

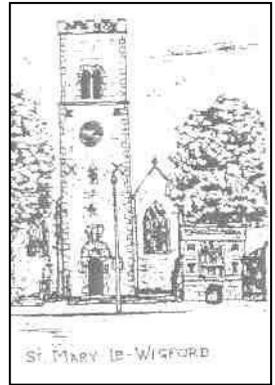
Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

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How I learned Bell Ringing

I was the organist at Monks Road Baptist Church. One Sunday, the Boys Brigade Captain came to me and asked 'Can you teach some of the boys to ring hand bells?' I replied, 'I'll try anything once.' He had the loan of eight hand bells and the idea was for the boys to ring at the forthcoming display in the Lincoln Drill Hall. We started in the autumn and they were able to ring several carols with organ accompaniment in a Christmas service. In a quest for more information I visited (on recommendations of a colleague) Lincoln Cathedral and contacted Jack Millhouse, who referred me to Margaret Parker. Subsequently, I decided there was more to bell ringing than just ringing tunes on hand bells. The display went well and the hand bell activity continued for some time, but I asked another colleague (a ringer), if I could get the use of St Mary-le-Wigford bells, could he teach me and the boys to ring church bells. So it was that John Edmonds taught first myself and then four boys from the Boys Brigade to handle a bell and by degrees, and the help of several other ringers to manage to ring Bob Minimus. The boys were awarded their bell ringing badge by the Boys Brigade, others joined and then brought their school pals. A word of warning; this impetus was lost when this approach of bringing along a school pal was lost for some reason or other and not maintained. For myself, I continued to learn other methods by **writing them out at home** (writing fixes things in the memory) and visiting as many practices at neighbouring towers as I could fit in with other duties. The other thing I found to be of great help was while sitting out a touch to observe the style of the best ringers; one in particular who stood out in this respect was the late Sid Chambers, as other ringers will readily testify. Joyce Richardson came to St Mary's practice to learn to handle a bell and she progressed to ringing simple methods. The best outcome was that in 1973 she became my wife and we had 35 happy years together until the progressive disease claimed her life in October 2008. Caring for her during the previous 10 years curtailed my ringing (plus my own



deteriorating fitness) but ringing matters still occupy my interest. It is really a way of life.

A Walter Froggatt

Proposed Ringing Programme 2010

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

2011

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 26 Jun, 24 Jul, 28 Aug, 25 Sep, 23 Oct, 27 Nov, 18 Dec (avoids Christmas Day !) Any queries to Sue Waterfall 07925 149104.

Put these dates in your diary!

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.

Remember to take your photos of stained glass in within the branch for the competition to be judged at the BBQ in July.

Why don't people take part in the Striking Competition will also be discussed at that meeting, and there will be the chance to ask about a

Tower Maintenance session to be held one Tuesday evening in September.

Ron Applewhite's 90th birthday celebrations

Tuesday January 26 was Ron Applewhite's 90th birthday. He is a long standing member of the Potterhanworth/Nocton/Branston band, and they planned celebrations in the form of various ringing and a surprise birthday party.

Ron learned to ring at Washingborough in the 1930's. In the 50's and 60's he joined the 'Branston Surprise Minor Peal Band', one of the leading Minor bands in the county. He also has a strong connection with Potterhanworth, his home tower. When he came to live there he maintained the three bells and kept them ringing for special occasions. He was a great supporter of the fund-raising to augment them to six, and was thrilled to see the completion of the project in September 2004, something he never thought he would see. He is still ringing regularly each week on practice nights and for Sunday service, not only ringing quarter peals on a regular basis but still managing the 45 steps to the Ringing Chamber at Nocton.

On 24th January he listened (first from his home, then outside the church and finally from the adjoining pub while enjoying a birthday meal with his friends) to the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Potterhanworth by the local band: Jayne Palmer 1, Janet Risdale 2, Yvonne Woodcock 3, John Nicholson 4, Christopher Woodcock (C) 5, Clive Brooke (first peal) 6. A peal of Surprise Minor was also rung on 26 January at Branston.

The highlight of the celebratory ringing was the quarter peal of Single Oxford at Potterhanworth in which Ron rang on the evening of his birthday. Details of this were published in the last edition, along with those of the new method named Applewhite Treble Place Major, rung on 30 January at Washingborough.

