Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Central Branch Newsletter (number 74) June 2011

Lincolnshire Poachers Strike Out

On 26 March it was the Ringing World Centenary. It was an early morning start, and half of the team set out to meet at Newark station to get an early train to London. Some were getting another train and some were driving down. Once we had got onto the correct platform at Newark Northgate we saw bright yellow T-shirts in the distance and thought, 'There are our T-shirts' so we charged off to get them. Our first impressions of the team shirt were, 'We're going to stand out in London and at least the leaders won't lose us'. They were bright yellow! They had our bell numbers on the back and 'RW National Youth Striking Competition Pimlico 2011' written down the side and Lincolnshire Poachers written round a bell on the front. We rushed off to put them on and arrived back as 'Lincolnshire Poachers'. We got on the train only to realise there were no seats available for us, as the Centenary Day was also the day of the TUC march, so there were people with gigantic banners everywhere. We managed to find a place to stand up. Sue (Faull) had told us there was another Lincolnshire team in the competition. They were the Market Deeping Grantham (MDG) team. Apparently they were in superman T-shirts with the superman symbol on the front so they were easy to spot. As the train stopped at Peterborough we saw in the distance a group with bright blue tops on, and as they got nearer we realised they were the MDG. They were really friendly with some really nice people.. As we got to Kings Cross we realised the station to get to Whitechapel bell foundry was closed so we had to take the bus. We then missed the bus stop but thankfully there was another only a little bit further down. We then realised the queue went right around the building but we were short for time, so we had to ask if we could go round the foundry first as both teams were ringing in a couple of hours time. We saw the casting of the bells and how they tune them, which was fascinating. Once we finished our very rushed tour round the foundry, both teams headed down to Pimlico where we met the rest of the Lincolnshire Poachers. Another team was ringing up in the tower, they sounded rather good. Our team was ringing at 12.10, just after MDG. As the time came closer we got much more nervous and thought 'what if we would forget a dodge or to lie at the back?' So we all reassured each other that it would all be fine. We had our team photos taken and then the call came, 'Lincolnshire Poachers please make your way to the tower door.' My hands were shaking which wasn't good because you can't ring with shaky hands. As we headed up the tower we saw the trophy we were aiming to get. It was a bell on a wooden block with Ringing World National Youth Contest. As we got up into the tower we noticed that the clock had RW National Youth Contest on it. We were allocated 20 minutes to practice ringing on the incredibly light bells, to have a team talk and ring our test piece, which was Plain Bob Triples around 160 changes. As me and the 2nd rang our bells to start the actual piece we got more nervous. As I called the Treble we began, we had started there was no turning back now. Along the way there were only a few mistakes, just some clashes and that was it. As our conductor called 'That's all' we all started smiling with joy, as we had rung incredibly well. We headed down the tower and as we exited we all started shouting and jumping about. We had loads of support with us. I'm sure we would all want to thank the people who came down and supported us and gave us tons of encouragement. We all went off to do our own thing after we arranged to meet up at the reception, where the results were going to be announced. I headed down to Westminster for some 'Sightseeing'. The Abbey is just astonishing. We headed behind the Abbey to Dean's Yard, to go and ring some mini rings and when I say mini they were incredibly mini! They were hard to get used to. I struggled at first but got to grasps with it. I, Jonathan and Sue noticed the TUC march in the distance so we went to have a look. It was overwhelming. We were there for about half an hour and saw the very back of the march. This was at about 15.30 and the march had started about 10am, so you can probably tell the size of it. We met up with some of the team and headed down to the Grand Reception for the results. There was plenty of tea and cakes, so we were well catered for. There was a quick speech by the organisers, and then there were 24 handbells rung together which sounded really nice. Then the results were announced. We were so nervous and excited. They said we would be given a grade so

it went C B A A*, just like the GCSE grades. They commented on our performance and gave us some targets for next time. They announced the C's and team number 7 (MarketDeepingGrantham) was one of them. They all went up to collect their medals. Then the B's were announced and we weren't called. Then the A's were announced and Team 8 (Lincolnshire Poachers) was one of them. We were so happy that we got grade A. We just missed out on A*, but we were happy with our result and went up to get our medals. On the medals it said 'Ringing World National Youth Contest'. So we came joint 4th, and second in the method group. Hertfordshire won the trophy. They were all good ringers and deserved it as their piece was good. We then took a team photo with the team all wearing their medals. Afterwards some of us went to get something to eat, some went to ring at some towers and I went to a handbell concert which was fascinating, so beautiful to listen to. We headed to Kings Cross for our 8.30 train, and meet some others of our team who went out ringing, and said our farewells. We then realised our train was cancelled due to signal problems so we headed for the 8pm train and got on by the skin of our teeth, As the MDG was on the same train we all said our farewells to them too. As I left the train I was sad that the day was over and really hope there is another competition like that coming soon.

