Glass men still  
Coals riot
- Sort out the lines of the following poem into three limericks:—  
A certain young ringer of Deal  
Got her rope-end mixed up round her heel.  
There was a young lady of Peel  
Rang all day and all night with no meal.  
The hanky got fanned,  
But launched out again with great zeal.  
The conductor said 'Stand'  
There was a peal-grabber of Scale  
By a sneeze of large brand  
Went on ringing and finished the peal.  
When rounds came as planned  
Was blowing his nose in a peal.  
But the rest of the band  
He didn't say 'Stand'  
And flew up and jammed in the wheel.

### CHRISTMAS BELLS

Ring out, ye bells, in merry peal  
This Happy Christmas morn,  
And let your sound echo around  
That Christ this day is born.

Ring out, ye bells, and as your call  
Goes forth from tower and spire,  
Your voices raise in tuneful praise  
With that celestial choir.

Ring out, ye bells, rink joyously,  
Strike sadness from the heart;  
That every hour may give us power  
Our best to all impart.

Ring out, ye bells, in tenderness,  
Strike hope where fears abound,  
In tones so mild as to a child,  
That peace may all surround.

Ring out, ye bells, in thankfulness,  
Send near and far thy call,  
That East and West may bring their best  
To Him Who giveth all.

Ring out, ye bells, in changeful tune,  
With methods old and new,  
Of that great love from Him above  
Which changest not for you.

Then ring, ye bells, in happiest strain,  
Repeat aloud the glad refrain.  
Make plain to all who hear your call  
That 'Christ the Lord is born again.'  
F. S. M.  
Sutton Valence, Kent.

### BURGESS HILL RINGERS

A very successful function was the first dinner of the St. John's company, Burgess Hill. The company of 35, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Marsh), included guest ringers from Wivelsfield, Keymer, Bolney and Twineham.

During the evening a presentation was made by Mr. R. West, on behalf of the St. John's company, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Simpson for organising the supper and for their services during the past year.

Thanks were also expressed to Miss Doggett, Mrs. Walder, Miss Walder and Miss Simpson, whose efforts in preparing the meal, laying the tables and waiting on the diners were sincerely appreciated. The evening concluded with games and dancing, organised by Mr. R. West.

### A 'GRIM' STORY

There was a ringer who, during his Christmas vacation, went for a holiday near a forest and decided to explore. He had not gone far when it started to rain, so he sheltered in a hollow tree. It rained more and more and the wood began to swell until at last it held him so firmly that he gave up hope of getting out.

All the time thoughts were passing through his mind of the things he had not done, (including payment of his subscription of £1 to Mrs. Fletcher for his 'R.W.' for 1950). These made him feel so small that he was able to slip out of the tree.

## The Non-Conducted Peal of London, 1949

On the stormy afternoon of November 12th a party of nine ringers made their way to the village of Warburton, Cheshire, close to the Manchester Ship Canal, and ascended the tower of the church. After ropes had been adjusted the bells were pulled off in rounds and Mr. G. R. Newton gave the order, 'Go, London,' and for the next half-hour all went well until a bob failed to be made. The offenders at once set their bells and after a short discussion about train times it was decided to make another attempt.

Mr. Newton again gave the word 'Go, London,' and for three hours and eight minutes nothing was heard except the sound of the bells, the swish of ropes, the rattle of the pulleys and the wind and rain beating on the windows of the tower. Mr. Newton, huddled in coats, stuck manfully to his uncomfortable task, and at the conclusion the bells ran merrily into rounds and he called 'Stand.'

The ringers who took part were:—  
Treble.—Eric J. GILBERT (aged 30). He has been ringing since 1933. Rang his first peal in 1934 and called his first peal in 1949. Of his 93 peals he has conducted two. This was his first peal of London as conductor, and among his peals is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the Chester Guild, which was his first touch on twelve bells.

