

## Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Central Branch Newsletter (number 66) May 2009



### Monday 25 May.

What has become the annual Bank Holiday rabbits competition, held at **St Chad's, Dunholme**, was a great success. It was good to see 35 ringers plus several family members have the chance to mix socially as well as pulling the ropes. The six teams were chosen by drawing lots. The names of the least experienced ringers were drawn out first, followed by the 'ordinary' ringers and then the 'experts', thus ensuring a balance of abilities between the teams. If you couldn't make it this year you missed a good afternoon, and look out for another chance next year!

The usual treasure hunt kept people busy exploring the church and churchyard, and once the draw had taken place tea (or coffee) and cakes were available in abundance.

After all six teams had rung their piece and those who wanted another ring had been given the chance, the bells were rung down and everyone gathered in the church to find out the results of their labours.

**Congratulations** are due to **Jonathan's team** who won the competition and were duly photographed (except for Brian who had already left!) holding their trophies and certificates. Also to **Cathy** and **Sally** from Hackthorn who won the quiz and to **Margaret** and the **Straceys** who won the raffle.

**Sincere thanks** go to **Mick** for judging the striking, and for his helpful comments. He assured us all that the standard was good, and if we all ring like that for Sunday service we shall do well.

**Thanks also** to **Jim** who provided the trophies, each member of the the winning team being presented with specially decorated egg cups bearing the legend 'Rabbits Dunholme 2009' as well as the customary chocolate bunny. Thanks to everyone who brought the many cakes, to **Richard** for manfully washing up all afternoon ('I know my place' he was heard to say), to **Val** for hoovering the floor when all was cleared away (what messy eaters you all are!), and of course to **Dot** who organised the food etc with her usual aplomb.

Here are your limericks, also up to their usual standard!

We went to the church of St Chad  
The ringing was awfully bad  
The judge said 'Oh No!!  
Your backstrokes are slow,  
And your timing's the worst we have had'.

We went to the church of St Chad  
They taught me to ring and I'm glad  
I've got food in my tum  
And pain in my bum  
If I don't win I'll be very mad

We went to the church of St Chad  
And the ringers were happy and glad  
To ring a few rounds  
And walk in the grounds  
And what a good time we all had!!!

We went to the church of St Chad  
And what a good time we all had  
The hunt for the treasure  
Gave us all so much pleasure  
And all went home happy, not sad.

We went to the church of St Chad  
Some people say we are mad  
The ringing went well  
Apart from my bell  
Which did its own thing from the start.

We went to the church of St Chad  
To be rabbits which is really quite mad  
We scurried up the tower,  
Missed the rain shower  
And rang to make everyone glad.

We went to the church of St Chad  
And what fun we had  
The bells were rung  
And no-one was hung  
The striking was not at all bad.

We went to the church of St Chad  
Where some good ringing was to be had  
There wasn't enough time for the quiz although some of the questions weren't too bad But the tea and cake was the bizz!- - -  
(Jim too busy ringing, Sue too busy eating cake! It's very difficult doing quiz, eating cake, drinking tea and ringing simultaneously!!!)

## Proposed Ringing Programme 2008/2009

**(Please note this is different from that in the February issue)**

Jun 13	Ewerby	Meeting	19.00 - 21.00
Jul 11	<b>Welton</b>	Full meeting	
Aug 8	Swinderby/Eagle/Thorpe	Ring for your supper	Arrangements tba
Aug 9	Cathedral	Ring for Evensong	2.30 - 3.45
Sept 12	Waddington	Plain Bob & Grandsire morning	10.00 - 12.00

*Guild 6-bell Striking Contest Final*

**Quarter peal month is October**

Oct 10	Leadenham		18.30 - 19.30
	and Fulbeck		19.45 - 20.45
Oct 24	<i>Guild 8-bell Striking Contest</i>		
Nov 14	Hackthorn	Quiz Night	19.30 start
Dec 12	Welton	Carol Service	3.00pm start

**2010**

Jan 9	St Giles (hopefully)	Ringling, Service, Tea & Meeting	3pm start
Feb 13	North Rauceby		14.30 - 16.00
Mar 13	Scothern		14.30 - 16.00

We are grateful to Sue Waterfall for arranging **Surprise Major Practices at Washingborough**. Although these are not Guild or Branch practices, anyone wishing to ring Surprise Major are most welcome. They are held from 10.30 - 12, on Saturdays, 27 Jun, 25 Jul, 22 Aug, 26 Sep, **17 Oct** (to miss inter branch striking contest), 28 Nov, **19 Dec** (to miss Boxing Day). **Put these dates in your diary!** Any queries to Sue Waterfall 07925 149104.

**All these meetings are subject to change during the year. It is wise to check.**

Do come to the **Sunday afternoon ringing at the Cathedral** at 2.30pm on **9th August**. We ring to the ability of the band with lots of rounds and call changes as well as method ringing so that everyone has a chance to ring well at their Cathedral.

Do you want to call this touch, then you **will** be able to hear the Bobs.  
What's that you say?

