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EDITORIAL

On the 27th April the Guild Striking Competition will take place at Stoney Stanton. Your Guild Committee have thought long and hard how to attract more teams and hope that a call change competition might have the desired effect. It is a friendly and relaxed event so why not persuade six members of your tower to come along and give it a go. The longer days are now with us, for the next few months anyway, so why don't you use the opportunity to attend an extra practice or one of the several district events which occur each month.

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NO LONGER WITH US

Margaret Butterfield

26th July 1929-1st December 2018

Margaret was born and brought up in the farming community of Bampton Cumbria and trained as a State Registered Nurse at Carlisle infirmary and after moving to Leicestershire became a clinical nurse teacher at Charles Frears school of Nursing.

In 1953 she married Des and in the subsequent years they had three daughters Anne, Alison & Joyce.

In 1966 the family moved to Sapcote where Alison and Joyce were taught to ring by Michael Brown.

In the early 70's Michael was looking for new recruits and embraced the challenge of teaching Margaret & Des plus Alma & Denys Harvey who were all in their 40's.

Everything Margaret did in life she liked to do well and was a proficient and reliable ringer. She rang several quarter peals and could always be relied upon for Sunday service ringing.

In 1984 Margaret retired from nursing and opened Langdale House residential home in Sapcote in partnership with fellow ringer Valerie Goode of Earl Shilton which they ran very successfully for many years.

Margaret was a life member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of church bellringers and always took a keen interest in ringing in general even after she was unable to ring herself being wheelchair bound for the last 20 years. In later years, she attended the Guild dinner on several occasions.

Her joy was obvious when three of her grandchildren became proficient ringers.

Margaret passed away on December 1st 2018 after a gradual decline in her health over past months.

A memorial service for Margaret was held at All Saints church Sapcote on Thursday 20th December when a well struck course of Bristol Major was rung immediately before the service by her family and friends- she would have been delighted!

A.M.H.

Keith Oldham PhD MA was a founder member of a new band which was formed when St Catharine's bells were augmented and rehung in 1978. The bells had been in storage at Taylors for some time; there were no ringers remaining in the village. Thurnby came to the rescue and taught a new band which included Keith and his wife Isabel.

Keith died suddenly on January 10th 2019 aged 83 years. He had attended practice the previous evening. A loyal and supportive ringer.

Gwenyth Tyler

The Revd Edward John Green

The Bishop announces the death of the Revd John Green aged 83 on 19 January 2019.

John was ordained in 1959 and served his curacies in Coventry and Leicester. He was then Vicar of St Christopher in Ellistown in 1965, before moving to be Vicar of All Saints Wigston and St Wistan in 1973 until he retired in 2000. He continued his ministry with the Bishop's Permission to Officiate.

He leaves a widow, Frances and two grown up children.

Revd John's funeral was held at All Saints Wigston Magna on Friday 15th February 2019.

Ian Selvey-Willars.

Ian was born in Leicester in 1940 and had all his education at Mill Hill Boys School. Then he went to the Leicester School of Building where he studied for the RICS exams and qualified as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor. Ian was a keen cyclist and a member of the Leicester Cyclists Touring Club where he met his future wife Heather. When they married they set up home at Blaby. There Ian developed a love of Vintage cars and especially Alvis cars, of which he had quite a few over the years., But it wasn't until they subsequently moved to Billesdon that he and his elder daughter Joanne learned to ring bells, taught by Geoff and Norman Geary.. Ian became a keen ringer and later became Tower Captain at Billesdon.. Then came a move to Cornwall, to Penpol near Truro, and while Ian was there initially, starting his new job, Heather learned to ring without Ian knowing, taught by Tony Parker. They joined the ringers at Perranaworthal and later on Ian became Tower Captain there. Ian rang 5 Peals and many Quarter Peals during his ringing years.

Ian and Heather lived happily in Cornwall for some 20 years, at one time driving their Alvis from Land's End to John o' Groats, waved off by the Bishop of Cornwall!. They returned to Leics. to be nearer the family, and thereafter Ian rang at many Towers, helping out where needed, at Saddington for some time, and at Great Glen, where he had rung for Morning Service on the Sunday before his very sudden and unexpected death on the Monday morning.

Ian was a kind and loving family man and a good friend to many.

He will be sadly missed, and we send our heartfelt condolences to Heather and the family.

