

# Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Central Branch Newsletter No 89 May 2015



## ***Sleaford Ringing Meeting 14th Feb 2015***

Valentine's Day, Six Nations Rugby and Bell Ringing, what a way to spend a day. Thanks go to the former Tower Captain, Bryan Ward for sorting out the 7th bell gudgeon repair, we were very fortunate to have all 8 bells functioning. It is worth noting that after 23 years of service, Bryan stood down in Nov 2014 as Tower Captain, Ringing Master and Steeple Keeper and our thanks go to him for his dedication and commitment. We offer our best wishes towards his retirement and hope to see him back ringing with us sometime in the future.

Being relatively new to this fantastic and rewarding hobby. I aspire to provide a worthy service to the church and fellow ringers by becoming a competent ringer. Personally, I had never seen our ringing chamber so full --20 to 30 branch members of mixed abilities all pulling together to share their knowledge and make St Denys bells peal out loud and proud. Several sessions of rounds and call changes for us novices and Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich and Surprise Major for the expert ringers. I was pleased to note that on this occasion, I wasn't the youngest member present; however, I was still one of the least experienced. This was only the 2nd ringing meeting I had attended and I must confess I was very nervous, which probably showed in my ringing. However, as is always the case, the camaraderie, patience shown, advice and lack of comments on the facial grimaces that I'm known to pull, always makes me want to come back for more.

Following the ringing, a joint effort on the part of my fellow band members gave us all the opportunity to show off our hosting and culinary talents. Refreshments were served in a cold Church to the sound of Stedman, a well known favourite of one of our honoured members - no prizes for guessing who. Followed by a brief meeting, where the latest notices were shared by our President, new members were welcomed and we all went home replete and having survived frostbite.

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## ***Proposed Ringing Meetings for 2015/2016***

May 9 <sup>th</sup>	VE Day 70 <sup>th</sup>	Dunholme	6 - 8pm
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rabbits – Nocton		3pm
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	½ Yearly Meeting, Welton		3 – (time t.b.c.)
	Ringling, Service, Picnic, Meeting, Ringing		
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Meeting with Southern Branch		
	Claypole		2.30- 3.15 pm
	Hough on the Hill		3.30 – 4.30pm
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Young person's festival - at Wragby (t.b.c.) - ideas?		
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swinderby		5-6pm
	Eagle		6.30-8pm
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cathedral Service Ringing		
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Guild 6 Bell striking competition	In Northern Branch	
		(towers tbc)	
	Cup at Middle Rasen - 240 changes	Plain Bob Minor	
	Plate at Tealby - 240 changes up to Plain Bob Doubles		
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Branch Outing - will be in the Robin Hood Country		
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Caythorpe 5-8pm	(NB the change from the 10 <sup>th</sup> )	
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz-Lincoln St Giles		
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service Lincoln St Giles		
	Ringling 2.30pm		
	Service 3.00 pm		
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	AGM Sleaford		
	Ringling 3.00pm		
	Service 4.30		
	Tea and Meeting 5.00pm		
Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Martin		2.30-4.00pm
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Leadenham		2.30 – 4.00pm

### **Celebrating the Sealing of the Magna Carta**

Any celebrations for the Magna Carta - June 15<sup>th</sup> which involve ringing can be used as a publicity campaign for ringing.

Please let Sandra, the Hon Guild Secretary, know if you are planning anything.

Email address: [secretary@ldgcb.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ldgcb.org.uk)

## ***Washingborough Surprise Practices 10.30-12am***

### ***Now no longer just surprise.***

23rd May, 27th June, 25th July, 22nd Aug, 26th Sept, 24th Oct

The nature of this practice has been changed to accommodate the needs of ringers and is open to all who would like to practice their 8 bell ringing in a relaxed environment.

**All of these are subject to change.** Check nearer the time.

### ***Congratulations to***

----- Claire Howard for her first quarter of Minor.

----- Dawn Howells for her first quarter.

----- Claire Howard for her first quarter peal inside of Minor, rung to celebrate her MSc in Forensic Psychology.

----- David Fox on conducting his first quarter on a mini-ring .

----- Ron Everett for his first quarter of St Simons.

----- Michael Lawton for his first quarter of maximus.

----- Christopher Woodcock for his first quarter of maximus as conductor.

----- Dot Mason, Sylvia Taylor, Michael Stracey, David Fox, Alan Bird, Phil Mason for their silent and uncondacted quarter. A first for Dot, Sylvia, Michael, Alan and Phil.