## Notes from the Branch Committee on 25th February

- \* Various changes of venue for meetings for the coming year. They are on the future programme page, but keep an eye open for any further changes.
- \* Instead of an onion competition this year we are judging photographs from churches in the branch. All towers should have details on the belfry wall.
- \* £50 surplus money (gained from vouchers) in the Newsletter fund has been given to the Ewerby bell restoration. This is the branch's only 10-bell tower which is need of some maintenance work, and as the tiny village cannot afford their upkeep, it is up to us to keep them in ringable condition.

## Notes from the Guild AGM on 25 April

- \* 60 members attended the Communion Service in the Ringers' Chapel; approx 150 the meeting in Bailgate Methodist church and lunches were served afterwards. Many thanks to all who organised and made it such a successful day.
- \* Les Townsend elected as a Honorary member of the Guild.
- \* Guild Officers re-elected except for the inspectors of accounts Linda Bromfield & Barbara Rand are now responsible for the General Fund, and John Carr & Alan Haines for the BRF.
- \* Subscriptions for 2010 will be the same i.e. £10 for adults & £3 for Juniors.
- \* The 6-bell simulator will be in use at the Cathedral in June and in Boston church in September.
- \* Guild Striking Contest 12 Sept Tealby (cup) & Middle Rasen (plate).
- \* Inter branch 8-bell striking contest 24 Oct at Market Deeping.

A conductor frustrated by the many trips in the ringing cried, 'The conductor's job is to keep his own bell right and put the Bobs in the right place, not to keep everybody else right!'

The conductor got confused over the numbers of the bells when calling call changes, and after the inevitable pile-up was heard to say, 'John, why can't you do what I mean, not what I say?!'

## Away Day 31 March 2009

I arrived at Sylvia's at 8:30am on a sunny, but slightly chilly morning, and leaving my car in her drive we set off for Clifton with her TomTom set up for guidance. We arrived at our destination in good time finding the first church of the day, Clifton St Francis a 6 bell tower 2 cwt tenor, 10:30 start. It didn't look much like a church from the outside needing a bit of TLC, and the inside had a leaky ceiling with some of the pews out of bounds. To get to the bells we had to go through the broom cupboard and up a ladder a few at a time to the small but very nicely decorated ringing chamber. I only had one ring as I wasn't confident on light bells, thinking I could easily break a stay, only to find out later that the stays were made of metal! All the same they were a good ring.

The sun was still shining and it was getting warmer, and we drove a mile up the road to Clifton Holy Trinity, an 8 bell tower 3 cwt tenor. We all managed to get into the bell tower, as there was an overflow room at the top, and a balcony which overlooked the church interior. Bells one & two here were very light indeed but one of the older ringers was very capable and willing to take the lead. Hanging on the interior walls of the church were some very lovely and interesting banners decorated with points of interest through the decades from 1950, and the church was filled with interest obviously being used to the full.

Lunch was next on the agenda. Goody. After a two mile drive into the countryside we arrived at the Sun Inn Gotham about 12:30pm. Nineteen of us sat down to an excellent lunch. I had sausage & mash, apple pie & custard and coffee and a half of Strongbow.

Our last tower of the day 2:30pm start, was Clifton St Mary The Virgin an 8 bell tower 8 cwt tenor. These bells were a dream to ring, and I could have stayed there the rest of the

day. I'm sure everyone agreed with me. The church was set in beautiful surroundings near the River Trent. Well all good things come to an end, and this was a very good day. Many thanks to the organisers. Thankyou.

**Kate Morgan**

[I agree with Kate. What a contrast between the two earlier 1950's city 'downtown' churches and the original medieval Clifton church which used to be in a village outside Nottingham but is now absorbed into the suburbs! Yes, and thanks to Phil & Dot, who chose good (if rather light!) bells, a good 'watering hole', and excellent weather! Ed]

### **Young Ringers get together again**

During the Easter holiday (April 15) young ringers came together again for ringing and fun. Seven young ringer and their mentors met at Waddington for the afternoon. Again we divided into groups so that the small belfry could cope, and the bells (both tower and hand) were put to good use, and, of course, we ate! The ringers themselves have written their impressions :-

This event was great, following and even exceeding the high standards set by the last one. A very well-picked tower made it all the better - pretty spacious and great bells!

**Jack (or was it Sam?) Palmer**

A very pleasurable day out, plenty of high spirits and good humour. Some impressive ringing from the elder, more experienced young ringers finished off by some crisp even ringing by the youngest lad there.

**Sam (or was it Jack?) Palmer**

I thought the experience from ringing with other young people was beneficial because then I know it's not just for the older generations. I also understand now what ringers mean when they say 'getting out and about amongst churches handling other bells' is, in a word, odd because bells feel so different. Anyway, I really enjoyed ringing at Waddington. Thanks!

**Lewis MacLeod**

This was the second Ringing Day for young Ringers and was as fun as the first! I think these days are a great way to have fun bell-ringing and meeting new people with the same talents and interests!