Dilys England

SNIPPETS

Swithland bells were successfully removed on 11th February prior to departure to Whites of Appleton as part of the restoration project.

Richard Bimson

“DING! DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH, IN HEAVEN THE BELLS ARE RINGING”

As we approach the great feast of Christmas, and the end of 2018, I take this opportunity to give tribute to all ringers, willing volunteers, who give your time and skill selflessly week on week throughout the year. And what a year it's been!

In December last year, I shared some “New Year’s Resolutions” for 2018, thus:

- To recruit and develop new learners and new leaders
- To engage maturely with the Church and other relevant stakeholders
- To continue to raise positive public awareness of ringing

Looking back on the past 12 months, I feel confident in saying that we’ve embraced these aims wholeheartedly. Recruitment has experienced a massive boost, our “external relations” go from strength to strength, and we’ve had a bumper year of media attention – print, radio, TV and social.

Thank you!

Further, I offer my thanks to all those involved in the work of Central Council at whatever level. The call for reform, begun at Portsmouth in 2016, came to a crescendo at Lancaster in May this year. A strong vote of approval ushered in new governance and new structures, aimed at creating a more agile central body more responsive to the needs of ringers and ringing today. A good start has been made, and this excellent work continues. I am grateful for the way in which so many involved in Council’s activities have responded so positively to these efforts. If only the UK government could demonstrate such unity!

Still, it’s important to deliver on one’s commitments. For 2019, much is in the pipeline. Look out for the release of “Dove 11”, version 1 of the Framework for Method Ringing, a refreshed CCCBR website, further work on “leadership studies”, youth engagement, health & wellbeing, and more. My hope for the new year is to build on our recent successes, maintain focus on areas for improvement, and deliver tangible benefits and services across our widespread ringing community.

As Christmas bells call out across the land, may they bring us together in solidarity to share the pleasure of our art. Let’s continue to ring with precision, passion and purpose:

“Pray you dutifully prime, your matin chime you ringers!”

Christopher O’Mahony

President
The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

NEGLECT AND IT’S PROBLEMS

A few years ago I wrote an article for Gedney Church Magazine entitled "Neglect and its Problems" and in it I featured, as an example, St Marks, Leicester. The passing of John Jelley last year reminded me of this, as John was one of the few of us remaining who had actually rung these bells. The date was February 15th 1958 and this is the story.

North tells us and I quote, "The total weight of this fine ring of bells (the gift of the munificent founders of the church, W. Perry-Herrick, Esq., and the late Miss Herrick) is 96cwt.2 qrs. 20lbs; the Key E flat. The cost was about £960" The bells were cast by the Taylor foundry in 1872, yet by the time I commenced ringing in 1946, were apparently unringable, yet the last peal, one of Double Norwich was rung as late as 1920, I was fascinated, my interest stimulated by tales of old Leicester ringers who had rung there. "What were they like?", I asked old Walter Tanser at St Margarets. "Why" he replied, "like St Johns". Sydney Harrison, who, sometime before the 1939-1945 war had approached the then vicar, Rev. Canon Linwood-Wright about the bells but was rebuffed, described the Canon, rightly or wrongly as an "unringable vicar." This then was the situation when early in February 1958, Geoffrey Brewin and myself approached the then current incumbent with view to at least chiming the bells as the Queen passed during her visit to Leicester. He agreed and so, on February 15th 1958, a Saturday, a dozen or so of us entered and saw the appalling state of the bell chamber.

My lifelong friend, the late Michael Brown describes the scene in his 1998 letter to Goulburn-more than 6" dung, pigeons, no ropes and missing shrouds on some of the wheels, which we "replaced" by nailing on hardboard. One of the bells had no stay, but the frame and headstocks were in good condition. Late in the afternoon we had done our best to clean up, lubricate the bearings and fit temporary ropes. Then with some of us observing from the frame each bell was carefully pulled up with no apparent problems. I guess that after all the work, thoughts of chiming went out of the window and off we went into Bob Major only to have No 6 cast wheel which curtailed our activities.

