

# ldg NEWS

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**GUILD**  
**DINNER 2009**  
Sat 28 Feb  
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## GOT A RESOLUTION YET?

It was good to see some of you at the Guild AGM and the District AGM's I have managed to attend.

Congratulations to Jill Staniforth on her 80th Birthday in October and congratulations to all those who have achieved a first in a peal or quarter peal this quarter.

I would like to thank Mick Angrave and Garry Mason for

### EDITORIAL

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their work to organise the challenge week for the BBC Radio Leicester Presenter, Rupal Rajani. This resulted in a lot of publicity for ringing throughout the week of the challenge. Thanks also to all

the District and Guild Committee members who work hard to keep the Guild running.

Once again Christmas is upon us and it won't be long before it is 2009, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. Have you thought of your New Year's resolution yet? Why not make it ringing related? If you are having trouble thinking of one there are some ideas at the bottom of each page of this Newsletter.

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**Leicester Diocesan Guild  
of Church Bell Ringers**



## ANY NEWS?

The next issue of the newsletter is due out in April. It would be nice if we could have something from each district. Please keep articles coming in to me about things you are doing in your tower and district. Articles don't have to be long but the newsletter is a good way of sharing ideas and seeing what other districts are doing.

**RESOLUTION #1:** Hold a tower open day to recruit new ringers

# SCOUTING FOR RECRUITS!

## QUORN TOWER: 3Rs EQUIPMENT GREAT FOR PUBLICITY

Like many towers recruitment of new ringers is never far from our minds. In an attempt to encourage new ringers we invited the Scout groups within the village to a series of three sessions in September to demonstrate ringing and allow them to have a go.

An LDG Recruitment and Retention workshop had provided great food for thought about all aspects of recruitment and retention of ringers. In particular about attracting attention of potential ringers, so whilst planning the sessions with the scouts I immediately thought about the 3R's training equipment. A quick call to Jennie and soon everything was organised for the loan of the display board, recruitment leaflets, laptop and CCTV camera with projector and screen.

The use of the equipment couldn't have been simpler. On the evening of the first scout group visit, within 15-20 minutes the CCTV camera was setup in the bell chamber; it was an advantage having a tripod available to get the camera at a suitable height to get a good view of the bells. The Laptop was set up in the ringing chamber so the scouts could watch the bells while they were waiting for their turn on the end of the bell rope. The ringers who helped on the evening were also very



Quorn ringers with Scouts as part of their recruitment event

interested to see the bells in motion while they were ringing – this was a very rare opportunity!

In total approximately 35 scouts and their leaders joined us in the ringing chamber to learn about ringing, including a brief demonstration of rounds and call changes and everyone then had a go at ringing under supervision.

The three evenings with the scouts were a great success with everyone enjoying themselves and going away with a greater understanding of what is involved in ringing. We also have a few scouts interested in learning to ring, which is great news.

Whilst we had the equipment from 3R's we decided to 'take the bells into church' using the

CCTV camera system, this idea was received with great anticipation by all. The congregation were able to not only hear the bells ringing before the 10:30am service but also watch the bells with the projector and screen. This created great discussion in church.

We are now planning similar sessions in the New Year for the Guides!

Having the 3R's equipment made a real difference, thank you to the 3R's Committee for your support.

***For more information, please contact the 3Rs Committee – see Jennie Higson's details on the cover or visit [www.leicesterdg.org.uk/recruitment](http://www.leicesterdg.org.uk/recruitment)***

# SUPPER & GAMES AT AGM

GUILD AGM: ALL THE NEWS OF WHAT HAPPENED...



Jennie Paul  
Guild President

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**The Guild AGM took place in the Leicester District this year with ringing at Belgrave, possibly the last chance to ring there before the church is made redundant, and St Margaret's Leicester.**

A short service was held at St Margaret's and this was followed by tea and cake in church. The meeting started at 6pm and ran smoothly, except for the election of a new Guild Secretary. Initially no-one was willing to step forward to take the job on, fortunately in the end Carol Franklin said she would do it, thank you Carol.

We heard from each district, except Syston, about what they had done during the year and were pleased to hear that the Melton district had a new member!

A discussion took place about having a Guild six bell

competition or Ringing Festival as part of our activities, the meeting decided this would be a good idea and this will be taken further by the General Committee next year.

The BRF Committee are looking for new members; please consider carefully whether you can undertake this, don't dismiss it and assume someone else will do it, it is not a difficult job with only 3 or 4 meetings a year.