I really hope that both teams can all meet up together and practice together as it would be good to see each other again. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who competed, you all did exceptionally well. Well done Market Deeping Grantham and the Lincolnshire Poachers. We all rang incredibly well, and the people listening I'm sure loved listening to the ringing. Bridget Jones Crabtree from the Lincolnshire Poacher Team.

At the Branch Committee on 8 June

We re-iterated that one or more of us are more than happy to join practices occasionally to boost numbers when you are short, especially when trying something new. Contact Dot, Mick or Margaret. **Do join in with meetings etc, they are fun and there is something for everyone.**

Carol Service at Brant Broughton

may take a different form this year If you can play an instrument or sing have a favourite reading or any other talent

contact Dot, don't be shy, and we will see what we can come up with.

Suggested Ringing Programme for 2011 -2012

Jul 9	Navenby Full	l meeting; ringi	ng, service, barbecue
Aug 13	Nettleham area	1	Ring for your supper.
Oct 8	Caythorpe		7.00 - 9.00
Nov 12	Hackthorn	QUIZ NIGHT	7.30 start
Dec 10	Brant Broughto	n CAROL SERVIO	CE Ringing 3.00
			Service3.30
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, 23 Jul,

27 Aug, 24 Sept, 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.

We are sorry that the planned **social evening** with the Northern Branch on June 11 had to be cancelled.

We Wonder

---- who didn't turn up for Sunday ringing on the first day of British Summertime? She <u>did</u> remember to alter the clock, but put it the wrong way!

---- who, whilst gardening, fell heavily on the garden gnome? I hear that the point on its hat, in spite of receiving the full force, is still intact; the gnome has now recovered from the shock, but the ringer has been sitting down **very** carefully. Safer to stick to ringing!

Another Away Day 29 March

March 29th saw some of the Midweek Ringers enjoying another away day organized once again by Phil Mason.

We set off this time to Barton on Humber where we were met by Roger and Joy Lord at St Mary's which is a fine ring of eight. We soon raised the bells and rang for just over an hour.

Dinner had been booked at the Nag's Head at Wootton which was enjoyed by all - especially the carvery - but all the dishes looked good.

Then on to Walesby Old Church; this church is isolated outside the village up on top of a hill, from where you are usually able to see the Cathedral, but today it was misty and not in sight. These bells are an eight - a bit tricky round the front end, but the rest handle OK. As it was sunny it was pleasant to sit outside and listen to the ringing. First a cyclist passed by, then some walkers arrived and passed the time of day. Phil and Dot brought their flasks of hot water and a supply of coffee and refreshments so we were well catered for. After more ringing we lowered the bells then returned home after having a very good day out.

Thanks again to Phil for organizing another excellent day.

John Underwood

And yet another on 31 May!

Fifth Tuesday in the month - time for another away day for the Midweek ringers. With a nod to the rising fuel costs we decided to not go far this time. Sixteen of us turned up and enjoyed the bells at Caythorpe, followed by those at Welbourn. There was a good variety of methods - mostly Surprise - to suit everyone. The pre-booked meal at the Red Lion in Wellingore was again excellent. A pity about the key at Navenby (that's what happens when you delegate!) but we had all enjoyed a good ring, a good lunch and good company so we were not too disappointed. After all we hadn't travelled a hundred miles to a tower we had not rung at. Many thanks once again to Dot and Phil. We all went home happy after another good day out.

Jargon again! When places like 5ths.4ths.5ths are made it is known as 'crank handles' (those old enough will remember how their cars were started, so recognise the shape of these vital pieces of equipment). It shows her youth when she was told the back work in All Saints Doubles, and asked 'When are these grand candles to be made?' (shades of Ronnie Barker's fork handles!!)

