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REFLECTIONS ON BATH COUNCIL MEETING

By P. A. CORBY

THERE seems to be fairly general agreement that the meeting of the Central Council at Bath in 1966 was a better and more useful meeting than Northampton in 1965. At the same time, however, there is considerable scope for further improvement, particularly in the Council is to retain and increase the respect it ought to have from the Exercise.

It was very interesting to talk to one or two members who were attending their first meeting. After many years one has become accustomed to feeling at the meeting that the proceedings are purely formal and that everything has been cut and dried at the Standing Committee. It was therefore something of a jolt to hear this opinion expressed by a new member. In fairness, of course, this is only an impression, since, as the debate on "The Ringing World" showed, the Council can summon up a mind of its own, and is by no means always inhibited by the recommendations of the Standing Committee. At the same time, however, one wonders if some variation of the procedure could be introduced that would help to remove this feeling of repression.

I was astounded to hear the proposition from two speakers that it was not quite the thing that readers of "The Ringing World" had had the temerity to comment in the correspondence columns on the terms of a proposition that was to come before the Council. What an extraordinary attitude this was, and for good measure one speaker actually used the expression "sub judice". Surely the Council should be only too delighted that non-members are sufficiently interested in its proceedings to let us have the benefit of their knowledge and experience, particularly when the item complained of was a forlorn attempt to bring sense out of nonsense.

One could not escape the feeling that the time has come for the Council to take a long cool look at the extent to which the social side is being allowed to obtrude on the time that ought to be devoted by the Council to its formal business. It is certainly an unforgettable experience to spend a glorious summer week-end in a beautiful and historic city like Bath, set in the matchless countryside of Somerset, with its endless supply of wonderful churches, and their splendid rings of bells. To anyone with any sense of history, the Roman Baths called for a visit, but this was surely something that visitors should have expected to find their own time for during some other part of the week-end. To interrupt the Council meeting at 4 p.m. when the afternoon session had hardly had time to warm up was an unwarranted intrusion on the serious business of the day, particularly as the civic reception was to be as early as 4.45 p.m. The Council surely needs to have available the whole time up to say 6 p.m. if justice is to be done to the business. In the event, the proceedings up to 4 o'clock were an undignified scramble, and the attempt to revive a proper atmosphere after tea was pitiful. Perhaps these were some of the factors which contributed to the failure to give an opportunity to the new secretary to say even a few brief words to the Council on his appointment. Obviously no discourtesy was intended to him, but he is a man to whom the Council will in due course have cause to be most grateful, as it has to his illustrious predecessor, and he should have been received more graciously at his first meeting in his new and onerous office.

Perhaps the most disturbing feature of the Council's affairs from a long-term point of view is its willingness to continue year after year with "the mixture as before". At a time when there

is a greater representation of able younger men than ever before, it is perplexing that the various committees should continue to fail to look round for fresh blood so that younger men are settled in office before the selection that nature itself imposes has time to take its own inexorable effect. It was left to the editor of "The Ringing World" to have to draw attention to the greater need to be prepared for emergencies that are likely to beset the elderly in this transient world. Obviously, the weekly production of "The Ringing World" is a more exacting requirement than the fulfilment of the duties of the Central Council committees, but the principle is the same.

Because of the necessity at Bath to make the business fit in with an over-tight programme of events, there was no time for the Council to give proper consideration to the somewhat perplexing question of what should now be the day for the meeting of the Council in view of the new legislation altering the date of the spring bank holiday as it is now to be called. The Council seems, almost by default, to accept a continuance of the custom of holding the meeting on the Tuesday after the bank holiday, even though this is a working day for the vast majority of the population. Social customs and conventions have changed considerably since the early days of the Central Council, and the five-day week has been very widely adopted. In any case those people who are not free from work on Saturdays are no more likely to be free on Tuesdays.

Is there not a case, therefore, for considering the possibility of holding the meeting on Saturday, with the Standing Committee on Friday night? If the meeting were still held at the bank holiday week-end, the ringing arrangements and social activities could be carried over to the Sunday and Monday, much as at present. There would be a double advantage, as I see it, in that the business would no longer come as something of an anti-climax at the end of a pleasant week-end, and those people who might be reluctant to take precious days from their annual leave from work would be able to come just for the meeting and could hurry home afterwards.

It will no doubt be said that the clergy would be put to inconvenience, but they are surely now accustomed to living like the rest of us rather than as country squires and hunting gentry, and for once a year, if they really were unable to find someone to take Sunday duty for them, they would have to go home after the meeting on Saturday night. The rest of us have become used to long night journeys on the Tuesdays of Central Council meetings, and have been ready to start work bright and early on Wednesday morning—certainly early enough, had we been clergy to take an eight o'clock service.

It would be interesting to have the views of the readers of "The Ringing World", particularly non-members of the Council who might become members under such revised conditions. If there were likely to be sufficient support for such a change, I would be happy to move an appropriate proposition at next year's meeting in time for arrangements to be made accordingly for the meeting at Worcester the following year.

25 Attempts for New Record of Spliced Surprise Major

THE idea of attempting to ring A. J. Pitman's seven to thirty Spliced Surprise Major plan was first conceived by Tony Peake following the successful completion of a peal in nine methods at Stratton St. Margaret on January 30th, 1965. It was eventually decided to meet every first and third Saturday of the month and we started with 12 names, some of the band participating in both attempts.

The first convenient date turned out to be March 27th and, in the meantime, the peal plan was typed, photo-stat copies obtained (by courtesy of a well-known Bristol firm) and circulated amongst those concerned. New Gloucester and Cray, two methods which were to stay with us, right until the end of the series, were the additions to the standard nine and our first peal was thus scored at Olveston, Glos, in three hours and five minutes. Our tenor man for the day expressed great satisfaction at hearing "That is all" in view of the "go" of his bell coupled with the long dodging of both new methods.

A long gap of almost three months followed, due to previous commitments already made by several of the band, before we again met and rang what was considered to be our first real step on the ladder—a peal in 14 methods at Marshfield, Glos. All of the band were friends of the late Carolyn Vibert, and this peal was dedicated to her memory. Two weeks later we met for, and rang, 16 methods at Andover, Hants, beating the Association record we had set at Marshfield; one of our members now retired to build a garage!

Holidays, incorporating Cyril Wratten's peal week, put our next attempt for 18 methods back to July 31st. However, despite the break, a good peal was rung at what was to become one of our favourite towers, Longney, Glos. The peal was duly celebrated in the usual way with moderate liquid refreshment and hot (?) pasties at the local inn.

FIRST FAILURE

After successfully ringing four peals straight off we encountered our first failure at Kingham, Oxfordshire, on August 7th, when attempting 20 methods. Perhaps we could put it down to the heat on this beautiful Saturday afternoon or nervousness due to Jim Taylor's wife, Jenny, being outside the tower-recording our efforts. At least the four parts we had rung on this occasion stood us in good stead for our next meeting on September 4th at Aldermaston, Berks, where a good peal was scored: another of our members left us here, to take up writing books!

At Bitton, Glos, on October 2nd, a not very good peal in 22 methods was rung, the bells being rather hard to strike when full concentration was required for the new methods Edinburgh and Ripon; but we made up for this by ringing our first 25-method peal at Stratton St. Margaret 14 days later. This peal was especially noteworthy, it being Brian Bladon's 500th, Victor Griffin's 175th, and a welcome to Jim Taylor's twin daughters, born two days prior to the peal. The first Saturday in November brought with it our second failure of the series when, after 2 hours and 50 minutes' ringing at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, the conductor decided that Watford was greatly improved with sevenths at the half-lead, the ringer of the third, bowing to the conductor's superior knowledge, gave way and promptly crossed over with him.



The band (left to right): Peter Bridle (tenor), James R. Taylor (6), Victor Griffin (7), Edward R. Venn (2), Anthony R. Peake (conductor, 5), John R. Mayne (umpire), Michael J. Hobbs (3), Brian Bladon (4), Elisabeth A. G. Bowden (treble).

BEST PEAL OF SERIES

Undaunted, we redeemed ourselves the following day by returning to Longney and adding one more method to the plan. A good peal in 28 methods was rung despite the appearance of a local ringer who entered and remained in the ringing chamber for the whole of the last part and the noise of the central heating system being stoked up for Evensong. The gem of Somerset, Chewton Mendip, was our next venue on November 20th, and this produced possibly our best peal of the series. In view of the fact that peals at Chewton are highly treasured it was decided to play safe and attempt the "standard 25," and with Brian on the tenor a brisk, confident peal was rung on these fine bells in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

With the 25-method peal rung during October our target for the year had already been reached. We were now used to handling the large number of methods and with the Critchley peals being mentioned as a follow-up the band was reviewed and settled on eight "inside" ringers. To finish the year an attempt for 30 methods was arranged at Stratton St. Margaret on December 18th but unfortunately Lis Bowden fell ill with tonsillitis and we therefore rang, at one day's notice, John Mayne's composition of 14 spliced.

After wasting so much time we unanimously decided to give the 30-method peal a miss and ring John Mayne's 32-method arrangement. The band met on January 1st at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, fully expecting this step to be too great after such a long break. However, with everyone's homework fully done, a good peal was rung to start the New Year in the right vein, despite potential distraction when the Rector entered the ringing chamber during the third part to wish us all a happy New Year. Thirty-two

was rung twice more, at Stratton St. Margaret on January 15th, to give all the band an opportunity to ring the peal, and at St. George's, Bristol, on University Dinner Day, enabling John Mayne to conduct his own composition.

ERIC CRITCHLEY'S PLAN

By this time copies of Eric Critchley's plan, together with method notation, had been distributed (by the courtesy of the same Bristol firm) and at our first attempt 36-methods was rung at Longney in 2 hours and 47 minutes on February 5th. This was the largest jump of the series incorporating the learning of 12 new methods (plus a fresh composition for our conductor) and everyone was well pleased with our effort on this dismal, wet afternoon. Following this peal yet another tenor king faded away with Edward "Teddy Bear" Venn requesting a smaller bell in future attempts. (Rumour has it that the 11 pull dodge and long places in Derwent proved to be too much for him!) To get used to the new plan a further peal of 36 was rung at Stratton St. Margaret on February 19th, breaking the Oxford Diocesan Guild record.

With the influence of Longney tenor still on him Ted went down with 'flu for the 42-method attempt at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, on March 5th and consequently a peal in 12 methods was rung in its place. The third Saturday in March found us at St. Mark's, Swindon, where we rang 48 methods (the 42-method peal being by-passed) in 2 hours and 46 minutes. None of the band were very satisfied with this peal, the bells being rather hard to hear inside the tower and Peter Bridle experiencing a little difficulty with the tenor rope towards the end. The peal was duly celebrated with bags of Lesley Bladon's deliciously unforgettable malt loaf!

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RECORD EQUALLED

Our next step was to equal the record set at Conisbrough in 1955 and, with the five new methods easily absorbed, a good peal in 53 methods was rung at Longney on April 2nd. Further celebrations took place afterwards in the shape of bacon, egg, beans and chips eight times at Joe Lyons', Gloucester.

We were pleased to welcome John Mayne once again on April 23rd, when he conducted another peal in 53 methods for us at Kirtlington, Oxfordshire. Our first attempt lasted approximately two and a half leads before Mick Hobbs set his bell and then proceeded to ring the third from a "box"—regrettably John could not now claim that he had rung the 53 without previous practice! The following week we journeyed to Bourton-on-the-Water, where an additional attempt had been fitted in, and rang Critchley's 32-method peal.

