

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers

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Hackthorn Bells

For a Millennium project, the residents of Hackthorn decided they would like to install a set of bells in the church of St Michael and All Angels. After a lot of hard work fundraising, this project was achieved and came to fruition in April 2006 with the Bishop of Lincoln dedicating the bells.

Before this point, it was realised that there were no residents in the village who could ring bells. Six local ladies

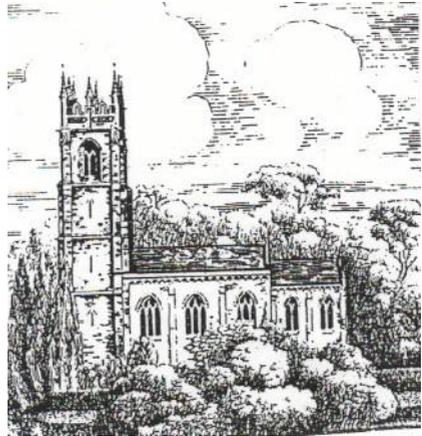
(Bridget, Cathy, Jenny, Helen, Lexie and Sally) volunteered to learn from the beginning which started them on a steep learning curve, beginning in 2005 at Nettleham with an invitation from Margaret to use silent bells. This progressed with them moving to Wragby, again with an invitation from Jim and his computer sounding bells.

After the installation of their own bells at Hackthorn, a concentrated effort and a lot of hard work, culminated in all the ladies achieving quarter peals within three years. They have now progressed to ringing quarter peals with inside work and ringing different methods.

This year Tony, who joined the band as a non ringer, has now rung his first quarter peal on the treble in Bob Doubles (well done Tony.)

All this success would not have been possible without considerable help from Margaret, John, David and Jim who with their ringing experience managed to turn Hackthorn ringers into the position they are in today, a big thank you to you all.

Let us take this as a shining example of what hard work and dedication can achieve, they are a happy band of ringers who look forward to showing off their skills at practice and Sunday Services with enthusiasm and are a pleasure to be with.



Brian Smith, Tower Captain.

Proposed Ringing Programme 2010

Mar 13	Scothern		14.30 - 16.00
Apr 10	Waddington		19.00 - 21.00
Apr 24	Guild AGM		
May 8	Branston	Striking Contest	Draw at 5.00 pm
May 31	Nettleham	Rabbits	Draw at 3pm
Jun 12	Welbourn		19.00 - 21.00
Jul 10	Nocton	Full meeting	Ring, Service, Barbecue
Aug 14	Boothby/Navenby/Wellingore	Ring for your supper.	
Sep 11	Guild 6-bell Striking contest Final		
	Crowland (Cup) & Deeping St Nicholas (Plate) in ED		

Branch

OCTOBER IS QUARTER PEAL MONTH

Oct 2	Guild inter-Branch 8-bell Striking Contest		
	Ingoldmells		
Oct 9	Bassingham		19.00 - 21.00
Nov 13	Hackthorn	Quiz night	7.30 pm
Dec 11	Potterhanworth	Carol Service	15.00 pm

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Jan 8	St Giles (hopefully)	Branch AGM	
Feb 12	Martin		14.30 - 16.00
Mar 12	Dunholme		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 Mar, 17 Apr (to avoid Guild AGM) 22 May, 26 Jun, 24 Jul, 28 Aug, 25 Sep, 23 Oct, 27 Nov, 18 Dec (avoids Christmas Day !)

Put these dates in your diary! Any queries to Sue Waterfall 07925 149104.

Another Surprise Major practice will be held on the first Saturday of each month, from 19.00 to 21.00 at either Heydour or Caythorpe.

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

Dodging is co-operation between two people, not wishful thinking by one and hard work by the other.

