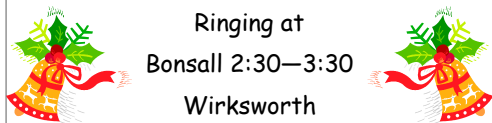


Carol Service

At
St Mary's Wirksworth

5.00pm Saturday 9th December



Ringling at
Bonsall 2:30—3:30
Wirksworth
4:00—5:00

After the Carol Service a dinner has been arranged at the Homesford Cottage Inn on the A6 between Whatstandwell and Cromford.

See notice in Tower for details of the menu and how to book a place.

Southern District

meeting

At Ilkeston

9th December 7:00—9:00

Annual District Meetings 2007

6th January Southern

13th January Central

Association Annual Dinner

At

Renishaw

17th February 2007

Strike Notes - HELP!

This month marks 5 years and 58 issues since I took over the job of compiling Strike Notes. During that time I have had superb support from a small band of regular contributors who have provided a steady stream of relevant and interesting articles. Even so, there are times when I have to spread the available content very thinly in order to fill up the space! So, I am looking for help to make SN more interesting and full each month. I would like one or two people from each district to help me to plan possible articles for future issues, using their knowledge of what is going on in the Districts, the ringers and what sort of things would be of interest them. Then to commission the articles from willing volunteers!

If you think you could help, please get in touch with me by phone, mail or e mail.

Jenny Booth

From "Have I Got News For You" of 10th November -

Cavers have discovered an enormous cavern, called Titan, at Castleton.

It is officially the biggest hole in Derbyshire — apart from Derby of course.

SH

CONTRIBUTIONS for the next issue are needed by **January 21st 2007**. 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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Quarter Peal Day 2006

The combined districts Quarter peal day took place on 18th November and this year was in the Southern District. There were 24 ringers from 8 different towers in the Southern District, 20 ringers from 9 different towers in the Central District and 7 other ringers taking part. Congratulations are due to those ringers who scored firsts of one kind or another, but particularly Chris Ebbern who was the only person to ring his first QP. Ten quarters were scored, three down on the last two years, they were:

Winshill, Plain Bob Doubles: Chris Willis 1, Barry Boulton (1st inside) 2, Elizabeth Heaton (C) 3, Mary Venables 4, John Heaton 5, John Britland 6.

Newhall, Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Antony Shaw (1st of TB) 1, Jackie Burns 2, Len Goodall (C) 3, Brian Tomlinson 4, Chris Gilbert 5, Pam Timms 6.

Alvaston, Plain Bob Doubles: Rod Pearson 1, Paul Lynch 2, Keith Woolley 3, Peter Sutton 4, Steve Harpham 5, Len Goodall (C) 6.

Overseal, Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Frudd 1, Carole Browne 2, Chris Gilbert 3, Mary Venables 4, Mike Willis 5, Alec Humphrey (C) 6.

Ticknall, Grandsire Triples: Louise Twigg 1, Elizabeth Arnold 2, Elizabeth

Heaton 3, Morris Bates 4, Lee Cooke 5, Mike Banks 6, John Heaton (C) 7, Chris Booth 8.

Aston on Trent, Plain Bob Doubles: Barry Boulton 1, Elaine Baines 2, Keith Woolley 3, Keith Baines 4, David Marshal (C) 5, Chris Ebbern (1st quarter) 6.

Repton, Plain Bob Major: Graeme Hughes 1, Peter Sutton 2, Linda Pelc 3, Eileen Goodall 4, Mike Willis 5, Geoff Goodall 6, John Thorpe 7, Arnold Morley (C) 8.

Spondon, Cambridge Surprise Minor: Peter Browne (1st of TB) 1, Teresa Vincent (1st of TB) 2, Steve Harpham 3, Jane Atkinson 4, Mike Banks 5, John Heaton (C) 6.

Ockbrook, Grandsire Doubles: Lewis Davenport 1, Debbie Dawson 2, Graeme Hughes (C) 3, Nick Daines 4, Neil Taylor 5, Peter Browne 6.

Sawley, Plain Bob Triples: Elaine Baines 1, Alec Humphrey (C) 2, Mary Cox 3, Morris Bates 4, Jackie Burns 5, Keith Baines 6, Peter Harris 7. Keith Woolley 8.

Alec Humphrey

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Secretary's Salutations

The next big event for the Southern District will be the Annual Meeting in January.