2nd.—Walter ALLMAN (39) comes of a ringing family with a tradition of over 300 years behind them. He started to ring in 1935 and rang his first peal in 1937 and his first as conductor in 1938. He has rung 182 peals, of which he has conducted 15. In the years 1947, 1948 and 1949 he rang 50 peals or more. This was his first peal of London as conductor.

3rd.—C. Kenneth LEWIS (36) began to ring in 1932 and rang his first peal in 1934 and his first as conductor in the following year. He has taken part in several peals in which the number of methods in seven extents of Treble Bob Minor was increased and ultimately reached the limit of 73. He has rung 309 peals, of which he has conducted 130.

4th.—John E. BIBBY (48) began to ring in 1912 and at the age of 11 rang his first 720 on handbells with the present president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis. His first peal was in 1920 and his first as conductor in 1923. Since then he has rung 352 peals (including 11,232 Superlative), of which he has conducted 106.

5th.—John WORTH (39) started to ring in 1922 and rang and conducted his first peal in 1929. He took a leading part in the development of Spliced Minor and took part in all the peals up to the record 73 Treble Bob Minor methods peal. His peals include the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Chester Guild. He has rung 487 peals, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and has called 317 of them.

6th.—James C. E. SIMPSON (41) started to ring in 1920 and rang his first peal in 1926, calling his first peal the next year. He has made a speciality of calling peals of London and has called many different 5,024's of the late G. Lindoff. Of his total of 465 peals he has called 216 (including two non-conducted).

7th.—Frank VARTY (32) started to ring in 1933 and his first peal was in 1935, and later in the same year he called his first peal. His 162 peals, of which he has conducted 42, include 7,200 Surprise Minor in 10 methods. This was his first peal of London as conductor.

Tenor.—Edward JENKINS (54) was the only non-Cheshire man of the band, but one to whom the Chester Guild owes much. He started to ring in 1912, rang his first peal in 1913 and his first as conductor in 1920. His 554 peals include 11,232 Superlative, 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major, both of which he conducted, and 15,512 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and he has conducted 303 of them.

## OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

### MR. W. M. GREENAWAY.

Rodbourne Cheney tower suffers a grave sense of loss at the passing of Mr. William Greenaway after a short illness at the age of 77. A native of Ogbourne St. Andrew, he learned to ring a bell as a young man, but did nothing more until Rodbourne Cheney bells were restored in 1931 when he joined the newly-formed band, and, despite his age, made good progress in Doubles methods and Bob Minor. He had rung 20 peals and for a number of years all the beginners at this tower received their first lessons from Mr. Greenaway. He was a member of the P.C.C. from its inception in 1921 until last year.

The funeral took place at Radbourne Cheney on December 6th, and the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Mr. W. H. Trueman (chairman) and Mr. W. B. Kynaston (secretary). The bells were rung half-muffled by ringers from various towers, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Marion Harry 1, Bernice Strange 2, Beryl Strange 3, D. Bounds 4, J. E. Manners (conductor) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. All the band were taught to handle a bell by Mr. Greenaway, proof, surely, that his labour had not been in vain. W.B.K.

### MR. R. J. STEED.

The death occurred on December 2nd of Mr. Robert J. Steed, of Buxhall, Suffolk, at the early age of 37. He had been in indifferent health for several months following a serious illness in the early part of the year, but had continued with his work and his ringing activities until a day or two before his death, which came with tragic suddenness. He leaves a widow and two children.

Mr. Steed was a member of the Stowmarket company, with whom he regularly rang, besides assisting whenever required at his home tower and in neighbouring villages. He had rung about 40 peals for the Suffolk Guild.

At the funeral service on December 6th ringers were present from Buxhall, Cotton, Great Finborough, Finchingfield, Rattlesden, Stonham and Stowmarket. The Suffolk Guild was also represented, and the lesson was read by one of the deceased's fellow ringers.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by L. G. Forster, F. Sterry, O. G. Barnard and E. A. Cracknell, followed by muffled ringing on the tower bells. On Saturday, December 10th, a quarter peal was rung at Stowmarket as a tribute to the memory of a valued and popular colleague.