Later during the following week Peter Staniforth, Michael Brown and myself attended a meeting called by, we assumed the vicar. Instead we were confronted by an "unringable churchwarden". I cannot recall meeting, during my life, an individual so completely negative about bells and ringing. The man was bigoted where bells were concerned. Given by the donors of the church meant nothing-the bells were, he said "playthings". We removed the ropes and as far as I am aware these bells were never rung again at St Marks, although Kingsley Mason, in a recent telephone conversation, described a later effort to repair the wheels, which due to unforeseen circumstances was never completed.

So why did "this fine ring of bells" deteriorate so extensively? We do not know though there are a few possible causes. I suspect that Linwood-Wright, though not "unringable" had little or no interest in his bells. I also doubt whether St Marks ever had an enthusiastic resident band of ringers-some of the names on the peal boards now at Goulburn, Josiah Morris, George Cleal, John Buttery, William Wilson, were not, as far as I know, resident ringers at St Marks. That last peal in 1920 also coincided with the recasting of the bells at St Margarets, so it is possible that interest moved there thus resulting in the decades of neglect which followed at St Marks.

I wonder how many of us are still alive who witnessed that Saturday of all those years ago. I can only recall Geoffrey Brewin but there may be others. As for dear old Walter Tanser and "unlike St Johns", I'm afraid not as cast in 1872, St Marks bells did not benefit from Taylors "five tone principal of tuning". However, they were good, rather more tuneful, I thought, than the other lost eight at St Saviours. And as for our Queens visit, as she passed St Marks the tower was unfortunately silent.

Post Script :-Kingsley Mason has informed me as follows, "Using a grant of £50 from the LDGBRF the wheels were removed and repaired, a good job but taking a long time for completion. During this interval the Priest in Charge at St Marks was not offered a permanent position there and so could not authorise further work" The repaired wheels were taken to and left on the sill behind Nos 5 and 6 bells where they remained unused until the bells were finally removed from the tower. So ended the saga of St Marks, yet another example of the lost heritage of Leicester.

John Bennett

WYFORDBY BELLS



The Two Bells are taken down at Wyfordby.

Wyfordby is so small that, unless you spotted it from the train between Melton and Oakham, you could be unaware of its existence.

Apparently, during the 19th century, in excess of 200 families lived in the village but the small number that remain today are spread out, mainly towards the neighbouring village of Brentingby, the church of which was converted to a dwelling house some years ago.

The church in Wyfordby, dedicated to St. Mary, was probably built in the 13th century. Apart from a slated area at the east end of the building the roof is in a sorry state thanks to visits from thieves who have removed the lead. A temporary covering of black plastic just about suffices in keeping out the worst of our weather until a more permanent repair can be done.

It was well over twelve months ago when George Dawson (Diocesan Bells Advisor) contacted me to advise that the Diocese would be issuing an emergency faculty to remove the two bells for safekeeping. He added, "The Parish doesn't have the requisite funds. Could the Bells Committee do it?" I gave a positive reply and waited for notification that the emergency faculty had been issued.

The months passed with no news but, at last, George announced that the administrative requirements had been completed by the Diocese and we could proceed with the removal. Principally the Bells Committee visits churches with bells and makes a record of what we find in the tower. Over the years we have moved the odd bell but, on this occasion, we needed expertise and this was kindly provided by Andrew Higson.

We visited the church last summer and found that the birds had arrived well before us and settled in for the long term. The local lady and our contact, Julia Hawley, agreed to arrange removal of the debris and, by late autumn, we received the green light to begin removing the bells.

Fortunately, Monday 14th January 2019 was dry, not too cold and occasionally sunny. Sue and I arrived at Wyfordby church to find that Andrew and Arthur Rees were ready to start. Julia had kindly sent one of her farm trailers to collect the necessary equipment kindly loaned to us by Taylors Bell Foundry so, without more ado, work commenced.

There are few jobs where the unexpected fails to stall progress and this was no different. However, Andrew displayed his resourcefulness and, by lunchtime, the bells had been lowered

without incident from the tower and were left on the trolley to await transfer to Taylors where they will remain in storage.

There is much work to be done to the church with the intention of making it a facility for the local community. There is also every intention of rehangng the bells for chiming some time in the future. Finance remains the problem so the bells will have to take their turn.

The two bells of Wyfordby are very old. The smaller of the two bells was cast around 1400 by Johannes de York whilst the tenor was cast around 1520 by the Seliok family. Both weigh around two hundredweights. Both bells had half wheels and, not unexpectedly, the fittings were in an extremely poor condition.

I look forward to the day when they can return home.

