

THINGS to DO, PLACES to GO



Friday 3rd February 2006

Marstons Brewery Tour, 7pm - 10pm.

£6 each for the tour (including 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$ pints beer)

£4.95 each for the meal

Total cost £10.95 each

To book your place, please contact

Chris Willis. Tel: 01332 551672 or chris@chriswillis.freeserve.co.uk

Annual Dinner at Ashover Saturday 18th February 2006

The Peak District Secretary (Geoff Goodall) requires names of those attending and their choice of starter and main course by Monday 13th February.

The menu is available on the DDA web site and on the notice in your tower.

Striking Contest Heats on March 4th 2006.

Newhall for the Southern District,

Etwall for the Central District

Tea and results for both districts at Ticknall Village Hall at approx 5:00pm and evening ringing at Ticknall.

Draw to take place on the day

Tail End

Zebediah was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers, called pullets, and eight or ten roosters, whose job was to fertilize the eggs. Zeb kept records, and any rooster that didn't perform well went into the soup pot and was replaced. That took an awful lot of Zeb's time; so, Zeb got a set of tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone so that Zeb could tell, from a distance, which rooster was performing. Now he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report simply by listening to the bells. Zeb's favorite rooster was old Brewster. A very fine specimen he was, too. But on this particular morning, Zeb noticed that Brewster's bell had not rung at all!! Zeb went to investigate. The other roosters were chasing pullets, bells a-ringing! The pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover. BUT, to Zeb's amazement, Brewster had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one. Zeb was so proud of Brewster that he entered him in the county fair. Brewster was an overnight sensation. The judges not only awarded him the No Bell Piece Prize but also the Pullet surprise.

CONTRIBUTIONS for the next issue are needed by **February 10th 2006**. Please post to Jenny Booth at 51 The Plain, Brailsford DE6 3BZ, or e-mail to Strike Notes@derbyda.org.uk
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News, Information and Trivia for ringers in the Central & Southern Districts

LOOK TO!

Welcome to the first Strike Notes for the two districts that have replaced Derby and Ilkeston. The geographical area and the bell ringers within the area have stayed the same, so I'm not expecting a flood of new contributors each month. However, please drop me a line with any news about your tower or any interesting facts or trivia to share with the rest of us. I'm happy to accept handwritten, posted, e mailed or telephoned articles and news stories.

Hope to hear from lots of you soon!

Jenny Booth

Central Casting

At the ADM on the 7th of January the following Committee was elected -

Chairman	Mike Willis Allestree
Ringing Master	Luke Heaton Duffield
Secretary	Steve Harpham Mugginton
General Committee	Chris Willis Breadsall Mike Lilley Belper
Education Committee	Gill Hughes Belper
Bells Advisory Committee	Chris Booth Brailsford
District Committee	Sue Peach Belper Jenny Booth Brailsford

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Southern Secretary's Salutations

Happy New Year! Another year already, another term in office as Secretary and another issue of Strike Notes. Do please encourage everyone in your tower to read it, you never know what you may find, lots of info, news, reports, events etc.

The recent Annual District Meeting saw the change in boundaries and of course the district names. As you can probably tell from the above title the towers in the deaneries of Derby (N&S), Erewash, Melbourne and Repton are now in the Southern District.

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The officers elected at the ADM were as follows:-

Chairman	Rod Pearson Derby Cathedral
Secretary	Elizabeth Cotton Derby Cathedral
Ringing Master	Alec Humphrey Derby St Peter's
General Committee	Peter Browne Overseale Chris Gilbert Derby St Peter's
Education Committee	John Heaton Derby Cathedral Vacant
District Committee	Carole Browne Overseale Nick Daines Ockbrook Matthew Smith Sawley
Bells Advisory Rep	Pat Halls Derby Cathedral

The District has a vacancy for someone to represent us on the education committee. As the meeting could only find one person willing to stand it was proposed to defer this for discussion at the Striking Contest heats in March. In the mean time please can everyone have a think about whether they would like to take on this post, to find out more please contact John Heaton.

We had two members elected at the ADM. We welcome to the Association John Quarmby from Duffield and Ben Thorpe as a junior ringing member from Ockbrook. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

I learnt something new for the ADM. On the agenda we had presentation of

first peal and first quarter peal certificates. I knew they existed but how, when, where etc I didn't have a clue, so thought I had better find out. I have been enlightened, and if there is anyone who was like me and didn't know.... The person who conducts someones first peal or first quarter needs to send the details to Philip Mehew, Ashover tower, email certificates@derbyda.org.uk, he will produce a certificate and forward it to Pat Halls for presenting.

Don't forget the Brewery Trip, tickets available from Chris Willis, and the Association Dinner, tickets available from the secretaries. Coming up soon is the Barn Dance on 1st April, put the date in your diary for a fun evening, we will be seriously plugging sales soon.

Best Wishes

Lizzie Cotton

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The sharp-eyed among will have noticed that the Education Committee is a member short but we plan to co-opt someone, hopefully from a tower not mentioned above, in order to fill that vacancy in the near future. If you are interested in helping to organise our training days, please contact Gill.

The brewery visit (Friday 3rd February) and Barn Dance (Saturday 1st April) will be combined events with the new Southern District. We expect to continue this co-operation with some of the events we will be arranging for the rest of the year and Strike Notes will also go on as a combined Central and Southern newsletter.

That's all for now.

Steve Harpham.

Practice Night Possibilities

This time let's look at what you might like to try with four ringers present. Once again, ringing up and down either singly or in peal is useful depending on the stage reached by those at the practice. Practising leading, or making seconds, or dodging is also good. Dodging is excellent practice for method ringing generally. Many ringers do not work hard enough when they first start to dodge. Learners should be encouraged to let the bell rise to ring over another bell and then to pull in sharply to put the bell in the right place when dodging 'up'. Sometimes this is done over zealously and the bell clips the one ringing in front of it. Make sure the learner is listening to his bell at all times.

There are a lot of methods which can be rung on 4 bells. Plain Bob Minimus is an example. It is constructed in the same way as Plain Bob Minor: so the second bell leads, then runs out to the back then dodges 3-4 down, then leads, then goes to the back and dodges 3-4 up, then leads and makes seconds.

If your band can ring Plain Bob Minimus successfully, try ringing Reverse Bob Minimus. Instead of dodging when the treble leads, the dodges are done when the treble is at the back. All the bells plain hunt at the lead ends.

Pat Halls

So the second bell leads, then dodges 1-2 up. Then it goes to the back then down to the front again, then dodges 1-2 down. Then it plain hunts to the back, lies, then makes thirds, lies again, plain hunts to the front and hopefully rounds will sound!

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**Belloku
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