

3 Janet Foulds 4 Pat Halls 5 John Heaton
6 Elizabeth Heaton (C)
For Evensong, with thanksgiving for the Derby Diocesan Association in its 60th anniversary year.

Derby Cathedral

On Sunday December 17th 2006
A Quarter Peal of 1260 Doubles: 660 Plain Bob & 600 St Simon's
1 John Britland 2 Rachael Peckham
3 Elizabeth Heaton 4 John Heaton
5 Pamela Timms 6 Brian Tomlinson
Jointly conducted by 2, 3 and 5.
First away from cover for treble.
For Evensong and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Derby Diocesan Association.

Brailsford

On Friday December 29th 2006
A Quarter Peal of 1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Jenny Booth 2 Graeme Hughes 3 Gill Hughes (C) 4 Steve Harpham 5 Mike Banks 6 Chris Booth
Rung by members of the Central District to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Association.

Association Annual Dinner
at the Sitwell Arms Renishaw
17th February 2007, 7:00 for 7:30
Guest Speaker
Tim Joiner
(former Lord mayor of London)
Entertainment
(including a Magical Bell)
Tickets £22 from your District
Secretary or by phoning
01142484206
Final numbers and menu choice to be
made by Jan 27th

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It's a small world.

I started a new job on January 2nd and late last year the company invited me to their December team meeting and Christmas Dinner. Most of them I've known for years but, at the rather nice Chinese restaurant in Godalming, I found myself sitting opposite one of their newish recruits, Roger. I knew Roger was a ringer as on a previous visit to their offices he had been wearing a Guildford Diocesan Guild shirt.

He was telling me about the local towers when one of the other engineers, Lionel, who I've known for nearly 15 years, remarked his sister was a ringer at a church near Ashbourne. When I asked her name he said it was Mary Hall but I couldn't think of anyone in or around Ashbourne of that name. Seeing my puzzled expression he corrected himself as Hall was her maiden name and her married name was Connell. Mary Connell? Now before I went any further I asked him her husbands and youngest sons name; David and Simon he said. It was at this point that incredulity kicked in as David and Mary Connell live about 100 yards up the lane from my house at Weston Underwood! Mary was secretary at my kids primary school and I knew she had been a ringer at Mugginton after the bells were restored and augmented in '87. Simon, now at university, was still ringing when I started in '97. We've lived at Weston Underwood for 11 years and I had no idea Mary was Lionel's sister.

It was time for more wine.....

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New Ring of Twelve

Saturday 13th January saw the dedication of the ring of 12 (plus octave bell) at YOULGREAVE. Derbyshire can now boast two rings of twelve. If you wish to arrange to visit on a practice night, or take a band there for a ring or quarter peal please contact Youlgreave@derbyda.org.uk or the Tower Secretary.

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News, Information and Trivia for ringers in the Central & Southern Districts

Southern District ADM

The afternoon began with ringing at the three bells at Kirk Hallam. It was wonderful to see some local people had come along to have a look, maybe they will want to learn now. Here some ringers joined us from Hampshire, Weston-super-Mare and Bath. One was David Kelly from the Keltek Trust. Maybe they will have a suitable bell or two to augment them one day?

Off to Stanton by Dale where a visitor from Macclesfield joined us. He used to ring here a very long time ago and wanted to come back and ring them again. Also joining us here was a remarkable lady of 84; she was ringing the seventh once when I saw her. I hope I can be able to do that at her age. Then Long Eaton, I understand some people didn't manage to find the Church here, and finally Sawley.

Sawley were in an interregnum so Chris Gilbert's father in law, Canon Caney, had very kindly agreed to take the service for us. We had Sawley ringers involved with the service with Chris Ebbern playing the piano, Silvia Kemp reading and Jake Bull & Sam Stevenson handing out hymn and service sheets. Thank you all for your help.

After tea (thanks to Shelia Marshall and all those people who were persuaded to kindly make things for me), we had the ADM. The attendance book showed 39 people at the meeting, what a wonderful number. Before the meeting the Association handbells were rung by Alec Humphrey, David Marshall, Tim Peverett and Bob Smith.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman	Rod Pearson
Ringling Master	Alec Humphrey
Secretary	No nominations
General Committee	Chris Gilbert Paul Lynch
Education Committee	John Heaton Nick Daines
Rep to the Bells Advisory Committee	Pat Halls
District Committee	Susan Rhodes Ruth Smith

We welcome those new to the Committee and thank those retiring. Thank you to Peter & Carole Browne for your work over the past twelve months. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped and supported me in the role as Secretary.

I would like to welcome the new members elected at our meeting in December at Ilkeston. Susan Briggs from Chellaston and Christine Cope from Derby St Peter's. We look forward to seeing you at our events.
Next meeting is at Derby Cathedral on February 3rd 7-9pm.

Best Wishes
Lizzie Cotton

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Central District Secretary's Report 2006

Despite dire warnings from some about the viability of the new District arrangements, or perhaps because of them, the Central District has enjoyed a year of good events in 2006.

