

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Central Branch Newsletter (number 67) August 2009

Proposed Ringing Programme 2008/2009

Sept 12	<u>Branston</u>	Plain Bob & Grandsire morning	10.00 - 12.00
		<i>Guild 6-bell Striking Contest Final</i>	
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		Carol Service	3.00pm start
<i>Quarter peal month in October</i>			
2010			
Jan 9	St Giles (hopefully)	Ringling, Service, Tea & Meeting	3pm start
Feb 13	North Rauceby		14.30 - 16.00
Mar 13	Scothern	1	4.30 - 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 - 12.00, on Saturdays, 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.

These meetings are subject to change during the year. Do check.

Obituary

David Collis

1957 - 2009

David learned to ring at St Giles, Lincoln in the early 70's and was elected a member of the Cathedral Company of ringers in 1974. He left to study chemistry at Sheffield in 1976, and continued his ringing in a number of areas, wherever his work took him, particularly enjoying helping others. Soon after he moved to Paris in 1998 he became ill and never really recovered. On his desk was a small card bearing the words 'stand up, be brave.' He did that in his last years.

Notes from the Guild Committee 30 May

- * Wording of the certificate for Hon Life Members adjusted.
- * Inter-Branch 8 bell Striking Contest to start at 4 pm, with towers open beforehand. Method 2 courses (equivalent length) Plain Bob Major.
- * Rule change to be agreed at November meeting of the Committee to make web-Master an official of the Guild.
- * Consistency in Report - names, not initials, unless opt out.
- * Up-date on Mobile Ringing Centre proposed by people in N Lincs.
- * Regulations for Child Protection Issues being amended. These are legal requirements. A new Independent Safeguard Authority to be formed. We need to be pro-active in shaping rulings within the Diocese. Simon Payne, the Diocesan official responsible has offered to discuss and train necessary checking personnel for the branches in the Guild. A meeting to be arranged with branch officials and someone from each branch with appropriate expertise. There should be someone in each tower who has been CRB checked. Watch this space!
- * Draft curriculum for members following the Bishop's Youth Achievement Awards discussed.
- * It was re-iterated that anything from the branches to go on the Guild web-site must come from a branch official, not an individual.
- * Proposed that CC reps be elected on a rolling programme basis, bearing in mind that they can serve best by being on CC Committees.

- * Sue announced that she was not standing for re-election as Master in 2010. She also hinted that we might be looking for a new Secretary the following year. Both these officers have served us well, and we are grateful for all their hard work behind the scenes on behalf of the Guild.

Notes from the Branch Committee Meeting 3 June

- * The **September meeting will now be at Branston.**
- * Plans for the full meeting at Welton discussed.
- * Grants from Branch BRF requested for Sleaford and Ewerby. Proposed 10% (£100 minimum) to Sleaford and £150 to Ewerby.
- * Last year we had no response to the suggested tower maintenance training session so it was cancelled. We were asked to offer this again, and notices have gone to all towers. Do contact Dot if you are interested. Every tower should have someone capable of keeping the valuable asset of their bells in good working order.

News from the towers

- - - Who spotted the '**deliberate mistakes**' in the last edition? Look out for those in this one, for there are bound to be some!

After many years with little maintenance a group of enthusiastic Central Branch members took it on themselves to ring the bells of **St Andrew, Ewerby** for the Sunday Services. It soon became apparent that the bells were in need of repair and maintenance. Hayward Mills were asked to give a quote for the urgent work that was necessary and some decided to try and raise some money. Every time we rang the bells we donated to the bell fund. Grants were promised from the Guild and Branch BRFs. A garden party at the Churchwarden's home raised the rest of the money. At the end of June the clappers were removed and taken to Hayward Mills for refurbishment. At the beginning of August the clappers were returned and at the same time some minor maintenance was carried out. May I take this opportunity to thank all the people who freely gave of their time and expertise to put the bells in good working order.

Phil Mason

Please note that there are now houses near the church at Blankney.

- - - Contact John Ketteringham (by post to 27 Bunkers Hill, Lincoln LN2 4QS or by e-mail to john.ketteringham@ldgcb.org.uk) if you wish to purchase his new enlarged book 'Lincolnshire Bells and Bellfounders'. This book will soon be published by subscription, costing approximately £45.