----- Neil Millward for his first quarter

----- Greg Harrison for his return to ringing and his first quarter after his operation.

----- to Audrey Harrison (mother) Rebecca Carr and Greg Harrison (daughter and son) for ringing together a quarter for the first time in 27 years.

----- Carlton-le-Moorland which are now fully operational.

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### ***Welcome***

----- Ed Purkiss from Timberland

----- Matthew Cohu from Timberland.

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## **Obituary            John Bundy    1937 - 2015**

John learned to ring in Mortlake in Surrey as a lad, when his voice broke and he could no longer sing in the choir. After leaving school he got an engineering apprenticeship in Lincoln and became a very active member of the band at St Peter at Gowts, ringing all round the area. There is a board recording his first peal rang at Welton in 1956. (He later rang in the peal celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that peal). Unfortunately the firm he worked for closed and he was left with a young family and no job, finally finding a place in an American company. For the rest of his working life he worked abroad, mainly in the Middle East becoming the expert on pumps in the oil pipeline industry. His family remained in England and we would occasionally see John at Scothern practices when he was home on holiday.

After he retired and was home for good, he threw himself wholeheartedly into his ringing until his final illness prevented him. It was typical of John that he spent so much of his time helping to teach ringers. He joined the practises at Welton, Dunholme and Scothern, his local group of parishes, and Nettleham, adding stability to learning bands. When the Millennium bells were being installed at Hackthorn, he cheerfully joined the group of three ringers in teaching a new band and he continued to the end to help the band to grow. John's skill as a draughtsman is shown on a peal board he made following the first peal at Hackthorn. (There followed other peal boards which proudly hang in the ringing rooms of Dunholme and Welton. Picture of one celebrating his repeat peal 50 years on, can be found later in these pages.) It is a tribute to him that the Hackthorn ringers agreed that they did not want to ring a quarter to his memory, for that would cut out some members and they all wanted to pay their tribute to him. This sentiment was echoed by other towers that he helped. (Hackthorn did things in true Hackthorn style - they started with a prayer and finished with a glass of wine!) Scothern Church was packed for his funeral and a half muffled quarter peal started as the cortege set off for the crematorium, rung by six people who visited him during his last illness. It was the best ringing on the bells that we can remember - we did him proud! John was a benign influence throughout the area and we shall remember him for his quiet good humour and friendship. RIP

**Further ringing was held at:**

**Scothern 21st March Half muffled in memory of John.**

Jan, Fiona, Margaret N, Sue, Hannah, Laura, Jeremy, Margaret P.

**Nettleham 22nd March In thanksgiving for John's life.**

Amy, Dave, Margaret, Gill, Keith, Trevor, Jerry, Graham

**Hackthorn 23rd March Half muffled changes in memory of John.**

Sally, Cathy, Elaine, Lexie, Alison, Brian, Jenny, Helen

## **Obituary      Roy Edward Chapman 1946 – 2015**

Roy was a man of very wide interests and expertise – gardening, archaeology, local history, classical music, theatre, DIY, to name but a few. When he retired in 2002, he decided he wanted to add bell ringing to that list. At that time the Lincolnshire Echo was giving much publicity to the project to augment Thorpe-on-the Hill bells to six, so Roy decided that was where he wanted to be. Having bought a house there, he threw himself into every aspect of village life. As it was not practical to tie Thorpe bells, he travelled to Nettleham to learn to handle a bell. Back in Thorpe he became an enthusiastic member of the band ensuring there would be six ringers ringing for every service. When Eric, the Tower Captain died he took on the roll of ensuring that the bells were rung. A perfectionist, he firmly believed that it was far better to ring good rounds rather than attempting ‘fancy stuff’. M.A.P.

