

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers

Central Branch Newsletter (number 75)

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The Branch Newsletter

The aim of the Branch Newsletter is to keep members of the Branch informed of what is happening in our towers. It is where members elected to represent the Branch on various committees can report back on the discussions there which involve us all. It also reports on what is happening at Branch events and other ringing activities. It records quarter peals rung for services, telling of celebrations, and (as a large number are) when ringing to consolidate what the ringers are learning. It gives information about future events, welcomes new members and congratulates those who have done something special. In fact, it keeps us in touch.

I am therefore always looking for news of what you and your ringers are doing and thinking, to highlight your concerns and to encourage us all to look at the wider field.

There is sometimes room for articles which are of general interest to the majority of our members. Because in the duplicating the pages need to be in multiples of four and space is limited, such articles, which have no particular 'sell by date', may have to be held over, but they are useful to have in my folder for when there is enough room. As editor, I do sometimes need to tailor anything submitted to the space available. Some articles, although interesting to the exercise in general are maybe too esoteric for most of us, but they can always be printed on Campanophile where the enthusiasts can enjoy them.

This is **your** newsletter. Please send me news from your towers, articles that may help learners to understand more what we are about, or anything that is relevant to ringing that you think the rest of us may enjoy or find helpful - and please, please keep the 'funnies' coming in. These fillers keep the interest light!

On a more serious note, as Dot has written in a notice sent to all towers, for many years the Newsletter has been funded by contributions of the ringers who rang quarter peals and paid 20p each to have their quarters recorded in it. Earlier this year this was increased to 30p. However the cost of printing the Newsletter has gone up and the number of quarter peals down and the Newsletter is on the point of becoming bankrupt. The proposal put forward at the branch meeting in August at

Nettleham is that each tower with members would receive one free copy and anyone requiring their own individual copy would pay £2 a year (four copies). It seems that in quite a few towers there are a lot of Newsletters not wanted and are therefore wasted, and this seems the most sensible solution. The Newsletter is reproduced on the Guild web site and this is another way you can read it. **This is the last Newsletter that will be produced free of charge for every member. If you want your own copy give your name (and £2) to Dot**, either direct or through your tower correspondent.

Margaret Parker

Recruiting and teaching

John Ketteringham has sent me an article about the topic which is exercising us all at the moment - recruiting new ringers. He makes the point that, if these are young enough they may well learn quite quickly. Sadly in many cases, after progress through the early stages they come to a dead end and ringing loses its attraction. If they have a parent or friend who can make sure that they continue to progress ringing will become their main hobby. He asks how can we get over this hurdle? He suggests that the Branch Officers should look out for learners who are stagnating and offer to arrange a band to attempt a quarter peal as it is essential to do as much as possible to enable a ringer to reach a reasonable standard before they leave home, making it more likely that they will continue to ring and all the work which has gone into teaching is not lost. By the time our young ringer is ready to try Treble Bob methods hopefully he will be finding ringing a 'Delightful' hobby with many a 'Surprise' in store!.

[Quite right John but I think at the moment the problem is actually recruiting the young ringer, unless he is from a ringing family, in the first place. Any suggestions? Ed]

Having watched ringing for the first time this conversation followed:
'Why do they keep shouting, God?'
'I suppose it's something religious. We are in church'
It turns out we were shouting 'Bob'!

Suggested Ringing Programme for 2011 -2012

Oct 8	Great Hale		7.00 - 9.00
Nov 12	Hackthorn	QUIZ NIGHT	7.30 start
Dec 10	Brant Broughton	CAROL SERVICE	Ringing 3.00 Service...3.30

Jan 14	Heckington	BRANCH AGM	
Feb 11	Lincoln High Street towers		2.30 - 4.00
Mar 10	Norton Disney		2.30 - 4.00

It is suggested ALL TOWERS try to ring a quarter peal for their Patronal Festival, rather than have a set month. If help is needed to raise a band or conductor speak to any Branch Committee member.

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, 22 Oct, 26 Nov, 17 Dec (to avoid Christmas and New Year) 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_

Congratulations

. . . to **Mick** and **Betty Stracey** on winning the Guild Quiz with wonderful score of 116 and a half points out of 120!

. . . to **Amanda Pues** (tower captain of Waddington) on her wedding to Matthew Crombie. We wish them both every happiness.

