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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. DECEMBER 2011

News from late October November:

Guild news: 100 club for November: 1st £10 Viv Simpson 2nd £5 Claypole Tower

Fundraising: Christmas Cards . These lovely cards have sold like hot cakes and will provide much needed cash for the BRF. Mouse mats featuring pages from Rupert Richardson's peal books are also available. See advert on the website, or ask your branch fundraising rep. Great Christmas present. **Quiz:** The quiz raised £312 for the BRF. Many thanks to Anne Maddison for organising it.

News from around the branches

Elloe Deaneries Branch

The QP of Grandsire rung at Spalding was a first for Philip Hall, a 1st inside for Joshua Doades and a first in method for Paul Doades. Well done to all. Ringers from the Guild and beyond attended Open Ringing at Surfleet. For many, ringing on 12 bells was a 1st. Delicious refreshments were provided throughout the event by Annette Rhodes and team and a hot meal was enjoyed by many ringers, as well as Surfleet residents.

Southern Branch

Well done to Christine Masters who has rung her first QP. James Thorpe rang his first QP of spliced surprise major and soon followed it up with a QP of 7SSM and Alistair Donaldson rang his first peal of SSM. A QP of Pudsey was rung at Grantham for Children in Need Day. The press got to hear about this and Pudsey Bear made an appearance up the tower. It was David Braunton's first QP as conductor of surprise major. Celia Wood rang her most methods (7) to a peal which was Philippa Stokoe's most methods as conductor. Congrats to William Cherry who has now rung his first tower bell peal. It was the 100th anniversary of the first peal on the bells of Colsterworth, in the same methods.

West Lindsey Branch

The final QP was rung on the bells at Epworth prior to the major reorganisation of the church. Eventually the bells will be rung from an upstairs platform. This was Simon Davies' 1st QP of triples inside and David Cooper and Jenny Kirkby's first QP on 8 bells. Sue Faull has rung her 300th peal for the Guild. Tracy Black and Jenny Kirkby celebrated their birthdays by ringing their most methods to a QP. Alix Harland has rung her first QP of Doubles.

Central branch

Kate Morgan has rung her 200th QP. It was Bedford S, which was a new method for all the band. The peal at Dunholme was to mark the 100th anniversary of the first peal on the bells and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of David Fox's first peal, which was on these bells. The band was a mainly Sunday Service band past and present. The Branch had a very successful quiz night at Hackthorn which also saw Colin Ward being presented with the Onion Trophy for winning the branch photography competition. Quarter peals were rung at Potterhanworth and the Cathedral to mark the 70th wedding anniversary of Phil and Kath Pitchford. A peal was rung at Brant Broughton to mark the 40th anniversary of Yvonne Woodcock's first peal. Certificates were presented to children of PotterhanworthCE Primary School after about 40 of the youngsters climbed the tower and had a talk about the bells. A QP was rung at the Cathedral for the enthronement of Christopher Lowson as 72nd Bishop of Lincoln.

Northern Branch

Claxby ringers and friends went to London for a guided tour of Whitechapel Foundry. All had a very enjoyable outing which had been organised by John Goodchild. Barton ringers have installed a simulator and a "silent" practice was led by new Tower Captain Andy Bennett. They also have a new learner, Robert, who is making good progress. A QP rung at Barton was a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Joan and John Ketteringham. A QP rung at Caistor was a first for Bish Ward.

Eastern Branch

The QP rung at Fishtoft was in memory of Ray Pearson, a former ringer. Money was raised for Children in Need by ringing courses of Pudsey at the branch surprise major practice. A well attended learners practice was held at Horncastle.

Diary for December

December	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
3	Eastern	Butterwick Fishtoft	6 6	Carol Service Faith Tea, meeting, further ringing	1500 - 1600 1630 1700 onwards
6	Midweek	Dunholme	6	Wearmouth S, Westlecott Bob	1400 - 1530
9	Eastern	Sutterton	8	Surprise Major	1930 - 2100
10	Central	Brant Broughton	6	Ringing Carol Service	1500 1530
10	Northern	Walesby	8	Ringing Carols by Candlelight Service	1800 1930
14	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners	1030 - 1200
17	Surprise major	Washingborough	8	Surprise major	1030 - 1200
17	West Lindsey	Willingham	6	Ringing Carol Service Social (Faith Tea)	1530 1630 1730
17	Southern	Edenham	10	Gen ringing	1900 - 2100
20	Midweek	Washingborough	8	8 spliced surprise major	1430 - 1600

Alan Black of Langtoft makes peal boards and has a supply of ash for stays. He has a web site – www.toweressentials.vpweb.co.uk where you can view the peal boards. He can be contacted on 07516 371992.