### **Ron Everett has kindly sent his thoughts on Roy -----**

Roy was the lynchpin of ringing at Thorpe, ever enthusiastic to encourage new ringers whether teenagers or retirees. Following the incapacity of Willie Turner, last year, he has been unstinting in his help and support of ringing at Harby. It amused him greatly when he learned I was struggling with Plain Hunt at Bassingham (as a pensioner) as was he at Thorpe. He invited me to join the Wednesday practice at Thorpe / Eagle and I have enjoyed the last 5 years immensely. Sitting in warm evening sunshine, prior to ringing, sharing a bowl of his Condor, learning the state of his allotment and progress at Ellis Windmill -- made our inadequacies with Grandsire & Stedman bearable. Roy would have been confounded by the number of friends, work colleagues and family, who packed the delightful church of St. Michael to say cheerio, and the band who rang a quarter of his beloved Grandsire. Our thoughts go to Rachel & family.  
Ron Everett

### **Quarter Peal**

Thorpe-on-the-Hill    25 March    1269 Grandsire Doubles

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Derek Phillips   | 4. Roger Asher         |
| 2. Margaret Parker  | 5. Michael Stracey (C) |
| 3. Sandra Underwood | 6. Ron Everett         |

Following the funeral and the internment in Thorpe churchyard, six friends rang a quarter of 1269 Grandsire Doubles. Grandsire was chosen as the method as it was always a must if Roy was present. Mick specially looked up a composition for 69 changes as Roy was nearing his 69 birthday when he died. May he rest in piece.

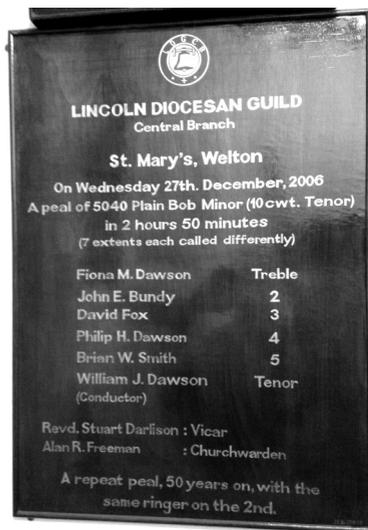
## **Peal Board made by John Bundy.**

Celebrating John's peal 50 years on.

Photo taken by David Fox, courtesy of Welton Ringers.

Fiona M. Dawson	Treble
John E. Bundy	2
David Fox	3
Philip H. Dawson	4
Brian W. Smith	5
William J. Dawson (Conductor)	Tenor

A repeat peal, 50 years on, with the same ringer on the 2nd.



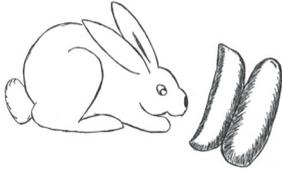
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## **News from the Guild Committee Meeting February 2015**

- \* 8 bell striking competition to be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Stamford.
- \* Safeguarding: be aware of the Social Media Guidelines as issued by the Central Council.
- \* Any celebrations for the Magna Carta - June 15<sup>th</sup> which involve ringing can be used as a publicity campaign for ringing. Please let Sandra, the Hon Guild Secretary, know if you are planning anything.
- \* Young person's festival on 25<sup>th</sup> July will probably be at Wragby. Still looking for ideas for activities.
- \* Ridgman Trophy is on 6<sup>th</sup> June at Wisbeach.
- \* Guild 6 Bell competition will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.  
Cup at Middle Rasen - 240 changes Plain Bob Minor.  
Plate at Tealby - 240 changes up to Plain Bob Doubles.
- \* The name of the Guild will remain the same but the objectives will be revised.

## **News from the Central Branch Committee Meeting March 2015**

- \* The date of the meeting in October has been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> October to allow for the Guild 8 Bell Striking Competition.
- \* The Branch Outing on September 19<sup>th</sup> will be in the Robin Hood Country - more details to follow.
- \* Half yearly meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> June at Welton. Please bring your own picnic. Hot drinks will be provided.
- \* Janice Bones bequest: There was a suggestion that this could pay for someone to go on the ITTS course.
- \* Onion Trophy: This will be judged at the Rabbits meeting. Cooked sausages cut up into bite size pieces and put on a small plate. Advise if they contain garlic.
- \* Carlton-le-Moorland: The bells are now fully operational.



### **Rabbits 2015 At Nocton May 25 at 3pm**

All ringers, especially the less experienced, come and have a pleasant afternoon of ringing and fun.

The Onion Competition will be held at the same time.

This year you are invited to bring Sausages, cooked of course, cut into bite size pieces and put on a small plate.

Please advise if they contain garlic.

You will be invited to taste the sausages and vote for your favourite. The person who brought the winning sausages will hold the onion trophy for the year!

