

Chesterfield District of the DDA

Ringling Meeting
Saturday 12th November
 at
St Mary & All Saints, Chesterfield (10)
6.30 pm to 8.00 pm.



Derby District
CAROL SERVICE
Saturday 10th December
 at
Breaston
Ringling 3.15pm to 4.00pm,



Followed by a service of carols, poems and readings.
 Afterwards
 more ringling, hot mulled wine and mince pies.

New Districts for 2006

The reorganisation of the Derby and Ilkeston Districts, detailed in last months Strike Notes, was approved by the Association Quarterly Meeting held on the 1st of October at Breaston. The change will take effect at the combined Annual District Meeting which is on the 7th of January 2006 at St. Peters Derby.

After the review of the past year, it is planned to split into 2 meetings; one for "Central" and one for "South/Southern". Each of these new Districts will decide what it wants to call itself and elect a Committee. Some of the current Derby District Committee have expressed an interest in continuing in their positions in their new Districts but this will fill, at most, only half the positions available. If you are at all interested in joining either Committee, please contact someone at either District or Association level for more information.

CONTRIBUTIONS for the next issue are needed by **November 12th 2005**. Please post to Jenny Booth at 51 The Plain, Brailsford DE6 3BZ, or e-mail to StrikeNotes@derbyda.org.uk
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Derby District Quarter Peal Day October 15th

I experienced lots of frantic last minute activity in the run up to Quarter Peal Day this year. I suppose that in attempting to organise nearly sixty ringers and twenty tower correspondents I should expect some hiccups, but the programme that I managed to distribute to participants one week before the event seemed to be subject to revision after revision. However fifty-seven ringers participated and thirteen of the eighteen attempts were successful.

It has to be said that a few of the towers that we visited have bells which appear to be less user-friendly than those on which many of us regularly ring.

A Humphrey

Alrewas, Staffs. 1264 Original Major: Graeme Hughes 1, Maurice Starkey 2, Hazel Jones 3, Luke Heaton 4, Chris Gilbert 5, John Booth 6, Don Jones 7, Len Goodall (C) 8.

Ashbourne, Derbys. 1260 Plain B Triples: Jackie Burns 1, Jack Chadwick 2, Mike Banks 3, Hazel Jones 4, Linda Pelc 5, Don Jones 6, John Thorpe (C) 7, Keith Woolley 8.

Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, All Saints. 1260 Plain B Doubles: Graeme Hughes 1, Chris Gilbert 2, John Booth 3, Mike Lilley 4, Luke Heaton (C) 5.

Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, St Modwen. 1344 S Hunslet B Major: Mike Willis 1, Eileen Goodall 2, Maurice Starkey 3, Pam Timms 4, David Roberts 5, Morris Bates 6, Geoff Goodall 7, Alec Humphrey (C) 8.

Cheadle, Staffs (C of E). 1260 Plain B Minor: Lynn Betts 1, Teresa Vincent 2, Steve Harpham 3, Mike Banks 4, Eileen Goodall 5, Geoff Goodall (C) 6.

Checkley, Staffs. 1260 Plain B Doubles: Barry Boulton 1, Linda Pelc 2, Peter Browne 3, Keith Baines 4, John Thorpe (C) 5, Steve Rowley 6.

Draycott in the Moors, Staffs. 1260 S Oxford B Triples: Walter Soar 1, Graeme Hughes 2, John Booth 3, Sue Peach 4, Chris Gilbert 5, Alec Humphrey (C) 6, Mike Willis 7, Jack Chadwick 8.

Ellastone, Staffs. 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Mary Venables 1, Mike Willis 2, Teresa Vincent 3, Keith Baines 4, Alec Humphrey (C) 5, John Booth 6.

Hoar Cross, Staffs. 1260 Doubles (6 P/M): Don Jones 1, Maurice Starkey 2, Hazel Jones 3, Pam Timms 4, Anthony Cotton 5, Eric Coxon 6.

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Mayfield, Staffs. 1260 Plain B Minor: Antony Shaw 1, Len Goodall 2, David Tooley 3, Eileen Goodall 4, Ian Sterrit 5, Geoff Goodall (C) 6.

Rolleston on Dove, Staffs. 1264 Original Major: Graeme Hughes 1, Chris Willis 2, Luke Heaton 3, Mike Banks 4, Steve Harpham 5, Chris Gilbert 6, Geoff Goodall 7, Len Goodall (C) 8.

Sudbury, Derbys. 1260 St Simons B Doubles: Peter Browne 1, Lynn Betts 2, Linda Pelc 3, Alec Humphrey (C) 4, John Thorpe 5, John Booth 6.