. . . . to **Chris Woodcock** who felt honoured to be invited by the select Westminster Abbey band to ring at the Abbey after the consecration of the 72nd Bishop of Lincoln.

They came to the end of the course and the treble kept leading..

Why did you stop? I didn't say that's all'

'Do you keep going then? I don't think I've ever got that far!'

She kept ringing rounds at the end of a lead.

'Keep going!' 'But I thought he said 'That's all'. 'Well he didn't because it wasn't - and that's as good a reason as any!'

Central Branch Mid-year Meeting

Sat 9th July was a pleasant day weather-wise, a good day for a gaggle of ringers to meet, enjoy some ringing, eat great food and socialise.

To start we had an hour and a half ringing on the 12cwt six at Navenby. All abilities were catered for, ranging from Bob Doubles and Minor, Grandsire, Stedman, to St Clements, Cambridge and even London. I am sure everyone got chance to ring what they wanted, I certainly did.

We then attended the service in the church. I particularly enjoyed the reading about different parts of the body all having a job to do. They all carry out an important task. It made me think of teamwork such as ringing...I couldn't imagine listening to a touch of Grandsire Triples with no tenor drumming behind.

After the service we made our way to Robert and Janet's house, a short walk from the church where a feast awaited us. A feast it was too! A selection of sausages, burgers, drumsticks, bread, salad and all the trimmings. Really good, and then came the desserts, wow! I wasn't the only one going back for more! It was nice to enjoy this food outside.

We had a short meeting, where all sorts of activities were discussed. This is where we members get a chance to have a say on things and share ideas.

Afterwards some went home, some stayed a while and some more joined us as the evening wore on. At first I didn't think it was well attended, but altogether there were about 32 of us. Not bad really. Someone, (naming no names) provided some light entertainment, having a minor (get it?) accident with a folding chair, falling off the raised patio into a large lavender bush, (which saved her from what would have been an unpleasant injury). And no, it wasn't me.... I specialise in window removal and little accidents in the bathroom!

Thanks go to:

Sandra for running the ringing; the vicar (not least for his thought-provoking sermon,) Les for playing the organ, Bridget for reading the lesson; Robert and Janet for opening their home and providing the food, to those who brought the desserts - and anyone else I haven't mentioned - for making this a good day. You all did a splendid job - teamwork!

Sue Waterfall

Notes from the Branch Meeting 9th July

- * Restoration of the St Giles peal board in underway.
- * Rabbits **striking contests** are more successful than the Branch contest. Is this because the treasure hunts provided to occupy people while not actually ringing **encourage socialising** which we all enjoy? Can we have some secondary activity for those not ringing at Branch contest too? **If so what?** Any suggestions?
- * **Photo competition for the onion trophy.** Subject : a photo within the churchyard of any branch tower. Put on the back where taken . To be judged at the Quiz night in November.
- * Don't forget to attempt a **quarter for your Patronal Festival.** As always we offer help supplementing bands, providing a conductor or anything else you might want. Just ask. Don't be shy. The committee has been criticised for not being proactive in offering this help, but how are we expected to know what you are thinking unless you tell us! We really do want to help, but not to intrude.
- * **Carol Service.** December meeting at Brant Broughton. What can you offer towards it? **Music? Favourite readings? Anything else? Tell a committee member before November 5th.**

Whilst ringing Grandsire the treble ringer failed to come in to lead. The following conversation ensued :

'Where are you Treble?

'I'm dodging.'

'The Treble doesn't dodge in Grandsire!'

'Sorry. I reverted to Bob Doubles'

'It doesn't dodge in Bob Doubles either!'

'If you don't get your backstrokes in

I'll take your box away'

'She will too. She's like that!'

She was then surprised that shortening her rope did make it easier.

Ring for your Supper Aug 13

When we were planning this year's programme at the November committee meeting I rashly volunteered the Nettleham area towers for the Ring for your Supper. As soon as the AGM had confirmed this, we booked the Old Schoolroom at Nettleham and only then did I realise the enormity of what I had done. I am not by any stretch of imagination a 'domestic goddess' (or any other sort of goddess for that matter). Fiona had said at the outset that she would be away and it turned out that many of the others would be too. As I always do in such a situation, I put it to the back of my mind and forgot about it, but the others clearly hadn't.