The Education Committee and 3Rs Committee have been busy this year with training days and quarter peals and talks and open days.

The Bells Committee has undertaken several visits to towers throughout the Diocese and has done its usual good job.

The BRF Committee will be available to advise and assist District Committees, in putting on

fund raising events when they are holding a social event or meeting.

John Cook is taking over the position as Editor of the Annual Report, thanks John. At the end of the meeting a presentation was made to Gail Harrison who has stepped down after several years doing a great job as Guild Secretary, thank you Gail.

After the meeting we all retired into the vestry for a Parlour Games evening run by Arthur Rees; the games were very well organised and it was obvious that a lot of time and effort had been put into them, thank you Arthur.

We also had a delicious hot supper provided by Carol and her helpers, thank you Carol. All in all it was a successful afternoon and evening. Thanks to all those who helped out.

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## HANDBELLS ARE BACK

The Education Committee have funded the refurbishment of the Guild Handbells. The work was undertaken by Taylors Eayre & Smith and the bells are now back in use. The handbells are used on a regular basis at the once a month handbell method ringing practices. If anyone would like any further information about these practices or the handbells please contact [president@leicesterldg.org.uk](mailto:president@leicesterldg.org.uk)



**RESOLUTION #3:** Make an effort to attend a district / guild event once a month

# PEALS & QUARTERS NOTEABLE SUCCESSES AROUND OUR GUILD

## **Knighton, St Mary Magd.**

Saturday 6th Dec in 45 mins

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Beverley Jarrom
2. Emily Tamhne
3. Nicky Mason
4. Garry W Mason
5. Ian Fraser
6. David G Carling
7. Christopher M Rudge (C)
8. Alexander J Skerritt

Rung to celebrate 30 years of the bells being augmented to 8 (previously a 5). First triples inside: 2.

## **South Wigston, St Thomas.**

Friday 5th Dec in 2 hrs 54mins

5058 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

1. Andrew F Aldrick
2. Ruth M Border
3. Michael Angrave (C)
4. Francis W Fisher
5. Roland H Cook
6. G Barry Brown
7. Neil W Harvey
8. Andrew W Harvey

Rung to celebrate the Oadby & Wigston Christmas Capers. Congratulations to Barry Brown on 60 years ringing. Happy 5th Birthday to Elissa Colburt, granddaughter of Mick and Lynette Angrave.

## **Leicester, 24 Deanery Crescent.**

Monday 17th Nov in 2hrs 20mins

5056 Plain Bob Major

- 1-2. Garry W Mason
- 3-4. David G Carling
- 5-6. Terry M Astill
- 7-8. Richard H Hopper (C)

To mark 50 years of ringing and remembering Tom Bent who taught him to handle a bell: 1-2.

## **Harwill House, Long Clawson**

Wednesday 29th Oct in 2hrs 10mins

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1-2. Garry W Mason
- 3-4. Trevor H Kirkman
- 5-6. Emma J Southerington (C)
- 7-8. John Adcock

An 80th Birthday compliment to Jill Staniforth.

## **Bellfoundry, Loughborough**

Monday 27th October in 2hrs 29mins

5040 Ragsdale Surprise Royal

1. Colin Aked
2. Raymond H Daw
3. Andrew F Aldrick
4. Canon David H Sansum
5. Carol I V Brown
6. Robert C Graves
7. Francis W Fisher
8. Ken Brown
9. Philip J Hudson
10. Frank R Morton (C)

Compliment to Jill Staniforth of Leicester Cathedral who celebrates her 80th birthday tomorrow.

## **St Martins Cathedral, Leicester**

Saturday 25th October in 3hrs 26mins

5007 Stedman Cinques

1. Roland H Cook (C)
2. David G Carling
3. Nicky Mason
4. Andrew Preston
5. John R Cook
6. Richard H Hopper
7. Terry M Astill
8. Howell J Williams
9. Murray A Coleman
10. Christopher M Rudge
11. R Kingsley Mason
12. Francis W Fisher

80th Birthday compliment to Jill Staniforth, ringer at this church for over 65 years.

## **St Martins Cathedral, Leicester**

Sunday 5th October

1259 Grandsire Caters

1. Nicky Mason
2. Angela Preston
3. Rebecca Lee
4. Jo White
5. John Cook
6. Richard Hopper
7. David Carling (C)
8. Stephen Franklin
9. Chris Rudge
10. Andrew Preston

First on ten: 3.

