

ldg NEWS

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WEDDING BELLES

This year has been and continues to be, a busy one for members of the General Committee of our Guild.

So far this year the Secretary, President and joint Web Master have got married - not to each other! - and the Librarian is due to get married in September! Congratulations to all.

EDITORIAL

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Another successful Maintenance training has taken place, anyone interested in attending further courses on maintenance or other ringing

related things should contact the Education Committee.

The Ringing Roadshow is nearly upon us. If you haven't been to one before, or even if you have, it is worth going. Check out ringingroadshow2008.org.uk for more details. When you're there, come and say hello to me on the Taylors stand.

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**Leicester Diocesan Guild
of Church Bell Ringers**

NEEDED: MINUTES SECRETARY



The successful candidate will be required to take minutes at 4 General Committee meetings, the AGM and the half yearly meeting and distribute them – via email – to the members of the General Committee. The only other task is to book rooms for the General Committee meetings from an existing list!

That's it! It is not a difficult job but it is one that needs doing.

Please contact me if you would be able to do this job, there must be someone out of 600 members of the Guild who can do it.

3Rs HAS GOT IT ALL

RECRUITMENT: WE ALL NEED TO GET OUT AND RECRUIT!

FIND LOTS MORE AT www.leicesterdg.org.uk/recruitment



All the 3Rs equipment is available FREE to Guild members, please use it!

Left to right: Projector, poster, laptop & camera, displays & banner, leaflet and using it all for a presentation

Without new recruitment, our brilliant and traditional art form will simply disappear. We need to be proactive in getting new ringers and then helping them to stay with us and share in all our good times!

To help your tower with new recruitment, the 3Rs Committee have a variety of display equipment for use at public events and a pack of vital resources for every tower – all free! The equipment has been used at many Guild towers for Open days, church fetes, talks to village groups and many more.

The essentials for beginning your recruitment are contained in the 3Rs 'Recruitment Starter Kit' – available from the committee. This contains:

- Professionally printed glossy poster

- Blue 'Bell Ringing' recruitment leaflet
- Green Leicester Guild leaflet
- Sample recruitment letter
- Guild Permission to Ring form
- Guild recruitment coaster
- 'I rang the bells' sticker

These should get your recruitment started and get you thinking about what more to do! More copies are available free from the committee, please do just ask!

The 3Rs Committee also has resources for church fetes, open days and more to give the general public an idea of what bell ringing is all about and how they can go about joining in. Currently we have the following resources for displays and also for use during a recruitment campaign

- Display boards (including display materials)

- Recruitment posters and leaflets
- Laptop
- CCTV Camera (use, with the laptop & projector, to show people your bells as they are ringing)
- Projector and Screen

If there is a church event or you are planning a tower open day or recruitment campaign – please contact us to find out more about the resources we can offer you.

These resources can also be used for talks to groups. If you have any local groups who may be interested, please let us get in touch with them! We also offer half day workshops to go through Recruiting and Retaining ringers.

For more information please contact 3rs@leicesterdg.org.uk or call Jennie on 01509 260234. There's lots more too at the website... www.leicesterdg.org.uk

3Rs Tip: Have you thought about organising a tower open day?

A BRIDE ON TIME!

GUILD PRESIDENT: JENNIE PAUL MARRIES ANDREW HIGSON

Big JT

Saturday 3rd May saw the wedding of Andrew Higson and Jennie Paul, both well known throughout the exercise not least as employees of Taylors Eayre and Smith.

The wedding took place at Jennie's home village of Harpole and the day began with a peal rung in fine style on the excellent Taylor six at All Saints Church (see RW p571) by a band including the Groom and various ringing family and friends.

The bride arrived on time looking radiant in a simple twenties style dress on the arm of her father Graham, who looked quite relaxed despite having to wear a tie. She was attended by Jude Platts, Louise Efford, Louise Higson and Grace Higson, and the ring bearer was Emily Higson. The service proceeded without incident, the congregation having been ably looked after by ushers Nic Paul and Don Higson. The readers were Judi Efford and Julie Woodhouse and during the signing of the register the congregation were entertained by Emily Higson on the piano and by the singing of Simon Brown, who joins Lichfield Cathedral Choir School in September.

The happy couple left the Church to the sound of very well struck Bob Doubles thanks to the rhythmic tenor ringing of Jennie's Uncle Alan. Further touches were performed, under the able management of Ringing Master John Thurman, by many of the various ringers in the congregation whilst photographer Dave Clarke ably marshalled the guests into various unfamiliar positions. When Dave had got what he wanted the Bride and Groom



Andrew and Jennie outside the church in Harpole

ascended the vertical ladder to the ringing platform to ring a few rounds.

After lowering the bells we all made our way to Harpole Old School Hall where over seventy guests enjoyed an excellent buffet accompanied by some quality ale from the Frog Island Brewery. At the conclusion of the meal, John Thurman put on his Master of Ceremonies hat and introduced the Bride's father. Graham made an entertaining speech, telling us a few stories about a young Jennie and also took the opportunity to invite Andrew to help with the washing-up now that he is one of the family!