When we decided to hold a meeting with about a month to go Cathy said she'd like to do a coronation chicken, Jane wanted to do salmon with all the trimmings. Various people from the three towers offered to provide the puds and Gill agreed to prepare melons for starters. We had offers, too, to assist, moving tables, washing up and general dogsbodying. Richard's vote of thanks was addressed to 'Margaret and her assistants', but all I did was faff around trying to look helpful! I have been told the best way to organise is to delegate, and they certainly came up trumps. My heartfelt thanks to Gill, Cathy and Jane, and Jean who took charge of the food at each venue, along with their stalwart assistants Keith and Richard, Trevor and James, and Rudolph (fresh from his sickbed). You all did a wonderful job and made the venture a success.

On occasions like this estimating numbers is always a bit of a guessing game. Thank you all who did send in your names - and I think in the end we did over cater. The whole thing turned out to be fun and we all enjoyed it (I think!) and I hope those who came did too. Jean was even heard to say as she cleared up at Welton 'We could do it again using Hackthorn and Scothern'. She received a 'Paddington hard stare' and hastily added 'Not just yet.' Don't let this put you off offering next year. It is good to work together as well as play together. I didn't have time to sample it myself, but I am told that the ringing at the three towers (Dunholme, Nettleham and Welton) was also a great success, very enjoyable and varied to cater for everyone. Those who don't join in these events are missing a lot. Try it next time!

Margaret Parker (censored by the rest of the Nettleham band!)

Branch Cathedral Ringing, Sunday August 14th

Thirty years ago I moved to Lincoln, and since then have always lived within sight of the cathedral and the sound of the bells. I often thought how great it would be to be able to produce such music and after 28 years I finally took the plunge, or rather the ascent, up to the belfry at Nettleham to learn to ring. Thanks to Margaret Parker and everyone at All Saints welcoming a complete novice, and with skilful teaching, I made some progress. However, I also knew that I would never be up to ringing at the cathedral. Yet here I was, walking around Minster Yard, pausing to look at the 'View from St Hugh' that decorates the scaffolding, on my way to the annual Central Branch ringing for evensong.

Steve Coleman (The Method Ringer's Companion. Chapter 32) said I would be feeling nervous; and I was. In fact there is no need for nerves. The twenty six of us gathered in the Ringers Chapel included many like me - beginners - and also many very experienced ringers who provided constant support and reassurance. All relaxed and friendly, We started with rounds on 10. The beginners (well - lets call ourselves 'improvers') were on the lighter bells. Each had a minder standing by, ready to help if needed and my initial rather random striking really did improve (I think). Especially helpful was the suggestion, after about two minutes, to try breathing whilst ringing. For the better ringers there was some Grandsire. Then more rounds, now on 12. The need to ring slower but produce a closer sound felt quite strange and obviously different for someone who has never rung on more than 6. Everyone got two or three rings and the afternoon ended at 3.45 with a wonderful Bob course of Grandsire Cinques from the experts. Actually, not quite ended as the door to the balcony was unlocked and we went out to see the real view from St Hugh. (A statue of St Hugh sits on top of the pinnacle next to the tower). The weather was perfect with a crystal clear horizon and Boston Stump easily seen. Below in Castle Square the ant-like tourists were scurrying around. I hope they had enjoyed hearing the bells as much as I enjoyed ringing them

Later looking back at the West Front, I realised that the ringing chamber is only half way to heaven, but it felt much closer than that to me. Thank you to all the branch officers, the teachers, and the cathedral ringers for giving us the opportunity to ring here. It was hugely enjoyable and instructive - a great afternoon.

Richard Thornton

My first year of bell ringing

I have had such a great time since joining the Hackthorn band of bell ringers on 20th September 2010. From walking into the bell tower on that day I haven't looked back, I am having such a fantastic time. I love it . I would recommend it to everyone.

Thanks to Brian our Tower Captain and the bell ringers for their patience and knowledge. I am able to learn steadily and at my own pace. I started on the third bell and given some extra practice time by the Tower Captain to try to get some control of the bell myself. As you can imagine I've had a few mishaps (well, maybe a lot). I remember one practice night getting the rope wrapped round the outside of the wheel. It would not move for anybody - whoops! This caused a bit of a laugh but luckily it was soon sorted out.

After lots of practice and encouragement from everyone I was asked for the first time to ring for the Sunday service on Nov 14th. It was such a great feeling to welcome people to church. As I have become more confident I have become a regular service ringer.

