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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. MARCH 2022

### News from February:

**100 club** £10: 28. Rose Hancock £5: 100. Dot Mason

### Rings for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's Accession:

35 towers from all around the Guild registered their ringing on Bellboard to mark the platinum anniversary on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. Probably many more also took part. Lots more ringing to come in June.

### Southern Branch

From the local press: "The Grantham Town Handbell Ringers and Friends met at The Angel and Royal Hotel on Wednesday afternoon 16th February to celebrate the 40th & 50th Anniversaries of two of its members, Dorothy Williams and Brian Buttery. Following a delightful tea, much reminiscing, presentations were made and an anniversary cake cut. A memorable afternoon." Congratulations to Brian from his big bell friends.

4 peals in new methods were rung at Sproxtton – Cramlington Delight, Pointon Fen Delight ( Barry Jones rang his 200<sup>th</sup> on the bells), Byermoor Alliance (300 together for Mike Maughan and Tony Walker) and Dilston Delight. Well done to all the ringers. A QP was rung at Billingbrough, it was a 1<sup>st</sup> of Yorkshire on tower bells for Jane McKee, who followed it up fairly shortly with another at Sleaford. A QP was rung at Folkingham in memory of Ian Ansell.

### West Lindsey Branch:

A handbell QP of 2 Surprise Minor was rung in memory of Sheila Freeman, wife of Michael and sister in law of John Freeman. The branch held a focused meeting for ringers in the south end of the branch who are trying to master early stages of change ringing. The excellent turnout of helpers meant that good progress was made. It was great to all get together for a meal at the local pub afterwards – first time for 2 years.

### Elloe Deaneries Branch:

A half muffled QP of PB Triples was rung at Fulney in memory of Ian Ansell. A QP of 3 delight minor methods was rung at Gosberton for the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of local TC Peter Wakefield. Congratulations to Peter. A QP was rung at Whaplode for their Civic Service. At their AGM, Luke Tobin was elected Ringing Master, picking up the mantle from Paul Doades. A Branch Treasurer is still needed.

### Central Branch

A peal of 8 Doubles and Minor methods was rung at Potterhanworth for the Accession. A QP at St Mary le Wigford was rung for the homecoming parade of the Royal Anglian Regiment after 12 months of active service. A QP of PB Major was a 1<sup>st</sup> inside of major for Alyson Blanchard. Howard Pell rang his 1<sup>st</sup> QP away from cover – treble to PB Doubles at Ewerby, well done to him.

### Eastern Branch

QPs were rung around the branch in memory of Ian Ansell who will be much missed in many towers around the branch: at Sutterton, PB Triples was rung half muffled prior to the funeral service, at Frampton a QP of Norwich was rung and their practice night ringing was dedicated to Ian on the evening of his funeral. The Zoom AGM went well lasting an hour and 10 minutes. Tony Barker replaced Mick Smith as President, Kate Meyer replaced Tony B as Ringing Master, Jo French replaced Kate as Assistant RM, Tess Rowland took on the Treasurer's job, and Tom Freeston stood down as Inspector of Accounts, and was thanked for his work. Phil Ford remained as web site editor and Guild Fund Raising Rep., Edward Vear remained as Safeguarding Officer. It was agreed to start holding monthly ringing meetings again.

### Northern Branch:

Grimsby Minster has been in the local and national press over recent weeks. (From Grimsby Live) "The clock which had stood still at two minutes past 12 for years suddenly started working again - and no one knew who had fixed it, with church wardens labelling it as a miracle. Visitors and people working in Grimsby town centre were delighted to see the four faces of the clock telling the time properly. But the church warden said he was mystified over how the clock began working again. Now, bell ringers who share the clock tower at the Minster have put their hands up and admitted it was them. They swung into action after NE Lincs counsellors criticised the church for not repairing the clock." So well done to the ringers, particularly Richard Haywood and Jay Foley, great PR.

**Ringing Room:** Wheatley helped Jane McKee, Jim Benner and Barry Jones for ring a QP of Yorkshire. It's good to see that these lockdown acquired skills are not being entirely lost.

**Have you heard:** There are two new podcasts on [funwithbells.com](https://funwithbells.com) One has interviews asking Elva Ainsworth, Julia Cater and Tessa Simpson about their experiences as female ringers and about the working group set up to look at women in ringing. <https://www.womeninringing.info/> <https://funwithbells.com/lp/> A second podcast <https://funwithbells.com/ycra/> aims to introduce the YCRA to our young ringers. They are hoping to set up a summer camp this year.

### Dates for your diary

March	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
2	Central	Ewerby	10	Branch practice	1430 - 1630
14	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
16	Northern	Grimsby	10	8 bell practice	TBA
19	Northern	Tealby	6	Branch practice	1430 – 1600 TBC

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