Finally on Sunday 31 January twenty five local ringers and friends gathered at the Woodcock's home. Ron thought he was coming over for a cup of tea! but oh no ---- when he arrived he was greeted with cheers and applause from his ringing friends! A splendid tea was laid on by Yvonne and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. There was much reminiscing, chatting, eating and drinking and it will certainly be a night to remember!

Taken from an article by Christopher Woodcock.

Footnote to one of his peals rung at Branston : Rung in two days, two weeks, and two years, 'Go' being called at 9.30 on Saturday December 31st 1955 and 'That's all' at 12.28 on Sunday January 1st.

“We don't ring in Holy Week”

Why not? This tradition dates back to the turn of last century when the Guilds were formed, mainly by clergy, to curb the excesses of secular ringing at that time, and bring campanology back to the service of the Church.. At that time the church was still at the heart of village life, and it was probably thought wrong for the church to make a joyful noise in this most solemn season of its year. In the parish where I learnt to ring sixty years ago, there was a service every evening during Holy Week, so that it was not practical to ring anyway. Sadly neither of these is the norm in our churches any more, and many bands use this 'week off from practice' to hold their AGM's, have their Annual Dinner - or spring clean the belfry.

I notice this year that some bands have compromised by ringing in out of the way towers where few people are likely to hear. Is this being two-faced? Surely it is alright to ring, or it isn't.

Jack Millhouse, a former Master of the Guild, was a devout Anglo Catholic who observed rigorously the traditions of the church and wouldn't dream of ringing church bells in Holy Week. I was therefore surprised some years ago that it hadn't occurred to him to cancel the weekly hand bell practice in Holy Week. This was clearly something different. In the same way those of us who ring on the simulators see no problem either. We midweek ringers had planned to ring at the bell foundry (a secular tower) this year when our 'awayday' fell in Holy Week. When we could not we were equally happy to ring on the 'pots'.

Thirty years ago the then vicar of Nettleham caused a stir among the ringers when he insisted that we rang for the Maundy Thursday Eucharist. More recently a number of towers ring half muffled on Good Friday to announce to the secular world, where Good Friday is just another working day, that something special is going on in the church - everyone notices muffled ringing!

When we follow tradition we must ask ourselves why. I hope we don't throw out tradition altogether, lightly abandoning our heritage, but surely we must not follow blindly for no real reason. Our Guild rules state that the objects of the Guild are 'to encourage the recognition of ringers as church workers', and 'to promote the ringing of bells for worship and other suitable occasions'. How does the question of

ringing in Holy Week relate to this? Do we ring in Holy Week? What are the 'fors' and 'againsts'?

What do you think? **Opinions please!**

Thank you to Colin Watson (Martin bellringer) for sending this puzzle.

Each word in the centre follows the word on the left and precedes that in the right to make two new words or expressions with a ringing connection. i.e. Plain (Bob) the builder.

The shaded squares then make up an anagram of a bell ringing term.(5.5)

RINGING		POT
WHITE		OF LOVE
HAND		OF LUCK
HOME		MAN
PLAIN		FOR RED OCTOBER
RINGING		STROKE
FULL		OF FRIENDS
TOWER		PEACOCK
HEAD		CUBE
RINGING		ACTOR

News from the Towers

It is good to find that **Blankney** bells are ringable again. Just a reminder - there are now houses nearby, so it is no longer an isolated tower, so the usual consideration for the public now applies.

Birds in the bell chamber are causing trouble at **Sleaford**. The mess is gunging up the bells and fittings, and it is feared that that will soon make the bells unringable (apart from the stuff that rains down on the ringers through the ceiling as they ring!). It will be costly to keep them out, as they are getting in the openings inside of the spire where scaffolding will be needed, but it will be more costly in the long run if the cost cannot be met now.

Handy Hints

If you miss the sally **don't panic and grab it** if the bell has bounced off. If you do you will cause the bell to start coming down. If that happens, **gather up the loose rope**, into a coil if necessary, and ring the bell up again.