**Helen Burberry**

I didn't like the handbells but I did enjoy ringing a new set of bells.

**Thomas Neate**

### **Welcome**

- - - - to **Janet Crafer** from Martin and **David Hewitt** from Bardney who were elected as members at the Timberland meeting.

- - - - to **Lewis MacLeod** who was elected at the Nettleham meeting.

### **Ringers have a smashing time**

Recently a group of ringers decided it was time to have their annual Christmas meal - a little late maybe - on 17th April.

The 11 ringers and 2 non ringers went to a Greek restaurant in Lincoln, where they had quite a feast of very nice food. Towers represented were Washingborough, Waddington, St Giles and the Cathedral. A number of people ordered the Meze, which is something like a 7 course meal, lots of little courses really. There was plenty of food to go round and many of us were sharing our meals because there was so much food.

After the meal the owner of the restaurant turned up the music and started dancing, and a bit of plate smashing took place (a Greek tradition). She managed to persuade a small number of our group to join in, while the rest of us clapped our hands to the music, which starts off slow and gets faster. Then she 'told off' one person for not moving their legs enough. This person protested, and was made to dance again. It sometimes pays to keep quiet!

At the end of the evening the 13 very full tummies went home. Us bellringers seem to be very good at socialising and consuming lots of nice food. I don't know about the other branches but our branch has many very good social gatherings, which can involve non ringers too so they aren't always left out. There's more to our hobby than just pulling a rope and I have many good friends which I have met through bell ringing.

So keep ringing those bells and remember it is our hobby, have fun!

**Sue Waterfall**

### **We wonder**

- - - who was the ringer who opted for an after dinner snooze in the church instead of ringing at the last of the Clifton churches on the awayday, and slid off the slippery pew onto the floor!

- - - and who put the only existing key to the bell chamber into the wrong hole and accidentally 'posted' it through the door, making us have to take the door off its hinges to retrieve it!

'No I can't ring it. I might go wrong and people will shout at me.'

'I'll stand behind you.'

'Alright. I don't mind you shouting at me. You shout at everybody.'

### **Central Branch Striking Competition 9th May 2009**

The draw for the striking competition was scheduled for 5 o'clock prompt, and the draw was promptly made at about 20 past. Only four teams entered the competition this year, which was rather disappointing. There were not even enough ringers present to assemble a scratch team. The teams were, in the order drawn to ring: Welton, Wragby, Eagle/Swinderby & Lincoln Cathedral.

Jim, bedecked in a colourful pinny and armed with a large teapot, took charge of the catering. He also assisted by finding a secret location for the judges within earshot of the bells, and guided them to it. After we had all successfully completed our test pieces, we awaited the judges' decision. This seemed a long time coming, so Jim swapped his teapot for a handbell, and disappeared round the back of the church to summon them.

Philip Grover presented his comments and constructive criticism on the pieces he and Heather had listened to, and gave us the scores. These were:-

1<sup>st</sup>. Team 4 Cathedral with 32 faults:- 1.Les Townsend, 2.Sandra Stallibrass, 3.Dot Mason, 4.Jeremy Wheeldon, 5.David Fox, 6.Phil Mason (C)

2<sup>nd</sup> Team 3 Eagle/Swinderby with 53 faults:- 1.Derek Phillips, 2. Soo Pendleton, 3. Betty Stracey, 4.Nigel Pendleton, 5,Michael Stracey (C), 6.Bob Coupland.

3<sup>rd</sup> Team 1 Welton with 62 faults:- 1.John Ketteringham, 2.Jan Kenworthy, 3.Thomas Neate, 4.Margaret Neate, 5.Fiona Dawson (C), 6.Philip Dawson.

4<sup>th</sup> Team 2 Wragby with 81 faults:- 1.Phil Smith (C),2.Eileen Rushby, 3.Janice Bones, 4.Jane Smith, 5.Chris Jackson, 6.Richard Lenton.

Judges were:- Philip and Heather Grover from Newark, Notts.

Janice Bones won the raffle but did not eat cakes so it was auctioned off for Wragby Tower Fund.

The May 100 Club was drawn : 1st no 82 Market Rasen ringers; 2nd no 102 Brian Smith.

Mick Stracey thanked the judges, Jim and the Wragby ringers and helpers for the excellent tea, and the vicar Rev Mark Holden for the use of the church and bells.

**Phil Smith**

## News from the towers

**Hackthorn** ringers were interested to hear that the bell that they did not get from Milton in Oxfordshire has been found a new home. It is in the church with a pole stuck through the hole in the top and is now the base for a hat stand!

A quarter of Bob Doubles was rung on 7 March by the **Waddington/ Washingborough** ringers as part of their quarter peal series at towers along the A607 between Lincoln and Grantham. Look out for the others!

The Good Friday quarter at **Nocton** was rung with the bells fully muffled apart from the tenor which was open at backstroke.

The quarter at **St Mary-le-Wigford** on 24 April, rung to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Waddington RAF being granted the Freedom of the City, was rung while 120 personnel from RAF Waddington exercised their right to march through the streets with colours flying, bayonets fixed and bands playing. This was followed by a fly-past by planes from the station.