Maintenance Course - Ruskington, 9th April

Was it left over right or right over left? For those of us who were neither scouts nor sailors the splicing and maintenance courses were very timely. Apart from coinciding with the running of the Grand National, the Branch meeting at Ruskington All Saints Church on 9th April was almost perfect. Some 22 members gathered on what was a beautiful spring evening. The meeting was broadly in three parts - a rope splicing course, bell maintenance instruction and of course a good ring on All Saints' six. The splicing and maintenance courses swapped over at half time. All Saints was a particularly good venue for this sort of meeting - a spacious ringing room (carpeted) with easy access to the six bells. These magnificent bells hang alongside visitors at equal height in two straight lines of three, like great ladies waiting for the next dance on their card. With a mixture of mountings and bearings (which they didn't mind us poking about) they were ideal candidates for maintenance instruction. After a picnic tea, the ringing and raffle got underway. As always the ringing was for all levels, including learners like me. Thanks are due to our hosts who couldn't have made is more welcome and to John, Phil and Mick for their expert instruction.

I still had no detail on the Grand National result but later discovered a modest £7 each way profit!

Roy Chapman

Branch Striking Competition at Wragby 7 May

Four teams entered the Striking Competition this year. It was held at Wragby, not as advertised in the Newsletter. As usual, refreshments were on the go in the Church while the ringing took place. The outcome was that the Cathedral and Washingborough go through to the Cup, and Caythorpe and Wragby to the Plate in September. In his judging Mick said that all the ringing was a good Sunday Service standard. (After all that is what we are for!).Congratulations on all teams for their performances - as well as for actually fielding a team! Open ringing continued till 8 o'clock - and Bridget got plenty of practice at ringing Treble Bob. A valuable day out.

Integrated Teacher Training Scheme (ITTS) at Wragby Saturday 9th April

On a bright sunny morning in April, a group of keen trainee tutors and mentors from across the Lincoln Guild gathered at Wragby for the first ITTS course. For anyone who has not heard of ITTS, it's a new course supported by the Ringing Foundation with an aspiration to create a modern training structure for the teaching of bell ringing and create competent skilled teachers.

Sue Faull was our trainer, and we started off nice and gently with coffee and cakes - a theme which was repeated more than once during the day.

Training comprised of practical and theory sessions, with plenty of time to share tips and hints and find out what works best for each of us. We started off learning how to handle a bell, joining the two strokes together and finally learnt how to solve common handling problems.

What became apparent throughout the day was the vast amount of teaching experience we have as a Guild. Ideas and tips were shared and demonstrated between us at every stage of the course and we all went home having picked up numerous tips from other mentors and trainee tutors. I would seriously encourage anyone who has any involvement with teaching bell ringing to come to future courses - it really was great fun and everyone came away full of enthusiasm keen to put our new skills into practice.

Last but not least, our many thanks to Joan and Audrey for providing the cakes, and also the many helpers who turned up to serve tea and coffee during the day.

Sandra Underwood

Congratulations

---- to the 3 winners in the big draw of the 100 Club, three of the five being from our branch; **John Nicholson;** £50, **Dave Burkitt,** £25, **Waddington ringers,** £10. There are still one or two numbers available.

----- Robert George, Richard Johnson, Jean Kay, Margaret Parker, Geoff Riglar and Sue Waterfall on winning the Rabbits Competition.

Notes From the Guild AGM 30 April

* **Officers**: President - the Dean; Master - Alan Payne; Secretary - Sandra Underwood: Treasurer - Roger Lord;

Bell Repair Fund Administrator - Dot Mason;

Peal Secretary - Jim Benner; Librarian - Delia Heppenstall;

Report Sec. - Trevor Hardcastle;

Accounts Examiners - Linda Bromfield & Barbara Rand.

* **2012 subs** unchanged, i.e. Adults £10, Junior £3 Assoc' NRLM £5. Peal booking fee 25p a rope. Division of 2011 subs - General fund, 45%; GBRF - 40%: Branches - 15%.

* **Change to wording of Rule 3d:** Add words, 'The Guild Committee will recommend appointment of a Webmaster, who will be a member of the Committee, for ratification at the Annual General Meeting each year'.

* Guild Striking Contest Sept 11: Willingham (Cup), Upton (Plate).

* Inter Branch 8 bell contest Barton-on-Humber 15 October.

* Help required for **Simulator at Church Schools Festival**.

* Bob Hancock talked of the **Central Council Ringing Foundation's** work on expanding ringing initiatives.

* Master commended ITTS training day at Wragby.