### AN APPRECIATION.

Although his name was not constantly, or even frequently, in the public eye, Jack Steed was nevertheless one of those who form the very backbone of the Exercise—a regular service ringer. Sunday by Sunday he and his companions cycled in all weathers over bleak roads the four odd miles from Buxhall to Stowmarket, as well as on practice nights and for special occasions. Jack was a safe ringer and a good striker in the standard methods on any number, and his cheerful disposition made him a welcome visitor to any tower.

He was, however, happiest when he could get a band together to ring for services at his home tower on the old-fashioned five with a cracked tenor and a badly-going second, and it is ironic that only a few days before he died Jack had assisted a colleague to carry out some repairs to the bells, little thinking that the next time they were to ring would be for his own requiem. Our hearts were heavy when, in the fading light of a grey December afternoon, we saw all that was mortal of him laid to rest in the shadow of the little village church and within the sound of the bells that in life he had loved so well. In his passing we have lost a colleague and friend whose place it will indeed be hard to fill. O.G.B.

### MR. BENJAMIN THORPE.

Many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Benjamin Thorpe, of Ashton-under-Lyne, on November 29th, aged 69 years.

The interment was on December 3rd, the Rev. P. F. Rigby officiating. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside. Ringers present were from Manchester, Oldham, Mossley, Hyde and Ashton-under-Lyne.

After the funeral a plain course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on the tower bells of St. Michael's with the bells half-muffled.

Mr. Thorpe had been a ringer at Ashton Parish Church for over 50 years, and was also Ringing Master of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society. He had rung over 100 peals. Owing to ill-health, he had done very little ringing during the last 12 months, but maintained a great interest in it. J. C.

### THE LADIES' GUILD MIDLAND DISTRICT.

On November 26th, the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held their meeting at Kettering. The bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening. The bells of Burton Latimer were also available in the evening.

A most interesting service was conducted by the Rev. Holborow, and a party of 66 ringers and friends sat down to an enjoyable tea in the Parish Hall, arranged under the direction of Messrs. Turner and Bird and the ladies of the district.

Before the business meeting, Miss Thompson (vice-president) welcomed all to the meeting and she was particularly pleased to see Miss E. Steele, of Bedford (formerly president of the Ladies' Guild) and Mrs. A. Richardson (secretary of the Lincolnshire Branch). Three new members were elected.

Miss Steele spoke for a few moments about the late Canon Coleridge; what a tremendous friend and helper the Ladies' Guild had lost. It was Canon Coleridge who assisted Mrs. Fletcher in the commencement of the Guild and he was also one of the instigators of the Guild being represented upon the Central Council. The company present stood for one minute's silence to the respect of his memory.

### A LEICESTER RECORD

Dear Sir,—The two gramophone records now available at Leicester are worthy of comment.

The reproduction in the half-muffled Grandsire Triples at St. John's is really grand. As regards the striking, I do not think one could hear better. Each bell can be heard distinctly all through.

On the reverse side are the hymn tunes chimed by the writer. A system of coupling is employed at St. John's, introduced by the late William Willson, which allows several bells to be played at once. This gives a carillon effect. This recording was made on Sunday, September 4th, at 8 a.m. The singing birds can be heard mingled with the bells and as an interlude between each tune.

The tunes by the Beltonians Handbell Ringers recorded are the first two that were put over at the jubilee dinner of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Yours truly,

S. HARRISON, Steeplekeeper,  
St. John the Divine, Leicester.

### 5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the 5,184 Yorkshire Surprise Major by W. E. Critchley, published in a recent issue, was composed by me in 1933, and was rung at Crayford on December 1st of that year, conducted by E. A. Barnett.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS,  
Waltham Abbey, Essex.

