



# Go Lincolnshire!

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. JANUARY 2015

### Happy New Year to you all.

#### News from late November and December:

Quite a number of QPs were rung around the branches for various Christmas Services. Only a very few calendars are left unsold, further information about money raised for the BRF will be published next month.

#### Elloe

Although only 9 ringers met at Elloe's New Christmas Ringing event at Quadring a good time was had by all. Hot drinks & mince pies were shared with church members busy decorating the church for its candle lit carol service.

Many thanks to Rev Paul Hardingham for leading the Advent Service. The branch is planning to have a "Learner's Practice" at Spalding in the February Half Term holiday. All ages are welcome. Details will be confirmed later.

#### West Lindsey

Ringing was followed by a Carol Service, which was then followed by a presentation of the Roll of Honour Certificates (announced at Guild AGM) by Guild RM, Alan Payne, to John Nicholson in recognition of his 70 years of ringing at Saxilby church and to Canon Rhys Prosser, in recognition of his service to the Branch, in particular as Branch President. Steph and Rhys were also given a certificate showing details of the QP rung by branch members at Stow to mark their retirement from the Stow and Saxilby group of Parishes, and with best wishes for their move down south. The afternoon concluded with mulled wine and mince pies, plum loaf etc.

#### Northern

The ringing at Walesby for the Carols by Candlelight service was well attended. Ringing, mince pies and coffee were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Pat Donnelly on her 500<sup>th</sup> QP and to Heather Peachey on her 1000<sup>th</sup> QP. The Hibbert family have had a month of firsts. James conducted his first QP of minor, Alex rang his 1<sup>st</sup> QP of Surprise Major, David rang his 600<sup>th</sup> QP and Carolyn her 50<sup>th</sup> QP. The branch newsletter announced the resignation of Lorraine Jeffery as branch secretary after many years of faithful service. A new sec will be needed at the AGM.

#### Central

Well done to Ellie Maude who rang her 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> QPs of 8 spliced surprise major. Michael Lawton has rung his 1<sup>st</sup> peal of spliced surprise minor, an impressive 19 methods. Congratulations to Clare Howard on her 1<sup>st</sup> QP of minor.

#### Eastern

The branch's final event of the year was ringing, followed by Carol Service, tea and a business meeting. A minutes silence was held for Nora Wall, a long standing member who had died at the age of 96. At the other end of the spectrum, 2 junior members, Clare and James Barker were welcomed to membership of the branch. Reports were given of quite a few towers within the branch whose bells have recently been inspected.

#### Southern

The branch held a very successful and happy mini tour on the 30th Dec visiting two towers in Rutland and two in Lincolnshire. The last tower was at Careby with two swing chime bells and some interesting artifacts and architecture. We are grateful to Judith and Robin Rogers for entertaining us afterwards at their house with tea and mince pies and helping and encouraging the handbell ringers especially the young children.

January	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
6	Midweek ringing	Dunholme	6	Heatherslade Bob Minor	1400 - 1530
9	Eastern	Kirton in Holland	8	Surprise Major practice	1930 - 2100
11	Central	Washingborough	8	Ringing Service Tea + meeting + ringing	1500 1630 1700
17	West Lindsey	Gainsborough	8	Ringing Service Tea+ meeting	1500
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20	Midweek ringing	Washingborough	8	New Bob Triples	1430 - 1600
21	South Lincs Weds Gp	Bourne	6	Bourne S, Single Court	1430 - 1600
24	Southern	Stamford	8	Ringing Service Tea+ AGM+ Ringing	1530 1630 1700
24	Northern	Barton	8	Ringing Service Tea+AGM	1400 1545
31	Eastern	Alford	6	Ringing Service Lunch + AGM + ringing	1100 1200 1230

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