* A **small presentation** made to the retiring Guild Secretary after 18 years in office, and to the Peal Secretary.

* the 100 Club Annual Draw was made.

About 50 people attended Communion in Ringers' Chapel. The meeting which followed was also well attended, followed by another excellent lunch. Well done to Dot and her band of helpers. Bardney proved to be a popular tower in the afternoon, followed by Washingborough, where refreshments were also available. The Grand Draw took place there. The Cathedral bells were kept busy for an hour after Evensong. Another successful day.

The first rule of conducting is don't forget to run out yourself when called to do so!

I'm just beginning to get my confidence. Up till now every time I've caught hold to ring I've been thinking, 'What's going to go wrong this time?' Oh dear!

He came back after the practice just to say, 'Thank you helping me get my confidence back'.

I seem to keep thinking 'Bob' means 'panic'!

Notes From Guild Committee Meeting 4 June

* Robin is still awaiting a response from the Archdeacon concerning decision on what work in belfries **needs a Faculty**.

* Latest Information regarding the **Safeguarding Update** is on Central Council website. Names of branch safeguarding officers to be included with branch officers on Guild website. (Ours is Jonathan Clark). Essex Ass has agreement in their Diocese for people to be accredited 'Diocesan Bell Trainer' to save need for CRB's for individual towers. Can we negotiate the same? * Details of **Guild Insurance** up-dated. Reminded that we have agreement with St John's Scunthorpe: the council to maintain and service the bells, and we have obligation to ring when requested for local and national celebrations. Is this carried out?

* **Gift Aid** form clarified. Can form be included in a comprehensive membership application form as in Essex Ass? To be looked into.

* **ITTS update.** The first teacher training day unqualified success. The next almost full. Another to be arranged. Everyone would benefit. Do we want one just for current teachers?

* Jonathan is in the process of sorting problems of accessing the **Website** on Explorer 9.

* Congratulations to the teams ringing in the **Youth Striking Contest.** There is to be another next year (not in London).

Could the Youth Teams be included in the **Guild 8 bell Contest?** Difficulties of method, and some needed to represent their branches also. Decided to leave it this year, but proposed to include a Junior category in the next Guild 6 bell contest.

* What, if anything , does the Guild want to do special for the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** in terms of ringing and/or social events? Proposals to next meeting.

Trevor gave notice that the next **Guild Report** is to be his last as Report Sec. Request for a pool of photos for Report covers.

* **Fundraising Committee quiz sheets** now available in the branches. Answers at Guild Striking Contest, as will be the **Christmas Cards.** The **Grand Draw** raised £798 profit.

* RW requested an Ambassador for the RW in each Guild. Judith Rogers appointed.

* The **Ringing Foundation** aiming to move **ringing public relations** in new directions. Needs funds, and asks if ringers can aid this to increase our chances of getting charitable grants.

'Rabbits' at Sleaford 30 May

Maybe it was because of the Bank Holiday rain, but this year there were fewer rabbits trying their hand. 4 teams of 6, which were selected by drawing of names, rang the front six at Sleaford while Richard sat outside judging their efforts. (There would have been one more ringer if the bus for which she waited in the pouring rain for a quarter of an hour hadn't been cancelled!) The usual quiz within the church and the running buffet of cakes and tea kept us all happy and encouraged us to socialise when not ringing. A couple of American visitors wandered around among us, finding out 'what makes ringers tick' as part of their project on the interests of Lincoln people. I'd love to know what they made of it all! After solving the slight problem of which 'team number one' had actually won (the teams were numbered one to four, but the number one Richard referred to was the team that actually rang first) it was announced that Geoff's team had won the coveted chocolate bunnies! But in the end, what did it really matter? We were all there for the fun and for the experience. Thanks to Richard for organising it and Hazel, his wife, for dispensing the refreshments (those who weren't there missed a lot of scrumptious cakes!). The ringing continued till 6 o'clock, and as we left the rain that had been falling steadily all day began to ease off at last. What better way to spend a wet Bank Holiday, in a dry church and tower? Here are the usual limericks from the day :

In Sleaford it poured with rain But the town's loss was our gain We stayed in the dry And to ring we did try And had a great time in the main.

The rain didn't keep us away The rabbits all came out to play At Sleaford they rang Oh, how the bells sang We all had a jolly good day!

Team number two at the Rabbits Thought if there's a prize they should grab it But the judge was misheard And they only came third Now **not** winning is one of their habits.