During Feb 2011 Brian and Helen showed me round the bells, explaining how they work. Thanks to them everything became a lot clearer to me. Then on 7th/8th May, Open Churches Weekend, I was able to be part of the band greeting people to our church. Now I did feel I had achieved something.

Mon Aug 1st was our annual outing - a very enjoyable day. We visited the local churches of Welton, Nettleham, Scothern, Dunholme, then back home to Hackthorn. Being given the opportunity to visit different towers was challenging but a wonderful experience. Dunholme was poignant to me as my Grandfather was church warden there (and I think a bell ringer) at one time. A lovely feeling that maybe I was following in his footsteps.

If that's not enough for one year of bell ringing, the most amazing experience was to join other members of the Branch to ring at Lincoln Cathedral on Sun 14th August. I am so pleased Cathy and Helen encouraged me to go with them and thank you Margaret for standing beside me (doing most of the work). I can't wait for next year!

Wow! What an amazing year! I have had a great time, such a lot of fun and wonderful experiences. Making friends and meeting interesting people. I am looking forward to many more years of bell ringing.

A special thank you to Brian and Margaret for their many words of encouragement and thank you to everyone involved with the Guild.

Elaine Booth

Away Day 30th August

August has a fifth Tuesday this year so it had to have an away day for all those ringers that might be at a loose end after the bank holiday. If you don't already know these are meant to be social occasions with a bit of not too serious ringing fitted around a desirable lunch venue.

Twenty one people sat down to lunch but not all rang at all the towers as they dropped in and out of the ringing programme to suit their needs and other commitments.

Brant Broughton was the first tower and those who had their extra Shredded Wheat found the six bells with their 23 cwt tenor a gentle means of working up an appetite for lunch. After Brant Broughton it was on to Norton Disney for 'lighter' entertainment.

The Royal Oak at Aubourn provided an excellent lunch with the size of the portions of food rivalling the weight of the tenor of the first tower. Conversation ceased whilst these were devoured but soon resumed as the plates were cleared of food.

The last tower was Bassingham and the socialising continued in the church for some time as it looked as though we were going to have a lock out. A quick phone call and the mix-up over our arrival time was rectified (Stan had been given the wrong time to let us in) and the key to the ringing chamber duly appeared,

Our thanks go to Phil Mason for organising another splendid day out with the right mix of ringing, food and chat.

John Nicholson

After ringing the 23 cwt Tenor at Brant Broughton, Dot was heard to say, 'that's better than going to the gym!'

Mick said, with great feeling, '*Anything's* better than going to the gym!!'

Don't Forget!

Photos of

Found in the Churchyard Competition

To be judged at the November meeting.

Branch Carol Service

Do you **play a musical instrument** or **Sing**?

Have you a **favourite reading**?

Tell any committee member what contribution you can make to the service, by the **beginning of November at the latest**

A Week in Suffolk

On Friday 16 September a group of ringers in need of a 'holiday' set out for Chippenhall Hall in Suffolk to spend a week together and do some ringing. When we arrived, the 15th century Hall amazed us, with its drunken angles, its wonky floors and old beamed ceilings and walls. The rooms were linked by a warren of steep narrow stairs, and one bedroom even boasted a four-poster bed. It certainly lived up to the description in the brochure!

On Saturday morning the 14 of us from the house were joined by two more couples for a day of ringing. As well as the widely different bells, we faced with several steep spiral staircases where the shorter of us had difficulty scaling the height of each step and we all (except Dot) found the steps themselves too small for our big feet. Oh my aching legs! The title 'most unusual ringing chamber of the tour' must surely go to Cotton. A ground floor ring where there was no west wall at all. It was completely open to the elements. How's that for good ventilation!!! Imagine it in the middle of winter!!

On Sunday morning we rang for service at two churches. The Vicar of the second seemed to appreciate a hoard of ringers joining his congregation, especially as a lot of his regulars were away. After that we were free to spend the day as we wished.

Monday was another ringing day. As we moved around we were struck by how large and impressive many of the churches are, with enormous windows, often including clerestories, making them very light inside. Many of them have lovely angel roofs and very fine detailed carved bench ends, unlike any we see here. Outside the tracery of the windows is often reflected in the limestone which frames the flint work. The towers tend to be very high and slim (making for some very long drafts of rope for the ringers).

