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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. MAY 2016

News from April: Guild wide

AGM The meeting went very smoothly, chaired by Master, Alan Payne, in the absence of a Dean. Sandra Underwood stood down as secretary and was presented with a bouquet of flowers for her hard work. Robin Heppenstall stood down as CC rep and was thanked for his time over many years. No members had come forward to take over these two posts so the Guild committee will be looking for willing volunteers. Other officers were re-elected. Alan Payne gave notice of not seeking re-election next year. Melvyn Rose of Epworth was entered into the Roll of Honour for his exceptional contribution to the West Lindsey branch and Isle of Axholme churches. Under AOB Alan reminded all members of the importance of making a huge effort to recruit more ringers. It is all of our responsibility if we want to keep bellringing vibrant. A large bring and share lunch was enjoyed before ringers made their way to Nettleham to start the afternoon ringing. The bells were kept busy there, followed by St Giles and the Cathedral. Thanks go to the Guild officers for their arrangements, to Margaret Parker and Richard Spencer for running the ringing and to the Sub Dean for the Communion Service at the Cathedral.

100 club: April 1st Sleaford ringers £100, 2nd David Bennett £50, 3rd John Collett £25, 4th Dot Mason £10, 5th Tracey Black £5
Guild Draw 1st John Bennett, Gedney £150, 2nd Roy Snow, Crowland £75, 3rd Linda Mumby, Morton £50 Many thanks to all who supported the Draw and to the Branch Fund raising reps. Amount of money raised will be announced in next month's newsheet.

Queen's 90th birthday: QPs were rung in many towers around the Diocese including: Boothby Pagnell, Branston, Butterwick, Fulbeck, Gainsborough, Greatford Ingoldmells, Lincoln St Mary, St Peter, Messingham, Nocton, Potterhanworth, Rippingale, Scunthorpe, Sempringham, Sleaford, Tealby, Thurlby, Welbourn. Peals were rung at Potterhanworth and Longthorpe.

St George's Day: QPs were rung at Heckington, Irnham, Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln St Mary, Potterhanworth, Scunthorpe and Sleaford.

News from the branches:

Northern Branch: Held a very successful branch meeting with **Eastern Branch**. Afternoon and evening ringing took place at Great Carlton, Legbourne, Louth and Spilsby. There was a very good turnout and hopes are to repeat the event next year. Congrats to Philip Raven on his first QP – the Tenor to PBD at Tealby.

Eastern: Congratulations to Jan Clark on her first QP. She rang the treble to PBD at Alford. It was also a first inside for Tracey Goldsmith. Well done to Clare Barker on her first QP on 8 bells at Ingoldmells and to James Barker for his first of Minor at Friskney.

Central Branch: George Ellison celebrated his 18th birthday with a QP at Waddington. Chris Woodcock celebrated his 30th birthday with a peal at Blankney. It was also to remember Jack Millhouse whose 100th birthday it would have been. The QP at Heckington was a 1st QP for Robert Hodges who rang the treble to PBD. Well done to Hannah Watt on her first QP on 8 bells; this was in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the consecration of St Giles Church. The annual Rabbits competition gave rise to 5 teams ringing R+CC, names taken from a hat. Despite some controversial results, all had an enjoyable time and youngsters received a chocolate rabbit.

West Lindsey Branch The branch were sorry to announce the death of Steve Selby of Epworth. The church was packed for his funeral and a QP was rung at Eagle in his memory. Congrats to Sam Black on his first QP – Tenor to PBD at Messingham, and to Tracey Black on her first QP of Surprise.

Southern Branch A new method – Jones Alliance Major was rung at Sproxtton for the wedding of Emily Jones and Chris Nation. New methods – Roker Alliance and Newburn on Tyne Delight were rung at Heydour and Edenham respectively. Well done to Amanda Jenkins on her first QP on 6 – PB Minor at Irnham.

Elloe: A peal was rung at Spalding to remember Fulney ringer, Sgt William Maddison. He died in 1916 aged 25. This was Andrew Blacklock's 500th peal and 100th together for Andrew and Paul Curtis. A peal was rung at Moulton to celebrate the completion of the restoration work there.

Dates for your diary

July 23rd. Young ringers' summer festival. Please keep this date free. Full details to be announced soon.

May	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
2	West Lindsey	Tour Eastern branch area		See guild web site for details	
3	Midweek	Eagle	6	Dorney Court Bob Minor (coffee at 10)	1030 - 1200
7	Eastern	Benington Freiston	6 6	Meeting	
12	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners	1030 - 1200
13	Eastern	Kirton in Holland	8	Surprise major	1930 - 2100
14	Central	Scothern	6	Practice	1800 - 2000
17	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Doncaster Major	1430 - 1600
18	South Lincs Weds Gp	Folkingham	6	Annable's London, double Court	1430 - 1600
21	Southern	Silk Willoughby	6	Striking Comp Draw Start	1745 1800
22	Northern	Walesby	8	Rambles=rs and Deanery Trinity Sunday	1400 - 1500
28	8 bell methods	Washingborough	8	8 bell methods	1030 - 1200
30	Northern			Tour	TBA
31	Midweek			Away Day	TBA

Church Schools' festival – Sixbel simulator in the Cathedral May 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 Volunteers to help out at this annual event would be gratefully received. Contact Sue Faul