Programme for 2010 AGM, April 24

9.30	Ring at Cathedral prior to
10 00	Communion in Ringers' Chapel, Lincoln Cathedral
11 00	Meeting Bailgate followed by lunch in the hall (names for lunch essential)
2 00	Ringling at Dunholme
3 00	Ringling at Hackthorn with tea and drawing of Grand Draw and 100 Club winners.
4.30	Ringling at Cathedral
5.30	Evensong at Cathedral followed by ringling

Apologies

---- to **Colin Watson**. In the last issue I congratulated Clive Brooke on calling his first quarter, whereas, if you had looked at the quarter peal report you would have realised that the Conductor of that quarter was Colin. Sorry **Colin** and **congratulations** on calling your first quarter, at Martin, on 22 June. (Clive you had better deserve the unexpected accolade and call one soon!!!!)

It has also been pointed out to me that while on the ringling holiday in Dorset some of us rang in a date touch of 2009 Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise at Swanage on 20 September (20.09.2009). The band wished to **congratulate Betty Stracey** as it was rung on her 70th birthday. The house was decorated with balloons and a cake produced to Betty's delight and slight embarrassment! Belated congrats, Betty!

---- to the **tower which did not receive the last edition of the Newsletter** until the AGM. The Secretary was on holiday when they were distributed, and this goes to remind us how much we owe to her efficiency, when the system falls apart without her presence.

Welcome

---- **Bethany Willey and Keller Raiment** of Washingborough, **Chloe Lamming** and **Sarah Murphy** of Waddington, **Paul Jackman, Kimberley Nelson, Tony Branson, David Randall, Nick Williams** and **Sue Simpson** of Wellingore, **Robert George** of Caythorpe and **Bob Hancock** and **Rose Hancock** who are the moment not attached to a tower. All of these were elected at the AGM at Ewerby.

Three Simultaneous Quarters 12 December 2009

During the last five years, and now that my employment does not take me all over the country driving a coach, and along with the help of a very understanding Wife, I have had more opportunity to commit to Quarters and Peals. Saturday 12th December was just one of these occasions, being invited to join you all for a Quarter Peal in the morning, followed by Lunch.

The idea was to ring a Quarter at Sutterton, Ewerby and Surfleet all at the same time. Easy for me, I just arranged to stay with my Sister over the Friday night, as I had been ringing at the Eastern Branch Surprise Major Practice the previous evening and after Breakfast, an easy five mile drive down the road to Surfleet!

The aim was to complete all three quarters and meet for Lunch at 12.00 Noon. I'm pleased to say, all three were successful and I congratulate all three Conductors, in particular David Fox, in charge of some good Grandsire Cinqes at Surfleet. I gather this was only David's second attempt.

But the main purpose of this article is for me to thank everyone for all the arrangements and organising required. For Phil Mason to get 30 ringers, to go to the correct towers and ring all three quarters successfully was only part of the day. The exquisite Lunch prepared by Annette Rhodes along with her willing helpers and served in the Fraiser Room at Surfleet, was much enjoyed by all.

This seems to me an excellent way to spend a Saturday morning, and it's obvious I am not the only one. So as this appears to be a very popular Annual Event, what shall we do next year? It would certainly be good to include a ring of six..... plus Eight, Ten and Twelve!

While everyone was enjoying their coffee in the Fraiser Room, Phil Mason presented Annette with a beautiful Bouquet of flowers. I was slightly distracted at the time, but did I hear Annette say something along the lines of, it would be lovely to see you all again next year?

Lunch for me again, please!

Phil Wild

[It is worthy of note that the day's ringing included members from all six branches of the Guild as well as a few friends from other Guilds who ring frequently with us.]

Time you enjoyed wasting is not time wasted

The people taking part were :

Ewerby. 12 Dec.1277 Grandsire Caters : Daniel Meyer 1, Caitin Meyer 2, Fiona Dawson 3, LesTownend 4, Betty Stracey 5, Ben Meyer 6, John Nicholson 7, Jonathan Clark 8, Mick Stracey (C) 9, Philip Dawson 10.