The 'rural smells' were quite strong, so when someone asked, 'What's this little pile on the table?' there was a long pause before someone said, 'Oh! You mean the money!'

## Up or Down?

All these conversations took place on the same Sunday morning.

When about to pull off:-

'This bell feels as though it's up.'

'It is we left them up after ringing for the funeral!'

[What a good thing this ringer never fails to test his bell before making coils]

When ready to lower one ringer suddenly realised he had already taken his coils and had to release them quickly.

Then on to the next tower. The bells had been rung up singly. As the visiting Treble ringer prepared to pull off she said

'These ropes are awfully springy. I don't know whether I can handle them'

'Oh! We didn't raise that one because we thought we'd be one ringer short!'

[No wonder it felt wrong!]

## Let there be light

Some years ago there was a lot of correspondence in the Ringing World about the need for emergency lighting in belfries. St Giles tower used money left to them by the family of Jean Dickinson to instal a system and very effective it has been. Being unable to afford such luxury in Nettleham, I contented myself with insisting that all recruits should demonstrate that they could ring with their eyes shut, so that at least they would be able to set their bell safely without panicking. It seemed to work for I can remember when the power cut did come, a rather nervous young ringer, having calmly set her bell, sat down and only then started to tremble. "I'm so glad you made me ring with my eyes shut!" she gasped. After this we bought a torch which has a light tube as its handle. This is permanently plugged into a live socket, and if the power goes off the handle lights up - not a very bright light, but enough to see by. I thought no more of it until earlier this year when I was made to think this discussion should perhaps be raised again.

Near the end of practice night in a Branch tower someone broke a stay. To help her regain confidence ('get back on your horse') I encouraged her to ring another bell straight away. It was time to lower and she determinedly agreed to ring the third down. Half way through the lower, another ringer turned off the electric fire as we no longer needed it - but

she got the wrong switch, and she turned off the lights instead! We were left with the bells half down in pitch darkness for a fair number of blows before, realising what had happened. she turned on the lights again - no chance to set your bell safely here!

Two things impressed me greatly. Everyone carried on calmly, **and** we continued in good rounds so we were able to finish in grand style. As for the ringer of the third, she manfully continued with us for a short while until the nerves got the better of her. Sensibly she brought the bell down in a few pulls. So much for getting your confidence back!! - AND she turned up faithfully at the next practice. Hats off to her!

What would you do if left suddenly in the dark while ringing? What are the emergency plans in your tower?

**Margaret Parker**

## **Congratulations**

- - - - to **Lewis MacLeod** on ringing his first quarter peal at the first attempt, the treble to Bob Doubles at Nettleham on 28 February.

- - - - to **Janet Crafer** on ringing her first quarter peal at the first attempt, the treble to Bob Doubles at Timberland on 20 April. Janet then went on to ring another just three days later to celebrate St George's day.

- - - - to **Fiona Dawson** for her first quarter of Treble Bob as Conductor, at Dunholme on 2 March.

- - - - to **Margaret** and **John Bundy** on their Golden Wedding Anniversary (on the day of their daughter's wedding!). John rang in a quarter at Hackthorn to celebrate the following day before going off alone to Saudi Arabia for two months on a work assignment!

- - - - to **David Fox** on his retirement. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on the light eight at the Cathedral by Delia Heppenstall, Anita Blundell, Les Townsend, Harold Gibson, David Fox, William Dawson, Paul Caruana and Robin Heppenstall to celebrate.

## **Obituary**

### **Peter Bell**

**1938 - 2009**

Pete learnt to ring at Nettleham in 1969 and he remained a very loyal and valued member of the band until he left the village in 1998. He worked hard to master handling a bell, and although he did not find change ringing easy he persevered until he was able to comfortably ring plain courses of Bob Doubles on the second, but his great contribution to ringing at Nettleham was his utter reliability as a treble ringer. He rang in many of our quarters, either on the treble or drumming behind, and his highlight was his quarter of Bob Doubles on the second. He had the ambition to ring in the winning team at a Branch Striking competition, but sadly the rest of us were unable to help him realise this. He was a sincere churchman, and after ringing for morning service at Nettleham he would get a taxi to St Swithin's church in Lincoln where he sang in the choir. He was a great character who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. R.I.P.

### **John Raymond Phillips (Ray) 1923 - 2009**

Ray was a bellringer for 58 years, being a Guild member from 1947 to 1971, and Churchwarden for 60 years. He farmed at Fir Tree Farm, Eagle from a boy of 15 years. He and his wife Agnes would have celebrated their Diamond Wedding in June 2009.