Notes from Guild AGM 24 April

It was good to see 56 people at the Communion in the Ringers' Chapel - and we still managed to all get in - just! Dot catered for 80 people, and not everyone at the meeting stayed for lunch, so it was a good turn out, not helped by the fact that the road outside is being relaid making car access awkward. It seems that a large proportion went on to the afternoon towers and we were fairly well represented at the Cathedral Evensong. Congratulations to our secretary for organising a good day of ringing and fellowship. At Hackthorn a number of members tried change ringing on hand bells - this extension to our art is encouraging. (Let us know if you want a chance to attend a hand bell workshop).

The actual meeting ran smoothly and efficiently.

* The various reports (to be found in the 2009 Guild Report) were presented and accepted. One alteration was in the Report itself - on page 3, 'Mrs S Andrews' should read 'Judith Rogers' as a Central Council Rep.

* Alan Payne from Bourne in the Southern Branch is the new Guild Master. Sue, our retiring Master, was presented with a bouquet in recognition of the hard, and often difficult, work she has done on our behalf.

* The rest of the Officers were re-elected.

* Central Council Reps for 2011 are Judith Rogers, Robin Heppenstall, Sue Faull and Philip Green.

* Subs for 2011 unchanged i.e. adults : £10; Junior members : £3; NRL : £5; peal booking fee : 25p per rope. Division of 2010 subs - General Fund 40%, GBRF 45%. Branches 15%.

* Change to rule 2 (a) re subscriptions. The penultimate sentence to read :

'Any member whose subscription for the current year remains unpaid on December 31st, shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Guild.'

*Future activities :

Sept 11 Guild Striking Contest, Crowland (Cup), Deeping St Nicholas

(Plate)

Oct 2, Inter-branch 8 bell Contest Ingoldmells.

* AOB

As the simulator is travelling more it was asked if the Guild can purchase a trailer to make storage and transport easier.

Answers to puzzle.

ringing chamber pot; white chapel of love; hand stroke of luck; home stead man; plain hunt for red October; ringing master stroke; full circle of friends; tower captain peacock; head stock cube; ringing method actor. anagram : South Repps

Branch Striking Competition 8 May

5.00pm was the time all should have been there. Draw time for teams partaking in the competition.

Certainly two full teams were there and one trying to make up numbers from those present who were not part of the other two. (I got steamrolled into joining them) Success now there are three teams. Not really representative of the branch but !!!

Someone came in and wondered why John Underwood appeared to be ignoring the event as he seemed to be resting in his car in the Waggon and Horses Car Park, was it old age? Too much lunch? No he was judging the event as this may be the last time he is officially not a member of the Central Branch.

Branston bells were rung up, not the easiest in the present state with a long draft but plenty of rope guides. Team one took over and rang Bob Minor, (they were good). Team two then went in and rang call changes, (not too bad) then team three took over and rang Bob Doubles, (again not too bad).

The group assembled to hear John's thoughts and results of the competition. First team one, the Cathedral (10 faults), second team two, representing Washingborough area (17 faults) and third team three from Eagle/Swinderby (29 faults). (Strange I think it's one of the first times the teams actually rang in the order that the final results appeared!!!) John then presented the shield to the leader of the Cathedral band, Jeremy Wheeldon. One of the shortest striking competitions ever held in the Central Branch so open ringing for the

evening was commenced only to be curtailed almost immediately by the breaking of a rope on number 5. Dot and Phil then invited all to adjourn to their home for tea and a ring on the Pots.

Chris J.Jackson

Many thanks to Jim who gave me this before
he was admitted to hospital

We all wish you a speedy recovery Jim!

Bill and Bert had been great friends
Through calm and stormy weather
But when they rang the bells at church
They didn't always pull together.
Six ringers ringing at church
Bill says 'Bob'. 'No, Single' says Bert

Five ringers ringing at the Church
'Can we ring St Simons?' asks Bill
'That should be simple' says Bert.
'I'll do it if no-one else will.'

Four ringers ringing at the church
'Can we ring Minimus?' suggests Bill
Says Bert 'If we had eight more ringers
Maximus would be much better still.

Three ringers ringing at the church
'We'll have Plain Bob' says Bill feeling hurt
But once again he's contradicted
'It's Triple Bob Single' says Bert.

Two ringers ringing at the church
One evening during evensong
'Ding' says Bill very loudly
Bert swiftly replies with a 'Dong'

One ringer ringing at church
Why was there only one?
Bert was alone in the vestry
For Bill, in a temper had gone.