Welcome

- - - to Thomas Neate of Welton who was elected a member at the Welton meeting on 12 July.

Don't Forget

- - - to bring your photos to the Training morning at **Branston.**
- - - the quarter peal month is October. Here is your chance to advance your ringing. If you need any help, just ask.
- - - if you need help with mid-week ringing for weddings etc. ask Mick or Dot. There are some of us who can usually to come.

20th June Potty Quarter Peal Day

The (mainly) retirees who call themselves 'The Lincolnshire Midweek Ringers' meet fairly often for ringing and fun - and of course food! It is not really surprising that Phil should suggest, over lunch, one day that we ought to attempt a quarter peal in each of the Standard Eight Surprise Major methods on the 'pots' (sorry! I meant 'ceramic bells!'), all in a day. Surprisingly, enough of us agreed that it would be fun (what masochists we are!) so ten of us turned up at Dot and Phil's, armed with a variety of high stools on

which to perch, for you cannot lean on the rope to rest tired legs - remember a few of us are getting on a bit and we **were** doing it for fun! As we had not rung a quarter of London on pots, we decided to put it first while we were still fresh - but maybe we were too fresh; at 9 o'clock on a Saturday morning some of us were not yet quite awake! After a few false starts we opened the door to let in some fresh air, and so went on to ring a pretty good quarter - thus completing the Standard Eight on Phil and Dot's bells at Branston. We were already behind schedule, so a quick cold drink and straight on to Superlative (which came round unexpectedly, so had to be re-started). This meant a rather foreshortened coffee and scone break before going on to Pudsey, where Dot completed the Standard Eight on the bells. Well done to Heather as this was only her third on a mini-ring (it goes so fast there is little time to think!). Brains were getting very tired for the last of the morning. We had a lot of good ringing of Bristol before it collapsed as soon as we became complacent. Chris had to leave for a while to ring for a couple of weddings, so we reverted to Cambridge instead. This was Sylvia's first as conductor for many years. Shh! Don't tell anyone. She doesn't want people to know that she can lest they expect to do it more often. We suggested she rang with a paper bag over her head so that she could remain anonymous, but she declined and her secret is now out!

A rather tired group adjourned for lunch at the local pub on our way to Sandra's, where we had coffee and chocolate cake before starting again on the Chedburgh pots. The Lincolnshire (Heather's first on the bells) was followed by Rutland (Margaret really must learn to pull her bell up again when she loses it!) and a very welcome tea break. As always with 'bring and share' meals there was more than enough food, and Sandra's strawberries and cream gave us the real Wimbledon feeling. We decided to re-schedule the Bristol. Heather had to leave at this point, but opted to ring in the now 'statutory false start' before leaving, but even the extended break was not enough to unfrazzle our brains and we had to admit defeat, and move on to the final quarter, Yorkshire, which came round in fine style. Maybe Bristol another day.

All ten of the ringers were not there for the whole day; one had to ring for weddings, another left temporarily to take part in a striking contest while two others had to leave early to rescue Auntie who was staying with them. Well done to Phil, Fiona and Sylvia who rang in all the seven that were completed, Sylvia ringing a different numbered bell in each.

The 'Potty Day' quarters

Branston, Woodside Campanile, 20 June.

1344 London Surprise Major : 1. John Underwood; 2. Margaret Parker; 3. Dot Mason; 4. Fiona Dawson; 5. Sandra Stallibrass; 6. Sylvia Taylor; 7. Phil Mason; 8. Christopher Woodcock (C).

1344 Superlative Surprise Major : 1. Sylvia Taylor; 2. Dot Mason; 3. Fiona Dawson; 4. John Underwood; 5. Christopher Woodcock; 6. Sandra Stallibrass; 7. Philip Grover; 8. Phil Mason (C).

1344 Pudsey Surprise Major : 1. Philip Grover; 2. Sylvia Taylor; 3. Dot Mason; 4. Christopher Woodcock; 5. Fiona Dawson; 6. John Underwood; 7. Heather Grover; 8. Phil Mason (C)

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major : 1. Margaret Parker; 2. Philip Grover : 3. Sandra Stallibrass; 4. Fiona Dawson, 5. John Underwood; 6. Heather Grover; 7. Phil Mason; 8. Sylvia Taylor (C)

Lincoln, Chedburgh Campanile, 20 June.