### **Bob Coupland**

**1931 - 2009**

Many people are mourning the loss of Bob, who died suddenly and unexpectedly in the early hours of Sunday May 7th. He was truly a 'salt of the earth' and likeable character, whose falsetto voice caused him to be instantly recognisable and remembered. In his case the expression 'he would do anything for anybody' was truly earned, as we in Swinderby, Thorpe, Eagle and Harby, with our newly fitted bell stays, spliced ropes and accurate church clocks can testify. When he wasn't in a church tower he would more than likely be cutting grass at the South Scarle model flying field. There he was 'Top Gun' with an extraordinary ability to fly model aircraft, be they single or multi engined. As with bells, Bob was always there to land a plane if a novice pilot got into a panic, and would help many a newcomer to the sport with advice and instruction. His modelling skills were second to none, no doubt

helped by his lifetime work as a joiner for Jack Cook of Eagle - where he set up home with wife Doreen - and working on the Barker Estate in Hykeham.

Bob learned to ring in his home village of Swinderby, under the expert guidance of Colin Reed (now living in Balderton) who was then stationed at RAF Swinderby. There was a 40 years gap in his ringing career. In 1990 he returned to the Swinderby tower to help with the instruction of a band of newcomers. He marvelled at the fact that after so long away from ringing it was 'like riding a bike, you don't forget'. When the Thorpe augmented 6 was envisaged, Bob helped train villagers to ring at Swinderby, and since the commissioning of the bells he has been a constant source of help and encouragement, attending his last practice-night two days before his death. Harby has been a similar story - fixing rope guides, oiling bearings, always on hand to help and encourage, attending practice nights.

It has been a privilege to know Bob, to attend school with him, to ring with him. We will miss him a lot and our thoughts are with Doreen and family, who suffer the greatest loss.

**Des Underwood**

## **Don't Forget**

- - - - the **evening meeting at Ewerby on June 13**. Don't let the fact that it is a 10 bell tower put you off. There will be chance to ring on the 10, but on the front or back 6 instead if you wish.

- - - - **the full meeting at Welton on July 11**. Fiona and Philip Dawson have kindly invited us to their house for a barbecue (if the weather is fine). In any case there will be a tea before the meeting.

- - - - The photo competition. We hope you are all looking out for interesting views of churches, details of the architecture or something unusual to catch the judge's eye. They will be judged at the Plain Bob and Grandsire morning at **Waddington September 12**.

'You must hunt in a lot quicker.'

'But I needed the treble and she wasn't there.'

'Never mind that, just motor on down.'

'You mean just ignore her? It seems so impolite.'

## **The Beaufort Scale of fire-Ups**

- 0 Perfect Ringing** - Complete absence of any fire-up whatsoever.
- 1 Mild Inaccuracies** - Slight frowning of the Conductor's Brow - Conductor says 'keep them moving'.
- 2 Small Trip** - Frown on face of Conductor. Conductor says 'Come along now'.
- 3 Bigger Trip** - Conductor begins to glare. Conductor says 'Finish it' quite loudly.
- 4 Light Crunching involving 2 or more bells** - Conductor begins to go red. May shout 'JOHN' or some other band member's name.
- 5. Heavier Crunching involving 3 or more bells** - one end of the change begins to disappear. Conductor begins to stamp foot and shout coursing order. Conductor now crimson
- 6. Full crunching involving at least half the band** - First bell on wrong stroke. Conductor now purple with vein standing out on forehead. First obscenity uttered. Light damage to composition.
- 7 Light Firing** - half the band now striking at once. At least two bells on the wrong stroke. Conductor now doing full morris dancing/village idiot impression. Instructions now incoherent.
- 8 Heavy Firing** - Most of the band now striking together. At least 3 bells on the wrong stroke. Ringing beyond engineering capabilities of Conductor. Structural damage to composition.



**9 Storm Force Firing** - All but one band member now striking together (called a 'Whoomph Ping). At least half the band on wrong stroke. Terminal damage to composition.

**10 Heavy Storm Force Firing** - Near total absence of striking. A 'Wall of Ropes'. Conductor considers saying 'Stand.'

**11 Hurricane Force Firing** - Complete absence of striking whatsoever. Conductor says 'Stand', grudgingly.

This was seen on notice board in Inverness Cathedral Ringing Room.

I hope we in Lincolnshire call 'Stand' long before reaching Hurricane Force Striking! There does sometimes seem to be a tendency to try to keep the ringing going at all costs, (especially towards the end of a quarter peal attempt). I heard of complaints from the congregation of a ground floor ring, when the conductor's frantic efforts to put the ringers right during service ringing disturbed their peace. If a false start is made, a novice ringer is often helped if 'rounds' is called so they can make a fresh start. When one ringer overheard a quarter being rung in a certain tower, he asked how many bells they had 'because the ringing was so awful I couldn't count them!

'Do you know anything about double glazing?'  
'I've never rung it.'

Will you call me undeflected?

I didn't go wrong, I was in the wrong place, that's all.

Taking off her fleece before ringing she said,  
'I can't ring a heavy bell with clothes on!'