*He: I sometimes have trouble finding my bell.*

*She: Just keep counting.*

*He: I can't count. The world is full of three sorts of people. Those who can count and those who can't!"*

## ***Ringling Publications for Sale from Chris Jackson***

**Criblines** - Minor & Major Surprise £1.50

### **Sherbourne Teaching Aids**

Book 1 (yellow)	90p
4 Follow On (blue)	90p
5 Ringers Exercise Book	84p
9 Plain Bob Easy Steps	20p
Grandsire Doubles	20p
Bell Club	£10.00

### **Central Council Publications**

Beginners Plain Bob	£1.00
Beginners Grandsire	£1.00
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	20p
Ringing Basics for Beginners	£2.50
Ringing Circles	£3.00
Teaching Beyond Bell Handing	£2.00
Beginners Handbook	£2.00
Place Notation	£1.50
Will you call a Touch	£2.50
Plain Minor Methods Place Notation	£4.00
Treble Dodging Methods Place Notation	£4.00
Learning Curve Volumes 1 - 4	£3.00 each
Teaching Tips	£4.00
Sound Management	£1.50
Tower Captains Handbook	£2.00
Regular Maintenance	£2.50

**All available from Chris Jackson Phone No. 01526 398377**  
**Please call as postal costs have to be added if not collected at meetings.**

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*Overheard while ringing was being arranged:-*

*I'll ring this bell in the corner.*

*Standing in the corner! Have you been a naughty boy? What have you been up to?*

*I don't know ----- but I hope I enjoyed it!*

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## **Branch Meeting at St Botolph's, Lincoln, Saturday 14th March**

The meeting was not as well attended as usual - just over a dozen ringers assembled, including a visitor who had come by train for the day from Salisbury in order to be there - there's dedication for you! That seems to be taking Jim's adage 'If you want to get on in ringing, you've got to travel' to the nth degree!! Thanks to the work done on the bells by the local ringers, they were much easier to handle than the last time we were there, but it would take a lot of professional work to do something about the ladder! For those who have never rung there, the access is via a very long nearly vertical iron ladder, with a large sideways step onto the ringing floor - not for the fainted heart-hearted. One less agile member found the only way to make that transition was to kneel onto the floor and then crawl on hands and knees into the room before standing up. The visitor exclaimed, "It's the first time I've seen anyone come into the belfry like that!" (Later, Mick said he had clearly never been to Patrington.\*) As usual Richard made a good job of keeping us all busy by calling a variety of methods to cater for everyone so we all had a good ring. There were no raffle tickets, but there was a prize, so we held a 'number draw' to raise a little more for the Branch BRF. After one and a half hours non-stop ringing, we all went home. Because we had no access to the church there was not the usual tea and cakes to cheer us on our way - rather disappointing for we have come to associate ringing with socialising over food. But we have been spoilt. Anyhow, it was an enforced Lenten discipline!

Many thanks go to Fiona and Richard for organising the meeting and to Yvonne for letting us in. See you all at the next meeting .... And at the Guild AGM!

M.A.P.

\*N.B. The eight bells at Patrington (just north of the Humber) are hung in a central tower, and the staircase is at the west end. The way from one to the other is through the roof space above the Nave, which is so low that it is only possible on your hands and knees - try that wearing a skirt!!

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*The belfry was small and the ringing circle not very round, so the ringer of the fifth was hidden from the ringer of the third.*

*After the touch (which 3 found rather difficult) she was told "You kept missing John out. You couldn't see him", to which John replied "I've been on a diet".*

*Another ringer said, "And it was very successful - now he can hide behind a rope!"*

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## ***Branch Meeting at Timberland, Saturday 11th April***

Driving on the winding, back roads of Lincolnshire, to avoid the drudge of road works, we arrived at Timberland. (Don't mention "roadworks" to those who travel on the B1188 just South of Lincoln.)

The meeting started at 2.30 pm but with ringing for a wedding and avoiding Lincoln we did not arrive until 3.15 pm. The effort was worthwhile since we found Janet and her husband, Jonathon, dispensing the finest tea and fresh baked cakes.

Richard called for Single Oxford and needed a treble ringer, so tea and cake was interrupted. Other methods such as Bob Doubles and Cambridge were rung followed by ringing down.

A very short meeting was held with mention of the Guild AGM and various proposed changes and then, after a shout of "SAUSAGES", there was a notice about the Rabbits cup and the competition to find the best sausage. We all need reminding sometimes, of the more important matters.

There was a good turnout of 27 people despite the Grand National, Womens Boat race and Mens Boat race on TV. Who won? – The Cake!