On Tuesday morning all four quarter peals were scored. (Two of us who were to have rung at Southwold were more than happy to give our ropes to a couple who happened to be there celebrating Christina's 50th birthday; an answer to prayer?) The tower after the usual pub lunch gave

us a bit of a challenge. It had been selected for the strangeness of the church rather than the go of the five bells! There the usual high tower is attached to a very small thatched church built within the boundary of the ruins of the huge former church.

Apparently in the 17th century, the church having survived the ravages of the reformation, gained permission to build the small church using the stone from the original which was considered too large and expensive for the small congregation to maintain. (A lesson for us? Imagine English Heritage's reaction if we tried that!)

It being Betty's birthday, we invited everyone back to the Hall for a birthday meal and then we enacted the murder mystery produced by the Suffolk Guild, 'Murder in the Belfry'. The costumes and the acting abilities will be remembered for a long while! Who did batter Hereward Gudgeon (David) to death with a stay - four blows behind?

We went our own ways again on Wednesday for a well earned day off before a final ringing day on Thursday. On Friday, as we packed up ready for home we reflected on the highs (and lows) of the week. Staying in a Medieval Hall was a great experience, but we none of us would like to live there, with its steep stairs, and the plumbing which left a lot to be desired. As for the much anticipated swimming pool in the grounds, although we had been warned to pack our fur lined cossies as it is unheated, the two who did venture in found it far too cold. One said it even made his fillings ache! We all took it all in our stride. The bells and the ringing were on the whole good, and the food excellent. The occasional sharp word was soon forgotten and we enjoyed fellowship with our fellow ringers for a week as well as a lot of enjoyable ringing. We would recommend it to everyone!

Margaret and Sue

The wonder (of the holiday) who was locked in the car when the driver decided to travel with someone else at the last minute? Hearing a horn sound persistently, we saw an anxious face peering out of the stationary car. He had no desire to be locked in all day!

Overheard at the only twelve of the week. After hearing 'We will ring one blow of Bristol Surprise Maximus, followed by Little Bob' she said 'Didn't you ring the Little Bob? I didn't hear him change the method.' (the first blow of both methods is the same.

Some statistics: We rang at 33 towers, climbing 277 steps. Between us we consumed 50 baked potatoes, nearly as many pints of milk, a mountain of fruit as well as roughly 70 pub lunches.

A sign written in the belfry to help visitors 'This is the Treble darlings' How's that for being friendly?

'Be quick. If you go any slower you'll come to a halt.'

'The hurrier I go, the behinder I get!'

News from the towers.

The gift weekend at **Thorpe-on-the-Hill** church strongly featured the bells. The old bell wheel formed the framework for a beautiful flower arrangement. The video of the restoration, rehangng and augmenting of the bells ran on a continuous loop in the church all the time. The local ringers rang for an hour before the Sunday Songs of Praise. They chose not to go for a quarter because they wanted to include all their members. This is true fellowship; Well done!

The quarter at **Wragby** on 4July was arranged specially to congratulate Hugh Bourne on being awarded the OBE. He is a well respected member of the community who has been a great friend and supporter of the ringers.

On 14 August the **Washingborough** band rang a quarter of Grandsire Triples in memory of George Croft, one of the local ringers. They also rang a 120 of Bob Doubles with a 7-6-8 cover, as this is what George spent a lot of time doing, ringing the 6th.

Walter Froggatt was reminded by the mishap at Wellingore reported last time, that when he started at **St Mary-le-Wigford**, the chiming hammer had no rope attached - it had to be turned over to rest on the wall during ringing. To make things easier he got a length of fencing wire, formed one end into a loop and connected the other end to the lever which lifted the hammer clear of the bell. All that was necessary then was to draw the wire down and loop it over a hook let into the wall. And on the subject of hammers, when John Bundy went to let in visiting ringers last week at **Scothern**, the clock hammer wire was coiled neatly on the floor, and had to be reattached before they could ring.

How we sound on the outside!

I have Jim to thank for the following piece from a press review of a restaurant in Inverness: 'It's Thursday night bell ringing at the Cathedral and the participants appear to be exploring some sort of free jazz experimental interpretation of campanology. Either that or there's been a terrible accident and they're trying to send out a clatterly discordant cry for help regarding frayed ropes and someone tangled in the clanger (technical term). Whatever it's quite a noise cascading across the city night and emanating barely fifty yards from the Waterside. It says something for their glazing that all is peaceful in the hotel's nice restaurant.'