## LETTERS

### ST. MARGARET'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—Yes, your correspondents are quite right. It is the microphone in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament which, when switched on to broadcast the Big Ben chimes, automatically picks up St. Margaret's bells should they at the same time be ringing. The peal finished at 9.5 p.m.

The late Rupert Richardson used to like to know when we were going for a peal so that he could listen in at the time signals (Big Ben 7 o'clock and 9 o'clock) and hear how we were going on. On practice nights we used to make it a point of ringing at 7 o'clock for his benefit. These times, of course, allude to pre-war days.

W. H. HEWETT,  
119, Coleman Road, S.E.5.

### HEARD IN WALES

Dear Sir,—On October 15th bells were ringing before the chiming of Big Ben and all through until the news started. My wife and myself were listening to the Welsh Home Service at the time and the bells came over very plainly. (I remarked that must be St. Margaret's.) I may say they were very plain before the chimes started. They were, of course, more in the background while the chimes and the hour were striking. I am wondering if the conductor of the peal at St. Margaret's on that date would say if they were ringing at 9 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

Port Talbot, Glam. E. STITCH.

### PLACES OF BOBS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Sedgley is liable to mislead in saying that a 6ths place bob in Cambridge Major implies an 8ths in Royal and a 10ths in Maximus; though he admits these would be 'absurd'!

This persistent confusion of 'place' with 'functional effect', was quite a common error at one time. It is the latter of course, and not the former, which gives rise to the factor of 'position fixity' of the bob. Otherwise Mr. Sedgley might equally well say that a Cambridge Major 4ths place bob implies a 6ths in Royal and an 8ths in Maximus; which, of course, is equally absurd!

Consider the facts: The functional effect of a bob is variation of the coursing order of a given number of bells specifically below or specifically above (and including) the bob-making position. So in Cambridge, where the bob alters things *below* it, the 4ths place bob varies positions 2, 3 and 4, in all stages, Minor to Maximus. And the 6ths place bob varies positions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in all stages, Minor to Maximus. In Primrose, where the bob alters things *above* it, the back-minus-two placed bob varies the order of the 3 back positions, in all stages, Minor to Maximus. It is the same in Double Norwich. The ruling applies equally in such methods as Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bristol, where the bob has a lengthening-lead effect.

Perhaps Mr. Sedgley will, on reflection, allow a travesty of his concluding sentence, thus: Variable-place bobs, functionally understood, will no doubt be rung consistently in compositions, when the inconsistent dicta of yesterday have been consigned to that same limbo of forgotten things.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE,  
Fountains Park, Southampton.

### WORDSWORTH SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—In connection with the letter from Mr. W. Barton published in 'The Ringing World' of December 9th concerning the composition of Wordsworth, I was the conductor of the peal of St. Clement's which he mentions, and I would like to add that I obtained it from the C.C. Collection, in which it is published as a peal of Double Oxford.—Yours sincerely,  
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY,  
Scawthorpe, Doncaster.



COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 840 Canterbury, 720 Plain Bob, 480 St. Simon's, 360 April Day  
and 2,640 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD... <i>Treble</i>	*C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3
†JOHN HAWTIN ... 2	*SAMUEL MARTIN ... 4
	*ROLAND BENISTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal in five methods. † First peal of Doubles.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Grandsire and 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob,  
St. Simon's and Stedman. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... <i>Treble</i>	*ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 4
JOHN E. MANNERS... 2	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 5
BRIAN BLADEN ... 3	†EDWARD G. ADAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being ten extents of Canterbury Reverse, six each of St. Simon's, St.  
Martin's, Grandsire and April Day, and eight of Plain Bob.