GWM

BELL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Date: 11 May 2019

Reference Code : NOR110519MAIN

Location :- All Saints & St Peter's, Northampton, Northamptonshire,

Price :- £10.00

Event description :- Find out more about Bell Maintenance workshop.

TWO ART TEACHER COURSES IN LDG AREA.

Module 1 - Day Course

Date: 22 June 2019

Location: Hathern, Leicestershire & Rutland

Reference Code: HAT22619M1

Module Description: Find out more about Module 1

Tutor

Moira Johnson @mjohnson2

Tony Croft @tcroft (Shadowing)

Request to attend this Day Course

Please use the link below to request a place on this Module 1 - Teaching Bell Handling Day Course.

<https://smartringer.org/m1dc/28476/>

For further information about this Day Course, please contact the ART Administrator via the Contact Directory. Please quote the Day Course reference code HAT22619M1.

The Day Course has a cost per delegate of £20.

Module 2C - Day Course

Date: 29 June 2019

Location: Hathern, Leicestershire & Rutland

Reference Code: HAT29619M2C

Module Description: Find out more about Module 2C

Tutor

Moira Johnson @mjohnson2

Tony Croft @tcroft (Shadowing)

Request to attend this Day Course

Please use the link below to request a place on this Module 2C - Teaching Elementary Change Ringing Day Course.

<https://smartringer.org/m2dc/28477/>

For further information about this Day Course, please contact the ART Administrator via the Contact Directory on SmARTringer. Please quote the Day Course reference code HAT29619M2C.

The Day Course has a cost per delegate of £20.

Tony Croft

LEICESTER D.G. – ANNUAL GUILD DINNER

The main requirement for a dinner is good food and the caterers at Leicestershire County Cricket Club again excelled themselves with the tasty fare provided.

It is always gratifying to the organisers to have a good turnout and we almost reached 80 this year, so well done to all those who supported the occasion.

A Guild Dinner requires a least a little ringing and Roland Cook, ably supported by Terry Astill, John Adcock and Stephen Aldridge treated us to three well struck leads of Kent Treble Bob Major. Very enjoyable.

After the various 'toasts' the Archdeacon of Leicester, The Venerable Richard Worsfold, responded to John Adcock with an interesting speech about the relationship between ringing and the church.

Our guest speaker was the Reverend Trevor Kirkman who, in addition to his many 'day' jobs is vicar of Plumtree in Nottinghamshire, a supporter of Notts County, a keen rugby fan and a very gifted bellringer, both tower and in hand. Trevor's witty speech was pleasantly interspersed with tales which kept his audience amused

The final 'turn' was our Guild President, Mark Pendery. He reminded us that the 'Guild' is actually quite active as we all do our bit to ensure that the next generation continue the art that gives us all so much pleasure.



The formal bit concluded and Alison Harvey presided over the draw for the raffle and the 100 Club. Last year attendees were invited to roll a pound coin at a bottle of Scotch Whisky. It was successful and worth repeating. Suffice to say that the raffle and the rolling of coins raised £250 for the Bell Restoration Fund.

A lovely evening was concluded with mingling and 'catching up' with old friends. However, these occasions do not happen by accident. Our Guild secretary, Carol Franklin, does a tremendous amount of hard work to ensure that the evening is not only a success but runs without a hitch. Thank you Carol, for a job well done. I am sure the Guild Committee will demonstrate their appreciation by asking you to arrange the dinner in 2020.

GWM

AROUND THE DISTRICTS

Hinckley :-

Following my recent election to the position of District Secretary I have had to hit the ground running. Along with our District Committee I have had to get to grips with planning a calendar of events for 2019/20. I have created a contact e-mail list for the District to enable me to publicise as widely as possible our events and, as a result, fell foul of the frankly quite ridiculous GDPR regulations. Any way all is now well and sorted, so not only do I now send e-mails to many people, but our meetings are on Bellboard, The Guild Website and Facebook page. This publicity is reaping rewards as we had 25 people at our January meeting including a visitor from Keighley, 33 at our February meeting, with visitors from Hampshire and Lincolnshire, and where we were able to elect 4 new members all from Stoney Stanton, and 26 at our March meeting with a visitor from Bedfordshire.

