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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. DECEMBER 2015

News from late October and November:

Guild news:

100 club for November 1st No 17 Barbara Rand £10.00 2nd No 60 Sleaford Ringers £5.00

Guild Calendars and cards. Please support the BRF by buying these.

Remembrance / Armistice days. QPs were rung at Blankney, Branston, Elsham, Heckington, Gainsborough, Grasby Nocton, Mkt Deeping, Potterhanworth, St Mary le Wigford. A peal was rung at Blankney and 90 mins of ringing took place at Tattershall.

All Saints Day QPs were rung at Grasby, Helpringham, Nocton and Willoughby

News from around the branches

Southern Branch

Congratulations to Robin Rogers on his 2000th peal. It was rung at Leckhampstead to commemorate the centenary of the death in WW1 of his great uncle, a bellringer. Well done to Jim Benner who has rung his 1st peal of Bristol Royal. Irnham ringers rang a sponsored QP for Children in Need, it was a 1st in method for all but the conductor, they also rang a QP in remembrance of the 1st village resident to be killed in WW1. A QP was rung at Grantham for the Christmas Tree festival where there was a skating rink set up inside the church – surely a 1st. The branch practice at Deeping St James attracted about 25, and there was a halfway break from the ringing for tea/coffee and mince pies as well as a short meeting when the 2016 programme was agreed.

Elloe Deaneries Branch

The Branch are really pleased to welcome 3 new members - David Walker, Janet Curry and Rev'd Adrian Mason, all from Gedney tower. They were ratified as members at the very successful meeting at Surfleet where more than 20 ringers enjoyed the bells and a great lunch. Spalding held a very successful School visit morning. They were visited by around 65 Yr 6 children who were given a mini-tour of the less public places within the church, had a go at hand bell ringing and ringing backstrokes in the tower. They were also able to climb the tower to see the bells from above. Feedback at the time from both class teachers was very positive. Thanks to all the helpers,

West Lindsey Branch

A half peal was rung at Messingham to celebrate Tracey Black and Jenny Kirby's birthdays. Ian Till, Chris Turner and Sue Faulk took part in a peal at Tamworth, specially organised for ringers who have celebrated their 60th birthdays in 2015. Melvyn Rose gave a talk on bells and bellringing to members of the public as part of the "bells and pipes" open day. Quite a number of visitors then came up to watch the ringers at the start of their monthly branch practice.

Central Branch

A peal was rung at Nocton on All Saints Day for the 150th anniversary of the casting of the 6 bells. 2 new methods were rung – Hobart Treble Place and Ripon Treble place – after the benefactress Lady Sarah Hobart, Countess of Ripon. A peal was rung at Ewerby – Surfleet Treble Place Caters – 1st in method for over a century. The method was devised by former Guild Master, Rev. H Law James. Congratulations to Michael Lawton on his 1st peal of Royal (Cambridge at Durham) and to Nick Millward on his 1st QP on 8 bells (tenor to Bob Triples at Heckington.)

Eastern Branch

An excellent £350 was raised for the Guild BRF at the Race Night held at Surfleet. Over 30 ringers had a great night, with Jan Clarke being this year's winner of the Betty Collett Memorial Cup. Thanks to Phil Ford for his organisation and to all who sponsored or supported. The Branch practice at Boston Stump was enjoyed and gave great experience for some newer ringers – in ringing and stair climbing. Pudsey was rung at the Nov surprise major practise and £25 was collected for the BBC Children in Need A special cake was eaten afterwards.

Diary for December

December	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
1	Midweek	Dunholme	6	Wavertree Bob Minor	1400 - 1530
5	Eastern	Swineshead	8	Ringing Carol Service Tea + Meeting followed by more ringing	1500 1700 1730 1830
9	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners	1030 – 1200
12	Central	St Giles Lincoln	8	Ringing Carol Service	1430 1500
12	Northern	Walesby	8	Ringing Carols by Candlelight	1730 1900
12	Elloe	Quadring	6	Ringing Advent Service Hot drinks and mincepies	1400 1530
15	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Stedman Triples	1430 - 1600
19	8 bell practice	Washingborough	8	8 bell methods	1030 - 1200
19	West Lindsey	Messingham	6	Ringing Carol Service + refreshments	1500 1615

The Church Schools' Festival takes place in the Cathedral every year in May/June. At this time of year the organisers will be asking the Church Schools to choose an activity at that event. If you have a local C of E school and are looking for new recruits, it would be a good idea to make contact with the Headteacher and ask them to try to book the Six bell simulator for their pupils.

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.

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