C. FRANK PHILIPPO ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY J. HALL ... 3
FRANK C. ARNOLD ... 2	*FRANK PEARSON ... 4
	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

\* First peal of Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOYCE COX ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ARCHIE G. LEAHY ... 4
*MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 2	†CHARLES PERRY ... 5
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal and the first member of the  
local band to ring one.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WARR ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR H. REED ... 4
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 5
REGINALD BEALE ... 3	JACK W. DREW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal on the six bells. A memorial peal to Rev. E. S. Powell,  
to whose memory the new treble is dedicated.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Consisting of one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob  
and Double Oxford and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain  
Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDK. J. CRAPNELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 4
*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	GEORGE W. PIPE ... 5
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* 50th peal together.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

*IAN O. CAMPBELL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	†PETER G. PARROTT ... 4
HARRY GRUNDY ... .. 2	*HARRY BLACKBURN ... 5
WILLIAM E. COURT ... 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the front six.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 1-2	ALAN CATTELL ... .. 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY ... .. 7-8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.  
Rung on the 96th birthday of the composer.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CETERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... .. 7-8
	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 9-10

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
The conductor's 100th peal this year.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

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
	ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 29, 1949, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,  
AT APARTAMENTOS CAJIGAL, AVENIDA CAJIGAL, SAN BERNARDINO,

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

Being two 120's of Stedman, eighteen 120's of Grandsire, and twenty-  
two 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.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

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

Being seven different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

A. ERNEST McGRATH ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

Rung in honour of the 96th birthday of Mr. James George.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,  
AT 78, NEW ROAD,

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

Four different callings.

*VINCENT W. RIGG ... .. 1-2	*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
	†N. DAVID LANE ... .. 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Bob Doubles. † First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

No. 37. Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

## Christmas Greetings

To all ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a successful New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 6215

Seasonal greetings to all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and ringing friends everywhere. — Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 6213

All best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends at Plymouth. St. Mary's, Cardington, Hereford Cathedral, St. Aldate's, Oxford, and Lostwithiel.—Stuart WORTH. 6218

To J. Martin Thorley, R.A.F., Middle East Forces. Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.—From THORNE RINGERS and all members of Doncaster District Society. 6224

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. BARKER, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. 6225

Best wishes to all friends for Christmas and New Year. To the Rovers and all other visitors this year, greetings. To those we have visited, thanks.—Charles ROUSE, Cheltenham. 6229

To all my ringing friends, both far and near, I wish a very happy Christmas and best of luck during 1950.—From Ronald J. SHARP, 7, Clophill Road, Maulden, Bedford. 6227

Christmas greetings and sincere good wishes for the New Year to all my ringing friends everywhere.—Ronald H. BULLEN, 39a, High Street, Ely, Cambs. 6231

Sincere and hearty good wishes to all ringing friends, especially Huntingdon District, E.D.A.R.—Frank WARRINGTON, St. Ives, Hunts. 6232

Sincere Christmas greetings to all my ringing friends far and near. Best wishes for the New Year. 'Go to it.'—From W. C. BLYTHE, Southwold, Suffolk. 6233

To ringing friends old and new, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. F. BRADLEY, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 6234

A merry Christmas to all users of the Bell-ringer's Notebook and Diary. May all your entries be happy ones and all your peals come round. — Will VIGGERS and Maurice HODGSON. 6236

A merry Christmas to all our ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. Norman V. HARDING, of Roydon, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 6242

To all my ringing friends, wherever you may be, a joyous Christmastide and a prosperous New Year with good ringing is the wish of yours sincerely, W. WENBAN, Harrow Weald. 6243

The President of the Hertford County Association sends hearty Christmas greetings to all members of the Association. May 1950 be a year of good ringing and good fellowship. 6244

ST. MARY'S, APSLEY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, ringers send their best wishes for Christmas to all ringing friends. Good ringing and good luck in 1950, with many happy gatherings. 6245

To all my ringing friends, wherever they may be, the joys of a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset. 6247

To all ringing friends greetings for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent. 6247

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. LATHBURY and NORA, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6250

Mr. E. T. P. FIELD wishes all his many ringing friends a very happy Christmas. 6251

