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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. MAY 2012

News from late March and April: Guild wide

AGM The Dean, Philip Buckler presided over Holy Communion and then chaired the AGM. It was announced that Bishop Christopher Lowson has agreed to be the Guild Patron. Trevor Hardcastle was thanked for his many years as Report Secretary and John Nicholson was elected to replace him. All other officers remain the same. The meeting and lunch were, once more, in the warmth of Bailgate Methodist Church, on what was a very cold and dampish April day. The Master, Alan Payne, told the members present about the Guild committee's deliberations about the future in terms of recruitment, training, standards and Guild structure. He reminded all present of the responsibility we each have of trying to ensure a healthy future for ringing. Further ringing at St Giles, the Cathedral, Eagle and Thorpe was enjoyed by a good number of ringers. Thanks to all who made all the arrangements and provided much needed refreshment.

100 club: 1st Pam Cook £100, 2nd Denis Frith £50 3rd Anita Blundell £25 4th John Underwood £10 5th Jenny Campbell Walker £5

Guild Raffle: 1st Dean Welsh £150, 2nd Carolyn Gent £50, 3rd Mrs M Bilton £25 and Rachel Mardiment £25 Around £540 was raised for the Guild BRF. Well done to all who organised the raffle and many thanks to Philip Green for printing the tickets.

News from the branches:

Eastern:

Candlesby bells are now ringable after an absence of 11 years due to water seepage into the Tower which had caused a very serious outbreak of dry rot in the floor timbers, the church roof and the vestry. The belfry floor has been replaced by Paul Chafer and Edward Vear, with assistance from Tony Barker, and new rope bosses have been provided by Tom Palmer. The bells should be ringable for the Eastern Branch practice on the 5th May. Many thanks are extended from Eastern Branch to all those who been involved at Candlesby. Congratulations to Joan Simpson who rang in a QP to mark her 80th birthday.

One of St Wilfrid, Alford's young bell ringers, Thomas Evans (age 17) has been selected as a Torch Bearer when the Olympic flame travels through Lincolnshire this summer. Thomas was nominated for his community fund raising efforts over a number of years. These have included raising funds for the Alzheimers Society and for St Mary's Church Harrington so they can increase the number of their bells from 3 to 5.

Elloe Deaneries Branch :

Are looking forward to welcoming members to Bicker for an Open Tower afternoon. Delicious cakes following ringing guaranteed.

Central Branch:

Are sad to announce the death of Philip Pitchford who was Secretary and member of the Cathedral Company for many years. He received Maundy money from the Queen in 2000.

NB Best wishes are sent to Frank Kennington who, after 67 years, has retired from being Tower Captain at Grimsby Minster .

Unfortunately his knees will no longer carry him to the top of the tower. Franks "Ministry" to St. James has been to ensure that the bells were rung for services and for teaching new recruits. He has also been ringing regularly for several years now at Tealby, Middle Rasen and Claxby so he will continue with his ringing as these towers do not involve a steep climb.

Well done to Robert Petheridge who has rung his first QP and Alex Hibbert has rung his most methods (11) to a QP of doubles.

West Lindsey Branch

Congrats to Kathy Sargeant who has rung her first QP. The recent branch practice found members dodging heavy showers in their treasure hunt around Burton on Stather. A faith tea and "guess the church" quiz followed by more ringing made for a very enjoyable meeting. Sadly, the Vice Captain of Burton Stather, Harry Baldwin has died. The church was packed for his funeral.

Southern Branch

James Thorpe continues his amazing ringing progress by conducting his first QP – of Yorkshire Major. This was swiftly followed up by calling one of Cambridge Major. The Deeping ringers had a busy day on 21st April – which coincided with the Queen's 86th birthday. 4 QPs were rung. Graham Hardy rang his first QP and Emily Morgan her first inside. Several others had firsts in methods.

May	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
1	Midweek	Dunholme	6	Double court York Surprise	1400 - 1530
5	Eastern	Langton Candlesby	6 6	Ringing Service, tea, ringing	1500 – 1600 1630 – 2100
7	West Lindsey	Branch Outing, Nottingham area		Ring secretary for details	
9	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners practice	1030 - 1200
11	Eastern	Sutterton	8	Surprise Major	1930 – 2100
12	Northern	Walesby	8	Open churches weekend	1600
12	Elloe	Bicker	8	Ringing and buns	1400 - 1600
12	Central	Blankney	6	Striking competition	1600 start
15	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Single Norwich, Rutland	1430 - 1600
16	S Lincs Weds group	Great Hale	6	Munden Surprise Double Court	1430 - 1600
19	West Lindsey	Scunthorpe	8		1830 - 2030
26	Joint	Washingborough	8	Surprise Major	1030 - 1200
26	Southern	Colsterworth	6	Service, Tea Striking competition	1630 1800
29	Midweek	Away day			TBA

Church Schools' festival – Sixbel simulator in the Cathedral. 29, 30, 31st May, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20th June. Offers of help will be gratefully received. (Sorry, wrong dates were sent out last month.)