Our final meeting before the record attempt was at Bitton on May 7th. The brilliant sunshine and the hunt for the tower key before we started seemed to put the band in a somewhat humorous frame of mind and a rather light-hearted peal in 53 methods was rung in just under three hours. After quenching our thirst at the White Hart the band split up to wait, with eager anticipation, for a fortnight to pass before meeting again at Stratton St. Margaret for what was hoped to be the fruition of our efforts—a peal in 64 methods.

CONFIDENT AIR

May 21st dawned wet and dismal but a confident air was prevalent throughout the band when, at 2.15 p.m., we assembled outside the tower. John Mayne had kindly consented to act as umpire for the record attempt and, with composition in hand, he bade us good luck as we completed the trial rounds. No adjustments were necessary to any of the ropes and so with Peter Bridle's tape-recorder tucked away in a corner, "Go Malmesbury" was called at 2.30 p.m. exactly.

The first two leads seemed to lack our usual polish but within a very short space of time we had the 8 cwt. ring of bells nicely tapping round, the first part end coming up after 56 minutes. This part contained nine of the eleven new methods which we were all ringing for the first time and, with this milestone passed, we tended to relax slightly. However, a sharp word from the conductor brought us to our toes and an excellent second part was completed at 4.18 p.m. in 52½ minutes. Smiles all round as Framley was called at the beginning of the third and final part and it seemed no time at all before we heard Maulden being rung for the last time, the bells coming into rounds at 5.10 p.m.

The conductor was congratulated by the whole band and the umpire on putting up such a fine performance, each call and change of method being in exactly the correct place, and the tape-recorder which had recorded the whole 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing was switched off and the spool could then be added to the other four peals which had been recorded during the series.

Our final analysis stands as follows: Twenty-five attempts (two failures), setting 16 records for three Associations; the average age of the band being 27½ years. Our thanks are due to the many incumbents who made these attempts possible and especially the Rectors of Longney (the Rev. G. R. K. Moule) and Stratton St. Margaret (the Rev. R. G. Bryant), who gave us the use of their bells as often and whenever required. Also sincere thanks to the husband, wives and girlfriends for putting up with our mutterings for the past 12 months.

M. J. H

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sonia M. Norgrave (first of Minor) 1. Hilary Osborne 2. P. Pearce 3. N. I. Bridges 4. M. J. Church (cond.) 5. D. Floyd 6. Rung for the Queen's ceremonial birthday.

THE BAND

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden (née Grime), treble.—Age 30, commenced her ringing career at Breadsall, Derbyshire, during 1952, where she rang her first peal (tenor behind) in 1953. At present a full-time housewife, she was previously catering manageress for British Oil and Cake Mills, Avonmouth. She came to Bristol in 1958 and has now rung 222 peals from Doubles to Maximus, and rang "inside" to all the peals working up to the record (including 53 methods three times).

Edward R. Venn, second.—Age 21, the youngest member of the band, was educated at Cheney School, Oxford, and is now a draughtsman for the Southern Electricity Board. He started ringing in November, 1957, at St. Aldate's, Oxford, and scored his first peal a year later at Old Marston. His present total is just over 200 peals, conducted 46, and he has completed the families of Grandsire, Yorkshire and Cambridge.

Michael J. Hobbs, third.—Age 22, taught to ring by Reg Hooper at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, in 1959, and rang his first peal in April of the following year. Employed by the Imperial Tobacco Company in their cigarette vending machine department, he has rung some 200 peals on all numbers. He now rings at Bristol Cathedral and claims to be happiest on eight, having rung 140 peals of Major in 67 different methods.

Brian Bladon, fourth.—Age 32, was taught to ring with the conductor at Blunsdon and was later at Stamford Hill, Tottenham. He returned to Swindon in 1958 and is a costings accountant with the Swindon and District Hospital Management Committee. The most experienced member of the band, he has rung 525 peals (225 of these with the conductor), including the first of Scientific Triples, 14.560 of Yorkshire and many multi-Minor method peals on both tower- and handbells. An ex-Ringing Master of the Swindon Branch, he also conducted the first

peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major for the Gloucester and Bristol Association with a resident Branch band, and claims to have the distinction of being "the fattest member of the spliced band"!

Anthony R. Peake (conductor), fifth.—Age 32, is an estimating surveyor with a firm of building contractors in Swindon. He learned to ring at Blunsdon, Wilts, in 1947, under Mr. W. H. Trueman and Mr. J. Vincent, and rang his first peal at the age of 15. Since then he has rung 313 peals, 189 as conductor. Acquired a taste for multi-method ringing on conducting the first peal of Doubles in 100 methods and the first peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Spliced Triples, Surprise Minor in 45 methods, 73 T.B. Minor, 143 Spliced Minor and 96 Minor methods on handbells. He has also conducted A. J. Pitman's four to nine "all the work" compositions.

James R. Taylor, sixth.—Age 27, learned to ring at St. Paul's, Bedford, in November, 1953, and is now a professional engineer in the nuclear fuel handling industry. After National Service (including an all-Army peal) he obtained an M.A. at Cambridge University, where he held the office of Master, 1960-61. He is proud to have rung in the first peal of Glasgow Surprise Major with an all-resident Cambridge University band. At present Ringing Master of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, he has rung 255 peals, including 45 of Spliced.

Victor Griffin, seventh.—Age 33, is a methods engineer with the Pressed Steel Company at Cowley, Oxford. He learned to ring just after the war at Purton, Wilts, and left Stratton St. Margaret in February, 1965. To date he has rung 190 peals, including 100 Soliced Doubles, 45 Surprise Minor, Spliced Triples and Spliced Surprise Royal. Married, with three children, he has recently been elected Deputy Master of the Oxford Society.

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5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN 64 METHODS

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

23456	M	W	H		
45236	—	—	—	Malmesbury, Umberslade, Wembley.	
24536	—	—	—	Benington, Quinton, Barnesbury.	
52436	—	—	—	Hendon, Trowbridge, Shenley.	
43526	—	—	—	Watford, Lincolnshire, Falmouth.	—A.
54326	—	—	—	Thorne, Aldenham, Wordsworth.	
35426	—	—	—	Uxbridge, Painswick, Campsall.	
42356	—	—	—	Shoreditch, Langley, Scawthorpe.	
63254	—	—	—	Elford, Superlative, Vauxhall.	
26354	—	—	—	Chester, Kettering, Claybrooke.	
32654	—	—	—	Ramsey, Lincoln, Eastcote.	
56423	—	—	—	London, Apsley Lessness.	—B.
42563	—	—	—	Ickleton, Yorkshire, Northolt.	
35264	—	—	—	Lindum, Cherwell, Rutland.	
34562	2	—	—	Derwent, Bristol, Dartford, Otley.	
45362	—	3	2	Stockport, Jersey, Crav, Cambridge.	Dublin, Northwood, New [Gloucester].
23564	—	—	—	Deben, Minsmere, Maulden.	
56234	—	—	—	Fordham, Tring, Wembley.	
25634	—	—	—	Benington, Hitchin, Barnesbury.	—C.
62534	—	—	—	Hanbury, Trowbridge, Radlett.	
43265	A.	—	—	A.	
24365	—	—	—	Chester, Warwickshire, Claybrooke.	
32465	—	—	—	Ramsey, Pudsey, Eastcote.	
36245	B.	—	—	B.	
35642	2	—	—	Derwent, Bristol, Dorchester, Otley.	Dublin, Richmond, New [Gloucester].
56342	—	3	2	Stockport, Jersey, Crav, Cambridge.	
23645	—	—	—	Deben, Minsmere, Maulden.	
64235	—	—	—	Framley, Tring, Wembley.	
34256	C.	—	—	C.	
36452	2	—	—	Derwent, Bristol, Pyrford, Otley.	Dublin, Richmond, New [Gloucester].
64352	—	3	2	Stockport, Jersey, Crav, Cambridge.	
23456	—	—	—	Deben, Minsmere, Maulden.	

Contains 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnesbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and

Yorkshire; 64 changes each of Hanbury, Hitchin, Pudsey, Radlett, Richmond, Tring and Warwickshire; and 32 changes each of Dartford, Dorchester, Fordham, Framley, Hendon, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Pyrford, Quinton, Shenley and Umberslade, with 158 changes of method.

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Letters to the Editor

CENTRAL COUNCIL PROCEDURE

Dear Sir, — I wish to comment on the existing procedure at meetings of the Central Council.

At Bath this year an enormous amount of work was done by officials of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and of the Council to ensure trips and peals for all (including non-Council members), social evenings, civic welcome and reception. There is no question but that it was well organised and much appreciated. This traditional organisation, however, left obviously inadequate time for the Council meeting itself. Discussion of the three motions was pushed into an extra one-hour session after the civic reception and before the social evening. This is hardly likely to encourage Council members to put forward motions for serious and lengthy discussion.

Fully 13 per cent of the meeting time available was wasted by two items:—

1. The presentation of new members to the president. I could not see that this item served any useful purpose.

2. Loss of members through death. Thirty minutes was spent on this item. Surely it should be sufficient that members have the list of deceased members in their papers and that the president ask them to stand in memory. Obituaries of all the deceased should have been published previously in the Council's own official journal, "The Ringing World."

In the president's own words ("Ringing World" leading article, June 3rd, 1966): "Over to you; and now we face the future."

To face the future it is necessary frequently to reassess and reconsider present conditions. For example, take the date of the next Council meeting. To choose the date for next year's meeting at Nottingham to be the Tuesday following the spring bank holiday mainly because of the better availability of city rings on the Monday is to approach the question in an odd way. As many Council members have to take part of their annual leave to attend the meeting on Whit Tuesday, is it not time that the day of the meeting should be arranged for the convenience of the majority of members, with social and ringing events as additional items?

I understand that Whit Tuesday is the traditional meeting day because it suited the large numbers of clerical gentlemen who were members in the early years. Since the Monday following Whit Sunday seems unlikely to be a statutory holiday after 1968, and with the decline in the number of clerical members, the time appears opportune to consider changing the meeting day to a Saturday or to the actual Monday of the spring bank holiday.

Has there to be a civic welcome and reception? Has dignity always to be maintained by holding the meeting in some aesthetically pleasing Georgian, Norman, Gothic, etc. hall with indifferent acoustics? Well equipped and spacious halls are not always available under civic or Church auspices, but in many cities there are suitable lecture/conference halls in universities, schools or hospitals and the ringing fraternity now contain a high proportion of people connected with these places who could investigate such possibilities.

A wind of change of dissatisfaction was evident at Bath, among the Council members if not in the Standing Committee, when Messrs. Beresford and Pipe were added to "The Ringing World" Committee. Possibly at this

time other changes might be acceptable and I urge both the Standing Committee and the members of the Council to consider the Council's procedure and to decide whether or not social and civic affairs are adversely affecting its usefulness as a policy-making body. — Yours sincerely,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

Halesowen, Birmingham.

STEDMAN CATERERS AND CINQUES

Dear Sir,—While working out some touches recently I came across a coursing order method of conducting Stedman Caterers and Cinques. It is so simple that I am sure it must be fairly well known, but I have never met it yet. Perhaps some readers might say if there are other perhaps simpler ways.

Consider the working bells (usually 2345). From the course end 214365 the working bells go up in the order 425. C.A.B transposition gives 542 for a bob at 5 (in Caterers), 524 for a single. To obtain the coursing order around the bob at 16, the middle bell of the three returning from the bob at 5, the 4th in this example, is replaced by the working bell not affected by the bob at 5, namely the 3rd. The transposition is, of course, the same for the bob and single at 16. The middle bell is replaced as before to obtain the coursing order at the next 5.