## Branch Quarter Peals

### WASHINGBOROUGH

27 Dec

1344 Washingborough Treble  
Place Major

1. Sue Waterfall
  2. John Underwood
  3. Betty Stracey
  4. Mick Stracey
  5. Sandra Rhodes
  6. Jonathan Clark
  7. Phil Mason
  8. Christopher Woodcock (C)
- Rung to celebrate the Patronal  
Festival  
First blows in the method.  
(x36x14x58x16x12x58x1678.3  
4.78 -12)

### LINCOLN, 9, Chedburgh

Close 1 Jan

1272 Plain Bob Minimus

- 1-2 Benjamin Meyer
  - 3-4 Christopher Woodcock (C)
- Heaviest handbell quarter by the  
band.  
Rung to welcome the New  
Year.

### NOCTON

28 Jan

1859 Doubles (659

Grandsire, 600 Southrepps, 600  
Plain Bob)

1. Jayne Palmer
2. Janet Risdale
3. Yvonne Woodcock
4. John Nicholson
5. Christopher Woodcock (C)
6. Ray Cucksey

Rung half muffled on the 150th  
anniversary of the death of Lord  
Frederick John Robinson, in  
whose memory the 6 bells were  
given by his wife.

### HARMSTON

31 Jan

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Christopher Woodcock (C)
  2. Jean Williams
  3. Angels Holt
  4. Jonathan Clark
  5. Wendy Jeins
  6. Nick Jeins
- Rung by the local band.

### HACKTHORN

15 Feb

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Cathy Andrews
2. Margart Parker
3. Sally Turnbull
4. Brian Smith
5. David Fox (C)
6. Helen McGurk

Rung in thanksgiving for the  
life of Mike Andrews, Cathy's  
husband, who died in  
December.

### EWERBY

15 Feb

1250 Superlative Surprise  
Major

1. Dot Mason
  2. John Underwood
  3. Sylvia Taylor
  4. Heather Grover
  5. Philip Smith
  6. Jonathan Clark
  7. Philip Grover
  8. Phil Mason (C)
- First in method - 5 & 6  
For Evensong.

### SWINDERBY

Feb 15

1320 Doubles

(St Nicholas, Winchendon, St  
Remigius, Reverse Canterbury)

1. Des Underwood
  2. Soo Pendleton
  3. Betty Stracey
  4. Nigel Pendleton
  5. Mick Stracey (C)
- For Evensong.

### WRAGBY

Feb 16

1296 Cambridge Surprise  
Minor

1. John Ketteringham
2. Kate Morgan
3. Mick Stracey
4. Christopher Woodcock (C)
5. Betty Stracey
6. Christine Jackson

### POTTERHANWORTH

Feb 17

1320 Southrepps Doubles

1. Janet Risdale
2. Yvonne Woodcock
3. John Nicholson
4. Christine Jackson
5. Christopher Woodcock (C)
6. Gerald Audis

Half muffled prior to the funeral  
of Leslie Walker, a loyal  
member of the congregation.

### NAVENBY

20 Feb

1320 Cambridge Surprise  
Minor

1. Les Townsend
  2. Dot Mason
  3. Betty Stracey
  4. Harold Gibson
  5. Mick Stracey (C)
  6. Phil Mason
- Rung before the wedding  
service of Diane Blythe and  
James Thompson.

### NETTLEHAM

28 Feb

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Lewis MacLeod
2. Margaret Parker (C)

3. Ian Douglas

4. James Stevenson

5. John Bundy

6. Jerry Truscott

First quarter - 1

Rung following a wedding.

### DUNHOLME

2 Mar

1320 Camridge Surprise Minor

1. John Ketteringham
  2. Mick Stracy
  3. John Nicholson
  4. Betty Stracey
  5. Fiona Dawson (C)
  6. Christopher Woodcock
- First Treble Bob as Conductor.  
Rung for St Chad's Day, and to  
welcome the Bishop of Grimsby  
on his visit to Dunholme  
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### NAVENBY

7 Mar

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Christopher Woodcock (C)
2. Jean Williams
3. Angela Holt
4. Amanda Pues
5. Jonathan Clark
6. Nick Jeins

Rung in memory of the  
conductor's Grandmother; also  
a birthday compliment to Colin  
Ward. The band wish to  
associate the quarter with  
Wendy Jeins who was to have  
rung.

### CATHEDRAL

8 Mar

1282 Lincolnshire Surprise  
Royal

1. Delia Heppenstall
  2. Fiona Dawson
  3. Dot Mason
  4. Graham Colborne
  5. David Fox
  6. Les Townsend
  7. Harold Gibson
  8. Robin Heppenstall
  9. Mick Stracey
  10. Phil Mason (C)
- 400th quarter - 5.  
For Evensong.

### NETTLEHAM

Mar 10

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Cathy Platt
  2. Gill Gladman
  3. Margaret Parker (C)
  4. Graham Moule
  5. Keith Gladman
  6. Trevor Hardcastle
- Rung on the day of his funeral  
in thanksgiving for the life of  
Pete Bell, by a local band of  
friends who had rung with him.