Christmas greetings to all ringing friends, with a kindly thought of those who have passed along.—Charles J. NORTH, Norton Cottage, West Street, Selsey-on-Sea, Sussex. 6252

Christmas and New Year greetings to my old and new friends.—C. W. R. GRIMWOOD, 19, Endsleigh Gardens, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 6253

Heartiest of Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all our ringing friends everywhere. — Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 6254

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—To all ringers and friends, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6257

To all our friends, best wishes for your health and happiness this Christmas and throughout the coming year.—From Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 5, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bourne mouth. 6237

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all friends is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Albert WALKER, Birmingham. 6239

To all ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. MATHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 6240

Christmas and New Year greetings. Best wishes to all ringer friends, especially members of Beverley and District Ringing Society.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 6241

To all my friends wherever they may be, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham. 6277

The very best of Christmas greetings to all ringing friends and a prosperous New Year is the wish of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert MINGAY, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 6276

Mr. Peter N. BOND, 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7, sends sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his ringing friends. 6275

Greetings and good wishes to all our ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Lower Durrian Farm, Stithians, Truro. 6273

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE. 6272

To our brother and sister ringers in all places, a right merry Christmas. In the coming year, health, happiness and peace.—ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, Barking, Essex. 6271

Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, especially for ringing in the New Year, to all our ringing friends.—From S. Geoffrey WATERS and Malcolm S. CLOKE. 6270

A happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be. — From William D. ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Dog Village, Broadclyst, Devon. 6269

Mr. J. MARTIN PAGE and Miss M. L. HICKSON send Christmas greetings to all their ringing friends, wishing them good ringing in 1950. 6268

To my ringing pals everywhere, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Are you there, Titchfield? Good hunting.—From G. WHITEMORE, Bay View, Lyme Regis, Dorset. 6266

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis POOLE, Marlow, Bucks. 6274

A happy Christmas and New Year to many, many good friends and fellow-ringers, and as many well-struck touches as you wish.—From Mr. and Mrs. STAFFORD GREEN. 6267

Hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and MARGARET, Tunbridge Wells. 6265

DON MEARS sends heartiest season's greetings to all ringing friends. Good health, good luck and good striking. 6264

Sussex, Western Division.—BILLINGS-HURST sends Christmas greetings to Wisborough Green and all ringers this festive season. 6263

Mr. Frederick WHITE, 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells, sends greetings to all ringers wherever scattered over the face of earth or water, wishing them a safe and happy homing course. To those with whom I have rung and lost peals and touches I wish all blessings. I recall them in happy memory. 6262

To all ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—From W. E. CLARKE, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 6261

Wishing the compliments of the season to ringing friends, old and new, home and overseas.—Thomas G. MYERS, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6259

To all ringing friends, subscribers and contributors, happiness and prosperity in 1950, specially remembering all invalids.—A. J. CORRIGAN, Bitton. 6258

To all my ringing friends, both far and near, I send my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Malcolm C. C. MELVILLE, Escola Britanica, Caixa Postal 3472, Sao Paulo, Brazil, S.A. 6260

Mr. and Mrs. William COLES, with Sheila and Malcolm, would like to wish all ringing friends and their families every joy at Christmas time and throughout the coming year. 6284

Sincere and hearty greetings to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. G. R. NEWTON. A very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. 6288

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—The Master and Secretary of the district wish all members a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—B. G. BURTON, G. BLAKE. 6290

Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1950 from the All Saints' Society of Change Ringers, Parramatta, N.S.W., Australia, to all fellow-ringers in the Old Land.—Bruce DUNBAR, Sec.; R. W. FERRISS, Capt.; A. R. BOTTING, Vice-Capt. 6287

Christmas and New Year's greetings to all bellringers.—A. R. WILSON, Holy Trinity Bellringers' Association, Hobart, Tasmania. 6292

A Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all members of the Society of Roving Ringers.—From the HON. SECRETARY. 6298

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—From Archie A. FITCH, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 6296