I would be very interested to know what techniques are used by some of the well-known Stedman conductors, and if they are at all similar to the above.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. J. DENNIS.

Commonwealth Hall,
London, W.C.1.

ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER, DORSET

Dear Sir,—Recently there have been a number of visiting ringers who are under the impression that practice night ringing at St. Peter's, Dorchester, is held on a Monday at 7.30 p.m. I know that it appears in "Dove's Guide," but this is wrong. Practice ringing is held on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. and has been for the last seven years.

Ringing will not be held on Tuesday, June 28th but will be held on Wednesday, June 29th, at 6.45 p.m. for the patronal festival service.

I might add that St. Peter's, Dorchester, is one of the very few and far between towers that has a notice on the tower door showing the next time of ringing. If a few more towers had such a notice as this, visiting ringers would avoid further disappointment.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DUKE,
Captain and Towerkeeper,
St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset.

FIXED DATES POLICY

Dear Sir,—Since I took over the secretaryship of the Barnsley District Society in 1956, our joint meetings with the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association have always been on the second Saturday. This year the Yorkshire Association want the meeting on the third Saturday. At our shield contest on June 11th the question of acceptance was put to the vote. It was decided to stick to the rules. If the Barnsley District Society doesn't change the date to August 20th to join up with the Southern Yorkshire Association I shall not take the secretary's bag back to my home, as our meeting is at Royston on Saturday, July 9th! Love will find a way.—Yours etc.,

JAMES W. BUFTON,
Barnsley District Secretary.

TUTORS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir,—To meet growing demands, the Council at its recent meeting approved the preparation of a new Council publication written specially for the use of tutors and instructors and emphasising the teaching aspects of bell ringing from the stage of bell control to the stage of elementary change ringing. (See Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee Report.)

The material for this publication could conveniently be divided into two or more stages, such as teaching and perfecting bell control, teaching ropesight, teaching rhythm and striking, teaching elementary method ringing. It will then form a companion to the existing "Beginners' Handbook."

In order that as wide a range of ideas, experience and techniques may be included as is possible, I shall be grateful if all those who have a knowledge, interest or experience in this aspect of ringing will write to me, sending any information they consider likely to be useful.

I shall be grateful, too, if Association officials will encourage known expert tutors in their area to contribute in this way.

Possibly it might be even more useful if such contributions were sent to the correspondence columns of "The Ringing World," which could act as a useful forum, stimulating thought, discussion and interest along these lines. I should then pick up the material via "The Ringing World." Those who prefer, however, could write direct to me. Naturally there will be a good deal of similarity in ideas and teaching methods, but no doubt many varied and successful techniques will also be brought to light.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,

Convener,

S.S.R. and Education Committee,
C.C. of Church Bell Ringers.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

THE LATE MR. W. H. WILSON

Dear Sir,—The news of the death of Mr. W. H. Wilson, of Dublin, was sad indeed. He was the last of a wonderful trio, all devoted admirers of "Gabe" Lindoff, the other two being Tommy McMorran and Joe Atkinson, and they certainly knew how to entertain ringers from "across the water."

A firm Loyalist (he had no time for the rechristening of Queenstown and referred to it as "Kob-Aitch"), he was also typically Irish. When driving myself and another ringer across Dublin at a furious rate we shot over a cross-roads and an approaching car refused to give way, neither would Mr. Wilson. Though a crash seemed imminent, the cars pulled up an inch from each other. Down went windows and a real slanging match ensued. Eventually Mr. Wilson drove away and, turning to us, spluttered, "There's no courtesy on the roads these days!"

On another occasion we had difficulty in finding accommodation because of the Irish Cup Final in Phoenix Park. "Bill" instructed us to go back to a certain hotel, and if rooms were still not forthcoming to say "Mr. Wilson will be very annoyed." Feeling rather foolish we did so and lo! there was a room on the top floor but the management had felt that we would not like to be so high up!

A man of charm and dignity, he had that impish touch which endeared him to us. — Yours faithfully,

S. O. HOLLOWAY.

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BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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64 Spliced Surprise Major

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Peter Bridle, tenor.—Age 22, was educated at the Grammar School, Weston-super-Mare, and is now working as a physical chemist at the University of Bristol Research Station, Long Ashton. He started ringing in 1959 and rang his first peal in 1961 at Bristol Cathedral. His peal total is at present about 175, and this would most likely have been more if it had not been for a serious cycling accident in 1964, which resulted in a fortnight's unconsciousness and a fractured skull. Shortly after this he became interested in compositions, and is responsible for several well-known ones—mainly featuring other ringers.

UMPIRE'S NOTE

Dear Sir,—As umpire of the record peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 64 methods rung at Stratton St. Margaret on May 21st, I would like to offer my congratulations to the band, and especially the conductor, Mr. A. R. Peake. The peal was excellent and without incident, and I checked every call, every change of method and every lead-end throughout. The only restraint on this band will be the time necessary to obtain compositions in a greater number of methods.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

SELBY AND DISTRICT OUTING

Whit Monday was again chosen for our outing, ringing starting on the pleasant going octave at Kildwick. Due to traffic conditions Skipton was reached 25 minutes late and St. Clement's Major was the best ringing here. After lunch came the heavy six at Bentham, which were difficult to hear. At Kirkby Lonsdale, in its fine setting, the raise and cease were the best ringing.

Finally came Sedbergh and, before ringing, tea was taken at the Bull Hotel. A good touch of Stedman was rung after a good raise and some members of the school society joined in the touches. Special thanks to Les Woodhead for so ably arranging the tour, and also to tower captains and incumbents.

D. J. S.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Mansfield District**

The Mansfield District eliminating contest for the Crawford Cup was held at Cuckney on May 28th. The three teams involved finished comfortably in time for the service, which was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Hack.

An excellent tea had been prepared by the ladies of the parish, and afterwards came the judges' report presented in an exceedingly competent manner by Mr. P. R. Humphrey, who had been assisted by Mr. S. Humphrey. The result was: 1 Warsop "B" team, 129½ faults; 2 Warsop "A" team, 132½; 3 Greasley, 282½. The methods rung were Plain Bob Minor, Oxford T.B. Minor and Grandsire Doubles respectively.

Next meetings: Evening practice, Crich (Derbys), June 18th; District outing, Lincolnshire, July 2nd; Sutton, with Mansfield Woodhouse, July 23rd.

D. J. B.

THE "PIKESTAFF" PEAL EXCURSION

EIGHT ringers from the Berkshire-Hampshire border area spent the Whitsun week-end camping and ringing peals near Yeovil. On the Friday six of the eight, calling themselves "The Pikestaff," met at Stourton, Wilts, for a peal before going on to the camping site. The church is in a natural beauty spot and many tourists watched the ringers at work in the ground-floor belfry. A good peal in four Minor methods was rung and the camp was pitched that night at Sparkford, Somerset.

The following morning at South Cadbury a peal of Stedman Doubles was attempted. Due to a mass attack of mental telepathy in the fourth extent, all five ringers were convinced that they were ringing their "last whole turn" and so the peal came to an abrupt conclusion. As compensation a peal of Grandsire was started but a miscall produced a false extent. The band left the tower and returned with the local tower captain to his home for a few pints of Somerset cider. While there our host and his wife rang a course of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. This produced the best striking of the whole week-end!

Saturday lunchtime saw the arrival of the final member of the group and without delay a peal was started at Preston Plucknett. A good peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on these loud-sounding bells, although a local inhabitant (a "qualified musician") thought otherwise and suggested that 2½ hours was an excessive time for bells to be rung. The day was successfully concluded with a well-struck peal of Kennington Bob Doubles at Stoke-sub-Hamdon. After only 20 minutes the treble ringer found that all the tucks in the tail-end of his rope had come out. This left him with 12 feet of single rope below the sally. Ringing with seven coils in his left hand remedied the situation and 2½ hours later won him the congratulations of the rest of the band. His only comment was, "It's a good job it's my left hand and won't affect my chances of holding a pint!"

With three peals under their belts the "Pikestaff" found service ringing at Babcar on Whit Sunday morning a pleasant change. The Holy Communion service over, the bells were put to good use by ringing a fine peal of 12 Doubles methods, although the conductor is convinced that the rest of the band only knew 10 methods. He bases this assumption on the amount of conducting found necessary in the extents of St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place! On Whit Sunday afternoon the happy band started for a peal of Kent and Oxford on the good bells at Ash-in-Martock. However, the entrance of a seventh person into the ringing chamber during the second extent caused a lapse of concentration and the peal was lost. Following a spell of sunbathing a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung. After the service the campers returned to Sparkford to spend their last night in the open.

The bells at West Lydford on Whit Monday morning were, in our estimation, the best of the tour. Unfortunately the peal there was lost at an early stage. This was the only disappointment of the week-end, as the peal would have been the first in the method for two ringers and the first as conductor. The week-end ended on a note of triumph in the afternoon with a fine peal of Bob Minor at Haselbury Plucknett.

The week-end was a great success, with five peals and a quarter scored. The "Pikestaff" consisted of Christine Hassell, Jillian Pike, Mike Holbrook, Mike Smith, Mike Church, Cliff Garlick, David Wilcox and Roger Pike.

R. B. P.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**S. and W. District**

On June 4th the six-bell towers at Stanwell and Bedfont were the venue of the S. and W. District's first Saturday meeting since March. It is indeed fortunate that in both towers the bells are loud in the ringing chamber; one can at least continue to hear them as aircraft take off from adjacent London Airport.

At the business meeting it was decided to make all newly-elected resident members eligible for a gift copy of the Central Council's "Beginners' Handbook." Two new members—T. M. Burby and T. J. White—from St. Mary's, Twickenham, were elected. It was agreed that the present arrangements for evening practices were working out well, and the idea of additional practices devoted purely to Surprise ringing was suggested and enthusiastically received. The secretary agreed to try to find a tower suitable for the purpose.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicars of Stanwell and Bedfont, and to the Bedfont ringers for the really excellent tea they provided.

W. S. D.

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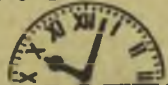
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Kentisbeare,
On a Saturday afternoon;
And over the fields,
Delightful to hear,
Rising and falling,
Now distant, now near,
Tinkling and tumbling,
And trembling clear,
Melting, mingling,
Merging in air,
Floating and fairy-like, falls on the
ear
The music of bells for a boon.

And I am digging my garden-ground,
On a Saturday afternoon;
I stop and straighten
My back at the sound,
And light up my pipe
And have a look round;

And my great-great-grandfather,
I'll be bound,
When he was a-digging
This same old ground,
Would have stopped and stretched
his back at the sound
Of Kentisbear's rhythmical rune.

And maybe my grandson, in his
prime,
On a Saturday afternoon,
While digging this plot,
Or putting on lime,
Trimming or weeding,
(Or just wasting time),
Will suddenly hear
The same silvery chime
Come up round the hillside,
Seeming to climb;
And likely he'll start to fashion a
rhyme
From Kentisbeare's magical tune.

A. B. BLACKMORE

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The second annual striking competition in the Ely District was held at Willingham (6) on June 4th. The winning team was Histon, ringing Plain Bob Minor (59 faults), with last year's winners, Fordham, coming second (Kent Treble Bob, 70 faults). The other teams were Ely (Plain Bob Minor, 85 faults), Chatteris (Plain Bob Minor, 105 faults), and Wilburton (Plain Bob Doubles, 115 faults).