Jim Sutherland

'Rabbits' at Nettleham 31 May

Our sixth annual 'rabbits' competition took place at Nettleham on Spring Bank Holiday Monday - I see the original was entitled 'Fun Day', where after the light hearted striking contest for all levels of ringers, we went on to have tea and a Beetle Drive. The Beetle Drive, popular at first received its death knell at Eagle when the day was damp and cold and no-one felt in the mood to stay - a nice warm fire beckoned! This year the weather was sunny and (reasonably) warm, so the 'Rabbits' could frolic outside as well as in the church to complete their Treasure Hunt. Margaret seems to have overdone things a bit with some oversubtle clues, but they said they still enjoyed looking for the answers. There were not quite as many ringers this time, but with two lucky(?) ringers ringing twice so that no-one was left out we managed 5 teams. Dot did a manful job sitting outside to judge our efforts ('That's my turn done,' she exclaimed. 'Now I don't have to do that again!'). The rabbits from Pooh Corner won the large chocolate bunnies having come first, followed by the White Rabbit and his team (smaller chocolate bunnies), while Bugs Bunny earned the booby prize. (His team was penalised for not ringing their full five minutes! Very encouraging for all as no-one had to come last through poor ringing - perhaps that's why he did it!) It's surprising how long five minutes can seem when you're watching the clock! It was great to see a number of people there who don't normally attend Guild functions - maybe this will prove to them that we are not all that frightening! Our newest rabbit (the least experience were called 'kits') has been ringing less than 6 months - with a couple of gaps in that! He acquitted himself very well, especially as this was a new tower for him. We have high hopes! It was also good to have a ringer from the University who rings with Bardney. Maybe he will bring some more from there.

Thanks to all who helped to make this another success. You brought lots and lots of scones and cakes to have with our cups of tea and coffee. The menfolk dealt with the washing up while the local ladies saw to the food and clearing up. Well done all of you! If we repeat the day again next year, is this the best time? Maybe the earlier May Bank Holiday when it isn't Half Term, or even instead of a Saturday meeting during the year. Or is it O.K. as it is?

This year's sole limerick

The rabbits are ringing again
This time there was no rain
The sun shone outside
And each 'kit' with a guide
Found striking is not such a pain!

Notes from Guild Committee Meeting 22 May

- * **Child Protection** : All towers should be aware of the Guidelines on best practice. Everyone should **re-read the Booklet** circulated last year to all towers, incumbents and PCCs. (If you can't find it Dot still has some spare copies.) Jonathan Clark is our Branch safeguarding officer **who will pass on any causes for concern** to the appropriate Diocesan officer. Need for risk assessment before lending out the simulator - suitable location and people running it. There must be two CRB checked people in attendance.
- * The new Master asks **where we stand as a Guild**. Each branch is to fill in a questionnaire concerning membership trends, retention of members, Sunday ringing etc. Also branches to share ideas to encourage ringing. Dot will be asking some questions! Sunday 26 September is designated 'Back to Church Sunday' Could we include in that 'Back to Ringing'?
- * The Guild Rules allow for a post of **Guild Training Officer**, which is unfilled. Do we need one? What would be his/her role? What would be the benefits? Maybe the answers to the questions asked in the questionnaire will provide the answers. It was agreed that some sort of integrated scheme of **training for people teaching ringers** is necessary, both from the practical point of how to do it and the sharing of ideas and best practices. The Guild is to buy 7 copies (one for each branch and one for the Guild library) of a new CC book on teaching ringing.
- * The **Guild Newsletter and Diary** to continue in its present form.