The groom was non-committal with regard to washing-up but thanked all concerned with making the day a success, not least the bridesmaids and members of both families. Best Man's duties were carried out by Rowan Wilson, who had prepared in advance with some excellent pictures of Andrew looking youthful

and energetic. She regaled us with the usual tales of Andrew's student days and various painful experiences involving bicycles and, inevitably, beer.

With the formal proceedings over, another of Jennie's talented uncles provided entertainment. Dave Ballard performed well-known hits from the sixties until well into the night, whilst the assembled wedding guests made an effort to finish the beer and demonstrate their (lack of) talent on the dance floor. All too soon it was time to go home and reflect on a wonderful day with wonderful company.

I'm sure all the guests would like to thank Graham and Bridget Paul for their usual generous hospitality, to wish Andrew and Jennie all the best for the future and to thank them for inviting us to share their special day.

Orton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire
St Edith
Sunday, 10 August 2008 in 2h 37m
(8-2-0)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Graham R Hayward
- 2 Graham P Titley
- 3 Winifred M Warwick
- 4 Clive J Mobbs
- 5 Anthony J Rowan
- 6 Michael Angrave (C)

First peal on the augmented bells.
First peal of minor and first inside 2

Long Clawson, Leicestershire
Harwill House
Monday, 21 July 2008 in 2h10 (11)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composed by: E J Southerington
(#1)

- 1-2 Jonathan J F Stokoe
- 3-4 Trevor H Kirkman
- 5-6 John Adcock
- 7-8 Emma J Southerington (C)

First surprise major on an inside
pair: 5-6

To welcome Cameron James
Edward Peckham.

Leicester, Leicestershire
Cathedral
Sunday, 13 July 2008

1346 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus

- 1 Nicky Mason
- 2 Garry Mason
- 3 Pam Fisher
- 4 Dave Carling (C)
- 5 Anthony Fisher
- 6 Richard Hopper
- 7 Francis Fisher
- 8 Rupert Clarke
- 9 Andrew Higson
- 10 Nicholas Parr
- 11 Alan Jacques
- 12 Chris Rudge

750th quarter peal 7. First maximus
inside 5. Rung prior to service
attended by Bishops from around
the world in advance of the
Lambeth Conference

Loughborough, Leics
Bell Foundry Campanile
Monday, 30 June 2008 in 2h32 (6)

5088 Yorkshire S Major

Composed by: N J Pitstow

- 1 Raymond H Daw
- 2 Patricia A M Halls
- 3 Carol I V Brown
- 4 Colin Aked
- 5 Canon David H Sansum
- 6 Rev Reginald J Stretton
- 7 Philip J H Hudson
- 8 Francis W Fisher (C)

Conductor's 500th peal for the
Guild

Leicester

24 Deanery Crescent
Monday, 21 July 2008 in 2 hrs 25
(15)

5056 Plain Bob Major

Composed by: CK Lewis

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

Sproxtton, Leicestershire
St Bartholomew
Saturday, 3 May 2008 in 2h 50m (8-
2-15)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composed by: Ian R Fielding

- 1 Robert C Graves
- 2 Mark J Pendery
- 3 Alison M Harvey
- 4 Elizabeth M Griffiths
- 5 Andrew W Harvey
- 6 Terry M Astill
- 7 Neil W Harvey
- 8 Michael Angrave (C)

Specially arranged and rung to
celebrate the marriage of Mark
Boylan to Natalie Radford, later
today, at St Mary Magdalen,
Waltham-on-the-Wolds.

Coleorton, Leicestershire
St Mary the Virgin
Thursday, 10 July 2008 in 44
minutes (12-3-25)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Mike Tunnicliff
 - 2 Jonathan Moore
 - 3 Richard Clifton
 - 4 Terence Lord
 - 5 Colin Lord (C)
 - 6 Michael Davidson
- 2 First inside

Claybrooke, Leicestershire
St Peter
Saturday, 26 April 2008 in 2h 56m
(13-3-7)

5088 Bristol Surprise Major

Composer: Richard J Angrave
(No.3)

- 1 Graham R Hayward
- 2 Thomas W Griffiths
- 3 Alison M Harvey
- 4 Christopher T Sansome
- 5 Steven J Harvey
- 6 Neil W Harvey
- 7 Terry M Astill
- 8 Michael Angrave (C)

Rung to wish Frank Lapworth a
Happy 80th Birthday for Wed 30th
April.

Leicester, Leics
Cathedral Church of St Martin
Saturday, 26 April 2008 in 3h5m
(11)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Composed by: N J Pitstow

- 1 Pamela J Fisher
- 2 Gail L Harrison
- 3 Howell J Williams
- 4 Francis W Fisher
- 5 Paul M Atkins
- 6 Richard H Hopper
- 7 David G Carling
- 8 Christopher M Rudge (C)

Rung to celebrate the University of
Leicester's 50th Anniversary -
1,3,5,7 & 8 being graduates.
Engagement compliment to Angela
Franklin and Andrew Preston

GUILD NEWS
PEALS

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE TOWERS IN YOUR GUILD?