I know this is often said, but it bears repeating and writing down, we could not continue ringing at District Meetings without the help and support of Incumbents, Tower Correspondents and the dedicated few who brave the kitchens to provide the most excellent repasts enjoyed by all. Our grateful thanks go out to them all.

The Hinckley District has come out fighting in 2019 in continuing the traditional format of a District Meeting, and I hope it will continue so to do for many years to come. Keep an eye out across all the different social media platforms and if you are at a loss on the second Saturday of the month why not come and join us. In April we plan to be at Wolvey and Burbage. Our May meeting is the annual Picnic and Walk, we will be walking around Thornton Reservoir, for the more athletic, and ringing at Ratby and Markfield. Please pray for good weather on 11th May.

Keep those backstrokes pulled in, and good striking to one and all

Martin Mellor

Leicester :-

As had become our custom towards the end of 2018, we started the year with a couple of quarter peal attempts on the first Saturday. Unfortunately one was lost but the second was successful, being Lewis's first of Lincolnshire SM. For the first meeting of the year we joined the South Wigston ringers at their practice. An enjoyable evening with twenty ringers present and the locals given the opportunity to extend themselves. In February Garry & Lewis ran a Plain Bob morning at Newton Linford which proved very successful. Two days later we joined the Blaby band for their practice. A wide variety from rounds to London was rung and a number of the band made it to the Bakers Arms for a well earned pint afterwards. In March the focus practice returned to St Margaret's and successfully rang two quarter peals allowing Rebecca Odames to ring her first of Treble Bob and Rebecca Bullingham to ring her first of S. Major. This month we journeyed to Groby for their Tuesday night practice which Lewis ran. Again, we achieved London S. Minor alongside providing an opportunity for the local band to try something new.

Dave Carling

Loughborough :-

The Grand Old Duke of York

He had 10,000 men,
He marched them up to the top of the hill,
...and marched them down again!

This was my experience of ringing-up and ringing-down training, undertaken on a sunny winter Saturday morning at St Peter's in Copt Oak.

On arrival, I was perplexed by the fact that there were only four students, yet there was around a dozen regular ringers and an instructor (the very able Phillip). I thought there would be lots of students and one instructor,

but then realised to give us a chance of ringing up and down successfully, we needed experienced volunteers to handle the other bells.

Starting off with one student and five experienced ringers we all took our time trying to ring up and down in peal.

It's fair to say that all of the students could ring up and down proficiently on their own (although with some rope handling issues on the way down in my case) but doing so in peal was a major challenge. However, we kept at it and after an hour, two students were ringing each time round so we could squeeze in more rope time.

By the end of the session we were all much improved, if not sufficiently so to ring up or down successfully in peal. However, we all had a grasp of the theory, had enjoyed a lot of practice attempting to regulate the rate of acceleration or deceleration of the bell and had received the benefit of numerous hints and tips from everyone there.

On return to Wymeswold I followed one other bell "up" perfectly the next morning at Sunday ring – something I had never achieved before.

This training must qualify for the highest teacher/student ratio of any exercise in the country! It's a good job ringers are such a generous lot – especially with their time.

On behalf of all the trainees, a big "thank you" to all the experienced ringers who turned out and gave up their Saturday morning marching up to the top of the hill, only to march back down again.

Jim Aitkenhead

Melton :-

This year we have had meetings at Stathern in January, Somerby in February and Ashby Folville in March. All have been well attended by District members and we'd like to thank a good turn out of visitors from other Districts who come along and helped the ringing at these events.

We had an attempt at a quarter peal of Stedman at Twyford in late February, after a couple of false starts we seemed to be progressing well but a small error tripped us up and we were forced to retire to 'The Saddle' for pizza and beer to console ourselves .

The bells at Ashby Folville have been very active recently with local practices starting up on Thursday evenings when we have enough people who can make it and several Surprise Major quarters being rung successfully by Melton District band (plus a few friends).

In the next quarter note that the meeting at Asfordby is the 2nd (not 3rd) Saturday of April to avoid Holy week and the June meeting will be a cycling tour of the Vale of Belvoir (you can do it by car if you wish!) - details to be published soon for that.