Don't Forget

This is the last Branch Newsletter to be given to every member free of charge. If you want a copy of your own give £2 to Dot for the next year's supply by the end of this month, **(or you will be too late!)**

This rope's frayed,
but that one isn't afraid of anyone.

The stander heard, 'I've lost my confidence.'
'You're alright,' she said and proceeded to tell the ringer where she was.
About a lead later she heard the desperate cry, 'I've lost my contact lens'
Oops! Sorry!

There were only five ringers. 'We'll ring Bob Doubles without a cover'
'How do you do that?'
Just lead by rhythm You can't lead off the tenor because he's a working bell too.' 'I don't get it.' 'The same way as when you're ringing Minor'. 'Oh I see. It's just ringing Bob Minor on 5 Why didn't you say so?!'

'We'll ring a touch of Plain Bob.'
'Oh! not a touch. Just a Plain Course!'
'O.K. We'll ring a Plain Course with Bobs in!'

Branch Quarter Peals

LINCOLN, St Giles 21 June

1301 Grandsire Triples

1. Sylvia Taylor
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Sandra Underwood
4. Betty Stracey
5. John Underwood
6. Sue Waterfall
7. Mick Stracey (C)
8. Phil Mason

Rung half muffled in memory of the Very Rev. Oliver Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Dean Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral, whose funeral is later today.

CATHEDRAL 21 June

1341 Grandsire Cinques

1. Sandra Underwood
2. Delia Heppenstall
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Sue Faull
5. Harold Gibson
6. Ian Lloyd
7. Robin Heppenstall (C)

8. Phil Mason
9. Alan Payne

10. David Fox
11. Les Townsend
12. Jonathan Clark

Rung half muffled in memory of the Very Rev. Oliver Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Dean Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral, following his funeral.

BRANSTON, Woodside 2 July

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. John Underwood
2. Sandra Underwood
3. Dot Mason
4. Phil Mason
5. William Cherry
6. Alistair Cherry (C)

First on a mini-ring - 5 & 6.

HACKTHORN 3 July

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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

To celebrate the ordination as Deacon of Sally Turnbull (a local ringer) at Grimsby Minster today.

WRAGBY 4 July

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Margaret Parker
2. Jim Sutherland
3. Dave Burkitt
4. Charles Cade
5. Edward Vear
6. David Turner (C)

Rung by ringers who were associated with the new ringing chamber, to congratulate Hugh Bourn, a generous sponsor of the improvements at Wragby, on being awarded the O.B.E.

CATHEDRAL 10 July

1276 Grandsire Cinques

1. Les Townsend
2. Delia Heppenstall
3. Sandra Underwood
4. Fiona Dawson
5. Harold Gibson
6. Heather Grover
7. Robin Heppenstall (C)
8. John Underwood

9. Phil Mason
 10. David Fox
 11. Graham Colborne
 12. Philip Grover
- For Evensong

SCOTHERN 16 July

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Jan Kenworthy
2. Margaret Parker
3. Helen McGurk
4. Fiona Dawson
5. John Bundy
6. Philip Dawson (C)

First Minor - 1

Rung for the Summer Concert given by the Sothern Chorale.

HACKTHORN 18 July

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

To congratulate Bill and Lexie Brown on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

CATHEDRAL 24 July

1346 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus

1. Les Townsend
2. Delia Heppenstall
3. Sylvia Taylor
4. Fiona Dawson
5. Graham Colborne
6. Heather Grover
7. Harold Gibson
8. David Fox
9. Robin Heppenstall
10. Philip Grover
11. Bob Hancock
12. Phil Mason (C)

For Evensong

CATHEDRAL 31 July

1250 Yorkshire Royal

1. Sandra Underwood
2. Graham Colborne
3. Anne Pope
4. Heather Grover
5. Les Townsend
6. John Underwood
7. David Fox
8. Phil Mason
9. Philip Pope
10. Philip Grover (C)

For Evensong

WASHINGTONBOROUGH 13 Aug

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Bridget Jones-Crabtree
2. Graham Whittaker
3. Colin Ward
4. John Nicholson
5. Christopher Woodcock
6. Sue Waterfall
7. Jonathan Clark (C)
8. Robert Harvey

Rung immediately prior to the wedding of Miss Amanda Ruth Pues (Tower Captain of St Michael's Waddington) and Mr Matthew Daniel Crombie. With best wishes to the happy couple.