With reference to the sausage competition. I assume that anything "sausagy" can be entered with marks for star quality, visual appeal, technical achievement, how cooked and how it tastes.

Afterwards, returning to Nettleham via Lincoln was so much quicker and straighter than the way out. KWFG (*who loves his food!*)

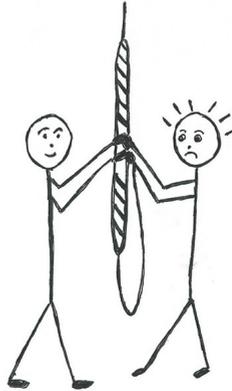
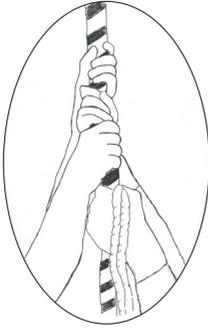
Thank you to Janet and Jonathon for your hospitality!



**Little Gems which help the bells go round.**

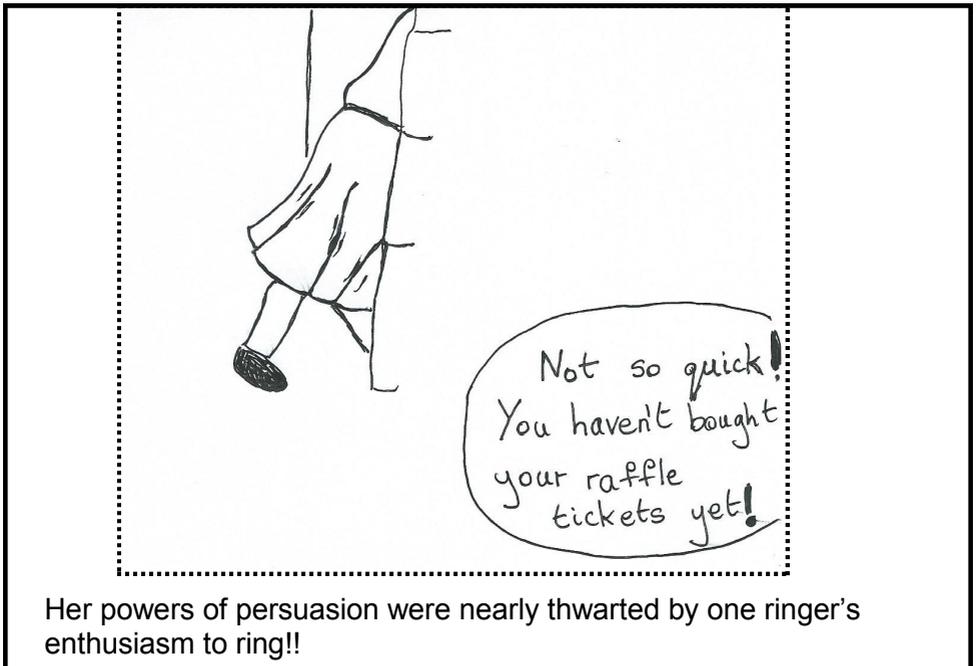
Helping the learner to control the Sally.

For helpers -



In this case, many hands do not make light work.

It is suggested that a helper puts their hands well above or well under the place on the Sally where the learner holds the rope. Then the learner has a chance to grasp the rope without the helper's hands getting in the way.



Her powers of persuasion were nearly thwarted by one ringer's enthusiasm to ring!!

## ***Lincoln Diocesan Guild AGM on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.***

This year, Communion Service was held at St Hugh's Shrine in Lincoln Cathedral since the Ringer's Chapel was temporarily unavailable. The Guild Ringing Master, mindful that St Hugh's Shrine was as far away from the Ringing Chamber as you could be, finished service ringing a little earlier than normal. Descending down the tower and walking along the length of the Cathedral, we arrived just in time for the start of the service. The Dean (The Very Reverend Philip Buckler) took the service with our own multi-talented Washingborough Tower Captain and Guild web master, Jonathan Clark, as the server.

After communion, we met at the Bailgate Methodist Church for the Guild AGM which was less eventful and controversial than last year. No mention was made of changing the name of the Guild. Guild Officers were re-elected and subtle changes were made to the rules. Points were raised about the publication of the Peal Compositions when the Dean of Lincoln advised that this could be considered at Guild Committee level. How long was the AGM? - Just over an hour allowing us more time for a convivial lunch break.