Mr. and Mrs. COLCLOUGH, Bilston, send best Christmas wishes and New Year greetings to all ringing friends near and far. 6295

To all our many friends throughout the country, especially 'Cumberlands,' we send the season's greetings.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. CROSS, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent. 6294

## NOTICES

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Will all who have called peals for the Yorkshire Association during 1949 please send particulars (including compositions) to me without delay unless they have already done so.—Wm. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey. 6295

**ALL SAINTS', ISLEWORTH.**—All ringing is stopped until further notice, owing to structural repairs to the tower.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6299

**PEAL CARDS** can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

## PUBLICATIONS

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## MEETINGS

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District. — Somersham, Saturday, Dec. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6255

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — South-Eastern District.—There will be no practice at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 31st.—H. W. Shadrack. 6291

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice, Monday, Jan. 2nd, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Jan. 7th, St. Mary's, Putney Bridge, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business. All Saints', Fulham, 5.45. Ringing 7 p.m. Annual general, Feb. 4th, Southwark Cathedral and other towers. Everyone welcome to all meetings.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6230

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Cathedral (12) bells 1.30 to 2.30, 6 to 7.30; St. Maurice's (6) 1.30 to 2.30, 6 to 8. Meeting 2.30 at the Tea Rooms above Smith's Book Shop, High Street, Winchester. Tea (4.30) only for those who notify by Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Service, Cathedral, 5.15.—L. A. Tremere, 34, The Dean, Alesford. 6249

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8), Jan. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 6235

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Sedgley, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Jan. 3rd to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6282

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.** — Ilchester Deanery.—Annual meeting, Martock, Jan. 7th. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock. 6283

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting, Hornechurch (8), Jan. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Elections, etc. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Jan. 4th to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6280

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at East Haddon, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, before Jan. 2nd, please. 6239

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Bocking, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mrs. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 6285

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Upton, Jan. 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea after. Names for tea to the Rev. F. J. Prowse, Upton, Honiton, not later than Jan. 7th. 6248

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual dinner at Newark Town Hall, Jan. 28th, 6.30. Parish Church bells (10) available. Accommodation limited. Tickets 10s. 6d. each from J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 6220

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury, Jan. 28th next. Details later, probably.—C. A. Barron. 6279

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The Bristol Rural Branch held their second annual supper and social at the Crown Hotel, Mangotsfield, on Saturday, December 3rd. Seventy-five members and friends sat down to supper. The guests of the evening were the Rev. A. D. H. Allan and Mrs. Allan, of Cromhall.

After the loyal toast, the chairman, Mr. C. R. Harding, proposed the toast of the Church, and said he often wondered if we ever thought of what this country would be like if we had no churches. There would be no bells, and he thought it would be something like the dark days when the ban was on the bells and all the ringers would seem lost. He thought there was a great revival coming in the Church, and until that did come, this country would not make much headway. He would like to impress on the young ringers the importance of good striking and loyalty in the belfry.

The Rev. Beard, Mangotsfield, responded to the toast, and said it was only by everyone in the Church pulling together that the spirit of Christian fellowship could be maintained.

The toast of the Bristol Rural Branch was proposed by the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, who said he was often surprised at the numbers who attended the rural branch meetings. It showed that the meetings were enjoyed, and although his branch adjoined the Bristol Rural Branch, there was no barrier between the two branches, and any members from one branch were always welcomed at the other's meetings.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies responded to the toast and said he had been ringing at Mangotsfield ever since the ring of eight had been there. He was pleased to be able to say the oldest bellringer was still ringing there. He referred to Mr. Sears, who was aged 90 next birthday. During the last few years the Bristol Rural Branch had improved by leaps and bounds, and he was pleased to say that they were now the largest branch in the Association. This was due to the untiring work of the officers and loyalty of the members.

Songs were rendered by Mr. C. Harding and the Misses Pritchard and Thorne, and accordion solos by Miss Sheppard, all members of the Rural Branch, and a party of artistes from Bristol provided further entertainment.