Notes from Branch Committee Meeting 26 May

- * Only 3 teams for the **striking contest** disappointing. Why? How can we improve things? Has it 'had its day'? **What do you think?**
- * The need for **fund-raising for refurbishment of the peal board** at St Giles discussed. Racing night? Games night? Any ideas of what **you** would like? Watch this space.
- * Branston requested **grant** towards terylene rope. £30 agreed.
- * Chris Woodcock's sample for a possible **CB page on the Guild web-site** favourably received. Dot to clarify points with the Guild webmaster.
- * **National ringing occasions** not supported. Branch to feed out publicity to towers. Maybe **local press publicity** about when ringing is taking place could increase the awareness of bells and perhaps lead to recruiting and bringing back lapsed ringers?
- * Do we want a '**Teach the teachers' training day?**
- * Do we want another **Tower Maintenance session?** Last time the planned one did not take place because no-one said they were coming. If you want us to hold another **SAY SOMETHING** to any Committee member!!!
- * Sleaford having **trouble with birds** (the feathered sort!) in the bell chamber. (See Tower News)

Congratulations

- - - - to **Sue Stirling** on ringing her first quarter, the tenor to Doubles at Martin on 11 November.
- - - - to the two Branch members on winning at the AGM. **Rudolph Riemersma**, who is learning to ring at Scothern, won £50 in the Guild Prize draw. **Cathy Andrews**, a stalwart of Hackthorn, won £25 on the 100 Club draw.

Stick to ringing holidays!

The Icelandic ash cloud affected our ringers as well as a lot of other people. Some never even left our shores; some took the last flight before the airports closed; one ringer's son who works on aircraft went for a day and couldn't get back for over a week (no overnight bag, change of clothing or anything!); one couple finished up with an extended holiday in sunny climes; two had a horrendous journey to get home. I am not starting a holiday magazine (if you want to share yours, start your own), but I think Dot and Phil's mammoth efforts to return

with their family who needed to get back give an insight into what it entailed for some. As they have said since, we have heard a lot about how much the volcano has cost the travel industry, but nothing about what the public have had to pay.

After a vivid account of a holiday, that most of us only dream of, to Jordan - most perfectly preserved Roman city; swimming (floating) in the Dead Sea; the rose red city of Petra - the idyllic picture suddenly changed. Dot's account goes on to say 'At 5.30am we reported at the BMI desk to be told the plane had been cancelled, but they could **possibly** offer us one in ten days time. After a day on the Internet we managed to get a flight to Rome, but it had to be 1st Class. Very comfortable, champagne served when we boarded; silver service ...with real knives and forks. In Rome we queued at the train station with hundreds of others and after 2 hours only moved about 10 feet.' Luckily they heard of a coach that was leaving for Brussels. They ran to the coach terminal and managed to get on and headed North. After being stopped by the police a couple of times, they arrived in Brussels after being on the coach for 23 hours! They headed for Eurostar and again they were lucky for an extra train had been put on and they managed to get a train next day. Everything was 'at a price'. All in all it cost them £3,000 just to get home! - - - Stick to ringing!

Branch Quarter Peals

MARTIN

11 Nov

1320 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Janet Chafer
2. Christopher Woodcock (C)
3. Janet Risdale
4. Clive Brooke
5. Colin Watson
6. Sue Stirling

First quarter - - 6

100th since returning to ringing - 3.

Rung half muffled for Armistice Day.

To mark St Martin's Day.

Circled tower - 2.

MARTIN

18 Nov

1260 Southrepps Doubles

1. Karen Brooke
2. Janet Risdale
3. Clive Brooke
4. Christopher Woodcock (C)
5. Colin Watson
6. Gerald Audis

To celebrate the marriage of Colin Watson's daughter.

TIMBERLAND 30 Nov

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Janet Chafer
2. Christopher Woodcock (C)
3. Clive Brooke
4. Gerald Audis
5. Colin Watson

On St Andrew's Day, to mark the 220th anniversary of the bells being cast.

SWINDERBY 21 Feb

1300 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Willie Turner
2. Des Underwood
3. Soo Pendleton
4. Betty Tracey
5. Mick Tracey (C)

For Evensong

POTTERHANWORTH 22 Feb

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. John Ketteringham
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Sylia Taylor
4. David Whetton
5. Robert Jordan
6. Christopher Woodcock (C)

With bells fully muffled for Lent.

DUNHOLME Mar 13

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Jean Sims
2. Margaret Parker
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Keith Gladman
5. Brian Smith
6. Philip Dawson (C)

Rung for St Chad's music festival. In memory of Keith Alexander, formerly of this parish, manager of Lincoln City Football Club.