1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major : 1. Dot Mason; 2. Sandra Stallibrass; 3. Phil Mason; 4. Fiona Dawson; 5. Heather Grover; 6. John Underwood; 7. Sylvia Taylor; 8. Philip Grover (C)

1250 Rutland Surprise Major : 1. Margaret Parker; 2. John Underwood; 3. Sylvia Taylor; 4. Sandra Stallibrass; 5. Philip Grover; 6. Fiona Dawson; 7. Phil Mason; 8. Christopher Woodcock (C)

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major : 1. Margaret Parker; 2. Phil Mason; 3. Christopher Woodcock; 4. Dot Mason; 5. Sylvia Taylor; 6. Fiona Dawson; 7. Sandra Stallibrass; 8. Philip Grover (C)

Note:- Jim worries that all our talk of 'fancy' methods demoralises the less experienced ringers. I sincerely hope he is wrong. It is fair to say that we all help new ringers, and we value their achievements. This stuff that we do is only to exercise 'those little grey cells' in a desperate attempt to ward off approaching senility - 'use it or lose it'. We don't take ourselves too seriously. When someone said to a fellow ringer 'When people see what we have done, they must think we're jolly good ringers,' he received the reply, 'No. They'll think we're mad.' That about sums it all up, for this is the joy of ringing. It was a good day out with friends, with good fellowship, good fun - and of course, good food!

Meeting and BBQ at Welton 12 July

On Saturday 12 July 33 ringers, families and friends gathered at St Mary's Church, Welton for the Central Branch half yearly meeting. Ringing began at 3.30 and I am reliably informed that it was very enjoyable with methods varying from Plain Bob to Berwick Surprise. The service followed led by St Mary's churchwarden and reader Alan Freeman, who informed us that bells were only mentioned in the Bible three times, but nevertheless played a very important role in the Church Community and beyond. Mention must be made here of the very fine organ playing by Les Townsend during the service. I have heard that organ played many times over the years, being previously a member of St Mary's choir, but very rarely have I heard it sound so well, the last time being at our daughter's wedding in 1998 when Les did the honours on that occasion also.

On then to the treasure hunt which was to lead us, or most of us (more of that later) to the home of Fiona and Philip Dawson, and the thought of a tasty barbecue spurred us on. It was more of a mystery tour with questions really, as it was pointed out by Margaret, who along with Fiona had prepared the route, that there was no treasure at the end. If we ended up in the right location and had been given food that was the prize - fair enough. I must say I have had connections with Welton since 1964 and have lived here a lot of years but they took us down streets that I have never even heard of let alone known where they were.

The delicious smell of the barbeque welcomed us at the end of the trail, expertly cooked by Keith Gladman, with lots of tasty side dishes and lovely cakes which befits a ringers' gathering.

Suddenly someone noticed that three of our number (I will be kind - no names) who had set out with us had not arrived. A few minutes later a little tinkle from Sandra's handbag produced a plea for a search party or precise instructions and quick. Very soon, having been rescued from the wilds of Welton, they trooped in, hungry and thirsty, but safe - what would we do without mobiles!

The meeting took place afterwards including the 100 club draws and the raffle. Fiona and Philip, with help from some local ringers, had done an excellent job in organising the day, providing the venue. Thanks go to their kindness and hospitality.

We all crossed our fingers and prayed that the weather would stay fair at least until 8.00 pm, and it did. I had to leave then, but as I walked down the drive I could hear someone calling to Fiona to put the kettle on. A perfect way to end a lovely day.

Val Fox

Young Ringers get together for ringing and cricket!

We chose Blankney for the summer meeting on 22 July for its isolated position and for the adjacent field for ball games.

A bigger belfry than used on previous meetings meant that we could all work together - much better than splitting into groups. We counted 13 people in the tower, but when Amanda joined us in the afternoon after work it made the number happier for anyone with a superstitious mind - if they even noticed!