This year the judges were Mr. W. W. Cousins (Terrington St. John) and the general secretary of the Ely Association, Mr. Harold S. Peacock. Mr. Cousins, who was also one of the judges in the previous competition, remarked that the standard of ringing was higher this year.

LADIES' GUILD South Wales District

The presence of a party of boys from Cowbridge Grammar School with Mr. Iolo Davies added to the success of the South Wales District spring meeting at Whitchurch, Cardiff, on May 21st. Everyone was welcomed and "looked after" by the tower captain, Mr. William Dare.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Winton) took the service, and Miss Gwen Bidgood, a local ringer, read the lesson.

Tea was kindly arranged by Mrs. Bidgood. Three new members were elected—the Misses Marilyn Evans and Gillian Armstrong (St. Mary's, Swansea) and Christine Hopkins (Whitchurch). Congratulations on her recent marriage were extended to Mrs. Llewellyn (née Penny Welch).

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual shield contest held at All Saints', South Kirkby, near Pontefract, on June 11th, was won by Cawthorne with 44 faults. Other placings were: Warsop 58, Roughtown 72, Wentworth 94, Friezland 106. The test piece was 720 changes with 120 practice. Mr. Harold Chant was the judge and Mr. G. Pilkington the marker. Mr. Noel F. Moxon, on behalf of Cawthorne, received the shield, and there was a prize of a thermos flask for each member, the prizes being presented by Miss Catherine Hunt (South Kirkby). Mr. Michael Meadows proposed the vote of thanks.

The Rev P. Schofield presided at a meeting. It was reported that Todmorden bells had been silent for a long time but with some keen young ringers and the Rev. P. Schofield and others it is hoped to have them going again.

Next meeting: Royston, near Barnsley, July 9th.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

The evening meeting at Barley on June 4th proved to be one of the most popular held for some time and the six bells were soon going to a variety of methods to suit all tastes under the expert guidance of Dr. Gullick. A new local band is being formed here and the ringers made full use of the knowledgeable help available.

Next quarterly meeting: Knebworth, July 2nd.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual general meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held in glorious weather at the Cathedral on June 11th, when approximately 46 members were present representing St. David's, Tenby, Pembroke, St. Florence, Cardigan, Llanbadarn Fawr, Carmarthen, Llanelli, Llandeilo and Burry Port.

The bells were rung from 2.30 to 4 p.m., followed by the meeting in the Lady Chapel presided over by the Dean of St. David's.

After the opening prayer we stood in silence remembering Mr. B. H. Rees of Burry Port, hon. auditor since 1945 until his death earlier this year, and Mrs. Mary Buckland, Cathedral librarian, former bellringer and tower secretary at St. David's.

The Master, the Rev. Russen Thomas, presenting his report, welcomed all present and paid tribute to the work of the late Mr. Rees and Mrs. Buckland. He emphasised the importance of continually striving to improve one's standard of ringing and said that all work for God must be of the highest quality and that the leaders and older members of towers should encourage the young people to be punctual and frequent in their attendances by setting them a good example.

The Ringing Master, Mr. P. C. Rogers, reported that six peals and 27 quarters had been rung during the past year, and he hoped that the increase in peal ringing activities would continue. Attendance at monthly practices had been good, but every effort must be made to improve striking. The bells of the Cathedral were heard for a few moments, ringing rounds, prior to the St. David's Day service, which was televised.

The secretary, Mr. A. C. Warburton, commended the booklet which has been compiled to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Guild. It may be obtained at any tower in the diocese, priced at 2s. 6d., and contains a short history of the Guild's activities, etc.

The treasurer, Mr. A. F. Walters, reported that the finances were stable, although subscriptions were slow to come in, about three towers being still outstanding.

Major Pateman, Central Council representative, regretted that he had been unable to attend the Central Council meeting and professed his resignation.

The officers of the Guild were all re-elected for a further term of office, and Mrs. Rogers was elected Press secretary in place of Mr. M. E. Lewis, who was not seeking re-election.

Certificates were then presented to Llanelli, St. Florence and Tenby, who were first, second and third respectively in the annual competition.

After a very heated discussion, a notice of motion was narrowly accepted, by 13 votes to 12, to amend the competition test piece to 40 rounds, stand, 120 changes, stand, 40 rounds, stand. Another notice of motion amending the number of "outsiders" which a team may pick to complete its band from two to one only was accepted.

An excellent tea was provided in the College Hall, after which members attended Cathedral Evensong.

We then returned to the campanile to conclude an enjoyable day by ringing until 9 p.m.

B. H. R.

LEICESTER GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

Earl Shilton have won the Leicester Guild striking competition, held at Oadby on May 14th. Five teams entered. They rang Grand-sire Doubles and had 47½ faults.

Other placings were: St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (Stedman Doubles) 50½ faults; Aylestone (Stedman Doubles) 53; Oadby (Plain Bob Doubles) 86½; South Wigston (Grandsire Doubles) 105.

The judges were Messrs. T. C. Belton, G. M. Brewin, and J. M. Jelley. Mr. Belton, when summing up, said that although the faults were high this should not discourage teams. Special mention was made of Oadby, the band having started from scratch during the last two years.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on June 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: L. P. Halling 1, Philippa J. P. Dixon 2, A. K. P. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson (first as cond.) 4, C. I. Rowson 5, J. R. Poole 6. Rung half-muffled by the Abingdon School Campanological Society in memory of David C. Cullen, a ringer of the school, on the day of his funeral.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 5th, 1,320 Trinity Sunday T.B. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method for all the band.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's, Cathedral, on May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Graham Prior (first of Major) 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, R. Jolly (first of Major) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, R. A. S. Adams 5, B. R. Cox 6, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 7, D. J. Bleby 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Monica Collins and John Martin. Also on June 5th, 1,279 Doubles (Candlesby, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mary Devonshire (first quarter) 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, B. R. Cox 3, D. J. Bleby 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, G. C. Prior 6. A wedding compliment to Monica Collins and John Martin, married at Broadford Victoria, the previous day.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. Maddock 1, L. E. Venables 2, J. Loughton 3, J. R. Whitham (cond.) 4, G. W. Shanks 5.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Pavey 1, Miss E. Stewart 2, Miss C. Williamson 3, Edna Siggery 4, D. Elmore 5, K. Williamson 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, W. Siggery 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Mary Bragg, Sunday school teacher and ringer at St. Michael's Church and daughter of tower captain (E. J. Bragg).

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Pike (cond.) 1, Miss H. J. Pike 2, Miss R. C. Hassell 3, C. J. Garlick 4, M. J. Church 5, D. L. Wilcox 6. For Evensong.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, G. W. Rendell 2, T. E. Marks 3, R. Parker 4, V. J. Farthing 5, F. J. White (cond.) 6.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): G. J. Taylor 1, Mrs. J. Stubbs 2, J. E. Newman 3, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 4, J. E. David 5, M. Cannon (first quarter) 6.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew): J. Wrigley (first quarter) 1, E. Goater 2, Miss M. Stubbs 3, Mrs. J. Stubbs 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. For Easter, and to mark the admittance of Anne Peggy Siminon into the Church.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On June 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Ellis (age 11, first quarter) 1, R. Cassidy (age 12, first quarter) 2, J. Pilgrim 3, A. Knights 4, J. Marjoram (first as cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. The tenor ringer acknowledges his indebtedness to J. Pilgrim and J. Marjoram, for their helpfulness in the training of young ringers in this district.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: F. Byrne (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss C. V. Mills 2, A. V. Good 3, Miss S. E. Williams 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, P. W. Harper 6, R. E. Sheppard 7, W. Ayre 8. To celebrate Berkhamsted Pageant.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. V. Brook 1, M. J. Wilson 2, G. K. Smith 3, J. M. Brook (first of Doubles and as cond.) 4, A. T. Taylor (first of P.B. Doubles) 5, A. E. Shingles 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brook.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, H. E. Wells 4, J. P. Blond 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Parish Communion.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Vincent 1, A. R. Peake 2, B. Bladon 3, W. H. Trueman 4, H. Ball 5, E. W. Ford (cond.) 6. To welcome Krista Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Sheppard, born May 20th at Waterford, N.Y., U.S.A.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Christian 1, S. Christian 2, A. Walters 3, M. Whittell 4, M. Howes 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. First of Minor since rededication of tenor. For Evensong. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Cheryl Lay (first of Minor) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Norma M. Jennings 1, Angela J. Williams 2, Jean M. Pike 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, A. V. Sheppard 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, D. P. Snoswell (first as cond.) 7, A. W. Bond 8. Conductor has now "circled the tower" to quarters.

BRIMPSFIELD, GLOS.—On May 21st, 1,272 Minimus (five methods): Miss E. M. Bliss 1, M. Stracey 2, R. Wakefield 3, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 4. First quarter on the bells. First of Minimus 1, 2 and 3.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. A. Heggie (first quarter) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, J. E. Burles 3, J. Turner 4, D. H. Garnett 5, W. Wall 6, J. Bagnall 7, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and N. M. Newby (June 3rd).

BURMARSH, KENT.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, B. Watts (first as cond.) 5, L. Beeching (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. A welcome to Rev. J. E. Murrell, ordained deacon at Canterbury the same day.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, Lynn Wilson 3, D. Harding 4, G. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 5. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Janet Sherlock and Robin Padbury.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, Sandra M. Pimman 2, C. Longridge 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, B. W. Pocock 6. First in two Minor methods for all except conductor. First Minor by Sunday service band.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on June 2nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. G. Tong 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Valerie Willard 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Ostler 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. G. Mitchell 8, T. H. Holmes 9, A. S. Phelps 10. First on ten bells 1, 6 and 10. Rung on the 13th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Ward 1, Hannah Penfold 2, J. L. Hayns 3, M. Morris 4, P. Munday 5, A. Skilton (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Judith Hough and Mr. Colin Clayton, on their marriage this day, and to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hough, parents of the bride, on their silver wedding.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Jennifer Wright 1, R. Waterhouse 2, D. Walters 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, I. Parker 6. For Confirmation service.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bird 1, Mrs. H. Spiller 2, A. Mead (11 years) 3, G. Rich (first of Doubles) 4, W. H. Spiller (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 5. To commemorate the Rector's first year in the parish.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Smith 1, V. Stevens 2, J. D. Nelson 3, B. M. Baines 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Peggy Butcher and Mr. Patrick Penfold, both of the local band. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: J. Hazeldine 1, J. D. Nelson 2, B. M. Baines 3, R. Osborn 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, A. E. W. Baines 6. Rung with all best wishes to Peggy and Patrick Penfold, on their wedding day.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): J. Bailey 1, A. Mould 2, K. Betesta 3, R. Wallis 4, M. Willis 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6. J. Hayburn (first quarter) cover bell.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Vardy 1, P. Romney 2, M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, B. J. Dyke 6, R. H. Duke 7, G. J. Goringe 8. To mark the opening of Christian Aid Week.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): G. McGregor 1, P. W. Brown 2, V. Scott 3, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 4, C. J. Reece 5. Rung in memory of David H. Bennett, captain of Talgarth bellringers.

EALING, MIDDx.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Murphy 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss S. Davis 4, P. Felton 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. Rung for morning service, and rebuilding centenary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frederick Sharpe informs us that his book "The Bells of Radnorshire" is now sold out.

The new hon. general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild is Mr. A. James Poyner in succession to Mr. Brian Warwick.

