



COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

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NEXT DEADLINE

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Peggy Thornton

Peggy Thornton, who rang at Warwick for many years, died on June 2nd, only 6 weeks after her husband, John. The following quarter was rung in her memory.

Warwick, St Mary Sunday,
7 June 2009 in 49mins (25cwt)
1259 Grandsire Caters

1 Ruth Border	6 David Leafe
2 Jane Rogers	7 Simon Rogers
3 Annie Hall	8 Philip Sealey
4 Lucy Gwynne	9 Chris Mew (c)
5 Karen French	10 Geoff Randall

Rung for evensong and also in memory of Peggy Thornton, ringer at this church for over 40 years, who died on June 2nd.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 2009

1st Warwick District Outing - Cropthorne, Gt Comberton & Elmley Castle

SEPTEMBER 2009

5th Warwick District Meeting at Sutton under Brailes & Brailes
5th Kids in Charge - Harry Windsor Ringing Centre
12th Rugby District—Quarter Peals
26th Ringing Competition Final - hopefully at Exhall

OCTOBER 2009

3rd Guild Quarterly Meeting and Inter-District 8-bell Competition - Whitnash, evening ringing at Warwick, St Mary
10th Rugby District—Pub Lunch - Dunchurch

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NEWSLETTER

JULY 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So, you have elected another Michael to the President's chair; more about this later. After a five year rest from attending meetings of the Guild Committee it was good to find that the Guild is still in good heart, although very little has changed, except that it was good to see some new and sometimes younger faces as we prepared for the July Quarterly Meeting.

As one of my first official duties as President of the Guild it was a pleasure to attend the official dedication, by the Right Reverend John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick, of the three new bells at St Peter's Church, Kineton on Sunday 28 June. These form part of the Harry Windsor Ringing Centre where much good work is being done by Graham Nabb and helpers in training ringers. Worth a visit.

My Penguin Book of Facts says: Michael means "Like God".

You have been warned!

Michael Gray

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Ringling Competition Heats Results

Warwick District Ringing Competition

This was held on Saturday 2nd May 2009 Lighthorne. The judge was Mike Dew.

Method Section

- 6: Studley with 30 faults
- 5: Lillington with 11 faults
- 4: Ilmington with 2.5 faults
- 3: Kineton with 2 faults
- 2: Warwick with 1.5 faults
- 1: Southam with 1 fault

A really close competition well done Southam. Southam and Warwick go forward to the final

Call Change Section

- 3: Lighthorne with 62.5 faults
- 2: Whitnash B with 42 faults
- 1: Whitnash A with 10 1/2 faults

Whitnash A and B teams go forward to the final

Tom Houghton

Coventry District Ringing Competition

The Coventry District Ringing Competition Heat was held at Wolvey on May 16th. John Fisher stepped into the breach to be the judge after the original judge had to drop out at short notice with a small problem. Many thanks go to him. The results were:-

2. Are there ringers in your tower who would be willing to help with any of these courses or Workshops? (please give names & phone numbers)
3. Are there any other subjects you would like to see covered?
4. Would you like to have any special method Practices? If so which methods?
5. Have you ringers that would benefit from coaching on handling any subject
6. Are there any ringers able to assist with weekday or evening practices to help others progress? (please give names & phone numbers)
7. Do you have any teenage (or below) ringers who could join
 - 'Kids In Charge'?
 - Quarter Peals

Quarter peals are a vital part of consolidating learning and marking achievement.

1. Do you have anyone in your tower who would like to ring a quarter peal (e.g. first inside, first in method or as conductor) but help is needed for him or her to do so? What help is required?
2. Do you have ringers who can help ring quarters for other towers? (please give names & phone numbers and advise if available during weekdays or just evenings/weekends)

Please respond in order that we know what you want and we can begin to build up a training programme. If you don't respond – please never complain!