QUIZ: CAN YOU ANSWER OUR PUZZLING LDG QUESTIONS

PUZZLED! QUIZ

1. The leading peal tower in the country (Loughborough District)
2. A ground floor, chancel ring with a long draft (Melton District)
3. This 10 were unringable due to spire problems but are now back in action (Hinckley District)
4. At this tower, you go in the toilet to ring the tenor! (Harborough District)
5. The 14-2-1cwt 8 contains two bells cast in 1640 by Hugh Watts (Leicester District)
6. This 11-2-6cwt five are bells 1 to 5 of a ring of 6 (Syston District)
7. Most Easterly tower in the Guild (Melton District)
8. The home tower of the Guild Ringing Master (Harborough District)
9. This 21-2-14cwt 10 were augmented by having two new trebles and a new tenor in 2006 (Loughborough District)
10. This 18-3-5cwt 10 has two Dutch bells in it (Harborough District)
11. Most Northerly tower in the Guild (Melton District)
12. Where is the Ringing Centre in the Guild? (Harborough District)
13. This is the first entry in Dove's Guide (Melton District)
14. The 7-3-3cwt 6 were all cast by Taylors in 1952 (Syston District)
15. The lightest ring of 12 in the Guild (Loughborough District)
16. Most Southerly tower in the Guild (Harborough District)
17. Most Westerly tower in the Guild (Hinckley District)
18. Where can you cross a bridge to reach the tower? (Harborough District)
19. Which tower has an anticlockwise four? (Harborough District)
20. Where is the most confined ringing room? (Loughborough District)

Answers at the bottom!

If you get less than half marks, you need to get out and about to more ringing meetings!

LOUGHBOROUGH District has just launched their new website, which can be found at www.loughboroughdistrict.org.uk

DOWNING Street Petition, along the lines of if people complain about an existing activity (i.e. bellringing) after they have recently moved in to an area, their complaint is overturned. Sign it at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/livewithit/>

1 Bellfoundry, 2 Long Clawson, 3 Sapcote, 4 Gaulby, 5 Lutterworth, 6 Cossington, 7 Buckminster, 8 Great Glen, 9 Ashby de la Zouch, 10 Market Harborough, 11 Bottesford, 12 Oadby, 13 Ab Kettleby, 14 Wanlip, 15 Lockington, 16 Catthorpe, 17 Orton-on-the-Hill, 18 Medbourne, 19 Tugby, 20 Grace Dieu

3Rs Tip: Visit the website for tonnes of recruitment and retention information and goodies



SEPTEMBER

Fri 5, Sat 6	RINGING ROADSHOW Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, www.ringingroadshow2008.org.uk	
Wed 10	District practice at Sileby from 7.30pm to 9.00pm	Syston
Sat 13	Meeting at Orton with tea and ringing at Sibson	Hinckley
Wed 17	8-Bell practice at Aylestone - 7.30pm	Leicester
Fri 19	District striking competition, Great Bowden, 7.30	Harborough
Sat 20	Meeting at Stathern. 7pm till 8:30pm	Melton
Sat 20	Advanced Training Morning at Hathern	Loughborough

OCTOBER

Wed 1	District meeting at Evington starting at 7.30pm	Leicester
Fri 10	District practice at Thurmaston, 7.00pm till 8.30pm	Syston
Sat 11	Handbell Social & Tea - Oaks in Charnwood	Loughborough
Sat 11	Congerstone, tea & ringing at Market Bosworth	Hinckley
Wed 15	Surprise Major Practice at Anstey - 7.30pm	Leicester
Sat 18	Meeting & tea at Billesdon, plus evening ringing	Harborough
Sat 25	Guild AGM Guild AGM hosted by the Leicester District with ringing at Belgrave and St Margaret's, Leicester	

NOVEMBER

Sat 1	Braunstone and Kirby Muxloe starting at 11am	Leicester
Sat 8	Sapcote followed by Scouts Bonfire and Fireworks	Hinckley
Tue 11	District Practice at Thurnby, 7.30pm to 9.00pm	Syston
Sat 15	Melton District AGM - Melton from 6.30pm	Melton
Sat 15	District AGM – Whitwick	Loughborough
Sat 15	Lubenham, tea & ringing at Market Harborough	Harborough
Wed 19	8-Bell practice at Aylestone - 7.30pm	Leicester
Sat 29	District AGM. Ashby, Peatling & Gilmorton	Leicester
Sat 29	District AGM at Barrow Upon Soar	Syston

DECEMBER

Sat 13	District AGM at Burbage	Hinckley
Sat 13	District Christmas Social. Details TBC	Harborough
Wed 17	Surprise Major Practice at Anstey - 7.30pm	Leicester

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