**HACKTHORN**

15 Mar

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Margaret Parker
2. Helen McGurk
3. Jim Sutherland
4. Brian Smith
5. John Bundy
6. David Fox (C)

First quarter of Minor - 2

Rung to celebrate the Golden Wedding anniversary of John & Margaret Bundy, also the wedding of their daughter Tina to Jeff Mycock on March 14, 2009.

**SWINDERBY**

15 Mar

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1. Des Underwood
2. Soo Pendleton
3. Betty Stracey
4. Nigel Pendleton
5. Mick Stracey (C)

For Evensong.

**WRAGBY**

16 Mar

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. John Ketteringham
2. Christopher Woodcock
3. Betty Stracey
4. Tom Palmer
5. John Collett
6. Mick Stracey (C)

**BRANSTON**

22 Mar

1260 Doubles

(780 Plain Bob, 480 April Day)

1. Sam Palmer
2. Yvonne Woodcock
3. Jayne Palmer
4. John Nicholson
5. Christopher Woodcock (C)
6. Ray Cucksey

Rung prior to Mothering Sunday Service.

**WELBOURN**

29 Mar

1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

1. John Ketteringham
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Heather Grover
4. John Nicholson
5. Dot Mason
6. Philip Grover
7. Phil Mason
8. Mick Stracey (C)

First Cambridge Major - 4.  
For Passion Sunday Evening Communion Service.

**DUNSTON**

29 Mar

1320 Southrepps Doubles

1. Sam Palmer
2. Jayne Palmer
3. Yvonne Woodcock
4. John Nicholson
5. Christopher Woodcock (C)

First in variation - 2

Rung prior to the Group Service with bells fully muffled for Lent.

**BLANKNEY**

30 Mar

1296 Surprise Minor

(576 Norwich, 720 Cambridge)

1. John Ketteringham
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Christopher Woodcock (C)
4. Dave Burkitt
5. Sylvia Taylor
6. Mick Stracey

**METHERINGHAM**

5 Apr

1272 Plain Bob Minimus

1. Christopher Woodcock (C)
2. Yvonne Woodcock
3. Jayne Palmer
4. John Nicholson
5. Ray Cucksey

Rung during the Palm Sunday procession through the village for the Palm Sunday Service.

**NOCTON**

10 Apr

1320 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Christopher Woodcock (C)
2. Yvonne Woodcock
3. Graham Whittaker
4. John Nicholson
5. Colin Watson
6. Ray Cucksey

Rung prior to the Good Friday Service.

400th quarter as conductor.

**CATHEDRAL**

12 Apr

1263 Stedman Caters

1. Delia Heppenstall
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Sue Faull
4. Sandra Rhodes
5. Sylvia Taylor
6. Robin Heppenstall (C)
7. Anita Blundell
8. Harold Gibson
9. Michael Stracey
10. Les Townsend

For Easter Evensong

**EWERBY**

19 Apr

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1. Fiona Dawson
2. Sandra Stallibrass
3. John Underwood
4. Sylvia Taylor
5. Heather Grover
6. Philip Dawson
7. Jonathan Clark (C)
8. Philip Grover

Rung for a subsequently cancelled Evensong. Birthday compliment to the conductor

**BRIGG**

20 Apr

1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor

1. John Ketteringham
2. Christopher Woodcock
3. Betty Stracey
4. Geoff Bryant
5. John Underwood
6. Mick Stracey (C)

**SWINDERBY**

19 Apr

1260 Doubles (5m : St Simons, St Martins, St Osmund, Plain Bob, Grandsire)

1. Des Underwood
2. Soo Pendleton
3. Betty Stracey
4. Nigel Pendleton
5. Mick Stracey (C)

For Evensong. These methods being rung after being beaten into submission by Dragon!

**TIMBERLAND**

20 Apr

1320 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Janet Crafer
2. Janet Risdale
3. Clive Brooke
4. Yvonne Woodcock
5. Colin Watson
6. Christopher Woodcock (C)

First quarter at first attempt - 1  
To mark the Queen's birthday.

**DUNHOLME**

22 Apr

1260 Ragstone Bob Minor

1. Margaret Parker
2. Dot Mason
3. Sandra Rhodes
4. Phil Mason
5. John Underwood
6. Mick Stracey (C)

First in method for all the band.

**EAGLE**

23 Apr  
1260 St Clements College Bob Minor  
1. Bob Coupland  
2. Soo Pendleton  
3. Phil Mason  
4. Dot Mason  
5. Betty Stracey  
6. Mick Stracey (C)  
Rung before Eagle School St George's Day Service.

**TIMBERLAND**

23 Apr  
1320 Plain Bob Doubles  
1. Janet Crafer  
2. Janet Risdale  
3. Clive Brooke  
4. Gerald Audis  
5. Colin Watson  
6. Christopher Woodcock (C)  
Rung at the request of the Parish Council for St George's Day.