Sutterton. 12 Dec. 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major : Mary Riglar 1, Beryl Reed 2, Rhoda Reynolds 3, Val Wild 4, Colin Reed 5, John Collett 6, Geoff Riglar 7, Phil Mason (C) 8.

Surfleet. 12 Dec. 1253 Grandsire Cinques : Sylvia Taylor 1, Matthew Jeffery 2, Mary Faircloth 3, Sandra Stallibrass 4, Janet Clarke 5, David Fox (C) 6, Heather Grover 7, Phil Wild 8, Stephen Clarke 9, Philip Grover 10, Peter Wakefield 11, John Underwood 12.

Members of the Central Branch then moved on to the

The Branch Carol Service 12 December

About 50 ringers attended this year's Central Branch Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Welton. The numbers were swelled by locals, who had perhaps come in from the cold, but I hope they had more charitable reasons! The introduction, welcome and opening prayers were conducted by Cameron Watts, a member of the local ministry team, and husband of Sue, one of the Welton ringers.

Carols were interspersed by readings spelling out the Christmas story, by Branch members Jean Sims, Lewis Douglas, Sue Waterfall, Richard Johnson and Roy Chapman. The evening ended with coffee and mince pies supplied by various ringers. Les Townsend did sterling work on the organ and Mick Stracey did another good job in bringing everything together. - A good start to the run-up to Christmas!

Joan Ketteringham

Let's have a touch of Plain Bob.

Touch? Is that with thingies in it?

Yes. John, shall you call the thingies please.

Will you call me undeflected?

When he called Bob Doubles from the fifth he said to the ringer of the third at the finish, 'That was really good! The only mistake you made was when I missed that dodge!'

The touch fired out and after the inevitable inquest one of the ringers who had been involved said, 'I'll come clean. I cannot tell a lie . . . it was all your fault!'

Young Ringers' Get Together 30 December

It was good to welcome three new young ringers at our holiday gathering at Washingborough. This tower is getting a flourishing band of youngsters, which is good news for the exercise as a whole - this is where the future lies. Nine young and seven adult ringers rang for an hour - mainly rounds and call changes for the sake of the new ones. It was the first time some had rung on eight bells and they enjoyed the experience.

After a sandwich lunch in the nice warm belfry we adjourned to the 10 pin Bowling Alley down the road. Twelve ringers (Sylvia, John and Amanda joining the nine youngsters) made good use for the next hour and a half of the two lanes that Amanda had booked for us. It was a fun afternoon enjoyed by all. Presumably someone won, and they know who they are, but the friendliness of all made that irrelevant.

We hope to do something similar again next Christmas time. We also plan a three-tower outing for April, and are looking for a tower with an adjacent playing field so we can play cricket in the summer. Are there any more young ringers out there wishing to join us?

[N.B. Oh yes, Margaret did it again and got locked in the church having nipped to the loo! Fortunately her passengers raised the alarm so she didn't have to wait a couple of hours to be rescued by the wedding due to take place later in the day!]

Congratulations

---- to **Ron Applewhite** of Branston on his 90th birthday. He learnt to ring at Washingborough in the 1930's and is now the oldest living member of the Guild, and still rings regularly at Potterhanworth, Nocton and Branston. The local ringers have named a method specially for him.

---- to **Tony Kerry** on ringing his first quarter peal, the Treble to Bob Doubles at Hackthorn on 7 February.

---- to **Ron Everett** on ringing his first quarter peal, the Tenor Doubles at Eagle on 14 February.

---- to the band who rang a quarter at Washingborough on 29 November, which contained three who rang their first on seven bells.

