

First Peal Congratulations – Jean Williams!

On Sunday 25th October 2009 Jean Williams rang her first peal at first attempt at Waddington!

**Lincoln Diocesan Guild
St Michael's Church WADDINGTON**

**Sunday 25th October 2009
5040 Plain Bob Minor
2 hours & 42 mins**

- 1) Jean Williams**
- 2) Yvonne A. Woodcock**
- 3) Philip R. Wild**
- 4) John Nicholson**
- 5) Matthew B. Jeffery**
- 6) Christopher C. P. Woodcock (C)**



The peal was specially organized to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal (Plain Bob Minor rung on 24th Oct 1959) to be rung on the bells at Waddington after they were augmented from five to six with the addition of the newly cast treble in 1959. Dennis Sutton who is the senior member of the local band at Waddington rang the second in the original peal in 1959 and it was nice to know that he was outside listening to this anniversary peal.

The peal was also rung in affectionate memory of Robert Sutton, Dennis's son and former tower captain at Waddington who sadly passed away back in June 2007. Due to various circumstances a peal had not be rung or organized at Waddington in memory of Robert, something which needed to be rectified and so it was felt this was the ideal opportunity. Robert was a dedicated ringer and supporter of the Lincoln Guild & Central Branch. He taught many people to ring over the years and ran a very busy practice at Waddington. In total Robert rang 163 Peals.

If all this was not enough there were a number of other things which made this peal even more special. It was Jean William's first peal at first attempt. Jean was taught to ring at Waddington by Robert Sutton and so it was most fitting that she was able to ring her first peal in memory of him. It also meant a lot to the conductor as Robert called Chris Woodcock's first peal at Blankney back in April 2002.

Jean rang very well and was over the moon to have scored her first peal. Considering that she only rang her first Quarter in May 2008 and has so far only rung 10 quarters which have all been either Minimus or Doubles (No Minor!) she rang extremely well! After the peal we were greeted by members of the local band at Waddington and Jean received many comments of congratulations. Jean also admitted afterwards that she had got no blisters or aches, that the time had flown by as she had been concentrating so hard and that she felt that she could have gone on and rung for longer!

“Well Done Jean, Robert would have been proud of you!”