This limerick writing seems to be catching on. At one tower's practice we all try to write ringing limerick's related to the local towers - some village names are harder than others when it comes to looking for rhymes! What about your tower?

News From the Towers

Walter Froggatt is an Honorary Life Member of the Guild. He taught many young people to ring at **St Mary le Wigford Church in Lincoln** in the late 60's and early 70's where he was the organist and Ringing Master. He always encouraged them to ring at other towers as soon a they were capable. A number of them went on to become Tower Captains themselves, and Sue Faull became the Master of the Lincoln Guild, a remarkable tribute to Walter. He now lives in Nettleham. On 29th April five of his former pupils joined Nettleham tower captain to ring a quarter peal to celebrate his 90th birthday. He sat in the church porch throughout to listen and to record some of the ringing; and as we shared a birthday cake afterwards he showed us many photos from those early days and the record book of St Mary's containing the quarter peals in which the five ringers took part. Thank you Walter for bringing us together, and congratulations on reaching 90!

As many of the **Bardney** ringers wished to view all the famous guests arriving at the Abbey for the Royal wedding, it was agreed to ring for half an hour from 9.30 in the morning. As most of the band are learners we rang very respectable call changes, swapping over every ten minutes so we all had a ring. We had quite a deal of complimentary remarks from villagers who heard the bells and were pleased that Bardney recognised and commemorated the event. The ringers were the two Davids, Sam, Ruth, Jane, Hal and Chris.

Recently at **Wellingore**, the rope holding the clock hammer off the bell broke off while ringing was in progress. It fouled the wheel and stripped off some of its spokes. This could have been a very expensive mishap, but fortunately they were able to locate a second hand wheel, thus saving a lot of money. Have you inspected the clock hammer rope in your tower lately?

North Scarle have at last got a faculty to install a peal of six bells. English Heritage have finally agreed that they do not to be in the old worn-out frame, and this is to displayed behind the organ in the church. Teaching anew band will the next project!

At **Dunholme** an extended touch of Doubles methods was rung on 10th June to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh. It was most doubles methods to a touch by the majority of the band. The ringers were Jean, Margaret, Gill, Margaret, Fiona and Jerry.

Obituary

Eric East

1932 - 2001

Eric, who was born and bred in Thorpe- on- the- Hill, was responsible for the Millennium project which saw the bells at Thorpe brought back into use. He raised the money for the three unringable to be rehung in a new 6-bell frame, together with a new 'Millennium bell'. He planned to add a further two for the Queen's Golden Jubilee two years later. He was disappointed that even his fund raising skills meant that only one 'Jubilee Bell' was possible, but a further bell was donated in memory of the former Guild Master to complete the six in 2002. He learned to handle a bell at the Millennium and was a valuable service ringer until his health intervened. He was a staunch churchman, and the exercise owes much to Eric and men like him. May he rest in peace.

(It was at Eric's inspiration that the village signs at Thorpe are mounted on concrete bell wheels, so anyone entering the village from whichever direction knows the enthusiasm for the bells there.)

Reminiscences by some who knew Eric.

Before moving house it's always a good idea to go to the public library and look at their press cuttings about the local area. I did this before moving to Thorpe eight years ago. Nearly all the cuttings were about bells - bells for St Michael's and bellwheels for village signs. There was Eric in nearly all of them, raising money for the augmentation of the tower or pictured in the belfry. My other memories of Eric will be as my companion at Market Rasen races. He loved the horses almost as much as his bells. Our last race together was the Grand National - still picking winners but sat on his bed. God bless you Eric. We will all miss you. Roy Chapman

Eric often reminded me of the words my late Aunt said as his primary school teacher - 'You will never be as bright as your sister'! Victoria Jenkinson

Eric joined the Royal Navy when he was 16. He was present when the Duke of Edinburgh visited Lincoln, and proudly wore his Naval tie. He was delighted that the Duke noticed and quietly asked him 'What ship? as he passed Eric in the line-up. This says a lot about Eric and the Duke! Margaret Parker

When the ladder up to the bells has a rung missing, does it mean its unrungable?