Please respond to:-

Graham Nabb, 12 Glosters Green, Kineton, CV35 0LT –
graham@nabb.orangehome.co.uk

The Harry Windsor Ringing Centre

Grandsire

There are true touches for Grandsire given in the Ringing World Diary and most books. From what you have read in this article you should be able to write out the plain courses for doubles and triples noting which rows are in and which out of course. Doubles is very easy to call round, although the touch may not be true. For backstroke call the 4th into the hunt and out of the hunt with the 5th at the back using either a bob or single to put the 2nd into the hunt. Rounds is at the Treble backstroke lead. To call round at hand again call the 4th into the hunt and out of the hunt with the 2nd at the back. Use a bob or single to put the 3rd into the hunt and rounds is the next lead at hand.

I hope you enjoy trying something a little different

TOG

Tower Needs Survey

Please help Graham Nabb to provide the right courses for the needs of the Guild by completing this questionnaire—copy available on the website!

Tower

1. How many people in your tower would be interested in taking part in the following courses.
 - Raising & lowering in Peal
 - Conducting
 - Bell handling Discussions & Practical
 - Practical Rope Splicing
 - Bell Handling Teaching demonstrations
 - Tower leadership discussions
 - Leading up & down in peal
 - Bell Maintenance
 - “Bring your learner” evenings
 - Basic method Construction
 - Listening Skills

Method Section

- 7: Stoneleigh with 37.25 faults
- 6: Wolvey with 33.75 faults
- 5: Warwick University/Honiley with 23.75 faults
- 4: Allesley with 21.5 faults
- 3: Bulkington with 19 faults
- 2: Stoke with 17.5 faults
- 1: Cathedral with 13.5 faults

Call Change Section

Stoke were the only entrant and received 22 faults

Well done to all on what was the best turn out in many a year!

Rugby Deanery Ringing Competition

The Rugby Deanery Striking Competition took place at Clifton on Dunsmore on Friday 19 June. Four towers entered teams, two ringing call changes and two ringing method. The competition was judged by Geoff Wells, from Coddington near Newark.

Winners of the Monks Kirby Rose Bowl, ringing call changes, were Monks Kirby with Church Lawford placed second. Bilton won the Newbold Cup for method ringing, with Brinklow second.

Congratulations to the winning teams and thanks to everyone who took part. The judge commented that he would be happy for any of the teams to ring at his tower on a Sunday as the standard was so good!

Janet Dew
Rugby Deanery Secretary

Kids In Charge



Teenager or below?

Come and ring with your mates not "The Wrinklies".

Join us for our fun practices and tours.

Ringling normally at St Peter's Kineton on the first Saturday of the month other events every few months – check first!

Contact Graham on 01926 641812
 graham@nabb.orangehome.co.uk

The Harry Windsor Ringing Centre
 - part of The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers
 A CCCBR recognised Ringing Centre



107	107
23456	23456
B 23564	S 32564
36245	B 32645
B 36452	B 32456
65324	25364
B 65243	56243
B 65432	S 65432
53624	53624
32546	32546
(24365)	(24365)

Plain Bob Triples

After an odd number of leads both Treble leads are out of course and they will both be in course after an even number of leads. This means that a touch can be brought round at handstroke after an even number of leads with bobs only or an even number of singles but an odd number of singles will be required to bring the touch round at hand after an odd number. Also the 7th must be in 7th place and this occurs after an even number of leads so, if bobs are called at IN and/ or OUT there must be an even number of these. Alternatively an odd number of singles means that the Treble leads will be in course after an odd number of leads and so an odd number of bobs at IN and/ or OUT are also required so that the 7th is at home after an odd number of leads. Sample touches are:-

111	139	237	
234567	234567	234567	567423
S 325746	B 235746	352746	645372
273654	B 237654	B 357624	S 463257
762435	S 326475	563472	B 462735
S 674523	243567	645237	674523
756342	452736	426753	756342
537264	574623	274365	537264
325476	S 756342	B 273546	325476
(243657)	537264	752634	(243657)
	325476		
	(243657)		

Plain Bob Doubles

I have shown two leads for this as at the first lead end the treble handstroke lead is in course, as are the previous 8 changes and the backstroke is out of course. At the second lead these are reversed. A plain course consists of 4 leads and this means that there are 20 changes in course and 20 out of course. Since a bob does not change the in or out of course then singles are not needed to produce an extent of 120 changes.