The year started with 2 events inherited from the old Derby District; the trip to Marstons Brewery on the 3rd of February and the Barn Dance on the 1st of April. A joint event with the new Southern District, the Pot-Luck Striking Contest at Brailsford on the 15th of July, was arranged and all 3 were well attended and very enjoyable. The joint Quarter Peal day on the 18th of November was of limited success with fewer quarters being scored than in previous years. A small number of Central members also attended the Peak/Chesterfield Districts' Carol Service at Wirksworth and the Christmas Dinner at Whatstandwell on the 9th of December.

Our first "solo" events, the Meeting at Doveridge/Tutbury in April and the Evening Ringing at Mugginton in June, were well attended, as was our other mid-week event at Ashbourne in October.

Other events, in particular the Meeting at Heanor, did not go so well and, although enjoyed by those who did take part, could have benefited from better publicity and a few more Members. Similarly, the Association Quarterly Meeting in July at Belper was low on numbers.

The 6-bell striking contests heats were held at Etwall on the 4th of March. Teams from Breadsall, Etwall and Sutton-on-the-Hill entered the Arthur Ashby Cup (call changes) with Etwall going through. Teams from Belper, Brailsford and Mugginton entered the Horsley Cup (methods) with Belper going through. The finals on the 6th of May were won by Overseal and Derby

Cathedral respectively. In the 8-bell contest on the 6th of October, the Central District team was placed 4th out of 5.

Central District Members were also involved in celebrations for the 60th Anniversary of the Association including a Peal, Quarter Peal and the Lichfield Mobile Belfry outside the Cathedral on the 9th of September.

Strike Notes continues to be ably produced by Jenny Booth and printed by myself and although Jenny has agreed to continue (with some assistance) into 2007, due to a new job I may not be able to print it for too much longer.

The District Committee met on 4 occasions during the year to arrange and review the programme but also to organise a survey of the Central District towers. The results of this survey were very interesting and led to some changes in emphasis for some events. These changes, and the success of the mid-week events, will hopefully be carried forward by the new Committee in 2007.

Finally my thanks go to all the Committee members for their hard work and to the incumbents of all the towers who have welcomed us in 2006.

Steve Harpham

Central District Committee members 2007

Chairman	Mike Willis
Secretary	Steve Harpham
Ringing Master	Luke Heaton
General Committee	Chris Willis
Education Committee	Gill Hughes
	Keith Baines
Bells Advisory Rep	Chris Booth
District Committee	Jenny Booth
	Sue Peach

A General Committee post was left unfilled.

Peals and Quarters rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Association.

An amusing anecdote about the Melbourne peal: when asked afterwards if it was his first on ten bells, Morris Bates replied that it was, and that he had thought it was going on for a long time - he thought he had been invited to ring a quarter!!

Duffield, St Alkmund

On Saturday 30 Sep 2006 in 2h 54 m

A Peal of 5088 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Composed by Sir AP Heywood

1 John R Booth

2 John V Chadwick

3 Gail Lilley

4 C Luke Heaton

5 W Arnold Morley

6 Mike Lilley

7 Robert J Marchbank

8 Paul Jopp (C)

Rung by members of the Central District to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Association.

Darley Dale St Helen

On Sunday December 3rd 2006 in 2h 50m

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples

Parker's 12 part, 7th observation

1 Peter R Humphrey

2 Emma Humphrey

3 Eileen J Goodall

4 Ian Duff

5 Geoffrey N Goodall

6 Philip Mehew

7 Richard L Taylor (C)

8 Simon Humphrey

By members of the Peak District to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Association.

Also to mark 120 unbroken years of ringing by the Taylor family of Darley Dale.

Melbourne, St Mary & St Michael

On Saturday December 9th 2006 in 3h 14m

A Peal of 5040 Plain Bob Royal

Arranged by Robert B Smith

1 Ruth H Smith

2 Morris Bates

3 Jane E Boden

4 Patricia A M Halls

5 Pamela J Timms

6 Elizabeth P Heaton

7 Peter Marriott

8 John E Heaton

9 Timothy J Peverett

10 Robert B Smith (C)

Rung by members of the Southern District to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Association.

First peal of Royal: 2.

Youlgreave, All Saints

On Sunday 19th November 2006

A Quarter Peal of 1259 Grandsire Caters

1 Simon Humphrey 2 David W. Camm 3 Philip

Mehew 4 Eileen J Goodall 5 Ian Duff 6 John

R Thorpe 7 Peter D Taylor 8 J Edward Dakin

9 Richard L Taylor (C) 10 Geoffrey N Goodall

By members of the Peak District to mark the 60th anniversary of the Derby Diocesan Association

Derby, St Peter

On Sunday November 5th 2006

A Quarter Peal of 1284 Plain and Little Bob Minor

1 Anne Humphrey 2 Christine Cope 3 Adrian

Wargate 4 Jane Temple 5 Chris Gilbert

6 Alec Humphrey (C)

By members of the Southern District to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Derby Diocesan Association.

Ticknall, St George

On Friday 10 November 2006

A Quarter Peal of 1259 Grandsire Caters

1 Jane Boden 2 Alec Humphrey 3 Peter

Marriott 4 Ruth Smith 5 Morris Bates

6 Chris Gilbert 7 Christian Peckham (C)

8 Nick Daines (1st on 10) 9 Bob Smith

10 Anthony Cotton

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Derby Cathedral

On Sunday December 10th 2006

A Quarter Peal of 1260 St Clement's CB Minor

1 Rod Pearson 2 Michael Maughan