BARDNEY 17 Aug

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. Sylvia Taylor
2. Dot Mason
3. Mick Stracey (C)
4. Chris Jackson
5. John Underwood
6. Phil Mason

Rung in celebration of the life of Amelia Harvey, at the request of her family prior to the funeral service.

WASHINGBOROUGH 14 Aug

1344 Grandsire Triples

1. Bridget Jones-Crabtree
2. Christopher Woodcock
3. Betty Stracey
4. Colin Ward
5. Mick Stracey
6. Jonathan Clark (C)
7. Sue Waterfall
8. Graham Whittaker

Rung half muffled in memory of George Croft (local ringer) whose ashes were interred today at St John's.

Mr Christopher Taylor would like to be associated with this quarter; he would have rung but was unfortunately unavailable

WELBOURN 25 Aug

1260 Grandsire Triples

1. Margaret Parker
2. Sylvia Taylor
3. Mick Stracey
4. Harold Gibson
5. John Underwood
6. Phil Mason
7. David Fox (C)
8. Dot Mason

To celebrate the life of the Rev Doctor Alan Megahay, vicar of this group of parishes, who died 19 August.

EAGLE 26 Aug

1260 Ewenny Bob Minor

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

First in method for all the band.

Rung on the conductor's 72nd birthday.

BARDNEY 6 Sept

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Sylvia Taylor
2. Dot Mason
3. Jim Sutherland
4. John Underwood
5. Chris Jackson
6. Phil Mason (C)

Rung in celebration of the life of Marjorie Woodcock, local Minister for the Bardney Group Parish, prior to the funeral service.

EWERBY 10 Sept

1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

1. Dot Mason
2. Sandra Underwood
3. Mick Stracey
4. Betty Stracey
5. Sylvia Taylor
6. Heather Grover
7. Phil Mason
8. John Nicholson
9. John Underwood
10. Philip Grover (C)

CATHEDRAL 11 Sept

1440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

1. Sue Faull
 2. Sandra Underwood
 3. Mick Stracey
 4. Heather Grover
 5. Fiona Dawson
 6. Paul Jackman
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 10. Phil Mason (C)
- For Evensong.

EAGLE 11 Sept

1308 Plain Bob Minor

1. Phil Mason
2. Derek Phillips
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For Harvest Festival Evensong.

HALESWORTH, Suffolk 20 Sept

1260 Grandsire Triples

1. Soo Pendleon
2. Margaret Parker
3. Dot Mason
4. Philip Grover
5. Phil Mason
6. Sue Waterfall
7. Mick Stracey (C)

BLYTHBURCH, Suffolk 20 Sept

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Val Fox
2. Mary Riglar
3. Sandra Underwood
4. David Fox
5. John Underwood
6. Geoff Riglar (C)

SOUTHWOLD, Suffolk 20 Sept

1344 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1. Andrew Brewster
2. Sandra Underwood
3. Christina Brewster
4. Heather Grover
5. Geoff Riglar
6. Sue Waterfall
7. John Underwood
8. Philip Grover (C)

50th birthday compliment to Christina Brewster.

REYDON, Suffolk 20 Sept

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. Dot Mason
2. Mick Stracey
3. Jason Busby
4. Betty Stracey
5. David Fox
6. Phil Mason (C)

MENDHAM, Suffolk 21 Sept

1272 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich, 552 Norwich)

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

Rung to celebrate the consecration as Bishop of the Ven Christopher Lowson this day at Westminster Abbey. He will be installed as Bishop of Lincoln in November.

LINCOLN, St Giles 21 June

1301 Grandsire Triples

1. Sylvia Taylor
2. Fiona Dawson
3. Sandra Underwood
4. Betty Stracey
5. John Underwood
6. Sue Waterfall
7. Mick Stracey (C)
8. Phil Mason

Rung half muffled in memory of the Very Rev. Oliver Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Dean Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral, whose funeral is later today.

CATHEDRAL 21 June

1341 Grandsire Cinques

1. Sandra Underwood
2. Delia Heppenstall
3. Fiona Dawson
4. Sue Faull
5. Harold Gibson
6. Ian Lloyd
7. Robin Heppenstall (C)
8. Phil Mason
9. Alan Payne
10. David Fox
11. Les Townsend
12. Jonathan Clark

Rung half muffled in memory of the Very Rev. Oliver Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Dean Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral, following his funeral.