The peal attempt at Exeter Cathedral on June 4th was stopped after 2½ hours when Mr. Robert B. Smith realised that he would not be able to put the tenor bell in its correct position if ringing continued.

Mr. Philip Walker has represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild on the Central Council for some years and should not have been recorded on page 371 at a new member. Mr. W. Butler was a new member with Messrs. N. J. Diserens and F. C. Price.

Martin Turner (aged 13), who rang the treble to the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Kidlington on June 8th is a grandson of W. F. Judge and was taught to handle a bell by Wilf Godwin, of Wolvercote, where he rings for Sunday service.

Mr. R. N. Marlow, who conducted a peal of Superlative at Curdridge, Hants, on June 11th, writes that great credit is due to Miss Catharine Maundrell on the way she rang in the peal. It was almost a tripeless performance and she had never struck a blow in the method before.

Manaccan Parish Church bells, now at Loughborough, are to be rededicated on July 2nd by the Archdeacon of Cornwall. According to "The West Briton" parishioners are summoned to worship by a bell suspended on a fig tree, which grows out of the church wall, rung by 11-year-old David Blampied.

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MISS MONICA COLLINS SPENDS PART OF HONEYMOON AT RINGING FESTIVAL

At least four congratulatory peals were rung for the wedding of Miss Monica Collins, formerly of Guildford but for the last seven years an Australian resident doing most of her ringing at Melbourne and Adelaide. The ceremony on June 4th was at St. Matthew's Church, Broadford. The bridegroom, Mr. John Martin, lived in Horsell, Surrey, before going to Australia. He is a radio and television technician and shares the bride's keenness for ringing.

The Rev. J. R. J. Price, who was a friend of the Collins family when a curate at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, and is now Rector of Broadford, officiated at the service. The bride was given away by Mr. John Roper, Ringing Master at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and wore a short frock of white wool lace, with shoulder-length veil and carried a spray of white orchids. Miss Gayle Eltringham was bridesmaid and Mr. Bill Robertson best man.

Guests at the wedding included many ringing friends from St. Paul's and St. Patrick's Cathedrals, Melbourne, Bendigo, Ballarat and Adelaide, South Australia. Mr. John Roper was toastmaster. During their honeymoon the bride and bridegroom attended the annual ringing festival of the Australia and New Zealand Association of Bellringers, which was held in Sydney during the Queen's birthday week-end.

They are making their home at 7, Graham Street, Quarry Hill, Bendigo, Victoria, and the bride will resume her former duties with the Victorian Social Welfare Department. For the last two years she was stationed at Adelaide working as a welfare officer for the Northern Territory Welfare Branch.

APPOINTED A READER

The annual festival and admission service of the Readers Board for the Diocese of Derby was held in the Cathedral Church on May 21st. Among those newly appointed to the office of reader was Mr. Ernest Paulson, B.Sc., who is a ringer at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, where his father, Mr. George H. Paulson, is tower captain.

As a token of their good wishes the ringers at St. Helen's have presented Mr. Paulson with the blue scarf which is the badge of office of a reader.

An attempt for a complimentary peal at St. Helen's was ill-fated. The first attempt had to be cancelled owing to the sudden illness of two of the band, and a second attempt was made through a miscall after more than an hour's good ringing.

WENTWORTH RINGERS "OUT AND ABOUT"

The ringers of Holy Trinity, Wentworth, near Rotherham, have been visiting other towers instead of practising at home, which is partly due to two peal attempt failures in a week. Two "silent" towers were chosen—Hoylandswaine (6) and Wortley (8)—and on both occasions the Vicar met the party and expressed delight at hearing the bells rung again.

The tower was well represented at the Yorkshire Council's festival at Beverley and, after enjoying a first-class festival tea, they had their own "private" festival tour, visiting Sutton-on-Hull (6), Swine (4, 18 cwt.) and Rise (5, 9 cwt.).

BRIMPSFIELD, GLOS.

The quarter peal at Brimpsfield, Glos., on May 21st brings to notice a ring of four which may well be of interest to "Ringing World" readers, writes Miss E. M. Bliss. Apart from the fact that the ropes were rather too long, we found that the bells went quite well and it seems that, although they have not attracted visiting ringers, they have been rung until recently by a local band.

The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in his "Church Bells of Gloucestershire" lists the bells as follows:

- 1: praise ye the lorde tg tg.
- 2: IB H. W. & I G* ANO DOMINI 1657.
- 3: IHESUS FILIUS DEI MISERERE MEI

* Inverted letter.

Robert Norton's stamps and letters, with his cracked M.

In his paper "The Church Bells of Gloucestershire" (The Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, Vol. XVIII), H. B. Walters states that the first must undoubtedly be of Elizabethan date and that T. G. was probably working at the time of the Reformation, c. 1520-1550. In my copy of the paper a marginal note in the author's handwriting suggests that T. G. is probably Thomas Jefferys of SS. Philip and Jacob, Bristol, whose will is dated 1549.

Walters also states that Robert Norton (Exeter, c. 1420-1460), or another founder working with him, possessed a series of capitals, which are frequently found in Devon and Somerset, and occur in Gloucestershire on the Brimpsfield and Horton tenors. A marginal note here says that Brimpsfield tenor is by the same founder as Dorchester, Oxon, seventh. The present ring has a modern treble dated 1910.

HONOUR FOR CLAVERLEY TOWER CAPTAIN

Included in the list of the Queen's birthday honours was the name of Mr. Ernest Drew, who is awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to the Post Office in Claverley since 1927. Mr. Drew, who is well known in West Midland ringing circles, is the popular and highly respected captain of the Claverley band. Under his leadership the bells at Claverley have only failed to ring for one morning service during the last 20 years.

ST. LEONARD'S, STREATHAM

Streatham ringers, accompanied by friends from Wimbledon, Worcestershire and Nottingham and later joined by David Hughes and party from Liss had a good outing on June 4th. Two Guildford towers were first visited—Merrrow and the Cathedral, where Cambridge Royal proved a little too ambitious but Grandsire and Stedman Caters went well. The fine octave at Petworth and lunch at Midhurst preceded tackling Chichester Cathedral bells, where the party were unable to ring anything impressive. At Bosham the ringers enjoyed entertaining most of the visitors attending the flower festival.

Double Norwich and Yorkshire went well after tea at Petersfield. Alresford bells were also enjoyed. The best ringing was, however, reserved for the last, at New Alresford, where near-perfect Superlative and Bristol rounded off a good programme.

Sincere thanks are offered to incumbents and those who met the party.

PEALS TO TAKE BACK TO SYDNEY

The peal of Quedgeley Surprise Major rung at Olveston, Glos., on June 6th was especially arranged for Mrs. Margaret Goodyer, who is on holiday in England from Sydney, Australia. This was only her second tower-bell peal but she rang throughout like one with many more peals to her credit. Before she returns to Australia next month she is aiming to ring a peal of Yorkshire (where she was born), Quedgeley (where her parents live) and Turramurra (where she rings in Sydney). She has only Turramurra to go now. By a coincidence, Olveston is the only tower in Britain where her husband rang a peal when he was here briefly in 1956. Finally Margaret was pleased to ring a peal with the Bristol ringers, as she learned to ring in Bristol—and there is no mistaking the class, either!

A RAINHAM WEDDING

Miss Cynthia Elizabeth Naylor, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Naylor, of the well-known Kent ringing family and niece of Mr. and Mrs. E. Naylor, of Bath, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barton, of Borden, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cheal, of Rainham, was married on May 28th at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, to Mr. Charles Macgregor, of Scotland. There was appropriate ringing by the local band before and after the service, and a quarter peal by friends, also on the bells.

SOLIHULL PRESENTATION

Before ringing the quarter peal at Solihull on June 5th the ringers presented Wilfrid G. Wilson's book, "Change Ringing," to Mr. Vincent W. Rigg in recognition of his long and devoted service to that tower as bell-ringer and as tower secretary until he left Solihull last October on retirement from business and moved to Moreton-in-the-Marsh.

ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

To mark the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Fulcher, the Barkingside, Essex, band recently rang a quarter peal of Bob Doubles. This in itself was a good achievement, for just over a year ago the local band only consisted of five members and three of these could only ring rounds, but as a result of a recruiting drive seven new members from the Youth Club were taught to handle a bell, and thanks to the help of three young stalwarts from Walthamstow, who helped out on Tuesday practices, were also taught change ringing, with the result that only one "outsider" had to stand in this latest effort.

The band are very keen and are moving on to Triples and Major, and the next step hoped for is a quarter peal with an entirely local band.

LINCOLNSHIRE FLORAL FESTIVALS

The ringers at St. Mary's, Stow, would welcome any visiting bands at the Corringham Rural Deanery Festival of Flowers on July 15th, 16th and 17th, and also at St. Martin's, Blyton (five miles from Gainsborough) on June 25th and 26th. The theme of the floral arrangements at Blyton depicts a Lincolnshire village and famous Lincolnshire figures—St. Hugh and the swan, the poet Tennyson and Katharine Swynford. Visiting teams should write to Mr. A. L. Denton, Stow Road, Sturton-by-Stow, Lincoln.

R. B. PIKE'S WHITSUN WEEKEND

(THE "PIKESTAFF")

ALL RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOURTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Friday, May 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., two of Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*Michael J. Smith Treble	†Clifford J. Garlick 4
*H. Jillian Pike 2	David L. Wilcox 5
*Michael S. Holbrook .. 3	Roger B. Pike Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike

* First peal in four methods. † First of Minor.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 11 cwt
David L. Wilcox Treble	*Michael J. Church 4
*Clifford J. Garlick 2	Roger B. Pike 5
H. Jillian Pike 3	Michael S. Holbrook .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike

* First peal of Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles for all the band.

STOKE-SUB-HAMBDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENNINGTON BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb. in E
Roger B. Pike Treble	Michael J. Church 4
R. Christine Hassell .. 2	David L. Wilcox 5
*Michael J. Smith 3	Clifford J. Garlick Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild

BABCARY, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., May 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being two extents each of St. Nicholas Bob and Winchendon Place Bob; three each of April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Southrepps Pleasure Bob; four each of St. Simon Bob, Eynsham Bob, St. Martin Bob, St. Leonard Bob and Plain Bob; six of Grandsire

Michael J. Smith Treble	Michael S. Holbrook .. 4
H. Jillian Pike 2	Roger B. Pike 5
R. Christine Hassell .. 3	Michael J. Church Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

Most methods to a peal by all the band except the conductor.

Rung as a thanksgiving on the Festival of Whitsun.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A
H. Jillian Pike Treble	†Clifford J. Garlick 4
*Michael J. Smith 2	David L. Wilcox 5
R. Christine Hassell .. 3	Michael J. Church Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* First peal of Minor "inside" † First of Plain Bob Minor. First as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.	
E. Jane Sibson Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Kenneth Newman 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.	
Joan Beresford Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Joe E. G. Roast 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Howard W. Egglestone .. 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford

EASI COKER, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., June 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt	
E. Jane Sibson Treble	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Joan Beresford 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Joe E. G. Roast 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook

First peal in the method by all the band.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.	
Andrew Howard Treble	John Brain 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	John W. Smith 6
Trevor A. Cross 3	D. John Hunt 7
John C. Slater 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivins

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Kent T.B. Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob	
*Robert Parker Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 4
†Trevor E. Marks 2	*Frederick G. Sandy .. 5
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 3	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross

* First peal in four methods. † First in four methods "inside."