HACKTHORN 21 Mar

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Val Fox
2. David Fox (C)
3. Anita Boyer
4. Sally Turnbull
5. Brian Smith
6. Helen McGurk

A wedding compliment to Anita Fox and Brian Boyer who were married at Branston Hall Hotel on 6th March 2010 25th quarter in this tower.

He was having a problem with the method so she moved over to stand behind him, to get the response, 'Oh dear! You know you're in trouble if M...comes to stand behind you!'

EWERBY 21 Mar
1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal
1. Margaret Parker
2. Christine Jackson
3. Dot Mason
4. Fiona Dawson
5. Heather Grover
6. Jonathan Clark (C)
7. Sylvia Taylor
8. Philip Dawson
9. Philip Grover
10. Phil Mason
For Evensong

SWINDERBY 21 Mar
1260 Doubles
Rev Canterbury, St Nicholas,
Winchendon, Plain Bob, St Simons, St
Martins and Grandsire
1. Des Underwood
2. Soo Pendleton
3. Betty Stracey
4. John Nicholson
5. Mick Stracey (C)
For Evensong

WRAGBY 22 Mar
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1. Richard Lenton
2. John Ketteringham
3. Mick Stracey (C)
4. Betty Stracey
5. Christine Jackson
6. Philip Dawson

HACKTHORN 24 Mar
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1. Lexie Brown
2. Margaret Parker
3. Helen McGurk
4. Brian Smith
5. David Fox (C)
6. Jerry Truscott
Rung before the performance of
Stainer's Crucifixion by the Cabra
Singers.
50th quarter - 6

WELBURN 25 Mar
1280 Superlative Surprise Major
1. Sylvia Taylor
2. Dot Mason
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Philip Dawson
5. John Underwood
6. John Nicholson
7. Mick Stracey
8. Phil Mason (C)
First in method - 6

CATHEDRAL 28 Mar
1320 Grandsire Cinques
1. Rose Hancock
2. Dot Mason
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Delia Heppenstall
5. Les Townsend
6. Robin Heppenstall
7. David Fox
8. Harold Gibson
9. Robert Hancock
10. Phil Mason
11. Mick Stracey (C)
12. Graham Colborne
For Palm Sunday Evensong
50th quarter on the bells - 7

HACKTHORN Apr 5
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1. Margaret Parker
2. Val Fox
3. Helen McGurk
4. Sally Turnbull
5. David Fox(C)
6. Brian Smith
To celebrate Easter.
First inside - 2.

BLANKNEY Apr 9
1320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor
1. John Ketteringham
2. Kate Morgan
3. Betty Stracey
4. Fiona Dawson
5. Mick Stracey
Christopher Woodcock (C)
750th quarter peal - 6

MARTIN

9 Apr

1320 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Karen Brooke
2. Janet Risdale
3. Clive Brooke
4. Ed Purkiss
5. Colin Watson (C)
6. Gerald Audis

Rung with the front 5 half muffled and tenor open in memory of Colin Watson's first grandchild, Flynn David Sayers, stillborn on 10 March and who's funeral took place on 6 April at Epping Forest Burial Park.

NETTLEHAM 11 Apr

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1. Amy Burkitt
2. John Bundy
3. Margaret Parker (C)
4. James Stevenson
5. Dave Burkitt
6. Jerry Truscott

To celebrate the silver wedding of Wendy and Richard Poole. Wendy was a Nettleham ringer until her marriage.

CATHEDRAL 11 Apr

1260 Grandsire Triples

1. John Underwood
2. Sue Faull
3. Sandra Stallibrass
4. Fiona Dawson
5. Graham Colborne
6. John Nicholson
7. Mick Tracey (C)
8. Les Townsend

For Evensong

EAGLE 11 Apr

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Robert Harvey
2. Soo Pendleton
3. Betty Tracey
4. Philip Dawson
5. Sue Waterfall
6. Mick Tracey (C)

First of Minor - 1

WADDINGTON 14 Apr

1320 Plain Bob Minor

1. Bridget Jones-Crabtree
2. Jean Williams
3. Christopher Woodcock (C)
4. Amanda Pues
5. Graham Whittaker
6. Jonathan Clark

First Minor - 1 & 2.

Birthday compliment to the Conductor.

EWERBY 18 Apr

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. Margaret Parker
2. Sylvia Taylor
3. Fiona Dawson
4. John Nicholson
5. Philip Sawson
6. Jonathan Clark (C)

For Evensong.