BRANSTON, Woodside 2 July

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. John Underwood
2. Sandra Underwood
3. Dot Mason
4. Phil Mason
5. William Cherry
6. Alistair Cherry (C)

First on a mini-ring - 5 & 6.

HACKTHORN 3 July

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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

To celebrate the ordination as Deacon of Sally Turnbull (a local ringer) at Grimsby Minster today.

12. Philip Grover
For Evensong

WRAGBY 4 July

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Margaret Parker
2. Jim Sutherland
3. Dave Burkitt
4. Charles Cade
5. Edward Vear
6. David Turner (C)

Rung by ringers who were associated with the new ringing chamber, to congratulate Hugh Bourn, a generous sponsor of the improvements at Wragby, on being awarded the O.B.E.

CATHEDRAL 10 July

1276 Grandsire Cinques

1. Les Townsend
2. Delia Heppenstall
3. Sandra Underwood
4. Fiona Dawson
5. Harold Gibson
6. Heather Grover
7. Robin Heppenstall (C)
8. John Underwood
9. Phil Mason
10. David Fox
11. Graham Colborne

SCOTHERN 16 July

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Jan Kenworthy
2. Margaret Parker
3. Helen McGurk
4. Fiona Dawson
5. John Bundy
6. Philip Dawson (C)

First Minor - 1

Rung for the Summer Concert given by the Sothern Chorale.

HACKTHORN 18 July

1260 Plain Bob Minor

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

To congratulate Bill and Lexie Brown on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

CATHEDRAL 24 July

1346 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus

1. Les Townsend
2. Delia Heppenstall
3. Sylvia Taylor
4. Fiona Dawson
5. Graham Colborne
6. Heather Grover
7. Harold Gibson
8. David Fox
9. Robin Heppenstall
10. Philip Grover
11. Bob Hancock
12. Phil Mason (C)

For Evensong

CATHEDRAL 31 July

1250 Yorkshire Royal

1. Sandra Underwood
2. Graham Colborne
3. Anne Pope
4. Heather Grover
5. Les Townsend
6. John Underwood
7. David Fox
8. Phil Mason
9. Philip Pope
10. Philip Grover (C)

For Evensong

WASHINGTONBOROUGH 13 Aug

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Bridget Jones-Crabtree
2. Graham Whittaker
3. Colin Ward
4. John Nicholson
5. Christopher Woodcock
6. Sue Waterfall
7. Jonathan Clark (C)
8. Robert Harvey

Rung immediately prior to the wedding of Miss Amanda Ruth Pues (Tower Captain of St Michael's Waddington) and Mr Matthew Daniel Crombie. With best wishes to the happy couple.

BARDNEY 17 Aug

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. Sylvia Taylor
2. Dot Mason
3. Mick Stracey (C)
4. Chris Jackson
5. John Underwood
6. Phil Mason

Rung in celebration of the life of Amelia Harvey, at the request of her family prior to the funeral service.

WASHINGBOROUGH 14 Aug

1344 Grandsire Triples

1. Bridget Jones-Crabtree
2. Christopher Woodcock
3. Betty Stracey
4. Colin Ward
5. Mick Stracey
6. Jonathan Clark (C)
7. Sue Waterfall
8. Graham Whittaker

Rung half muffled in memory of George Croft (local ringer) whose ashes were interred today at St John's.

Mr Christopher Taylor would like to be associated with this quarter; he would have rung but was unfortunately unavailable

WELBOURN 25 Aug

1260 Grandsire Triples

1. Margaret Parker
2. Sylvia Taylor
3. Mick Stracey
4. Harold Gibson
5. John Underwood
6. Phil Mason
7. David Fox (C)
8. Dot Mason

To celebrate the life of the Rev Doctor Alan Megahay, vicar of this group of parishes, who died 19 August.

EAGLE 26 Aug

1260 Ewenny Bob Minor

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

First in method for all the band.

Rung on the conductor's 72nd birthday.

BARDNEY 6 Sept

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Sylvia Taylor
2. Dot Mason
3. Jim Sutherland
4. John Underwood
5. Chris Jackson
6. Phil Mason (C)

Rung in celebration of the life of Marjorie Woodcock, local Minister for the Bardney Group Parish, prior to the funeral service.

EWERBY 10 Sept

1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

1. Dot Mason
2. Sandra Underwood
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