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SOHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., June 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt in E.	
K. S. B. Croft (St. John's) Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 6
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 2	S. P. Darvill (Downing) 7
E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 3	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 8
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 4	J. A. Harrison (Sidney) 9
R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. 5	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare) Tenor

Composed by F. E. May.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters for the Guild and for all the band except the ringer of the ninth.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt	
F. John Nelson Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson .. 5
Christine Andrew 2	Denis Mottershead .. 6
Margaret Wright 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Alex Richardson 4	Neil O. Lomas Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

First peal in the method for all except the treble ringer

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr 22 lb in B flat.	
Joyce Grainger Treble	Raymond I. Ballard .. 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Denis Latham 6
Harold Dowler 3	Roy Worrall 7
*Geoffrey Gardner 4	Barry Corbushley Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal of Bristol.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr 12 lb.	
C.C.C. No. 9.	
F. John Nelson Treble	Nicholas J. Martin .. 5
Christine Andrew 2	Alan Schofield 6
Alan McFall 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Robert B. Smith 4	Derek Butterworth .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

Rung as a compliment to Christine C. Macnair, of Marple, and David T. Darby, of Humberstone who were married at this church later the same day.

CHETWYND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old. Kennington, Dedworth, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune	
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr 22 lb. in A sharp	
Frank R. Morton Treble	John R. Scott 4
Gerald Parsons 2	Terence E. Trickett .. 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3	David Allman Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FORTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
David Allman Treble | John R. Scott 4
Terence E. Trickett 2 | Gerald Parsons 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards 3 | Frank R. Morton Tenor
Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.
*Felicity A. Kelly Treble | David Walklate 5
†Jack Bailey 2 | †Kevin Betesta 6
†Geoffrey Bridges 3 | †Clive Longden 7
†Reg Wallis 4 | *Richard Stevenson Tenor
Arranged and Conducted by David Walklate.

* First peal. † First of Bob Triples. ‡ 25th peal.
Rung in memory of the father of John Whiting, a local ringer,
who died the week previous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.
John Clark Treble | Joe E. G. Roast 5
*Josephine A. Quilter 2 | Christopher K. Cooper 6
*Yvonne A. Murray 3 | †Peter G. Brown 7
Ian R. Panton 4 | James L. Towler Tenor
Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Rutland. † 25th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.
*Raymond Hulme Treble | *William G. Merritt 5
*Jill E. Davidge 2 | Michael J. Stanley 6
†Shirley H. Little 3 | Eric Sutton 7
††Michael Scowen 4 | §Peter Tombs Tenor
Conducted by Eric Sutton.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Triples. ‡ First "inside."
§ First on eight bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Councillor A. W. J. Dymond,
who died on Friday, May 28th, 1966, a few days after completing
his term of office as Mayor of the borough of Swindon.

OLVESTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Mon., June 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUEFDELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.
*M. Louise Taylor Treble | Brvnley A. Shackleton 5
*Margaret E. Goodyer 2 | *Philip M. J. Gray 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3 | John C. Slater 7
*Richard W. Sweet 4 | D. John Hunt Tenor
Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENGEOL, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.
*Jacqueline S. Young .. Treble | Ian L. Dear 5
*Beryl Platt 2 | Andrew J. Slade 6
Roger Durrant 3 | Robert J. Chapman 7
Ernest T. Newnham 4 | Donald E. Cobb Tenor
Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.
* First peal.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.
Arthur F. Warren Treble | *Jennifer A. Murphy 5
Alick Cutler 2 | Ronald K. Russ 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3 | †Martin F. Lock 7
John E. T. Wiseman 4 | Thomas J. Lock Tenor
Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Martin F. Lock.
* First peal "inside." † 50th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Penny Tibbetts, a ringer
at this tower, and Mr. Martin Wiggs, married at this church earlier
in the day; also to Monica Collins and John Martin, married this
day at Broadford, Victoria, Australia.

Correction to May 20th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
*Joan A. Hayward Treble | Bernard F. L. Groves 5
Arthur G. Mason 2 | Christopher T. Osenton 6
*John W. Gander 3 | Herbert E. Audsley 7
Martin L. Howe 4 | Frederick J. Cullum Tenor
Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' 4-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
*Anne Horsford Treble | Herbert E. Audsley 5
Arthur G. Mason 2 | Colin A. Tester 6
Christopher T. Osenton 3 | Bernard F. L. Groves 7
Frederick J. Cullum 4 | William T. Blewitt Tenor
Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the wedding of John Martin and Monica Collins, mar-
ried this day at Broadford, Victoria, Australia.

LINTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Shirley P. Town Treble | *Norman R. Mattingley 5
Christopher T. Osenton 2 | W. Arthur Riddington 6
Cyril S. Jarrett 3 | *George E. Evenden 7
Martin L. Howe 4 | Bernard F. L. Groves Tenor
Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORWICH, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
*R. Keith Lister (1962—) Treble | James E. Andrews (1962—) 4
Pauline Moss (1951-57) 2 | James Blackburn (1919-23) 5
David Moss (1962—) 3 | Bernard Moss (1953-60) Tenor
Conducted by Bernard Moss.

* First peal.
Rung by past and present pupils of Rivington and Blackrod
Grammar School to mark the 400th anniversary of the granting of
the Royal Charter to the school.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEPshed, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.
J. Harry Cook Treble | *Mary Barras 5
*Pat Farmer 2 | *John L. Day 6
*Ronald D. Hughes 3 | Arthur E. Rowley 7
*Dorothy A. Day 4 | Roland Beniston Tenor
Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Major.

HALLATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and
All Angels.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 720 St. Clement's and two each of Plain
Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.
Edward C. Cowd Treble | Edward G. Slater 4
Philip Bosworth 2 | Raymond H. Martin 5
Edward W. Martin 3 | Arnold S. Goad Tenor
Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

GREAT OXENDEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being nine extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon
and St. Martin and 15 Grand sire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B.
Judith K. Morris Treble | Arnold S. Goad 3
Edward G. Slater 2 | N. Roderick Ellway 4
Raymond H. Martin Tenor
Conducted by Raymond H. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise,
Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain
Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.
Janet E. Hubbard Treble | R. Arthur Goldsmith 4
Joan Gilbert 2 | Philip H. Reynolds 5
Keith R. Davey 3 | Alan G. Payne Tenor
Conducted by Keith R. Davey.

Rung as a farewell to Canon Goodworth.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, Norwich Surprise, Single Oxford, Beverley Surprise, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

David T. Maulthby .. Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 4
Joan Gilbert 2	Keith R. Davey 5
Janet E. Hubbard 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Michael P. and Mrs. Brackenbury to the South Ormesby Group of Parishes.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Plain Bob, three of April Day and 37 of Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Thomas E. Hiddins .. Treble	Harold Preece 4
D. Walford Davies 2	William T. Petty 5
D. R. Lynn Jones 3	Cyril Phillips Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.

On Tues., June 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents of Plain Bob and 39 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

Derek J. Godfrey .. Treble	D. Walford Davies 4
D. R. Lynn Jones 2	Harold Preece 5
William T. Petty 3	Cyril Phillips Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

The ringer of the fourth has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Norman M. Cooper on his ordination to the priesthood.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Christopher H. Rogers .. Treble	Robin J. Collis 6
Michael J. Uphill 2	Harold W. Rogers 7
Patricia Rogers 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
Olive L. Rogers 4	C. Montague Meyer 9
Kenneth J. Rider 5	Dennis A. Hewitt Tenor

Composed by B. Jealous.

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

Rung in honour of the official birthday, this day, of Her Majesty the Queen.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DITCHINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen F. High .. Treble	†Norman P. J. Cossey .. 4
*Michael J. Howes 2	Thomas J. Brock 5
H. William Barrett 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal for the Association.

An engagement compliment to Stephen High and Diana Toone.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Thurs., May 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., two extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

H. William Barrett .. Treble	*Cleeve F. Finch 4
*Diane Toone 2	Stephen F. High 5
Thomas J. Brock 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in three methods.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

Michael J. Howes .. Treble	Thomas J. Brock 4
Stephen F. High 2	J. Barry Pickup 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Roland Biggs .. Treble	John J. P. Ellams 5
Joyce I. Barton 2	Peter Newton 6
Walter Avery 3	David A. Cornwall 7
Michael J. Best 4	Walter Lee Tenor

Composed by George Williams.

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	James E. Godman 5
Henry L. Bishop 2	Robert B. Blond 6
Frank Tuffley 3	A. Roy Wood 7
Frank E. Godden 4	Reginald F. Crook Tenor

* 25th peal. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

Rung following the wedding of Miss Brenda Winslow and Mr. Alan Gibson.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 21st, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Edward D. Patching .. Treble	†Hilary Osborne 4
*Nigel I. Bridges 2	David Floyd 5
Michael J. Church 3	Peter G. Holden Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside."

Rung for the tenth anniversary of the rehanging and augmentation of the bells to six. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., June 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.
Edgar J. Smith .. Treble	Brian R. White 5
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 2	Victor Griffin 6
Roger M. Heyworth .. 3	Francis A. White 7
Antony P. Foster 4	Walter F. Judge Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David T. Darby and Christine C. Macnair, marrying the following day at Marple, Cheshire.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Raymond A. Vickers .. Treble	James Linnell 5
*William J. Chester 2	George E. Green 6
Alan A. Paul 3	Charles E. Truman 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by A. R. Kench.

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal in the method.

Birthday compliments to Barrie Hendry and Mrs. George E. Green.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Ruth A. Elmes .. Treble	C. Martin Press 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	John W. Blackwood 6
Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 3	George E. Thoday 7
George E. Bonham 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

The composition contains all 7568 and 7468 courses, and the 6th 12 courses home. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARMINSTER, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar C. Shepherd 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Kenneth Newman 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ian Zass-Ogilvie, who was to be ordained on Trinity Sunday.

ABBOTSBURY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., May 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, two Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Ruth Elmes Treble	Robert J. Fuller 4
Christine M. Baldock 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
D. Roy Fuller 3	John W. Blackwood Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Fuller.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TENTERDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

Yvonne Edwards Treble	John S. Barnes 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edwin A. Barnett 3	Peter Beresford 7
Kenneth Newman 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in C.

*Clive M. Smith Treble	*Michael W. Fairey 5
Eric E. Speake 2	Arthur Pritchard 6
F. Hector Bennett 3	*Edmund Malin 7
*J. Dennis Holden 4	*John H. Allen Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John H. Allen.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods/variations: All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Roy Whitworth Treble	Graham Fisher 4
Neil Handley 2	David Oliver 5
*David Osbourne 3	Sydney Adams Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.

* First peal.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
*Rosemary E. Preston .. 2	*Albert Foster 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal "inside."

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb.

With the compliments of the band to Richard Andrews and Jean Bullivant, married this day at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ARDINGLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Saturday, June 4th, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Diane Wickens Treble	Hedley Burton 4
*Penelope Raine 2	*Peter Raine 5
Carol Wickens 3	Ian Wickens Tenor

Conducted by Ian Wickens.

* First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe Treble	John A. Howard 5
Derek Slater 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	W. Arthur Riddington .. 7
*Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

* First of Cambridge Major.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Tues., June 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 HOVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Leonard Stilwell .. Treble	George Francis 5
E. Jane Sibson 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
David D. Smith 3	C. Martin Press 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 400th peal for the Association. First peal in the method.

HOVE SURPRISE MAJOR

x 56 x 14 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 58.36 x 36.18, i.e. 18. 15738264.

f.c.e. 32465, 43265. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 89.

WORTHING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Heene.