---- to the band who rang a quarter of 25 Surprise methods at Washingborough on 17 Feb. *[how did they remember which was which!]*

A Potty New Year (Or Silly Slipper Day)

29 Ringers, friends and families assembled for the 4th year running at the kind invitation of Sandra Stallibrass and Dot and Phil Mason to spend New Year's Day between both their homes doing what we all love best, eating, socialising and a bit of ringing too. The day started at Sandra's where a welcome cup of coffee or tea awaited us on our arrival and the story of the silly slippers was revealed. Apparently some years ago Margaret Parker had turned up to ring in a pair of huge rabbit slippers because her feet used to get cold in the towers in winter. Other ringers realised they too had such slippers hidden away, and the hunt was on. There were a few comical pairs, but my favourites were the monkey ones proudly sported by Mick Stracey. Ringing soon started on Sandra's eight pots and a few of us who had not rung them before had a go with varying degrees of success. For anyone who has not rung on a mini ring they are very different from church bells because the weight is not there on the end of the rope to make the bells go up and down, so the ringer has to get into a rhythm of lightly pulling up with one hand and down with the other, it is tricky but satisfying when you get it. After several attempts a quarter of Yorkshire Surprise Major was successful. Others who were not ringing sat around enjoying a chat or attempting to finish John and Sandra's current jigsaw puzzle.

Soon very appetising smells were coming from the kitchen where Sandra, Dot, Betty and John, with a little help from their friends were busy preparing a very tasty main course lunch followed by lovely puddings. What a treat. More relaxing, chatting and ringing followed with one or two catching a few winks until late afternoon when we formed a ring around the connecting rooms to pull crackers and sing the usual Auld Lang Syne.

While some stayed for a little more ringing others gathered up the remains of the food and made their way to Phil and Dot's where another fine spread was laid out and enjoyed. With some of us cosily seated in Phil and Dot's very comfortable sitting room putting the world to rights, further ringing on the Woodside campanile took place and eventually this extremely relaxing and very enjoyable day came to an end. However one thing was apparent to me (having fairly recently joined the ringing fraternity) that it is not all about ringing, it is also about friendship and spending quality time in the genial company of some very nice people..

Many thanks to Sandra, John, Phil and Dot for their hospitality and for their part in giving us all a great start to 2010.

Val Fox

Notes from the Branch AGM at Ewerby 30 January

The meeting was postponed from the planned second Saturday of the month because heavy snow made the road to Ewerby treacherous.

* **Officers re-elected** : President : Sylvia Taylor; Secretary/Treasurer : Dot Mason; Ringing Master : Mick Stracey; Fund Raising Committee Rep : Chris Jackson;

Guild Committee Rep : Margaret Parker; Branch Committee : Sandra Stallibrass, Philip Dawson, Richard Spenser and Jane Smith; Accounts Examiners : Alan Haines and John Carr.

* Good to see so many **new members** elected, especially the young members.

* The **Secretary's Report** can be seen in the Guild Report.

* The **Ringing Master** reported another good year.

Towers for next year confirmed. **Training morning** this year left pending as clearly no demand at present. Instead a **'hit squad'** to attend a tower's own practice if required to help its members to move forward. Ask Mick or any of the committee.

* Also **ask** if help needed in **October quarter peal month**. The purpose of the Guild is mutual help, don't be shy!

* **Membership certificates** for young members and **first quarter certificates** presented.

* AOB

* **100 Club draw**

* The bell given by the relatives of the late David Collis is to be mounted and used as a **'ringing gavel'** at Branch meetings.

* Reminder we need a **new Guild Ringing Master** in April.

The vicar asked, 'Who is God?' Silence, then a small boy cried, 'I know. The one who saves the Queen!'

Sound control had been installed in a local tower. Now the noise goes out through the roof and they have lost their harshness. One ringer who lives opposite the church came to practice and said, 'My Dad says thank you ever so much.'

Only one ringer caught hold for rounds. He looked around and said, 'Can I have seven more volunteers.'

'I don't mind' was always her answer to the question, 'What would you like to ring?' She rings Cambridge and if you go to Sleaford and 'I don't mind' is called for there you can be sure it's Cambridge.

Notes from Guild Committee Meeting 13 February

- * **Reports from Officers** will appear in the Guild Annual Report
- * **The Guild Report** to add a list of who rings on which night as well as practice nights in tower information.

