

2009 Six Bell Striking Contest

This year's competition was hosted by the Northern Branch. The weather was perfect; one of the nicest days of the whole summer and the tea at Middle Rasen was plentiful and delicious.

The John Freeman cup competition was judged by Jenny and Simon Christian of Tarporley. Jenny (nee Freeman) told us that, by being a judge, she had at last achieved something in ringing that her father never had done.

8 teams took part on Tealby bells: Market Rasen, Middle Rasen, Alford, Rippingale, Eagle, Messingham, The Cathedral and Market Deeping. For the 2nd year running, Messingham won the Cup with Market Deeping as runners up.

The Edward Colley Plate was competed for on Middle Rasen Bells. Ted Colley, who is making a pleasing recovery, sent his best wishes to all the bands. Ros Knight and Philip Green of the Elloe Deaneries Branch were the judges.

7 teams took part: Coningsby, Wragby, Bourne, Barton on Humber, Stow, Welton and Epworth. Bourne were the winners with Stow the runners up.

Unfortunately the Edward Colley Plate failed to be returned by last year's winners. So in the meantime they were presented with a silver foil sandwich plate. Since the competition this makeshift plate has been inscribed as shown in the photograph. The real plate is now on its way to Bourne.

Congratulations to all the ringers taking part, it was good to see a number of young ringers taking part, including one, Rae, in the Cup winning band. Many thanks to all who helped with organising the event and in preparing the refreshments.

