



2008 Ringing Roadshow

Details are being circulated to all towers. Here are some highlights from the web site:

www.ringing-roadshow-2008.org.uk

Chris and I have attended the shows at Tewkesbury, Keele, Lincoln and Newbury. All have been very enjoyable. This year's, at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, looks to be the best yet—and it is very easily accessed from Derbyshire! Google maps reckons just over an hour from Derby, and one and a half from Ashbourne or Chesterfield. It is also going to be open for two days, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September.

Amongst the new items are an advice Centre, a Personal development zone and a number of trails—Fun, History and IT.

On each day there will be two handbell tune concerts given by the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. The HRGB will also be holding tune ringing workshops on each day. The world famous Dutch carillonneur Boudewijn Zwart has been engaged to play on both days of the show. Boudewijn will play his 50 bell Petit and Fritsen transportable carillon. To see and hear the carillon go to www.bellmoods.com.

The on-site restaurant will be selling hot and cold meals during the day. There will be smaller meals sold in the gallery restaurant in the main hall - sandwiches, hot meat baps and other snacks. Drinks-wise there will be a real-ale bar downstairs in the main hall plus hot and cold drinks (including bottled beer) available at the other outlets.

Ticket prices are: £8 per day for adults (Advance booking discount - tickets £6 if booked before 22 August). Under 16s accompanied by an adult are admitted free - proof of age may be required.

Jenny Booth

Returning by popular demand
CENTRAL & SOUTHERN DISTRICT QUIZ NIGHT

on
Friday 25th April, 8pm start
at

The Royal Oak Ockbrook
Tickets £5 (includes buffet)
Available from Nick Daines

All profits to the BRF

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Strike Notes

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

LOOK TO!

My first issue as compiler of Strike Notes was Dec 2001; this one is my last. Elizabeth Heaton has offered to take over from me—an offer very gratefully received. After 6 years and 65 issues, I've run out of steam! It's time for some new ideas.

It's been an interesting time. Each month there was always the worry - 'Will there be enough to fill it this time?' Very often the answer was YES! - so much that a great deal of innovative formatting and font tweaking was needed in order to squash it all in! I was very grateful to those stalwart contributors who either produced an interesting series of articles on a topic—always useful to fill a bleak month—or remembered to tell me when something of interest happened in their tower. Others, particularly the District secretaries, were very good at keeping up a regular flow of news.

A very big THANK YOU to you all.

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or the phone number and address in the annual report.

Please continue to support SN.

THAT'S ALL!

Jenny Booth

55th ANNUAL DINNER

This year's 55th Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Dinner was hosted by the Central District at Horsley Lodge.

Seventy six ringers, friends and family enjoyed a good meal and entertainment.

The guest speaker was Bob Smith, who drew on his considerable number of years among the bells, ringers and bell hangers, to share some of the more amusing incidents. (Did you know that Bob conducted the first extent of Major - 40,320 changes of Plain Bob Major. It was rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry in 1963. The band started to ring at 6.30 a.m. on July 27th and the peal came round 17 hours fifty-eight and a half minutes later in the early hours of July 28th).

The entertainer, Pete Castle was a folk singer. A 'Man of Kent' - or was it 'A Kentish man?'. The difference is very important to folk in that part of the world!

JMB

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SHROVETIDE PEAL



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The band at St Oswald's, Ashbourne rang a peal before the start of the town's Shrovetide football game on Shrove Tuesday morning as part of the town's Shrovetide celebrations.

The method was 5040 Grandsire Triples rung in 3 hours 10 minutes. The band were current Ashbourne ringers Kath Brown, Keith Woolley and Jackie Burns, former Ashbourne ringers Maurice Starkey and Canon David Sansum. They were joined by Jack Chadwick, Alec Humphrey and Bob Smith (C).



Central and Southern Quarter Peal Day

Saturday 17th November 2007

Belper (The Campanile)

1260 Bob Doubles:

Eliza Dawson 1, Caroline Peverett 2, Chris Gilbert 3, Paul Bradley 4, Luke Heaton (C) 5, Debbie Dawson 6.

Brailsford

1260 Steadman & PB Doubles:

Pat Halls (C) 1, Keith Baines 2, Elaine Baines 3, Chris Gilbert 4, John Heaton 5, Peter Browne 6.

Church Broughton

1260 PB Minor:

Pat Halls (C) 1, Linda Pelc 2, Jane Almond 3, Jackie Burns 4, Keith Baines 5, John Thorpe (C) 6.

Denby

1260 Grandsire Doubles:

Mike Willis 1, Betty Marshall 2, Jane Atkinson 3, Sue Peach 4, Elizabeth Heaton (C) 5.

Etwell

1272 Cambridge S Minor:

Richard Barnett 1, Jackie Burns 2, Alison Barnett 3, Jane Atkinson 4, Alec Humphrey 5, Jack Chadwick (C) 6.

Horsley

1260 PB Minor:

Pat Halls (C) 1, Morris Bates 2, Colin Shaw 3, Keith Baines 4, Mike Lilley 5, Tom Chillingworth 6.

Longford

1260 PB Doubles:

Ian Webb 1, Mike Lilley 2, Chris Gilbert 3, Keith Baines 4, Nick Daines (C) 5, Barry Boulton 6.

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Mayfield

1260 Double Oxford & PB Minor:

Keith Woolley 1, Peter Sutton 2, Maurice Starkey 3, Sue Peach 4, Chris Booth 5, Alec Humphrey (C) 6.

Osmaston

1260 PB Minor:

Lewis Davenport 1, Mary Venables 2, Linda Pelc 3, Steve Harpham 4, Paul Bradley 5, John Thorpe (C) 6.

Sutton on the Hill

1260 PB Minor:

Emma Chillingworth 1, Debbie Dawson 2, Steve Harpham 3, Eileen Goodall 4, Tom Chillingworth 5, Geoff Goodall (C) 6.

Tutbury

1376 PB Major:

Elaine Baines 1, Nigel Coupe 2, Chris Gilbert 3, Sue Peach 4, Elizabeth Arnold 5, Mike Lilley 6, Nick Daines 7, Alec Humphrey (C) 8.

David Potter

On Tuesday 12th February 2008, we rang a quarter peal of plain bob doubles at Brailsford to celebrate the life of David Potter who had died the previous week.

David had learnt to ring as a teenager in 1992 and was a stalwart of the Brailsford band for five years before moving on. Most of the quarters he rang were bob doubles—hence our choice of method. We were joined in the quarter by Alison Barnett, who introduced David to ringing via the scouts and had rung in his only peal, and Pat Halls, who had rung two quarter peals with him.

He made the spider for our ropes. It will have a brass plaque in his memory attached in the near future.

Brailsford, 12th February 2008

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Pat Halls 1, Mary Cox 2, Elaine Baines 3, Alison Barnett 4, Chris Booth (C) 5, Rex North 6.

Rung on the day of his funeral, to celebrate the life of David Potter who rang at this church as a teenager in the 1990s.

Church Curiosities



This Copper Ball, which it is said used to hold 60 gallons of ale, was brought from Boulogne in 1544. It was placed on the stump of Naseby tower in about 1780 and removed when the spire was completed in 1860.

It fell off its base outside the church door in 1980 after which it was moved to its present (and last?) resting place inside the church.