The **Rules of the Guild and BRF** are to be included in the Report every year, not by rota as at present.
- * **Change proposed to rule 2a)** to say, 'Any member whose subscription has not been paid by the end of the year shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Guild.
- * **Subscriptions for 2011** to remain as at present.
- * The following appointments made:

Ian Dawson and Robin Heppenstall **members of the grants committee.**
Dot Mason, Les Townsend and Sue Faull **Trustees of the Guild BRF.** Sue to be replaced by the new Master when he/she is elected at the Guild, AGM.
- * The Guild to enter a team in the inter-Guild **Ridgman Trophy**, to be held at Great St Mary's, Cambridge. (Anyone interested in being selected for the band contact Sue Faull)
- * **Guild Striking Contest** in Elloe Deaneries Sat 11 Sept; Cup at Crowland, Plate at Deeping St Nicholas. (Note change from that given in our last Newsletter)
- * **8 bell inter-Branch Striking Contest** at Ingoldmells Sat 2 Oct. method : a Course of Cambridge Surprise. (Branches can co-opt 2 non Branch members if necessary)
- * Jonathan Clark is the **new website master**. Items for the website **must** be submitted through the branch secretaries.
- * **Guild Newsletter.** Sue Faull to produce a once a month page of diary, news items etc from the website for towers to print off for non computer using members.
- * **New member certificates** were discussed. There are still enough of the old ones available for the time being.
- * The names of **Branch safeguarding officers** recorded. (Jonathan Clark has agreed to be our Rep)
- * Dot asked permission to change the **investment of BRF funds** because of low interest rates.
- * **Fund raising Grand Draw tickets** are on the way.

He kept ringing rounds at the end of the course instead of going straight into the second. The (female) conductor admonished him, 'It's not all over till the fat lady sings, and I didn't sing!'

Notes from Branch Committee Meeting 17 Feb.

* For this year's **Onion Trophy** competition members invited to submit a photo (or photos!) of a stained glass window in a church in the Branch. To be judged by **Philip Dawson** at the BBQ in July.

* **Subs are now due** (£10 adult, £3 junior). Thank you to those who have already paid. If you haven't yet paid, remember you are not insured unless you are a paid up member.

* The Ringing World asks that ringers mark **St George's Day** on 23 April. How about ringing a quarter for our National Patron Saint? Also don't forget the **October Quarter Peal** month, starting with **Lincolnshire Day** on the 1st. **Ask if you need help!**

* A **peal board dating from 1756** which hangs in St Giles belfry, recording the 2nd peal in the county is in urgent need of conservation. Fund raising will be taking place. Watch this space!

* The **new Guild Badges** are available from Dot or Chris Jackson.

News from the Towers

In his article about **Hackthorn**, Brian modestly does not even mention his own contribution. I couldn't let this pass. When I was asked if I could help get a local band started, I knew that they desperately needed an experienced ringer to take charge. Brian agreed (a little reluctantly in the first instance) to return to ringing after a break of many years, and he has not only formed the band but has also entered fully into the life of the church there. It is thanks to him that the band has developed in skill and fellowship the way it has. Now, not so much news, as two little grumbles I have heard from a number of towers recently. Some have expressed the feeling that **visiting ringers** have been virtually demanding to ring at their tower as a right, rather than a request. Adding to the disquiet, some ringers have shown poor manners in then criticising the bells/ropes etc loudly and forcefully in front of the local ringers. Let us remember we are guests in other church's towers and, as in their homes, etiquette demands that we respect the feelings of our hosts!

Another thing that has come to light: as a matter of **safety**. **Never enter a tower while ringing is in progress.** Some ropes fall very close to the door and it can be very disconcerting, if not downright dangerous, to find yourself tangled with a door while ringing.

Learning to Ring

It seems ironic that I didn't learn to ring until I returned to Alford after a two-year course at Lincoln Technical College (now Lincoln College). I attended St Giles Church and Jack Millhouse was always last to receive Communion so I knew him by sight before I started ringing!