After an hour and a half ringing we went downstairs to have a drink and biscuit. Someone produced a couple of cricket bats and a ball, the youngsters quickly organised themselves for a lively game of cricket. John proved himself no mean cricketer, but the rest of the adults just sat on camp chairs offering the occasional applause!

As we were debating when to stop the game for dinner a large black cloud obligingly produced some heavy drops of rain - which stopped as soon as we had left the field. It was immediately claimed that this was only the lunch break, and as soon as sandwiches had been demolished, before the adults had been fed and watered, the game continued, with Brian keeping John company out in the field.

We called time at about half past two, and while everyone cooled off we discussed what they want to do next time, and then returned to the tower for a short ring before calling it a day and heading homeward after a very enjoyable day full of fellowship and fun.

There is one incident we ought to note. Towards the end of the morning session a gentleman approached and asked if we were going to be ringing again, saying in an aggrieved tone that 'they were ringing last Wednesday **and it went on for three hours.**' He added that he hoped **we** weren't going to do the same because the dog caused bother when the bells were ringing. We explained who we were and that we were there to give the young people chance to get to know each other. He seemed to appreciate what we were doing and went away happy when we told him that 'yes, we were planning to ring again later, but promised that it would last no longer than an hour.' It has always been assumed that we can ring at Blankney any time as it disturbs no-one, but it seems that there are now houses behind the row of trees at the East end of the church, so we may must be more careful in future.

Margaret Parker

Basic Maintenance, Wednesday evening 22 July

The Branch Committee organised an introduction to the basic maintenance of bell installations for anybody interested. It was held at St Chad's Dunholme and was led by Philip Mason and Michael Stracey. Dunholme proved ideal for the purpose : the tower is very generously proportioned and the bells are installed to one side of the ringing chamber, allowing plenty of room opposite the bells for the eight people who attended, plus leaders. The bells are hung on an H frame, which has open sides and gives full view and access to the individual bells.

Suitably attired and armed with a torch, Philip clambered around over and under the bells and identified and explained each part of the fittings, standing parts and moving parts : headstocks and bearings, clappers and stays, wheels and ropes. Most importantly, he explained in detail what regular maintenance entails, what checks need to be made, but also what not to undertake and when to call in outside expert help and advice. The size and weight of church bells and the huge forces in play when they are being rung make the regular checking of all bolts for instance - on headstocks and housings but also on frames, whether of metal or wood - a vital part of the steeplekeeper's responsibilities. This was well illustrated when a close inspection of the stays on Dunholme's bells showed the nuts on two stay bolts to have become so loose that they'd fallen off. We watched in amusement as Mick searched determinedly on all fours in the dark under the bells till the errant nuts were found - altogether nutty!

We welcomed this opportunity to discuss and compare experience of basic maintenance. It's difficult to believe that only those responsible for half a dozen of the 44 towers in the branch had anything to learn or contribute. Sometimes you can sense from what you can see in the ringing chamber and feel as you ring that maintenance might not be all it should in a particular tower. Perhaps it's because when you ring you can't **see** what's happening upstairs; all too often a question of 'out of sight, out of mind'.

Note

Useful advice on basic maintenance can be found in various publications. Steve Coleman's very readable series includes a helpful chapter (oddly called 'Tinkering') in his 'The Bellringer's Early Companion.' The Central Council produces a range of books and pamphlets, including 'A Schedule of Regular Maintenance', the very comprehensive 'Towers and Bells Handbook', 'Splicing Bell Ropes Illustrated', 'Tower management', 'Tower Safety.'

Stan Underwood

Ring for your supper along the Fosse Way

On a very sunny afternoon in August twenty plus ringers and friends gathered at two towers along the Fosse way for eating and ringing.

Swinderby's 5 bells opened the afternoon's enjoyment with ringing of various methods, though Stedman Doubles did baffle a few ringers. Soon it was time to start the serious business, Food!. Everyone was invited to partake of homemade vegetable soup which was hot and very tasty. [Well done, Des!] The quantity that was available enabled every beaker to be replenished. Squash was also provided, though the phrase 'dilute to taste' did cause some confusion.

After more ringing it was time to move on.

After journeying further along the Fosse Way, Thorpe-on-the-Hill was the next venue.