After lunch there were various workshops: hand bell ringing, conducting and rope splicing. On a personal note, hand bell ringing seemed to be more fun. Tutors, Chris and Robin helped 3 learners in turn, to ring Plain Hunt then Plain Bob Minor. In another room, there was ringing on 8 hand bells. The workshop on conducting was well attended with some participants giving "moral support" to the tutor. At another workshop, bits of ropes were being spliced together - hopefully now, there will be less cries of "We will have to wait for someone else to come along to do the splicing!"

For those not wanting the workshops, there was good ringing at St Giles. Phil organised this and reputedly, he was kept "on his toes" sorting out the large number of visitors with ringing from Call Changes to Spliced Surprise Major.

Ringing for Evensong was well attended with ringing from Call Changes to Stedman Cinques. At this point, I had to retire and go home, since I was cold having been caught by an earlier rainstorm.

In summary: the high points - everyone from the Guild coming together to ring, worship and pray – learn, support and exchange experiences.

The low point - forgetting my umbrella.

Thank you to all those who helped organise or were involved in running the AGM - especially Sandra, The Guild Secretary.

G.G.

## Branch Quarter Peals

Washingborough 1259 Plain Bob Minor 1. Claire J Howard 2. Robert H Harvey 3. Christopher C P Woodcock 4. Susan L Waterfall 5. Andrew Blacklock 6. Jonathan P Clark (C) First of minor for 1. Rung for the Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols	17 Dec	Washingborough 1260 Plain Bob Doubles 1. Andrew Blacklock 2. Claire J Howard 3. Graham F Whittaker 4. Susan L Waterfall 5. Jonathan P Clark (C) 6. Robert H Harvey First Quarter Peal inside for 2. Rung in celebration of 2's graduation, having obtained an MSc in Forensic Psychology	2 Feb
Branston Woodside Campanile 1260 Grandsire Doubles 1. Michael Lawton 2. Phil Mason 3. John Nicholson 4. Betty Stracey 5. Michael Stracey (C) 6. Dot Mason Remembering Dennis Sutton of Waddington, whose funeral took place today.	30 Jan	Branston Woodside Campanile 1260 Grandsire Triples 1. John Underwood 2. Mick Stracey 3. Dot Mason 4. Sylvia Taylor 5. Betty Stracey 6. Phil Mason 7. David Fox (C) 8. John Nicholson First as conductor on a mini-ring	4 Feb
Waddington 1260 Grandsire Doubles 1. Amanda Crombie 2. Richard A Sutton 3. Graham F Whittaker 4. Christopher C P Woodcock 5. Jonathan P Clark (C) 6. Robert H Harvey Rung half muffled in memory of Dennis Sutton, father of (2), who was for many years Tower Captain of St Michael's, Waddington.	1 Feb	Eagle 1320 St Simons Bob Doubles 1. Sue Waterfall 2. Ron Everett 3. Soo Pendleton 4. Michael Stracey (C) 5. Betty Stracey 6. Derek Phillips First of St Simons 2. For Evensong	8 Feb

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*My change ringing isn't what it used to be. My brain isn't as agile as it was and I can't think quick enough. I wish we could have hindsight the first time round!*

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## **Branch Quarter Peals**

Hackthorn 1260 Plain Bob Doubles 1. Lexie Brown 2. Margaret Parker 3. Sally Turnbull 4. Helen McGurk 5. Brian Smith 6. Robert Cox Rung half muffled in memory of Brian Graves who with Brian Smith, fabricated the bell frame as "local labour" when the bells were installed in 2006.	28 Feb	Sleaford 1260 Minor, 720 Single Oxford,540 Plain Bob 1. Cherie Renaud 2. Jean Kay 3. Sylvia Taylor 4. David Collin 5. Alan Bird 6. Richard Spencer (C) For Evensong	8 Mar
Branston Woodside Campanile 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor 1. Dot Mason 2. John F Underwood 3. Betty Stracey 4. Michael Stracey 5. Sylvia Taylor 6. Phil Mason (C) On the 10th anniversary of the 1st quarter peal on these bells.	4 Mar	Branston Woodside Campanile 1272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor 1. Michael Stracey (C) 2. Dot Mason 3. Sylvia Taylor 4. David Fox 5. Michael Lawton 6. Phil Mason	12 Mar
Cathedral 1408 Little Bob Maximus 1. Rose M Hancock 2. Sandra Underwood 3. Delia E Heppenstall 4. Michael J Lawton 5. Jeremy M Wheeldon 6. Philip R Wild 7. Michael E Stracey 8. Robert J Hancock 9. A Robin Heppenstall 10. David Fox 11. Graham J N Colborne 12. Christopher C P Woodcock (C) Rung prior to Choral Evensong, to mark the anniversary of the death of Bishop Edward King, 61st Bishop of Lincoln (1885-1910), who died on 8th March 1910. First quarter of maximus: 4. First quarter of maximus as conductor.	8 Mar	Scothern 1260 Plain Bob Doubles 1. Margaret Parker 2. Margaret Neate 3. Philip Dawson 4. David Burkitt 5. David Fox (C) 6. Brian Smith Rung half-muffled following the funeral of our dear friend John Bundy. John was a regular ringer in the Scothern Welton & Dunholme benefice together with Hackthorn and Nettleham until prevented by ill health. He will be sadly missed.	17 Mar

