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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. FEBRUARY 2018

### News from January:

**Cards and Calendars:** A fantastic sum of £1200 has been raised for the BRF. All the branches did a great job of selling them. Thanks go to the branch BRF reps and to all who supported it. Particular thanks go to Philip Green for so generously covering the cost of printing the cards, to Kate Morgan for her Christmas card design and to the photographers who allowed their photos to be used. If anyone would like to design a card for next year, we would be grateful to receive their ideas. Please keep the photos coming for next year's calendar.

**100 club for January** are as follows: £10: Jean Kay £5 : John Nicholson

**A Code of Conduct for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild** A draft Code of Conduct will be presented to the AGM in April. It is hoped that Guild members will agree its implementation and embrace it as a statement of the Guild's values. It will also be a means of protecting everyone of us. The Code is available to view on the LDG website. If you have any comments please address them in the first instance to Chris Sharp before Saturday 7th February. (crissharp@aol.com).

### News from around the Branches:

**Southern** Many congratulations go to Emma Southerington and to Bill Croft who have each rung their 1000<sup>th</sup> peals on handbells. They rang a new method – Kilo Delight Royal. A QP of PB Minor was rung At Mkt Deeping in memory of Stella Stokoe by her grandchildren. Mike Maughan and his band members rang 4 new methods at Sproxtton during the month: Hartlepool Delight, Stocksfield Alliance, Whickham Delight and Slaley Alliance. Congratulations to Tom Thorpe on his 1<sup>st</sup> QP on 8 at Mkt Deeping. The Southern Branch AGM was held at Mkt Deeping. A new BRM was elected: David Braunton. Barry Jones and Shelagh Dunning were elected as Assistant BRMs. 7 new members were elected. Les Townsend was thanked for playing the organ at the service and the Mkt Deeping ringers produced a good spread for tea.

**West Lindsey.** There was a very good turnout for the AGM which was held at Stow and Willingham. At the meeting, Janet Clarke was thanked for her 7 years as BRM and Debbie Scarf was elected to replace her. Other Officers and committee remained unchanged. A QP was rung at Messingham to celebrate the birth of George Reid, son of Ruth (former Messingham ringer) and grandson for David Whetton.

**Central** The branch AGM was held at Caythorpe. The ringing, service and tea were much enjoyed. At the business meeting John Nicholson stepped down as Branch President, (and also as Guild report secretary) due to ill health. Best wishes go to him, along with thanks for all his hard work. Sandra Underwood was elected the new President. All other officers were re-elected. 14 new members were elected. Congratulations go to James Northway for his 1<sup>st</sup> QP on 8 at Washingborough, and to Tina Wells for her 1<sup>st</sup> QP of TB Major at Sleaford. A QP was rung at N.Scarle in memory of Jonty Williamson, husband of Judith who was a member of the Cathedral Company and TC at Navenby before moving away from Lincoln. A QP at Ewerby was a 1<sup>st</sup> of Caters for Jo French and 1<sup>st</sup> in method (Hunslet Bob Caters) for all the band.

**Elloe.** Branch members were deeply saddened to announce the death of Pauline Stebbings, TC at Sutton St James and maestro of the branch Ringers' teas. Her funeral is on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm at SSJ. Open ringing from 1pm. A QP was rung in her memory at Quadring. 23 members of the branch met at Moulton 8th January. Organised by Paul Doades, this was an attempt to get more branch members ringing together. An evening of open ringing ranged from Rounds and CC's through PBD, Grandsire, Stedman, and Cambridge. They were also visited by the new vicar who thanked them for ringing and said we were welcome to return. At the end of the evening it was deemed successful and all agreed to do it again. The next one will be on Monday 5th March at Crowland, 7pm til 9pm.

**Northern** Grimsby Minster, Waltham, Riby, Laceby and Legbourne ringers held their Christmas do in mid Jan. They had a lovely meal with raffle and quiz prizes and a great time was had by all. The branch AGM was held at Caistor. A superb spread was provided and at the following meeting, all officers were thanked and re-elected. 4 new members were welcomed to the branch. A QP was rung at Caistor in memory of Dawn Colley, wife of Stephen,

**Eastern:** Many congratulations to Joan Simpson of Coningsby on her award of BEM in the New Year's Honours list – for her services to Coningsby. QPs were rung to celebrate this achievement at Coningsby, Martin and Potterhanworth. Well done to Anne Hardwick on her 1<sup>st</sup> QP inside (PBD) and to George Pickwell for his 1<sup>st</sup> QP of Minor at Frampton. The AGM was held at Swineshead. Ringing was followed by a short service, a hot lunch at the local farm shop, the AGM and more ringing. The Guild Master Chris Turner was welcomed as were visitors from Elloe Deaneries Branch. EB President Edward Vear was replaced by Mick Smith and Tess Rowland stood down as EB Web Master, Phil Ford took the job on, the other officers remained the same, and were thanked for their work last year.

| February | Branch                 | Venue           |   | Special method   | Time                 |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------|---|--|----------------------|
| 3        | Handling practice      | Wragby          | 6 | For those learning bell handling and rounds and call changes | 1400 - 1600          |
| 3        | Elloe Deaneries        | Holbeach        | 8 | Ringing<br>Service + tea<br>Meeting followed by ringing      | 1530<br>1630<br>1815 |
| 6        | Midweek ringing        | Eagle           | 6 | Double court Minor   | 1030 - 1200          |
| 10       | Central                | Bardney         | 6 | Practice   | 1430 - 1600          |
| 12       | Ladies                 | Middle Rasen    | 6 | Check with Sue Faull   | 1330 - 1445          |
| 17       | West Lindsey           | Upton           | 6 | Kent + Oxford workshop                                       | 1030 - 1230          |
| 17       | Handling practice      | Wragby          | 6 | For those learning bell handling and rounds and call changes | 1400 - 1600          |
| 20       | Midweek ringing        | Washingborough  | 8 | Rutland  | 1030 - 1200          |
| 21       | South Lincs Weds group | Croxton Kerrial | 6 | York S. College Bob  | 1430 - 1600          |
| 24       | 8 bell method          | Washingborough  | 8 | 8 bell methods   | 1030 - 1200          |
| 27       | Midweek Ringing        | Welbourn        | 8 |  | 1030 - 1200          |