We were given a very warm welcome by a local ringer and asked to commence ringing, Plain and Surprise methods being rung. Eventually it was time to make our way to the Village Hall where a large spread awaited, which was partaken of in true ringers' style.

Following a short business meeting it was back to ringing until 7.30, the three minutes walk from the Church to the Village Hall taking a little longer on the way back.

Many thanks must go to the ringers and friends of Swinderby and Thorpe-on-the-Hill for their fine welcome and hospitality.

It was a pleasurable way to end a week of miserable weather with something to enjoy, ringing and eating or if you wish eating and ringing.

'I know my place'

[But you didn't find yourself washing up on this occasion, Richard, even if that **is** your signature! Ed]

Note :

Do we want to make this an annual event? If so could a cluster of towers invite us for next August? On both occasions we had planned to have a tower for each course of the meal, but circumstances made us reduce it to two towers only - but this didn't seem to matter.

'I told you to lead. What are you doing at the back?'

'I find it difficult to do two things at the same time, and at that moment I was panicking.'

Central Branch Ringing Invitation to the Cathedral

The afternoon of Sunday 9th August - an invitation accepted by three Caythorpe ringers to ring at Lincoln Cathedral - how could we refuse? We were very apprehensive at the thought of ringing at such a grand venue, however we need not have worried as there at the entrance to the Cathedral was Les Townsend with a reassuring smile and as always, a calming influence. At once we felt at ease.

We went through into the ringers' chapel where we took a moment to admire the inscribed names of ringing masters past and present before beginning the ascent to the ringing chamber - 125 steps changing from tight spiral style to those of almost palatial grandeur reflecting the changes to the building over the centuries.

When we got to the ringing chamber it was a very pleasant surprise - reminiscent of Dumbledore's study at Hogwarts, very cosy and smaller than we expected even though it did accommodate the ropes for twelve/thirteen bells, Gradually people congregated and it was nice to see some familiar faces (around 20 altogether).

The bells were up so it was straight into it. Those familiar words 'right pick a bell, you'll be fine on that one' were spoken and a voice in my head was saying 'I'm not so sure, but here goes.' The first couple of strokes seemed heavy but once we got the feel of the ropes and the slowness of the speed taken to get round all 12 bells we began to relax (slightly!). The bells sounded a long way away making it harder to listen to the striking, we hoped the people of Lincoln were enjoying listening to it! 'What a fantastic

feeling to hear the bells of Lincoln Cathedral and to know that one of them striking is mine - I've done it! A sentiment felt by all three of us. Everyone must have thought us strange as the smiles did not leave our faces for the whole of our stay!

The three of us took turns to ring the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th in rounds with the moral support of Margaret Parker, between which we enjoyed watching and listening to the 'professionals' ringing a variety of methods.

Following the session we were invited to go up to the bell chamber as the muffles were being fitted for a funeral the following day. Another 75 steps and we were looking down on a square frame housing 13 neatly suspended bells, 12 around the outside and one in the middle. We were shown various other places in the tower where the bell frame had been re-positioned over previous periods because of weakness of the structure.

The time had gone all too quickly, it had been a fabulous experience. A huge thank you must go to Les Townsend for inviting us along and being an excellent host, and also the experienced ringers who gave us encouragement to have a go. Thank you from

Carol Clarke, Jenny Long and Mary Rushmore

Branch Quarter Peals

BLANKNEY 21 May

1260 Southrepps Doubles

1. Christopher Woodcock (C)
 2. Janet Risdale
 3. Yvonne Woodcock
 4. Clive Brooke
 5. Colin Watson
 6. John Nicholson
- Rung on Ascension Day.
In memory of Eileen Holvey.

LINCOLN, 30 May Chedburgh

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

1. Margaret Parker
2. John Underwood
3. Dot Mason
4. Sandra Stallibrass
5. Sylvia Taylor
6. Fiona Dawson
7. Phil Mason
8. Christopher Woodcock (C)

HACKTHORN 31 May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Cathy Andrews
 2. Margaret Parker
 3. Brian Smith
 4. Janet Risdale
 5. David Fox (C)
 6. Helen McGurk
- To celebrate Brian's 70th birthday.