I forgot they were working on the clappers at their tower, so when he said 'I've got six bushes,' I thought he was going to plant a hedge

Branch Quarter Peals

POTTERHANWORTH 26 Jan 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1. Christopher Woodcock (C)
- 2. Jim Sutherland
- 3. Yvonne Woodcock
- 4. Ron Applewhite
- 5. Jayne Palmer
- 6. Ray Cucksey

Rung by a mainly local band to celebrate the 91st birthday of our dear friend Ron Applewhite who is a long standing and very loyal member of the local band.

HACKTHORN 5 Mar

- 1320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor
- 1. David Fox
- 2. Christine Hasman
- 3. Colin Ward
- 4. Ian Hasman
- 5. Philip Dawson

6. Christopher Woodcock (C)
To congratulate the conductor on being elected Ringing Master of the Society of Rambling Ringers (2, 4 and 6 are members of the Society).
Circled the tower to quarters - 1. 300th quarter
- 5.

HACKTHORN 9 Mar 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor 1. Val Fox 2. Fiona Dawson

- 3. Sandra Underwood
- 4. Philip Dawson
- 5. John Underwood
- 6. David Fox (C)

First in method 1 & 4 and as Conductor.

CATHEDRAL 13 Mar

- 1287 Stedman Caters
- 1. Sue Faull
- 2. Delia Heppenstall
- 3. Fiona Dawson
- 4. Sandra Underwood
- 5. Robin Heppenstall (C)
- 6. Harold Gibson
- 7. David Fox
- 8. Graham Colbourne
- 9. Les Townsend
- 10. John Underwood
- For Evensong

EAGLE

1260 St Martins Bob Doubles

10 Apr

- 1. Willie Turner
- 2. Derek Phillips
- 3. Soo Pendleton
- 4. Mick Stracey (C)
- 5. Betty Stracey
- 6. Ron Everett
- For Evensong.

WASHINGBOROUGH 10 Apr

- 1344 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
- 1. John Underwood
- 2. Sandra Underwood
- 3. Sylvia Taylor
- 4. David Burkitt
- 5. Jonathan Clark
- 6. Christine Jackson
- 7. Sue Waterfall
- 8. Christopher Woodcock (C)

Specially arranged and rung by members of the Central Branch to congratulate William Dawson and Helen Darbyshire upon their marriage which took place yesterday (9th April) at Ambleside. The band send best wishes to them both. SCOTHERN 12 Apr

- 1260 Plain Bob Minor
- Helen McGurk
- 2. Margaret Parker
- 3. Fiona Dawson
- 4. John Bundy
- 5. Brian Smith
- 6. Philip Dawson (C)

A Platinum (70 years) Wedding Anniversary compliment to Arthur and Mary Hawbrook of Walesby, inlaws of the ringer of the 4th.

EWERBY 16 Apr

1278 Grandsire Caters

- 1. Margaret Parker
- 2. Fiona Dawson
- 3. Mick Stracey
- 4. Betty Stracey
- 5. Heather Grover
- 6. Sylvia Taylor
- 7. Philip Grover
- 8. Sandra Underwood
- 9. David Fox (C)
- 10. John Underwood

To celebrate the50th birthday of Sandra Underwood.

CATHEDRAL 17 Apr

- 1251 Stedman Caters
- 1. Sandra Underwood
- 2. Delia Heppenstall
- 3. Fiona Dawson
- 4. Harold Gibson
- 5. Robin Heppenstall (C)
- 6. Sue Faull
- 7. David Fox
- 8. Philip Grover
- 9. Les Townsend
- 10. JohnUnderwood

Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Sandra Underwood and also the 90th birthday of Walter Froggatt of Nettleham - both born on 17th April.

SWINDERBY 17 Apr

1320 11 Doubles Methods (120 each Reverse Canterbury, St Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Huntley Place, Plain Bob, St Simons, St Martins, St Osmund, Eynesbury and Grandsire)

- 1. Roger Asher
- 2. Christine Hasman
- 3. Betty Stracey
- 4. Mick Stracey (C)
- 5. Ian Hasman
- For Healing Service. Most methods to a quarter 2 & 5.

BRANSTON, Woodside 19 Apr 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1. Margaret Parker
- 2. Mick Stracey
- 3. Dot Mason
- 4. Sylvia Taylor
- 5. Betty Stracey
- 6. John Underwood
- 7. David Fox
- 8. Phil Mason (C)
- First on the bells 7

NETTLEHAM 27 Apr

1260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob)

- 1. Margaret Parker
- 2. Vivienne Johnson (West)
- 3. Fiona Dawson (McInnes)
- 4. Sue Faull
- 5. Sandra Underwood (Stallibrass)
- 6. Colin Ward (Drabble) (C)

Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Walter Froggatt who taught all except the Treble to ring.

