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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. APRIL 2010

News from late Feb and March:

100 club February 1st Alan Payne £10, 2nd Pam Cook £5 March 1st Messingham tower £10, 2nd Cathy Andrews £5

Northern Branch

Matt and Lorraine met the Archbishop For photo see the Guild web site. The ringers at St. James ,Grimsby, together with support from Waltham ringers, were pleased to be able to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury with all ten bells ringing out, on Sunday March 7th when he presided at Morning Service. Work began on building St. James in 1114, on the site of an earlier church, and this was the first ever visit to the church by an Archbishop of Canterbury.

Sally Hewitt rang her first QP of Maximus at Barrow, Debbie Scarf rang her first blows of Bristol and Cambridge in the same QP, as did Barry Peachey who also conducted it. Don Kitching rang his first QP of Major at Barton.

West Lindsey Branch

During their QP month Sam Cook and Julian Cowan rang their first QPs away from cover. Philip Scarf and Rae Todd rang their first QPs on 8 and their first of Surprise major. Adam Sleight rang his first QP of Surprise. David Justham conducted his first QP. Malcolm Sargeant has rung his first QP of minor.

Central Branch

Ron Everett rang his first QP. A band rang a QP of 25 surprise major at Washingborough – an excellent test of memory!

Eastern Branch

Gemma Evans conducted her first QP which also celebrated her 18th birthday. There was a good turnout at Boston for their Branch practice. Some people still had enough puff to go up onto the roof to admire the view of the town.

Southern Branch

Ben Bogosian rang his first QP, and Madie Anne Bogosian her first inside in the same QP at Sempringham. Bill Croft rang his 250th peal for the Guild. Philippa Stokoe conducted her first peal at Deeping St Nicholas. It was in 3 plain minor methods which was most methods for Bryany Bartram.

Guild Raffle. Please support this by selling as many tickets as possible, draw to take place at the AGM.

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme allows listed churches to reclaim VAT on maintenance and repair work to the fabric of their buildings, including bells. Many towers have benefitted from this and have saved significant sums of money on work at their towers since the Scheme came into effect. It is due to expire in March 2011, but the Church of England and English Heritage have joined forces with other interested bodies in a campaign for it to be extended. There is a petition available for signing on the 10 Downing Street website. It can be found at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/VAT-refundscheme/>

Diary for April

April	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
4	SB			Start of QP week	
6	midweek	Dunholme	6	Hexham	14.00 – 15.30
10	EB	Wigtoft	6	Practice	19.30 – 21.00
10	CB	Waddington	6	Practice	19.00 – 21.00
14	midweek	Wragby	6	Practice	10.30 – 12.00
17	WL	Scotter	6	Rabbits comp, followed by Quiz, supper	16.00 - 18.00 18.30 onwards
17		Washingborough	8	S Major practice	10.30 – 12.00
17	NB	Barton		Social, bring own drinks	18.30 – 20.30
20	Midweek	Stow	8	Water	14.30 – 16.00
21	S Lincs Weds gp.	Glington Peterborough St Mary	6 8	Bourne, Grandsire Rutland, Stedman	11.00 – 12.30 14.30 – 16.00
24	Guild AGM	Lincoln Cathedral Dunholme Hackthorn	12 6 6	Ringing Holy Communion AGM Lunch Ringing Dunholme Hackthorn Cathedral Evensong Cathedral	09.30 10.00 11.00 12.30 14.00 15.00 16.30 – 17.30 17.30 18.30 – 19.30

Ringing for St George's day 23rd April – how about trying to organise a quarter peal?

I didn't receive a great deal of feedback after the first newsheet, but what I did get seemed to be fairly positive. Please don't forget to print this out for your towers, especially where you know some ringers don't have the internet. Once again, I apologise for anything I have missed. If you want something publishing then you must let me know. **If you don't normally get to the AGM, please give it a go this year. In a big Diocese like ours it is a good opportunity to meet up with people from across the county, and all members are encouraged to attend. Why not make up a carload with some others from your tower? Hope to see you there.**

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