CATHEDRAL 14 June

1282 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal

1. Sue Faull
 2. Delia Heppenstall
 3. Fiona Dawson
 4. Les Townsend
 5. Sylvia Taylor
 6. Dot Mason
 7. Matthew Jeffery
 8. Graham Colborne
 9. Robin Heppenstall
 10. Phil Mason (C)
- For Evensong.

DUNHOLME 17 June

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. Margaret Parker
2. Dot Mason
3. John Bundy
4. Dave Burkitt
5. Philip Dawson
6. Phil Mason (C)

EWERBY 21 June

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

1. Dot Mason
 2. Sandra Stallibrass
 3. Fiona Dawson
 4. Sylvia Taylor
 5. John Underwood
 6. Jonathan Clark
 7. Philip Grover
 8. Phil Mason (C)
- For Evensong.

NEWARK 11 July

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

1. Sylvia Taylor
2. John Underwood
3. Sandra Stallibrass
4. Christopher Woodcock
5. Mick Stracey
6. Heather Grover
7. Philip Grover
8. Philip Dawson
9. Peter Wakefield
10. Phil Mason (C)

HACKTHORN 12 July

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Lexie Brown
 2. Margaret Parker
 3. Helen McGurk
 4. Sally Turnbull
 5. John Bundy (C)
 6. Brian Smith
- First as Conductor
Rung to celebrate Lexie's 70th birthday and to welcome her granddaughter Emily May.

CATHEDRAL 12 July

1296 Little Bob Maximus

1. Les Townsend
 2. Delia Heppenstall
 3. Fiona Dawson
 4. Daniel Meyer
 5. Sue Faull
 6. Caitlin Meyer
 7. Ben Mayer
 8. Dot Mason
 9. Mick Stracey
 10. David Fox
 11. Phil Mason
 12. Robin Heppenstall (C)
- First in method - 4 & 7.
Rung for the County Council dedication Service.

DUNHOLME 12 July

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Val Fox
 2. John Bundy
 3. Sally Turnbull
 4. Brian Smith
 5. David Fox (C)
 6. Helen McGurk
- For Evensong
Rung to welcome Lois Amelia, a granddaughter for Val & David Fox.
Also for the 50th anniversary of David's first quarter peal 17/5/1959 at Dunholme.

LANGTON-by-SPILSBY 13 July

1274 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. John Ketteringham
2. Heather Peachey
3. John Collett
4. Betty Stracey
5. Barry Peachey
6. Mick Stracey (C)

WASHINGTONBOROUGH

19 July

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1. Robert Harvey
 2. Amanda Pues
 3. Colin Ward (C)
 4. Graham Whittaker
 5. Sue Waterfall
 6. Jonathan Clark
- First quarter away from cover - 1.
250th quarter - 3.
Rung on the back 6 in celebration of Harold Harvey's 80th birthday. Harold is the father of the treble ringer.

BASSINGHAM 27 July

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

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

WRAGBY 3 August

1272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor

1. John Ketteringham
 2. Christine Jackson
 3. Peter Limage
 4. Betty Stracey
 5. David Hibbert
 6. Mick Stracey (C)
- First Oxford TB - 5
The band wishes Barry Peachey a speedy recovery.

CATHEDRAL 10 Aug

1254 Grandsire Cinques

1. John Underwood
 2. Delia Heppenstall
 3. Dot Mason
 4. Sylvia Taylor
 5. Sue Faull
 6. Robin Heppenstall
 7. John Nicholson
 8. Harold Gibson
 9. Mick Stracey (C)
 10. David Fox
 11. Les Townsend
 12. Phil Mason
- First on 12 bells - 7.
Rung with the bells half muffled following the Service of Celebration for the life of Captain Daniel Marc Shepherd, 11 EOD Regiment RLC, who died recently on active service in Afghanistan.

POTTERHANWORTH 16 Aug

1380 Plain Bob Doubles

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

First on bells since ringing recommenced.

Rung prior to Sunday Service, and to celebrate the 80th birthday of Pam Garner, Churchwarden

BOTTESFORD 17 Aug

1269 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. John Ketteringham
2. Sue Waterfall
3. Betty Stracey
4. David Hibbert
5. Christopher Woodcock

6. Mick Stracey