On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WORTHING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Leonard Stilwell .. Treble	E. Jane Sibson 5
Pamela R. Gough 2	Edgar R. Rapley 6
J. Richard Wilson 3	Henry C. Weaver 7
*Raymond P. Wood .. 4	Derek E. Sibson Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 100th peal together. First peal in the method.

WORTHING SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 34 x 38 x 12 x 58, i.e. 12. 18674523.

f.c.e. 24365. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 58.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in E.

David J. Forder Treble	John N. Diserens 6
Frederick R. Scott 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
J. Keith Ward 3	David P. Hilling 8
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 4	Noel J. Diserens 9
Roger Baldwin 5	Ronald F. Diserens Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Robert C. Edwards .. Treble	John W. Taylor 5
Arthur C. Berry 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 3	Gerald C. Hemming .. 7
Alan J. Tubb 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

Rung to welcome the Rev. A. Webb as Vicar of Evesham.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.

On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in F.

Kevin Betesta 1-2	Jack Bailey 5-6
Alfred Mould 3-4	David Walklate 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by David Walklate.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Mon., June 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, comprising 2,800 London (No. 3), 800 each of Clifton and Yorkshire, and 600 of Cambridge, with 100 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
John R. Mayne 3-4	Christopher W. Woolley .. 7-8
Gerald Penney 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

This is the first peal to be rung containing four Surprise Royal methods on handbells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys.

On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 3-4	Michael Vernon 7-8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major "in hand" by all.

QUARTER PEALS

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. V. T. Ducker 1, E. D. Patching 2, Hilary Osborne 3, N. I. Bridges 4, M. I. Church 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wilsher 1, Stephanie Green 2, Paula Healing 3, Susan Farnes 4, E. Edmondson 5, G. H. Austin (cond.) 6. A farewell to Fred Bamford, 43 years a ringer at the tower.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: Susan E. N. Davis 1, Anita J. Nickells 2, Pamela E. Brown 3, R. J. Collis 4, D. Boniface 5, P. N. Felton (cond.) 6. First of spliced 1, 2, 3, 4.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. Juhkental 1, Sarah Byford 2, W. E. Cheater 3, J. Russell 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, R. Sparey 6.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. C. Cooper 1, Diane Toone 2, A. E. Crowe 3, S. Toone 4, S. F. High (cond.) 5. For Confirmation.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Parker (first quarter) 1, A. Pashley 2, J. Parker 3, Miss M. Pashley 4, A. Cook 5, D. Kennington 6, F. Kennington (cond.) 7, J. Willows 8, First "inside" 4 and 6. A welcome to Jeannette, second daughter of ringer of sixth.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): R. Preece 1, P. L. Hughes 2, W. R. Nash 3, D. Wright 4, S. Bowyer 5, T. Grant, jun. 6, F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, F. Bishop 8. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Moss (first away from cover) 1, P. L. Hughes 2, T. Grant, jun. 3, W. P. Nash 4, P. D. Sell (cond.) 5, T. Grant, sen. (first attempt) 6, R. Moss 7, F. Bishop 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Best 1, Miss J. Barton 2, D. Cornwall 3, R. Newton 4, A. Newton 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, R. I. West (first quarter) 8.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On June 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. Shirley Beanland (first quarter, first attempt) 1, T. W. Brighton 2, Susan Mitchell 3, Mary I. Hildred 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Simon P. D. Burnett (June 13th) and Susan E. Thompson (June 15th).

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. E. Hill 1, W. G. Wright 2, J. J. Wallatt 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. On the occasion of the 101st wedding since All Saints', Hutton, Guild was formed.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer M. Andrews 1, M. H. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, M. J. Howes 5, E. J. Lockwood 6, R. L. K. Whittell 7, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Lockwood.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Turner (age 13, first quarter) 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, B. R. White 3, E. J. Smith 4, D. Leslie 5, F. A. White 6, P. Franklin 7, W. Maskell 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hartop 1, R. Newton 2, W. W. Cousins 3, F. Wignome (cond.) 4, C. Cousins 5, L. Houghton 6, Rev. G. Galley 7, N. Greenacre 8. For Mayor Making.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Norton 1, Mrs. E. Norton 2, E. Baker 3, R. Luxton 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. For Trinity Sunday, and for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Harris, local ringer and churchwarden.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. A. Taylor (first of Minor) 1, Miss L. Dalton 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, A. B. Cooper 5, M. J. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. N. Kedg 1, J. Belshaw (cond.) 2, R. Weeks 3, Merryn Hutchings 4, M. Edwards 5, A. Cox 6. To mark the opening of the Knowle Festival; and the publication of the "History of Knowle Parish Church" by Rev. Anthony A. Upton.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Edna M. Peachey 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, Dora M. Reeve 3, J. W. Paul 4, H. B. Fuller 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Eastment 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, V. J. Farthing 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6. For Patronal Festival.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 5th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. G. Evenden 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, Mrs. G. Smith 3, Miss D. Groves 4, T. E. Sone (cond.) 5, L. Head 6, P. Smith 7, F. Hogan 8, G. Evenden 9, T. Cullingworth 10. First of Caters 3 and 4. For Evensong, and also rung in honour of the ordination of David Burgess at Canterbury Cathedral on this day.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss J. Fuller 1, D. E. Lee 2, A. W. Johnson 3, R. M. Garrett 4, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 5, T. K. Elkerton 6. For Evensong, and upon the occasion of the retirement of Canon F. B. R. Browne, Rector for the last 14 years.

MARSTON, OXON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (30 methods): M. Bolton 1, L. Porter 2, R. Jones (cond.) 3, N. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First in 30 methods on the bells and for the band. Rung for Evensong.

NEMPNETT THRUWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marjorie Legg 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, C. R. Jenkins 3, C. Mogford 4, Sheila Hallett 5, H. Hardwidge 6. To celebrate the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hardwidge.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church of St. Giles, on March 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. S. Anderson 1, P. Jones 2, P. Mills 3, C. Stewart 4, D. Midgley 5, D. Piistow 6, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 7, G. A. Moore 8. Also on May 1st, 1,360 Kent Royal: L. Walley 1, P. Jones 2, C. Stewart 3, R. S. Anderson 4, P. Mills 5, D. Piistow 6, D. Midgley 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8, A. Thompson 9, G. A. Moore 10. For the dedication of the new church of St. James, Clayton.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Williams (first quarter) 1, P. Chambers (first quarter) 2, A. Bainham 3, D. Phillips 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5, L. Bainham 6.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. M. Davies 1, P. C. Fenton 2, D. R. Everett 3, T. M. Roderick 4, Rev. D. E. Ford 5, M. J. Thomas 6. For Evensong.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. V. Mills 1, E. J. Upton 2, A. V. Good 3, H. Collings 4, R. Ashby 5, J. Lawson 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, R. E. Sheppard 8. Peel attempt brought round.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Lynette Holbrook (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. A. Sanders 2, Miss C. Kemp 3, Canon F. A. Sanders 4, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6. A compliment to Mr. H. Redstall, Mayor of Basingstoke, a one time local ringer.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss W. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, B. J. Jemmett 6, R. Finch 7, J. Clarke 8. Rung in honour of the wedding this day at Rainham of Miss Cynthia Elizabeth Naylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Naylor, to Mr. C. Macgregor.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.—On May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Cooper 1, Diane Toone 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, J. B. Pickup 4, M. J. Howes 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Bull 1, I. Goacher 2, D. D. Atfield 3, J. A. Laver 4, K. Game 5, G. A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. First of Stedman 2, 3 and 4. For Ascension Day, also as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Bull, on his 74th birthday. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Dunn 1, I. Goacher 2, D. D. Atfield 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, G. Oliver 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, G. A. West 7, H. Comber 8. For Evensong, also for the birth of Karl David to Alan and Freda Streeter.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. A. Poolman 1, A. Weall (first "inside") 2, D. Heath 3, E. V. Williams 4, W. J. Poolman (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. P. Green, curate, on leaving for Ceylon.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, H. Milson 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, L. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung for the first time after rebalancing.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Ley (cond.) 1—2, P. J. Daniel 3—4, W. M. Taylor 5—6. First quarter "in hand" for all and for the society.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. Irish 1, T. Stone 2, E. Anger 3, J. Sawyer 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, Mrs. L. Plummer 6, G. Baxter 7, G. Moss 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hare 1, Yvonne Patheyjohns 2, Doreen Hague 3, G. W. Limmer 4, F. R. Scott 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, G. Shedden 8. For Confirmation service.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Rachel Saggis 2, Sylvia Knight 3, D. Drury (first "inside") 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. Bournier 6.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment (15, first away from cover) 1, Miss S. Allen 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, T. Bryant 6. A loyal tribute to H.M. the Queen and timed to ring as Her Majesty was passing through the town.

STAFFORD.—On June 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. E. Ley 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, Ruth Fairbrother (first in method "inside") 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, Jennifer Beech 5, F. Beech 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbutt 8, R. J. Warlow (cond.) 9, R. Stanley 10. Rung for morning service, the Mayor and corporation attending in state.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. T. Smith (first of Triples) 1, R. W. Damer 2, R. J. Fuller 3, Mrs. C. M. Baldock 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5, D. R. Fuller 6, W. R. Damer 7, J. H. Hicks (first quarter) 8.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. B. Blamire-Brown (first quarter) 1, P. Owen 2, D. Digby 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, P. M. F. Searles (first as cond.) 5, B. J. W. Foley 6.

THRUXTON, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lynds 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, W. C. Perry 3, M. J. Wilmitt 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, M. W. Walford 6. Arranged by W. C. Perry (tower captain). For the 80th birthday of one of the oldest ringers in the parish.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): 7, 6, 8 covering: Kay Whittaker (first quarter, 13) 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, Alan F. Lee (cond.) 3, R. L. Coles 4, I. P. Cox 5, Erica Panchurst (first quarter, 13) 6, J. H. Thompson 7, M. J. Hawkins 8. Most methods by all except conductor. Average age 16 years. Also on June 5th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. H. Thompson (first of Minor) 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, R. L. Coles (first of Minor "inside") 4, I. P. Cox 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, First in two Minor methods 2, 3 and 5.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Carr (first attempt) 1, Marion E. Addy 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, Joan C. McLean 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, R. G. McLean 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination as priest of the Rev. M. L. Couchman.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hallett 1, W. Ayre 2, D. J. Gay (cond.) 3, P. J. Hall 4, R. J. Ballam 5, G. Kingdon 6. To mark the birth of Neil Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Williams.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Stannard 1, A. W. Rolfe (cond.) 2, H. Clarke 3, W. J. Goodship 4, J. Banks 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Copsey.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Eglesfield 1, W. Yates 2, R. Vickers 3, D. Sturge (first on eight) 4, M. Horton 5, G. Green 6, B. Saunders 7, J. Linnell 8. Also on May 19th, 1,260 Minor (Spliced Surprise and Plain Bob): B. Saunders 1, D. Sturge 2, J. Linnell 3, G. Green 4, C. Truman (cond.) 5, B. Eglesfield 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Harold (first quarter) 1, T. E. Harold (cond.) 2, Jean M. Whit 3, A. Chamberlain 4, R. Carter 5, R. J. Welch 6, S. J. Haines 7, J. Blacker (first quarter) 8.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On June 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Barsby 1, G. Sharpe 2, T. Rawlings (first "inside") 3, L. Harvey (cond.) 4, E. Shippey 5, N. Green (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Marie Foster and Gareth Burrows, ringer at this church for 9 years.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 30th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. J. Hall 1, Miss J. A. Fellows 2, V. A. Hemming 3, C. J. Royal 4, D. J. Gay 5, R. J. Snack 6, A. C. Fortin 7, C. B. Dove (cond.) 8. First of Little Bob Major by all except the conductor. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, S. G. Smith 2, G. Hebden 3, W. Rice 4, G. H. Pullin 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6, R. Rice 7, J. K. Baker 8. As a 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of 8.