**PURTON, WILTS.** — On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. R. Shailes (cond.) 1. F. H. Strange 2, C. R. Shailes 3, V. Griffin 4, A. Mabbut 5, W. Dash 6.

## Quarter Peals

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Sear 1, W. Daniells 2, H. Sear 3, F. Stonton 4, J. Marks 5, J. R. Rootes 6, D. J. Meager (first in Major) 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. In honour of Mr. H. Sear's 50 years' service to this tower.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 4th, at St. Nicholas', 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Stalham 1, P. Romney (first on ten) 2, J. Feist 3, G. Elphick (first of Caters 'inside') 4, J. Whitehead 5, G. Ades 6, F. Bennett (cond.) 7, M. Thomas 8, R. W. E. Dawe 9, F. Pullman 10.

**CHIEVELEY, BERKS.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Tuffley 1, K. Sherman 2, M. Rosier 3, G. Townsend 4, R. Crook (cond.) 5, F. Tuffley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. C. Calloway, a local ringier, and to Canon Coleridge.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Ateyo 1, H. Pearce 2, S. Guppy 3, W. H. Poole 4, R. White 5, A. S. Ateyo 6, W. E. Turner (cond.) 7, G. H. Pike 8.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.** — On Dec. 4th, at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. P. Yates 1, E. J. Potter 2, M. S. Hunt 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, A. T. Weeks 6. First for 1 and 3 away from tenor. A welcome to the Bishop of Salisbury for Confirmation.

**FALING, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 4th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Bennett (first away from tenor) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. P. Kent 3, P. E. Clark 4, T. Davies 5, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 6, A. Harding 7, R. D. Candy (first quarter) 8.

**EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norman 1, G. W. Tembey 2, W. H. Cooke 3, Miss M. Johnstone 4, R. Johnstone 5, A. Eilbeck 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, J. H. Rothery 8. A farewell compliment to the Rector, who is leaving for Barrow-in-Furness.

**FULHAM, LONDON.** — On Dec. 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. Chilcott 1, M. Chilcott 2, R. Mackrill 3, J. Allsop 4, W. J. Paice 5, A. Appleton 6, G. Debenham (cond.) 7, P. Chalk 8, H. Belcher 9, H. M. Page 10.

**GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.**—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Yarborough 1, A. J. Bartlett (cond.) 2, H. Mullah 3, F. Bowden 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, C. Hazelden 6, C. E. Smith 7, F. Maybee 8. First quarter by 1 and 8.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, C. Finch 2, Miss S. Coles 3, W. Aley 4, W. Wheeler 5, F. C. Coles 6, E. E. Holman (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, V. Tipton 8. First of Stedman 2 and 3.

**HUTTON, LANCS.** — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Adshead 1, S. T. Smith 2, Doreen Jones (cond.) 3, R. C. Preston (first of Doubles) 4, W. R. Birchall 5, W. F. Court 6.

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Giles' on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Hepworth (first quarter) 1, G. Parker 2, Margaret A. Swann 3, O. A. Needham 4, R. Parker 5, S. A. Chambers 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, J. E. Cook 8. First of Grandsire for 2, 4, 5 and 8.

**LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.** — On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. H. Kindred 1, Miss Daphne Cook (first quarter) 2, J. W. G. Kindred 3, E. Newson 4, P. Kindred (cond.) 5, A. E. Coleman 6.

**NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.** — On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Rogers (first quarter) 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Meadows (first in method) 4, A. R. Chanman 5, W. J. Carter 6. A birthday compliment for Mrs. Austin, of Pretoria, South Africa, staying in this country.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas the Martyr's on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. M. Grayson 1, E. H. Edge 2, E. B. Wood 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, J. G. M. Scott 5, E. F. W. Seymour 6. First quarter for all except the conductor. All the hand are members of St. Edmund Hall.

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