Another bell ringing character I knew at that time was John Enoch Cook of Branston. My course was based in the old Blue Coat School near the Cathedral and we took our sandwiches at lunchtime to the main College in Cathedral Street. I sat with Jack Cook and I got to know about the antics which bellringers got up to long before I handled a bell rope!

On returning to Alford I was persuaded to learn and my first lesson was on 21 November 1947. Alford ringers regularly went to practice at Louth by train and on 17 January 1948 I went with them. I got into difficulties with the fifth bell and this put me off ringing for about three months until I was persuaded again.

I was elected to the LDG in February 1948 and attended the AGM in April 1949. I remember this well because I had to give up my chair at tea to the Guild President, Bishop Dunlop! I became very enthusiastic and cycled to practices at Mablethorpe, Saltfleetby St Clements and Spilsby.

I spent three months in Leicester towards the end of 1950 and this was my big break ringing wise. I rang at All Saints (then 6 bells) and rang my first peal there. I rang the treble to Grandsire Doubles and two members of the band rang two bells each! I met Paul Taylor at a meeting and he invited me to the bell foundry. Paul was a very kind man and he took me on a tour himself! In the foundry yard was Great George of Liverpool Cathedral (14 tons) which was set up in such a way that the clapper could be struck almost as if one was ringing the bell up. What an experience for a young, inexperienced but very enthusiastic ringer.

On returning to Lincolnshire I continued to travel long distances to ring and through sheer hard work gained experience. I eventually came to the notice of Jack Millhouse to whom in common with many others I owe so much.

I had met Harold Gibson at Spilsby practices and on 5 October 1956 I arranged a peal at East Keal which, as well as being the first peal on the bells, was Harold's first peal. On 21 September in the following year I called Harold's first peal on eight bells. I mention these two peals because it is only recently that I realised that we were both born on 28 October 1929.

John Ketteringham

All good folks should learn to ring,
Play the organ, even sing.
Belt it out loud as you can
Volume-wise there is no ban.
Bobs and Singles aren't much fun
Specially if you've just begun.
Ring a Plain Course, strike it well
Try it on - another bell.
Ringing is a sacred art
Each one plays a special part,
Learn the language, actions too,
Some we will explain to you.
Now it's raining yet again
Through the window - what a pane!
Flies invading from up there
Underfoot and in the hair.
Winks and then a nod or two
Do not mean he fancies you.
Massive strides across the floor -
Take cover now - head for the door!

Christine Jackson has copies of the following ringing books: If you wish to order any of them please contact her on 01526 398377. They will be available at Branch meetings to view or purchase.

Central Council Publications

Beginners Handbook
Beginners Grandsire
Beginners Plain Bob
Doubles and Minor for Beginners
Triples and Major for Beginners
Ringing Circles
Ringing Jargon made Easy

Also on order

Call a Touch Please - Bob
Easy Remembered Service Touches
'Diagrams' is at present out of print
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles
Schedule of Regular Maintenance

Sherbourne Teaching Aids

One per learner
Follow on book
Bell Club pack
Early stages Grandsire Doubles
Early stages Plain Bob Doubles

Criblines
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling

Tower Captains Handbook

Branch Quarter Peal

CATHEDRAL

17 Nov

1296 Grandsire Caters

1. Sandra Stallibrass
2. Delia Heppenstall
3. Mick Stracey (C)
4. Fiona Dawson
5. Dot Mason
6. John Nicholson
7. Harold Gibson
8. Phil Mason
9. Les Townsend
10. David Fox

For the feast of St Hugh and the installation of new Canons in Lincoln Cathedral.

LINCOLN, St Giles

20 Nov

1280 Pudsey Surprise Major

1. Fiona Dawson
2. Dot Mason
3. John Underwood
4. Betty Stracey
5. Sylvia Taylor
6. David Fox
7. Phil Mason
8. Mick Stracey (C)

Rung for BBC Children in Need.