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BROWN.—The address of Sheila and Roger (St. Albans District Secretary, Hertford Association) is now: 81, Overstone Road, Harpenden, Herts. Tel. Harpenden 62468. Ringing friends always welcome. 9347

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The address of the tower secretary should read: W. G. Challen, 5, Bishop Luffa Close, Chichester, Sussex. 9332

HESKETH.—The Cambridge address of Kenneth J. Hesketh is now: The Knowle, 64, Cambridge Road, Impington, Cambridge. 9362

PERSONAL

"Neither will I offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."—II Samuel, xxiv. 24

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, Surrey.—On St. Peter's Day, June 29th, there will be no practice, but ringing for patronal festival from 7-8 p.m. All welcome. —A. Smart, Sec. 9366

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND

Four gardens open, including The Cedars, in unspoilt village on Sunday, June 26th, 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Ticket (1/6) admits to all gardens. Refreshments available. In aid of New Bells Fund. Ringing (4) 5.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m. 9341

EXTON, RUTLAND.—Saturday, July 9th. Ringing on 6 bells between 2.30 and 8.30 p.m. Garden fete and caravan rally in grounds of Earl of Gainsborough's home 9346

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Cranford, Northants, July 9th-10th All ringers welcome, parties or individuals, Saturday, 3-7.30 p.m.; Sunday 3-5.30 p.m. For other times contact C. Newell, 19, Thrapston Road. Refreshments available. 9354

RINGING ON THE BELLS

NORTH MYMMS CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 2nd

Is your tower planning an outing for Saturday, July 2nd? If so, you will be welcome at the Parish Church, North Mymms, for ringing on the bells. The Flower Festival in the church and gardens of North Mymms Park makes this unique occasion.

Ringling all day until 8.30 p.m.

Further information from: Mr. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, or phone Hatfield 2866 9157

ST. HELEN'S, DARLEY DALE

Ringers' Sunday, June 26th

Services:

8 a.m., Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m., Matins.

6.30 p.m., Evensong and Dedication of new belfry bookcase.

Preacher: Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (Rector).

Ringling: 10 to 10.30 a.m., 5.45 to 6.30 p.m., and after Evensong.

All ringers and their friends are cordially invited. 9352

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1620.

—The 343rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Service 10 a.m. Bells (12) available 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.) at 1 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Thurs., June 23rd, 12-bell ringing guaranteed. L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Phone 2074. 9331

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NEWARK, NOTTS —Flower Festival at All Saints' Church on July 2nd. Bells (8) open for ringing from 3 o'clock. Afternoon tea available in the Church Hall. All ringers welcome. —G. Burchall. 9355

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Summer tour, August 20th-27th. H.Q. at Westminster College, Hinksey, near Oxford. For details write to Rev. M. Melville, The Lodge, Heacham, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 9360

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practices for Wednesday, June 22nd, and Wednesday, July 6th, have been cancelled.—H. Stocks, Tower Sec. 9351

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

The new charge for sets of 12 cards (minimum) is 10s. post free. For quarter peal cards second copy, written out in style of a peal is essential. Receipt sent only with stamped addressed envelope. — "Ringing World" Office, Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, June 25th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Methods: London, Bristol, Yorkshire and Cambridge. Individually and Spliced as required. Only Surprise Major will be rung. —P. S. Bennett. 9306

DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Belper on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Arnold Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Bitton, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to A. W. Gibbs, 41, Stanley Road, Warmley. 9334

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and from 6 to 7.30 p.m. or later if required. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Branch Sec Tel.: Stow/Wold 350. 9367

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition at Bentlev on Saturday, June 25th. Tea 5 p.m., followed by results. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, 45, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants (Farnborough 41797). General ringing after tea. 9281

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks, to coincide with the rededication of the new ring by the Bishop of Tonbridge on June 25th at 3 p.m. A buffet tea will be provided to follow the formal proceedings and general ringing will take place after the meeting. No names for tea required.—W. H. D. 9250

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Ashton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome. 9313

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois Weedon on Saturday, June 25th. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to C. Hinton, The Green, Lois Weedon, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 9333

ST. NICHOLAS', SEVENOAKS, KENT

Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m.

Rededication by the Lord Bishop of Tonbridge of recast ring of eight bells in new frame (tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F). See notice of Tonbridge District of Kent County Association meeting. 9287

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Cafes near church. —M. I. Foskett, Hon. Sec. 9330

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Kirkheaton Parish Church. Names for tea to Mr. R. Senior, Kylemore, 8, Dryclough Road, Crossland Moor, Huddersfield. All welcome. 9265

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Twerton-on-Avon (8) on July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Alan F. Lee, 10, Ivy Grove, Oldfield Park, Bath, by Thursday, June 30th. 9358

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Petherton (6). Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—J. L. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, Bridgwater, Tel. Holford 345. 9338

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Old Cleeve (8 bells) on July 2nd at 7 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 9372

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting. Harrold, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. L. Collington, 70, High Street, Harrold, by Thursday. Tel. Harrold 256. 9339

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Carlton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 9380

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting. Ilmington, on July 2nd, 3-5, followed by service. Alderminster, 6.30-8.30, starting with very short business meeting. Own tea arrangements: beautiful countryside. Advance warning: Next meeting, Burton Dassett, August 13th.—P. S. Bennett 9353

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of above, Saturday, July 2nd, at Irton, Holmrook. Bells available 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. N. Brown, 14, Wray Head, Drigg, by June 28th. 9335

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Proudlock's Café, Market Place. Names for tea to the Sec., Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, by Thursday, June 30th, please. 9374

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Great Longstone (6) 2 p.m.-3 p.m.; Fairfield (8) 3 p.m. onwards: Tideswell (8) 8 p.m.-9 p.m. No arrangements for tea, but buffet in St. Peter's Church Hall being run in connection with Flower Festival, or teas at 5s. 6d., 6s. and 6s. 6d. per head may be ordered in advance from Mrs. J. Woodruffe, 66, Rockfield Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Business meeting 6 p.m. in Schoolroom.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 9320

E.L.Y. ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9368

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Mistley on Saturday, July 2nd, commencing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley, Manningtree, by Thursday, please.—H. Turner, Deputy Master. 9322

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Half-annual meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Welford-on-Avon (6), 3 p.m. Ringing 3 o'clock onwards. Service 4.30. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5 p.m., followed by short meeting (about Branch boundaries). Ringing at Clifford Chambers (6) at 6.15 and Quinton (6) at 7.30. Numbers for tea to Rev. J. Homfray, Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham, by Wednesday, June 29th. 9365

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hasfield (6), Saturday, July 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea to Alwyn Neale by June 30th. 9364

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to A. A. Peters, 17, Milestone Road, Knebworth, by previous Thursday. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9349

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, July 2nd, Elstree (6), 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9359

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m. Service St. Mark's, Exeter, 3.30 p.m. Tea (5/6) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please, and s.a.c.) to Mrs. P. Burnham, Ranchi, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth by Thursday June 16th. Bells available: Littleham, Newton St. Cyres 9.45-10.45; Buckfast, Abbey 9.45-11.15; Withycombe Raleigh, Bramford Speke, 10.30-11.30; Rewe 11-12; Lymstone 11.15-12.15; Broadclyst 11.45-12.45; Clyst St. George 12-1; Pinhoe 12.30-1.30; Topsham 12.30-1.30; Exeter, St. Thomas' and St. David's 1.45-3; St. Mark's 2.30-3.30; Cathedral 6.30-8.30. Heavitree and St. Petrock's not now available. 9234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's Parish Church, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 9378

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Tarnbank, Underbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland. 9353

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Leake, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, June 27th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 9269

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 2nd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. Application for tickets (8s. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, by June 28th. List of towers on receipt of s.a.c. by Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxburrow Road, Radley.—Miss M. R. Cross. 9328

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 2nd. Greetham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 28th. 9345

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Knowle July 2nd. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea: G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28, by June 29th. Phone SPR 1025. 9357

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Urchfont (8) on July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Heath, The Green, Urchfont, Devizes, Wilts. 9188

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9354

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint half-day outing on Saturday, July 2nd, by private cars. Towers arranged as follows: Epworth (Lincs) (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Gainsborough (Lincs) (8) 3.30-5 p.m.; St. Giles', Lincoln (8) 6 p.m.-7.15 p.m.; Tuxford (Notts) (8) 7.30 p.m.-9 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements in Lincoln.—Andrew King (Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham) and Donald Beach (17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts) Hon. Secs. 9298

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Ruddington. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 9376

SUFFOLK GUILD (North-East District) and **NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Eastern Branch).—Joint ringing meeting at Beccles on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk, by Wednesday, June 29th. Barsham bells (5) also available.—T. N. J. B. and N. P. J. C. 9305

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Ringing meeting, Rougham (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. meeting follows. Please do help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, June 29th. 9371

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting on July 2nd. Ringing at Walton-on-Thames 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Oatlands Park. Surprise ringers, look up Watford. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 44, Garden Road, Walton-on-Thames, by June 29th.—B. Bull, Asst. Sec. 9372

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Evening practice meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, at SS. Mary the Virgin and Andrew, Fletching. Bells 6-9 p.m.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 9342

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Rededication of Manaccan bells by the Archdeacon of Cornwall on July 2nd at 3 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to Rev. H. H. Dixon, Manaccan Vicarage, Helston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held on

Saturday, July 2nd, at Alton

Meeting at Somerscales, Turk Street, at 2.30 p.m.

Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.45 p.m.

Tea at Somerscales 5.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Cork, 21, Upper Grove Road, Alton, Hants, by Tuesday, June 28th. Towers open: Old Alresford (6) and Warnford (6) 10.30-11.30; New Alresford (8) and West Meon (8) 11-12; Ropley (6) and Selborne (5) 11.30-12.30; St. Lawrence's, Alton (8) 12.30-2.15; Hawley (8) 6.30-7.30; Petersfield 7-8.30. David J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9210

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE Ringers' Service

on Sunday, July 3rd, 1966 at 6.30 p.m. Preacher: Archdeacon of Stoke.

Ringing 5.15 p.m. to 6.20 p.m. Recital by St. Lawrence's Junior Handbell Ringers in schoolroom after service. Visitors welcome. 9350

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Huntsham, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business meeting after. For tea, please notify G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Wednesday previous. 9358

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Lenham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9369

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, July 9th, at Lower Machen. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Willetts, Oakleigh, Chatham, Machen, Mon. 9377

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage on July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. and 6.30-8. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Fuller, 21, Bonfield Avenue, Swanage, by July 7th.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting, July 9th, Great Wakering (6), 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. Prittlewell (10), 3 p.m. Service. Prittlewell, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell.

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Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, by July 7th. 9336

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Quarterly meeting, Market Harborough, July 9th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. Binley, 32a, Coventry Road Market Harborough, by July 6th Great Oxenden (5) and Great Bowden (6) bells 3 to 4 p.m. and after meeting General Committee meeting June 29th. Church House. 7.45 p.m.—A. J. Poyner, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9344

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Harefield, Friday, July 15th Ringing 7.30→9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9363

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Cricket Match at Tanfield on July 16th—President's XI v. Western District XI. Please book date. Full details later 9379

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