I do hope you will all be able to come along and support your district, tell the committee what you want organised and volunteer for some positions.

There are plenty of things you could be involved with. Matthew Smith has moved away from the district now, we thank him for his time on the committee during this past year but obviously he will not be seeking election at the ADM. There was an unfilled Education Representative post this year, the district is entitled to two reps, John Heaton is our current representative so please chat to him if you feel you would also like to represent the district.

I will not be seeking re-election as Secretary this year, so please think hard if this is something you want to do. If anyone is not sure what the Secretary does, I can quickly enlighten you; give me a ring or email. I am sorry I feel unable to serve the district for a longer period of time but hope there is someone out there who can do the post more justice than I can.

Please also have a read of Jenny's article about the future of Strike Notes.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Lizzie

First Dumb Quarter at Gordon Halls Ringing Centre

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on 24 November 2006 at the Gordon Halls Ringing Centre, Eckington, and is the first to be rung on the eight bells plus two dumb bells. With the bell clappers tied, the ten missing dings and dongs were provided by the tower computer and its speakers using inputs from sensors fitted to each of the wheels.

The dumb bells are effectively "bells" 6 and 8 in the "ring" of ten. Their ropes fall in convenient gaps within the existing ringing circle to form an acceptable ten-rope circle. By judicious application of mechanical theory, the dumb bells have been designed to have the correct dynamic characteristics in relation to their neighbours. Thus the swing times, wheel diameters and apparent weights are correct for their positions in the ringing circle resulting in their handling characteristics being indistinguishable from those expected of real bells. Happily the quarter peal confirmed this!

Alec Humphrey conducted the quarter and the band was as follows.

- 1 Peter Harris
- 2 Graeme Hughes
- 3 Len Goodall
- 4 Mike Willis
- 5 Gill Hughes
- 6 Mike Banks
- 7 Chris Gilbert
- 8 Jim Heading
- 9 Alec Humphrey (C)
- 10 Don Jones

Mike Banks

I Don't read it myself....

Have you ever had to explain to the editor of a national newspaper why you aren't a subscriber? At the recent PRO workshop at Melbourne that was the position I found myself in. Robert Lewis is however rather more accessible than the Fleet St tabloid hard cases so it wasn't too traumatic an admission. The subject under discussion was the Ringing World and how it is a useful tool in promoting ringing to the non-ringing public. I thought, as a paper targeting ringers, it would not be an effective medium for external publicity. I was wrong.

Firstly there are several regional news agencies that subscribe to the Ringing World and other specialist publications simply to find stories that could be sold on to regional and national press, radio & TV. This is why Ringers vertigo made the tabloids a few months back and why Attingham Church ended up ringing live on Midlands Today.

Secondly, get a good article published in the Ringing World about your local band / tower / event and then supply local Radio stations, Dentists surgeries or library with a free copy or two. People love to see local friends & family (and themselves) in the press. "Our Kev was on the front page yesterday" along with a copy to show off in the local pub / doctors / cafe can get the subject onto ringing. This can then be followed by "fancy having a go?" at a suitable point in the conversation.

So, get writing. The simple rules to follow are: Do as much of the journalists' job as possible. Make a Headline, tell a story and supply a

photo. Check your English & spelling. Finally - be prompt. News is now, not last month! Don't forget, email me at pro@derbyda.org.uk for assistance whenever you need it.

Chris Gilbert

Early Warning

Here is something for the 2008 forward planning part of you 2007 diary!

The next 'Ringing Roadshow' is to be a two day event in September 2008. Building on the success of previous Roadshows (the last one was at Newbury in 2005) the CCCBR Public Relations Committee is delighted to announce that John Anderson of the St Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham will form and lead an organising team for the next one. It will be at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire (home of the Royal Show) on **Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September 2008**. Please reserve these days in your diary now.

The name of the event may be changed and suggestions for a new title would be welcome.

It is a new venture to organise a two-day event and plans are very much in embryo stage at the moment. However, it is hoped that it will give an opportunity for more people to see the show, and a major social event and get-together is planned for the Friday evening. There are both camping facilities and an hotel on the site at Stoneleigh, as well as a range of good local accommodation off-site.

I have been to the road shows at Tewkesbury, Keele, Lincoln and Newbury. Each one was very enjoyable. So, make a note!

JMB