Secretary's Salutations

Firstly welcome to the following new members elected to the Association at the October meeting at Breaston. Elizabeth Dawson from Horsley and Anne Humphrey from Derby St Peters. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

The Worthington Cup Ten Bell Striking Competition took place for the first time at Derby Cathedral on September 3rd on a lovely sunny Saturday.

For a short time the competition was held at Tamworth but prior to that it had taken place at Burton on Trent for a long time. First being held in 1978 the competition had many successful years but recently its popularity had declined. With moving it to Derby, keeping a set date and trying to encourage more participants it is hoped this cup will be fiercely competed for again.

Teams from the University of London, Derby Diocesan Association, Sheffield Branch of the Yorkshire Association and Leicester Diocesan Guild met to compete, the test piece being a whole course of

Cambridge Royal. It has been tradition for participants entering to represent a Guild or Association.

With the judge, Rod Pipe from Birmingham, safely stowed away in the Cathedral Centre, with a piece of cake & cup of tea, Pat Halls welcomed everyone and made the draw for the order of the teams to ring. As it's a long climb to the ringing room, 83 steps, there was one team ringing, one waiting in the clock room below and the next congregating at the bottom of the steps.

Tea & cake was available throughout the afternoon in the Beddows Room with monies received from this donated to the Cathedral tower fund, then it was soon time for the results.

Rod opened his comments by saying the afternoon's ringing was of a very good standard. He commented the Tewkesbury shield has in recent years become the main ten bell event for teams from the Midlands, the WW Cup having recently gone downhill, but there is definitely a place for it for teams from the Midlands & the North. He described Derby Cathedral bells as 'grumpy old men' bells arguing with each other.

Team 1: University of London

Positive. Start a little hesitant. Middle piece very enjoyable. Tenor & back bells set a very good rhythm. Tailed off towards the end.

Peal speed 3h20 (116 faults)

Team 2: Derby DA

Good team effort. Consistent. Positive ringing.

Peal speed 3h19 (58 faults)

Team 3: Sheffield District of the Yorkshire Association.

Very good start. Tentative in the middle. Inconsistent leading. Method errors.

Peal speed 3h22 (108 faults)

Team 4: Leicester DG

Concerned it was too fast. Team maintained an excellent rhythm. Enthusiastic.

Peal speed 3h10 (68 faults)

The cup was presented to Tim Peverett of the winning team which they later filled with champagne, outside of course, and then off to the pub to have beer & whiskey put in it to share amongst all participants of the competition. Apparently it's tradition to fill it.

Our thanks to the Cathedral Dean and chapter for the use of the Cathedral and to Jane Boden & Tim Peverett for their organisation and arrangements in making the competition possible. The competition will be held at Derby Cathedral next year, on September 16th. It is all good publicity for the Derby Diocesan Association.

The team who represented Derby were:

Treble	Simon Melen (Ticknall)
2nd	Pam Timms (Cathedral)
3rd	Pat Halls (Cathedral)
4th	Frances Haynes (Brassington)
5th	David Marshall (Long Eaton)
6th	Anthony Cotton (Cathedral)
7th	Roy Meads (Brassington)
8th	Tim Peverett (West Hallam)
9th	Richard Taylor (Darley Dale)
Tenor	John Heaton (Cathedral)

Congratulations.

M Elizabeth Cotton

Starting Over #4

When I initially learnt how to ring a bell, thirty years ago at Saint Lukes, Eric Coxon was my Minder. 'Eric stand with your friend' was the instruction. In fact I'm not sure if I earned the right to be called by name until I could actually handle a bell.

Now, Eric's not small but he had to stand on a box facing me to reach above my flailing hands in case I did not catch the sally! Maybe he only had to reach above my 1970's hairstyle, and of course he wouldn't need to do that now.

Anyway back to Brassington. I was deemed not to need a Minder second time around but as I have described previously it was a close run thing! I started gently, with rounds safely tucked in the middle on the 3rd or 4th. Adequacy was attained after a while, Competence would take much longer.

As the bells are small, my relatively feeble condition is not as limiting as it might be. In fact it will probably make me a neater ringer. This is because when well I used to overpull and then check the bell to put it into the right place. I can't do this any more and so my feel for the balance has had to improve.

Call changes came next but this was harder. In the first place although I knew the need to vary the timing of my ringing stroke, depending on the size of my before or after bell, achieving this was something else. Even harder was following the right bell if mine was not specifically mentioned in the called change but was only involved as a third party.

So there I was, just about handling, just about seeing, just about hearing, just about feeling where my bell should be. Ropesight and hearing my own bell seemed almost insuperable. Plain hunting was at least a million miles away and method ringing, light years! My point is that although I had gone through this before I was having to relearn it from scratch and this brought home to me how difficult it all must seem to real 'first time' learners.

Next time, Plain Hunting. 'What larks we shall have Pip'.

Geoff Peach