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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY APRIL 2022

### 100 club:

£10: 98. Jonathan Clark £5: 74. Harold Gibson

As the 100 Club year is almost at an end, Alison will be contacting members in the next few weeks regarding renewals. There are still some numbers not taken, so if you would like to join, please get in touch. (Contact in the Guild Report)

### Guild AGM

Details of the AGM on April 30th in Lincoln will be circulated via branch secs and be on the Guild website soon. The Northern Branch are kindly organising lunch at the Bailgate Methodist church hall (where the meeting will be held) and would like an idea of numbers asap. **Please email Mark Giddings with numbers.** [nb.ldgcb@gmail.com](mailto:nb.ldgcb@gmail.com)

### News from March:

#### Southern Branch

The Branch meeting at Witham on the Hill on 26 March included opportunities for some to ring changes for the first time in a couple of years, and for others to ring up to London S Minor. The Ringing Master overcame audibility problems of conducting wearing a mask by using a voice amplifier to help keep the bells right with good effect. It was good to meet up with some not seen since before the pandemic. It was very pleasant sitting in the sun outside the tower between rings, and afterwards for a drink at The Six Bells.

Two QPs of Cambridge Royal were rung at Grantham, one in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and one to mark the 1302th anniversary of the death of St Wulfram (Covid prevented the 1300<sup>th</sup> to be marked,) 4 new methods were rung and named in peals at Sproxton – Crawcrook Alliance, Gilsland Delight, Lintzford Alliance, many congratulations to Sylvia Bird – it was her 800<sup>th</sup> peal and Milestone Alliance which was named because it was Tony Walker's 500<sup>th</sup> peal and Keith Brown's 900<sup>th</sup> peal. Very well done to them. A peal of 7 delight methods was rung at Sproxton – a birthday treat for the conductor, Jim Benner. A QP of Kent and Oxford at Folkingham was a birthday compliment to Mark Mumby. It was a busy month in the branch – 2 further QPs were rung – at Irnham and Billingbrough.

#### West Lindsey Branch:

A peal of PB Major was rung at Stow and was a 1<sup>st</sup> of major and inside for Alyson Blanchard. Paul Curtis also circled the tower. A QP of Grandsire Triples rung at Gainsborough was a birthday compliment to local ringers Stephen and Janet Clarke. Well done to Suzanne Timmins who rang her 1<sup>st</sup> QP inside and of minor at Scotter. A peal of 7 surprise minor was rung on handbells, the band enjoying being able to ring al fresco again.

#### Elloe Deaneries Branch:

At Whaplode a QP was rung for their Civic Service and also a peal of 7 Surprise minor was rung which was a 1<sup>st</sup> in 7Sm for Luke Tobin. A QP of Kent and Oxford was rung at Fulney in solidarity with the brave people of Ukraine.

#### Central Branch

QPs in solidarity with the people of Ukraine were rung at St Mary le Wigford and at Potterhanworth. 2 QPs were rung at Potterhanworth to thank the Keltek Trust for their work, tower donations were sent to the Trust funds. A peal of Welbourn Surprise Major was rung half muffled at Welbourn in memory of Fran Brealey, churchwarden and benefactor of the bells. (see previous issue) A QP at St Giles Lincoln was lost but 640 changes of St Giles S. Major were rung to mark the centenary of the founding of the original St Giles temporary church. It was a 1<sup>st</sup> in m for all. Well done to Howard Pell who rang the treble to PB Doubles at Ewerby, it was his first QP away from Cover. Further QPs were rung at Sleaford, at Eagle (by the RAF Guild for their AGM weekend) and at Potterhanworth (their annual Culfrey QP)

#### Eastern Branch

The bells were rung at Sibsey on March 19th for the Memorial service for Derek Smith, tower captain at Sibsey for many years. The ringers were Tom Freeston, Yvonne Smith, David Bennett, Mick Smith, David Collin and Colin Simpson, treble to tenor. Tony Barker checked the bells prior to the service and David Bennett did a clean up job in the ringing chamber as the bells had been silent for many months. One of Derek's sons thanked the ringers personally and was very moved that the bells were rung for his father's service. A QP of 4 Delight methods was rung at Wigtoft in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

#### Northern Branch:

An 8 bell practice held at Grimsby Minster. Ringers were given the chance to have a go at ringing on larger numbers to what they were used to. There were lots of helping hands, they even had an attempt at Plain Bob Royal.

### Dates for your diary

April	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
4	Eastern	Butterwick	6	Branch practice	1400 - 1600
6	Northern	Waltham	6	Learn Grandsire inside	1930 - 2100
9	Central	St Giles, Lincoln	8	Branch practice	
30	Guild	Cathedral	12	Ringing Service in chapel	0930 1000
		Bailgate Methodist		AGM + lunch	1100
		St Giles	8	Ringing	1500
		Ringers chapel		Handbell workshop	1400 - 1600
		Cathedral	12	Ringing then Evensong	1630 - 1730

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