# COMPUTING NEW CHALLENGES

## Q&A: GUILD WEBMASTER ANSWERS OUR QUESTIONS

**Name:** Chris Rudge

**Home tower:** Leicester Cathedral

**Where did you learn to ring?:** St Denys, Evington

**Why did you learn to ring?:** To annoy my sister! She was among a group of youngsters in the church who were invited to ring. When asked if her brother would like to ring she said 'No'. I found out about this and, of course, then had to learn!

**Who taught you to ring?:** Richard Bennett

**How long have you been a ringer?:** 21 years

**What are your bellringing ambitions?:** That's a difficult one. I've rung a wide variety of methods, up to spliced surprise maximus, conducted peals and rung on some of the best rings of bells. It's great to have a challenge such as ringing a peal of eight spliced surprise major silent and non-conducted

or 23 spliced - both things I've tried, and failed, to do. However, perhaps I should look further ahead and have the ambition to ensure that there are still enough ringers when I retire from ringing so that they have the same opportunities that I've had.

**What are you most proud of in your ringing career?:** Being a member of the York Minister band whilst away at University. Ringing every week on one of the finest rings of 12 in the world within this great cathedral was very special.

**What is your favourite method?:** I enjoy ringing Bristol as I like the music but I reckon my best peal was one of Grandsire Caters.

**What is your favourite Guild event?:** Any district meeting where local ringers turn up, benefit from the help that more experienced ringers can give and realise that "The Guild" isn't quite as scary as they thought.

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**What are your other hobbies?:** I've always been involved with music having played various instruments, including the Church Organ. I sing in a small group called "Cantores Martini", just five of us performing a range of mostly unaccompanied music.

**What is your favourite food?:** A good curry.

**What is your favourite drink?:** How can a ringer say anything other than 'beer'!

**What is your day job?:** I'm Research Computing Services Manager at the University of Leicester. I look after a range of large computing systems used for scientific research such as simulations of black holes or comparing DNA sequences.

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# SOCIAL IS IN HAND!

The autumn social took place in October at the village hall at Oaks in Charnwood. Twenty five people attended, including several youngsters, and all were given the opportunity to try tune ringing and change ringing on handbells, Belleplates and handchimes. A fish and chip supper provided important brain food for this sometimes taxing, but fun evening.

### DISTRICT NEWS LOUGHBOROUGH



**JANUARY**

- Tue 6 District Meeting at South Wigston starting at 7.30pm Leicester
- Fri 9 District practice at Houghton from 7.30pm to 9pm Syston
- Sat 10 Meeting at Thurlaston (tea) & evening at Earl Shilton Hinckley
- Wed 14 District Practice at Loughborough Loughborough
- Sat 17 Bi-monthly meeting at Kirby Bellers. 7pm till 8:30pm Melton
- Sat 17 South Kilworth, tea & evening ringing at N Kilworth Harborough
- Wed 21 8-Bell practice at Aylestone - 7.30pm Leicester

**Sat 31 GUILD SOCIAL** hosted by the Hinckley District  
Beatle Drive at Sapcote Church Hall – look out for details!

**FEBRUARY**

- Mon 2 District Meeting at Countesthorpe starting at 7.30pm Leicester
- Sat 14 Narborough (tea) & evening ringing at Enderby. Hinckley
- Wed 18 Surprise Major Practice at Anstey - 7.30pm Leicester
- Sat 21 District Practice - Breedon and Worthington Loughborough
- Sat 21 Foxton, tea and evening ringing at Kibworth Harborough

**Sat 28 LDG GUILD DINNER 2009**

**Saturday 28th February**

**in the pleasant surroundings of Birstall Golf Club**

**6.45pm for 7.15 pm, Tickets £25.00**

**\*\* GUEST SPEAKER — MR STEVE COLEMAN \*\* ‘The Ringing Author’**

***Make it a social event for your tower and book a table!***

**MARCH**

- Sat 7 District meeting at St Mary de Castro Leicester
- Fri 13 District Practice - Appleby Magna Loughborough
- Sat 14 Leire (tea), evening ringing at Broughton Astley Hinckley
- Wed 18 8-Bell practice at Aylestone - 7.30pm Leicester
- Sat 21 Bi-monthly meeting at Asfordby. 7pm till 8:30pm Melton
- Sat 21 Catthorpe & Stanford-on-Avon, evening at Shawell Harborough

**APRIL**

- Sat 18 Gaulby, tea & evening ringing at Great Glen Harborough

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