Reduced from Major as two of the band were stranded in Jordan!

THORPE -on-the-HILL 23 Apr

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1. Tina Carr
2. Soo Pendleton
3. Roy Chapman
4. Margaret Parker
5. Roger Asher (C)
6. Des Underwood

First Grandsire - 3

Rung for St George's Day. Also to welcome Harry, first grandchild for Roger.

BRANSTON 23 Apr

1320 Minor ; 720 St George Bob & 600 The Dragon.

1. Dot Mason
2. Phil Mason
3. Fiona Dawson
4. John Underwood
5. Philip Dawson
6. Christopher Woodcock (C)

To celebrate St George's Day.

WRAGBY 28 Apr

1296 Bourne Surprise Minor

1. John Ketteringham
2. Christopher Woodcock (C)
3. John Collett
4. Mick Stracey
5. Robert Jordan
6. Philip Dawson

Rung on the simulator with the bells tied due to a double booking

DUNHOLME 29 Apr

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Sue Faulk (C)
2. Helen McGurk
3. Margaret Pace
4. Fiona Dawson
5. John Bundy
6. Dave Burkitt

Rung half muffled after the funeral of Margaret Bembridge, a member of this church.

CATHEDRAL 9 May

1259 Grandsire Caters

1. Delia Heppenstall
2. Sandra Stallibrass
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Dot Mason
5. Sylvia Taylor
6. John Nicholson
7. Robin Heppenstall (C)
8. John Underwood
9. Mick Stracey
10. Phil Mason

For Evensong

EAGLE 9 May

1292 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. Sue Waterfall
2. Soo Pendleton
3. John Underwood
4. Sandra Stallibrass
5. Betty Stracey
6. Mick Stracey (C)

For Healing Service.

NETTLEHAM 15 May

1260 Hereward Bob Minor

1. Margaret Parker
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Betty Stracey
4. Dot Mason
5. Mick Stracey (C)
6. Christopher Woodcock

For the Open Churches Festival.

EWERBY 16 May

1250 Pudsey Surprise Major

1. Fina Dawson
2. Sandra Stallibrass
3. Dot Mason
4. John Underwood
5. Christine Jackson
6. Sylvia Taylor
7. Philip Dawson
8. Phil Mason (C)

For Evensong.

SWINDERBY 16 May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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

For Evensong.

POTTERHANWORTH 17 May

1440 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 & 2 Christopher Woodcock (C)
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Betty Stracey
5. Alan Bird
6. Mick Stracey

To the memory of Betty Collett.

First quarter for over 10 years - 5
First Minor double-handed - 1/2

A ringer finding himself troubled at finding a minder standing behind him moaned, 'Oh God!' She promptly thanked him for so promoting her!

WELTON 17 May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Margaret Parker
2. Jean Sims
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Margaret Neate
5. Philip Dawson (C)
6. John Bundy

Rung for the licensing of Rev Jenny Rowley as Priest in Charge of this Benefice.

CATHEDRAL 23 May

1253 Grandsire Cinques

1. Les Townsend
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Delia Heppenstall
4. Dan Meyer
5. Dot Mason
6. Caitlin Meyer
7. Robin Heppenstall
8. Ben Meyer
9. Matthew Jeffery
10. Phil Mason
11. Mick Stracey (C)
12. David Fox

For Evensong at Pentecost.

Celebrating the life of Betty Collett.

WELBOURN 23 May

1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

1. John Underwood
2. Caitlin Meyer
3. Mick Stracey
4. Dan Meyer
5. Betty Stracey
6. Sandra Stallibrass
7. Ben Meyer
8. Phil Mason (C)

For Evening Service.

EAGLE 26 May

1272 Norwich Surprise Minor

1. Soo Pendleton
2. Dot Mason
3. Phil Mason
4. John Underwood
5. Betty Stracey
6. Mick Stracey (C)

Rung with the bells open to celebrate the life of Betty Collett.

1300th quarter - 6

DUNSTAN 29 May

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Ray Cucksey
2. Sylvia Taylor (C)
3. Yvonne Woodcock
4. Graham Whittaker
5. Sue Waterfall

For the Graffoe Open Churches weekend.