WRAGBY

23 Nov

1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor

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

First in method - 4

WELBOURN

29 Nov

1250 Surprise Major

(2m : Cambridge & Yorkshire)

1. Sandra Stallibrass
2. David Fox
3. Mary Riglar
4. Sylvia Taylor
5. John Underwood
6. Geoff Riglar
7. Philp Dawson
8. Mick Stracey (C)

For Advent Carol Service.

WASHINGBOROUGH

29 Nov

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Bridget Crabtree-Jones
2. Amanda Pues
3. Graham Whittaker
4. Colin Ward
5. Les Townsend
6. Graham Colborne
7. Jonathan Clark (C)
8. Nick Jeins

Rung for evening 'Prayer and Praise' service.

First quarter on 7 bells -1 & 2

First covering 7 bells for tenor.

THORPE-on-the-HILL

7 Dec

1260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob)

1. Sylvia Taylor
2. John Ketteringham
3. Mick Stracey
4. Betty Stracey
5. James Haw
6. Christopher Woodcock (C)

CATHEDRAL**13 Dec**

1259 Grandsire Caters

1. Fiona Dawson
2. Delia Heppenstall
3. Harold Gibson
4. John Underwood
5. Les Townsend
6. David Fox (C)
7. John Nicholson
8. Sandra Stallibrass
9. Robin Heppenstall
10. Mick Stracey

For Evensong, and in support of the UN Climate Change Conference taking place in Copenhagen.

First Grandsire Caters as Conductor, thus completing the 'Grandsire family.' 100th together - 3 & 6.

EAGLE**13 Dec**

1320 St Martins Doubles

1. Willy Turner
2. Derek Phillips
3. Soo Pendleton
4. Mick Stracey (C)
5. Betty Stracey
6. Roger Asher

First in method - 2
For the Carol Service.

SCOTHERN**17 Dec**

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Helen McGurk
2. Margaret Neate
3. Fiona Dawson
4. John Bundy
5. Brian Smith
6. Philip Dawson (C)

For Scothern Chorale Carol Service.

POTTERHANWORTH**21 Dec**

1440 London Surprise Minor

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

Rung to celebrate Christmas.

HACKTHORN**24 Dec**

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

Rung to celebrate the Diamond wedding anniversary of Jack and Christine Bettison who were married this day in 1949.

First Minor - 1

TEALBY**31 Dec**

1292 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich 7 572 Cambridge)

1. Sandra Stallibrass
2. Sylvia Taylor
3. Dot Mason
4. John Underwood
5. David Fox
6. Phil Mason (C)

A golden wedding compliment to Frank and Maureen Kennington.

MIDDLE RASEN**31 Dec**

1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor

1. Margaret Parker
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Betty Stracey
4. Philip Dawson
5. Mick Stracey (C)
6. Matthew Jeffery

WADDINGTON**3 Jan**

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Amanda Pues
2. Jean Williams
3. Graham Whittaker
4. Jonathan Clark (C)
5. Wendy Jeins
6. Nick Jeins

Rung in memory of Robert Sutton, Waddington's Tower Captain, whose birthday would have been today. He taught many of the band to ring.

LINCOLN, Chedburgh 1 Jan

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1. Andrew Lord
2. Ben Meyer
3. Caitlin Mayer
4. Betty Stracey
5. Fiona Dawson
6. Philip Grover
7. David Fox
8. Mick Stracey (C)

First on a mini-ring - 7

DUNHOLME 5 Jan

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

Remembering Stan Smith, father of 2 & 5, who died a year ago today.

WRAGBY 18 Jan

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Richard Lenton
2. John Ketteringham
3. Christopher Woodcock
4. Christine Jackson
5. Mick Stracey (C)
6. Philip Dawson

First quarter away from cover bell - 1.
Engagement compliment to William Dawson and Helen Darbyshire. Best wishes to Tom and Janet Freeston who celebrate their Golden Wedding on Saturday.