EWERBY 29 Apr

- 1440 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal
- 1. Dot Mason
- 2. Mick Stracey
- 3. Sylvia Taylor
- 4. Sandra Underwood
- 5. Betty Stracey
- 6. Heather Grover
- 7. Jonathan Clark
- 8. John Underwood
- 9. Philip Grover
- 10. Phil Mason (C)

Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at Westminster Abbey

CATHEDRAL 29 Apr

- 1276 Grandsire Cinques
- 1. Rose Hancock
- 2. Sandra Underwood
- 3. Dot Mason
- 4. Delia Heppenstall
- 5. Fiona Dawson
- 6. Robin Heppenstall (C)
- 7. Mick Stracey
- 8. David Fox
- 9. Bob Hancock
- 10. Phil Mason
- 11. Les Townsend
- 12. John Underwood
- To celebrate the Royal Wedding.

SURFLEET 2 May

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1. Margaret Parker
- 2. Phil Mason
- 3. John Underwood
- 4. Mick Stracey (C)
- 5. Les Townsend

9. Sandra Underwood

To celebrate the marriage of the Duke and

Duchess of Cambridge. Also for the Flower

- 6. Betty Stracey
- 7. Dot Mason
- 8. Fiona Dawson

10. Sylvia Taylor

festival.

SUTTERTON 2 May

- 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major
- 1. Sylvia Taylor
- 2. Fiona Dawson
- 3. Betty Stracey
- 4. John Underwood
- 5. Mick Stracey (C)
- 6. Sandra Underwood
- 7. Les Townsend
- 8. Phil Mason

To celebrate the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Also for the Flower festival.

HACKTHORN 2 May

- 1260 Plain Bob Doubles
- 1. Lexie Brown
- 2. Margaret Parker (C)
- 3. Sally Turnbull
- 4. Helen MaGurk
- 5. John Bundy
- 6. Brian Smith

Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at Westminster Abbey on April 29, 2011.

8 May

EAGLE

- 1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles
- 1. Willie Turner
- 2. Derek Phillips
- 3. Soo Pendleton
- 4. Mick Stracey (C)
- 4. Betty Stracey
- 5. Ron Everett

For Evensong. To mark the Christening of Ron's grandchildren, Tommy and Emily Everett, today at St George's Swallowbeck, Lincoln.

SWINDERBY 15 May

1260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles

- 1. Helen Burberry
- 2. Soo Pendleton
- 3. Betty Stracey
- John Nicholson
 Mick Stracey(C)
- For Evensong.
- EWERBY 15 May

1344 London Surprise Major

- 1. Dot Mason
- 2. Fiona Dawson
- 3. Alistair Cherry
- 4. Sandra Underwood
- 5. David Fox
- 6. John Underwood
- 7. Phil Mason
- 8. Phil Grover (C)
- First in method 3
- For Evensong.

EWERBY 29 May

- 1250 Yorkshire Royal
- 1. Margaret Parker
- 2. Fiona Dawson
- 3. Dot Mason
- 4. Betty Stracey
- 5. Christine Jackson
- Mick Stracey
 Sylvia Taylor
- 8. John Nicholson
- 9. Alistair Cherry
- 10. Phil Mason (C)
- First on 10 bells 9

For Group Songs of Praise.

GRANTHAM 5 June

1259 Grandsire Caters

- 1. Sylvia Taylor
- 2. Margaret Johnson
- 3. Dot Mason
- 4. Sandra Underwood
- 5. John Underwood
- 6. Emma Southerington
- 7. Alistair Cherry (C)
- 8. Neville Sharp
- 9. Philip Grover
- 10. Phil Mason
- For Evensong.
- First as Conductor.

KIRTON-in-LINDSEY 6 June 1280 London Surprise Major

- 1. David Whetton
- 2. Fiona Dawson
- 2. FIOIIa Dawson
- 3. Geoffrey Bryant
- David Fox
 Robert Wood
- 6. Rodney French
- Robert Jordan
- . Robert Jordan
- 8. Christopher Woodcock (C)

Rung to welcome Arwen Ruth Ketteringham, born 27th May 2011. First grandchild of Joan and John Ketteringham& daughter of Jessica & Stephen.