**NOCTON**

23 Apr  
1260 Doubles  
(720 Southrepps, 540 Plain Bob)  
1. Sam Palmer  
2. Jayne Palmer  
3. Yvonne Woodcock  
4. Christopher Woodcock (C)  
5. Clive Brooke  
6. John Nicholson  
To celebrate St George' Day

**DUNSTON**

23 Apr  
1320 Doubles  
(720 St Martin's, 600 St Simon's)  
1. Janet Risdale  
2. Amanda Pues  
3. Christine Jackson  
4. Yvonne Woodcock  
5. Christopher Woodcock (C)  
To celebrate St George's Day.

**LINCOLN, St Mary**

24 Apr  
1. Christopher Woodcock (C)  
2. Jean Williams  
3. Angela Holt  
4. Colin Watson  
First Minimus 2, 3 & 4  
To celebrate 50th Anniversary of RAF Waddington being granted the Freedom of the City of Lincoln.

**METHERINGHAM**

24 Apr  
1300 Plain Bob Doubles  
1. Sam Palmer  
2. Jayne Palmer  
3. Yvonne Woodcock  
4. John Nicholson  
5. Graham Whittaker  
6. Christopher Woodcock (C)

Half muffled to mark 1300th anniversary of the death of St Wilfrid (the Patron Saint of this church)

**WRAGBY**

2 May  
1260 Grandsire Doubles  
1. Margaret Parker  
2. Jim Sutherland  
3. Christine Jackson  
4. Phil Smith (C)  
5. Jonathan Clark  
6. Richard Lenton  
Rung prior to the celebration of the 170th Anniversary of this church.

**WELBOURN**

3 May  
1280 Spliced Surprise Major  
(2 m : 768 Yorkshire, 512 Rutland 15 com)  
1. Sylvia Taylor  
2. Dot Mason  
3. Fiona Dawson  
4. Heather Grover  
5. Betty Stracey  
6. Phil Mason  
7. Philip Grover  
8. Mick Stracey (C)  
600th quarter - 5.  
For Evening Communion Service.

**WELBOURN**

7 May  
1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major  
1. Dot Mason  
2. Fiona Dawson  
3. John Underwood  
4. Mick Stracey  
5. Betty Stracey  
6. John Nicholson  
7. Sylvia Taylor  
8.. Phil Mason (C)  
First in method 6.  
Birthday compliment to the conductor.

**NETTLEHAM**

10 May  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles  
1. Trevor Hardcastle  
2. Margaret Parker  
3. James Stevenson  
4. Ian Douglas  
5. Phil Smith (C)  
6. Jerry Truscott  
Rung during the West Lindsey Open Churches Festival.

**CATHEDRAL**

10 May  
1320 Plain Bob Maximus  
1. Dot Mason  
2. Delia Heppenstall  
3. Fiona Dawson  
4. Dan Meyer  
5. Sue Faull  
6. Caitlin Meyer  
7. Sandra Stallibrass  
8. David Fox  
9. Ben Meyer  
10. Mick Stracey  
11. Phil Mason  
12. Robin Heppenstall (C)  
For Evensong.  
First in method - 4 & 9  
65th birthday and retirement compliment to David Fox.

**EAGLE**

10 May  
1260 Plain Bob Minor  
1. Bob Coupland  
2. Derek Phillips  
3. Soo Pendleton  
4. Betty Stracey  
5. Nigel Pendleton  
6. Mick Stracey (C)  
For Evensong, and in affectionate memory of John Raymond Phillips, for 58 years a ringer and 60 years churchwarden here at Eagle.

**SCOTHERN**

18 May  
1298 Cambridge Surprise Major  
1. John Ketteringham  
2. Fiona Dawson  
3. Kate Morgan  
4. Betty Stracey  
5. Christopher Woodcock  
6. Michael Stracey (C)

**TIMBERLAND**

18 May  
1320 Plain Bob Doubles  
1. Janet Crafer  
2. Janet Risdale  
3. Gerald Audis  
4. Clive Brooke  
5. Colin Watson  
6. Christopher Wodcock (C)

**EAGLE**

19 May  
1280 Doubles (Grandsire & Plain Bob)  
1. Willy Turner  
2. Derek Phillips  
3. Soo Pendleton  
4. Nigel Pendleton  
5. Mick Stracey (C)  
6. Des Underwood  
Rung to celebrate the life of Aubrey (Bob) Coupland who died suddenly on 17 May, by a band of ringers who rang regularly with him at towers in the area. Betty Stracey wishes to be associated with this quarter.

**LINCOLN, St Giles**

21 May

1250 Lincolnshire Surprise

Major

1. John Underwood
2. Sylvia Taylor
3. Dot Mason
4. Betty Stracey
5. John Nicholson
6. Christine Jackson
7. Phil Mason
8. Mick Stracey (C)

On Ascension Day, following  
the Communion Service.

For the 200th Anniversary of  
Alfred Lord Tennyson.

**THORPE-on-the-HILL**

24 May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Annie Houghton
2. Derek Phillips
3. Soo Pendleton
4. Margaret Parker (C)
5. Nigel Pendleton
6. Roy Chapman

For Evensong.

Arranged specially to remember  
Bob Coupland who did so much  
to help with the ringing and the  
maintenance of this tower.

R.I.P.