For rounds at either handstroke or backstroke the 5th must be in 5ths place and this is usually after 4 leads but the handstroke lead is out of course and so rounds at hand cannot be achieved with an even number of leads. To achieve 5ths place after an odd number of leads there must be an odd number of calls for the 5th to run in or out, as each of these calls extends the course by a lead. Below are two touches that come round at handstroke (false of course).

69	109
2345	2345
B 2354	3524
3425	B 3542
4532	5234
B 4523	B 5243
5342	2354
3254	3425
(2435)	4532
	B 4523
	5342
	3254
	(2435)

Plain Bob Minor

You will see that the changes are in pairs alternating between in and out of course and for each position of the Treble the changes are the same- either in or out. This means an extent cannot be rung without singles and 360 changes will be rung between singles of which there can be many, not just two. Since both Treble leads are in course then to call round at handstroke singles are not needed but, if they are used, there will be an even number. Below are some touches both without and with singles.

Harry Windsor Ringing Centre

There are more and more courses at the Ringing Centre, e.g. Tower Captain's course, Maintenance Course. These are now being added to the Guild Events page of the website as they arise. Please keep checking the website and looking in the newsletter for details.

Courses already planned are:-

Maintenance Course—November 21st 2009, starting at 11am

- Health & Safety whilst working amongst the bells
- Identifying problems – what to look for & when to call in the experts
- Frame tightening and preservation
- Maintenance Schedules
- Sound Control
- Problem solving – striking, sound, rope wear, stays, looseness, lubrication etc.
- Examination of two very different installations
- Plenty of opportunities for Q & A's

Teaching & Tower Management - January 30th 2010 10.30 for 11.00am

- Teaching & Coaching -Pip Penny.
- Child Protection – Chris Mew.
- H & S & Complaints - Robert Wood

Each of these are nationally acknowledged experts in their fields

More detail about these courses are available from Graham Nabb, contact details on the previous page.

From The Quarter Peal Columns

The following was taken from quarter peals rung within the Diocese and printed in the Ringing World from the first week of April to the first week of July.

First inside has been rung by Victor Smith (Walsgrave). First Minor has been rung by Andrew Barker (Bilton). First Triples has been rung by Anna Patullo (Lillington). First Major has been rung by Marion Scales (Allesley). First as conductor has been completed by Isobel Murphy (Shotteswell).

Two quarters (at Rugby West Tower and Clifton-on-Dunsmore) were rung in memory of Graham Forester. Two quarters were rung at Warwick St Mary in memory of John Thornton and one at the same tower in memory of Peggy Thornton. All 3 of these people were long serving members of their local bands.

Enjoy your quarter peals through the warmer months of 2009.

Simon Rogers

First Peal on the 8 at Kineton

Kineton are not a frequent visitor to the peal columns. Only four peals were rung on the 6. As part of the augmentation/ringing centre scheme sound control has been installed and this allowed an attempt to ring the first peal on the octave. This was successfully completed on the day of both the dedication service and the Patronal Festival. The details are:-

Coventry Diocesan Guild

Kineton, Warwickshire, St Peter

Sunday, 28 June 2009 in 2h 45m (10)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Composed by: Joseph J Parker (12 part)

1 Susan E Marshall	5 Geoffrey W Randall
2 Graham Nabb	6 Nicholas D Gunn
3 Simon P Rogers	7 Richard I Allton (C)
4 Michael Chester	8 Robin B Green

First peal on the bells since augmentation, rung for Patronal Festival, and to celebrate the dedication of the 3 new bells by the Bishop of Warwick. First on 8: 6

Guild Accounts 2008

In this edition of the Guild newsletter you will see the version of the accounts that was approved by the AGM held in Coventry on April 25th. On close inspection you will see that these accounts are different to those published in the Annual Report so the following brief explanation should clarify the situation.

Because the Annual Report is sent out to members as early as possible, and the last item prepared for the Report is often the accounts, the accounts are usually sent for publication before they have been independently examined. This year was no exception and in fact the independent examiner was given all of the books, papers etc on the very same night that he received his Annual Report which effectively meant that the accounts were there in print before he had a chance to look at them.