WELBOURN 21 Jan

1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

1. Mary Riglar
2. Sylvia Taylor
3. Geoff Riglar
4. John Nicholson
5. Dot Mason
6. David Fox
7. Mick Stracey
8. Phil Mason (C)

CAYTHORPE 28 Jan

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1. Margaret Parker
2. Kate Morgan
3. Dot Mason
4. Betty Stracey
5. Sylvia Taylor
6. John Nicholson
7. Phil Mason
8. Mick Stracey (C)

In memory of Harold Judd whose funeral is today.

WASHINGBOROUGH 30 Jan

1290 Applewhite Treble Place Major

1. John Nicholson
2. Sue Waterfall
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Betty Stracey
5. Philip Dawson
6. Jonathan Clark
7. Mick Stracey
8. Christopher Woodcock (C)

To celebrate the 90th birthday of Ron Applewhite.

First blows in method which is provisionally named for Ron.

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WELBOURN 31 Jan

1260 Grandsire Triples

1. Dot Mason
2. Sandra Stallibrass
3. Fiona Dawson
4. John Underwood
5. Sylvia Taylor
6. Mick Stracey (C)
7. Phil Mason
8. Robert Harvey

For the Deanery Eucharist.

Remembering Richard Till whose funeral is tomorrow.

THORPE-on-the-HILL 1 Feb

1320 Bourne Surprise Minor

1. John Ketteringham
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Betty Stracey
4. Mick Stracey
5. John Nicholson
6. Christopher Woodcock (C)

In memory of Richard Till on the morning of his funeral.

NETTLEHAM 6 Feb

1440 Minor (720 Kent & Oxford TB, 360 Oxford Bob & 360 Plain Bob)

1. John Bundy
2. Margaret Parker
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Dave Burkitt
5. David Fox
6. Mike Stracey (C)

Rung on the 50th anniversary of Dave Burkitt's first peal. The peal was in these methods plus Cambridge Surprise and St Clement's were rung on these bells. Margaret Parker also rang in the peal.

HACKTHORN 7 Feb

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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

First quarter - 1.

Rung to celebrate Tony's 60th birthday

EAGLE 14 Feb

1260 Doubles (St Simons, St Martins, Plain Bob & Grandsire)

1. Willie Turner
2. Soo Pendleton
3. Betty Stracey
4. Mick Stracey (C)
5. Sue Waterfall
6. Ron Everett

First quarter - 6

For Evensong.

WELBOURN 14 Feb

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

1. Dot Mason
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Sandra Stallibrass
4. Heather Grover
5. Paul Jackman
6. John Underwood
7. Philip Grove
8. Phil Mason (C)

An engagement compliment to John Underwood and Sandra Stallibrass. For Evensong.

WRAGBY 15 Feb

1272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor

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

In memory of Douglas Rooke of Grantham. Oxford was one of his preferred methods.

WASHINGBOROUGH 17 Feb

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

(25m : London, Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Cambridge, Achilles, Zeus, Wight, Islay, Guernsey, Alderney, Superlative, Wye, Biddenden, Brauncetone, Quedgeley, Yorkshire, Byron, Vancouver, Johnnesburg, Nailstone, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, Southwell, & New Cambridge)

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

Rung in fond memory of Richard Till.

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18 Feb

1282 Rutland Surprise Royal

1. Philip Dawson
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Mary Faircloth
4. Dot Mason
5. Sandra Stallibrass
6. Phil Mason
7. David Fox
8. John Underwood
9. Peter Wakefield
10. Mick Stracey (C)

First in method - 7.

He looked up his start, but unfortunately someone had coloured in another bell's work as well. He got off to a false start then realised he had been following the green line.

I got lost but put myself right when you shouted at me.

I didn't shout at you. I only told you where you were . . . in a forceful manner.

When describing the work of Treble Bob she said, 'I dodge with the second then go up and get involved with the rest and start jumping about.'

Have you lived here all your life?

Not yet.