## **Branch Quarter Peals**

Thorpe-on-the-Hill                      20 Mar  
1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. Dot Mason
2. Sylvia Taylor
3. Michael Stracey
4. David Fox
5. Alan Bird
6. Phil Mason

Rung silent and non-conducted.  
First Silent & Non-Conducted for 1,  
2, 3, 5, 6. With the bells open in  
celebration for the life of Roy Chap-  
man (of Thorpe) and John Bundy (of  
Scothern).

Cathedral                                      22 Mar  
1295 Grandsire Caters

1. Graham JN Colborne (C)
  2. Delia E Heppenstall
  3. Sylvia Taylor
  4. Heather Grover
  5. Michael E Stracey
  6. Philip R Grover
  7. Jeremy Wheeldon
  8. Christopher CP Woodcock
  9. A Robin Heppenstall
  10. David Fox
- For Evensong

Sempringham                                      14 Apr  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Dawn Howells
  2. Richard Short
  3. Sylvia Taylor
  4. Jean Kay
  5. Alan D H Bird (C)
  6. Martin Clarke
- First Quarter 1

Heckington                                      20 Apr  
1260 Doubles, 180 Stedman,  
360 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob

1. Greg Harrison
  2. Rebecca Carr
  3. Audrey Harrison
  4. Richard Rodgers
  5. Alan Bird (C)
  6. Nick Millward
- Rung half muffled following the  
Cremation service for Peggy  
Davison mother of Neil Davison  
one of the Heckington ringers.  
First Quarter 6  
First Quarter for Greg Harrison  
following his liver transplant.  
First Quarter together for 27 years  
Audrey Harrison (mother) Re-  
becca Carr and Greg Harrison  
(daughter and son)

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### **Note from the Editor:**

Funds provided with quarter peals are used to finance the printing of this Newsletter and when there is an excess of funds, a donation is made to the Central Branch Belfry Repair Fund.

In recent months, the resource for printing has been changed and I am pleased to tell you that this has enabled a donation to be made to the Belfry Repair Fund.

Thank you to all who send in their quarter peals with donations and to those who provide notes, jokes and comments.

Keep them rolling in ----

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## ***Workshops for the Central Branch - do you want them? -***

Sandra Underwood and Margaret Parker have a list of possible workshops which can be run for Central Branch members. Please could any members who are interested in any of these or who knows anyone who would like to come, contact Sandra on 01522 884682 or email [sandra.underwood@ntlworld.com](mailto:sandra.underwood@ntlworld.com)

Then a convenient date can be arranged.

If there is sufficient interest, the workshop may be opened up to other branches and/or neighbouring Guilds to make up numbers if need be.

### **Possible Workshops**

- Striking and listening
- Bob doubles
- Bell Maintenance
- Learning methods
- Ringing up and down in peal
- Ropesight - first steps
- Call changes and basic conducting
- Splicing methods



*Note from the Editor: I think this is an opportunity to think what help do you want - if this does not help you - let the Branch Committee know what help do you want?*

## ***Sale of Books and other items at ½ Yearly Central Branch Ringing Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>***

The late Walter Froggat left his books and other related items to the Branch Bell Repair Fund.

Margaret Parker proposes to take them to the ½ yearly meeting in June to be sold at reasonable prices for the Branch BRF.

All are welcome to bring along any ringing related items to the stall to be sold for the Branch BRF.