On looking at the accounts Colin Sharp (independent examiner) noticed one or two errors and also pointed out to me that in several places the accounts should have been prepared in a different way. It is probably fair to say that we ended up agreeing to disagree over one or two points and the accounts as published in this newsletter are therefore the final versions (as signed off by Colin and accepted at the AGM) - and also something of a compromise.

Partly as a result of the problem of getting the Report out as fast as possible, and the difficulties that has led to this year, from next year the Report will be published in two parts - a directory (published as early in the year as possible) and a reports section (published for the AGM). This should mean that the accounts will be prepared and examined well in advance of the AGM.

Also, at the AGM, a new independent examiner was elected so it is appropriate that I should thank Colin Sharp for his work and advice over the last 12 years as independent examiner. Thank you Colin!

Simon Rogers (Treasurer, Coventry DG)

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS, BELL REPAIR FUND

Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31-12-08			
2007 £	EXPENDITURE £	2008 £	2007 £
	Donation - Bilton (Centenary Bell)	5153.00	P.C.C. Affiliation Subscriptions
	- Bilton	2000.00	Donations
	- Warwick	700.00	Donations in memory Harry Windsor
	- Stoneleigh	100.00	Gift Aid - Inland Revenue
	- Kington (H Windsor Memorial Bell)	3440.00	Stalls/ Catering
	- Kington	1900.00	Suplus on Guild Teas/ Meeting Raffles
	Donations 2007	-----	Sale of Calendars
			Sales of Novels Garments, Cards, Books, CDs
			Draw Club
			Ringings Bookshop
			Barn Dance
			Skittles Evening
			Other Events
			Transfer from General Fund
			Building Society Interest
4821.79	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-----	Excess of Expenditure over Income
7321.79		13293.00	

Balance Sheet at 31-12-08			
2007 £	LIABILITIES £	2008 £	2007 £
36187.25	Balance at 1-1-08	41009.04	COVENTRY BUILDING SOCIETY
-----	Excess of Expenditure over Income	8639.65	Cash at Bank
4821.79	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-----	Cash in Hand
41009.04		32369.39	

Simon Rogers (Hon Treasurer)

Colin Sharp (Independent Examiner)

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Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31-12-08			
2007 £	EXPENDITURE £	2008 £	2007 £
35.54	Officers' Expenses - Secretary	135.70	Subscriptions - Coventry District
28.87	- Treasurer	10.06	- Rugby Deanery
-----	- President	-----	- Warwick Archdeaconry
25.16	- Coventry District	7.08	- Unattached
70.55	- Rugby Deanery	48.48	- Late/ Early
260.56	- Warwick Archdeaconry	242.60	- Non Resident Life
68.79	- PREducation	39.74	Inland Revenue - Coventry/ Gift Aid
279.47	Annual Report	78.32	Peal Fee Surplus
322.30	Ringings World Notices	175.92	Sale of Reports
80.00	Central Council Subscription	80.00	Sale of Badges
-----	Guild Library	348.45	Building Society Interest
252.52	E.I.O. Insurance	258.83	Draw Club
650.00	Members Insurance	650.00	Centenary Dinner - Provision Not Required
500.00	Transfer to B.R.F.	500.00	-----
164.75	Miscellaneous	70.00	
-----	Provision for Annual Report 2007	300.00	
810.96	Excess of Income over Expenditure	548.94	
3549.47		3494.12	

Balance Sheet at 31-12-08			
2007 £	LIABILITIES £	2008 £	2007 £
7380.57	Balance at 1-1-08	8191.53	COVENTRY B.S.
810.96	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-----	Cash at Bank
8191.53	Excess of Income over Expenditure	548.94	Cash in Hand
614.00	Creditors	8740.47	Ringings World Credit
217.20	Chadchunt Maintenance Fees	371.00	Payment in Advance
9022.73		9368.67	Sundry Debtors

Simon Rogers (Hon Treasurer)

Colin Sharp (Independent Examiner)