Pete Brown

Market Harborough :-

The lure of a warm fire and Six Nations on the telly often means that the February district practice is a sparsely attended event. So this year we tried something a bit different. We decided to hold the practice on Saturday morning, rather than the more usual afternoon or evening, then go on for a pub lunch. Peatling Parva was the venue, and around 25 ringers came along for all or part of the practice. It was particularly good to see some new faces. After 90 minutes of ringing, ranging from call changes to surprise minor, twenty of us moved on to The Shires, just along the road, for lunch. A drink (or two) and some excellent food ensured lively conversation, and a chance to catch up with all the gossip. The general view was that this was an excellent way to spend a cold February morning, so it is likely to become a regular feature of the calendar and we were still home in time for Six Nations kick off!

Congratulations to Dan Iliffe who rang his first peal in January – Yorkshire Major at Kibworth. Also, since the last Newsletter, Lydia Redman rang her first quarters of Grandsire Doubles (Kibworth), St Simon’s Doubles (Oadby) and Grandsire Triples (Gilmorton); Ben Davies rang his first of Grandsire Triples (Gilmorton); Hayley Williams rang her first away from cover (Gilmorton); Dan Iliffe also rang his first quarter of spliced surprise major (Gilmorton).

Syston District

The District again failed to elect any Officers for 2019. There is some activity amongst small groups in the district as we regularly see the facebook posts and it was good to see the district represented at the dinner. The Gen Sec is sending out Guild emails and will collect the subs for 2019 if you have not completed a standing order. However, the Guild Officers are concerned that you are not receiving information about practices and events to support your ringing. Would your tower like to receive emails from a neighbouring district so that you can join in? if so, please let me know at secretary@leicester.org.uk.

CNJF

MESSAGE FROM YOUR GUILD SECRETARY

Membership

I have just completed the membership list for 2018. It is great to note that our numbers are now over 700! However, we have far more than 700 bells to be rung in the Diocese so more ringers are always needed. I have also noted that we have a number of ‘Life Ringing Members’ and members born before 01.01.48 that we have not heard from for a long time. Perhaps you would like to write something for the newsletter or join the facebook group to keep up with the latest news?

CNJF

PROGRESSING RINGERS

The Progressing Ringers' group has continued to meet once a month for extended practice of basic methods including Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. We have also covered some Surprise 6/8 methods as the need and opportunity has arisen and try to accommodate any learning request where possible. We have a number of regular attendees and it is good to see their progress and development over time - but new faces are always extremely welcome. This event is open to people across the guild who feel they might benefit so please come along if the event is in your area. Let me know if you would like to be included on our mailing list. We have also been wonderfully supported by our experienced ringers to whom we are very grateful.

Here are the upcoming dates for those who like to plan ahead: We would like to extend the range of towers we use for this event so if you are captain of an 8-bell tower anywhere in the guild and would be interested in taking a booking from the Progressing Ringers, please get in touch; heathermorris@tiscali.co.uk

Apr 27 th	Aylestone
May 25 th	Hathern
June 29 th	Ashby Folville
July 27 th	Barwell
Aug 24 th	Kibworth

Heather Morris

RISING RINGERS

Since the last Newsletter two meetings have taken place on Saturday 22nd December – Social event at Leicester Cathedral/St Margaret's and 26th January 2019 at Sapcote.

It was a pleasure to welcome members of the Derbyshire Young Ringers to Leicester Cathedral and St Margaret's for a social gathering. Ringing took place first at the Cathedral and then at St Margaret's followed by a tea and quiz. Some very good ringing was produced with several people ringing for the first time on 12 bells and then 14 bells!! An excellent tea was organised by Carol Franklin. There followed a quiz hosted by Lewis and Kiera. A very close run contest with a Market Harborough team emerging as the final winners after a tie break question.

We will continue the monthly meetings during 2019, the dates are as follows. Please attend if you can.



March 23rd Ashby Folville
April Half Yearly Meeting Stoney Stanton and Sapcote
May 11th Kibworth youth team
May 25th Measham
June 22nd Aylestone.

Mark Pendery



Leicester Diocesan Guild HYM
Saturday 27th April 2019

2:00-4:00 pm Striking Competiton at Stoney Stanton

4.00 Open Ringing at Stoney Stanton

4:30 Service at Stoney Stanton

5:15 Tea at Sapcote

6:00 Results and HYM at Sapcote

Followed by Ringing at Sapcote

Please send names for tea to Alison Harvey on 01455 371562
(100club@leicesterdg.org.uk) by Thursday 25th April.

Details of the striking competition have been sent separately.