



Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Northern Branch

Newsletter – March 2010

Welcome to the March edition of the Northern Branch newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is May 16th so if you do anything between now and then and want it reported, please let Joy or Lorraine know. Also please let us know of anything being planned for next June, July or August.

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BRANCH PRACTICE Immingham (6)

IT'S
TONIGHT !

Monday 8th March – 7:30 -9pm
Special methods: St. Clements & Double Oxford

EASTER SOCIAL

Barton-on-Humber (8)
Saturday 17th April 2010



Ringling 3 -4:30pm,
Followed by fun and frolics
at the church hall until 8:30pm.
Remember to bring a plate of food for the faith supper
and your own drinks
Also a raffle will be held for the branch bell repair fund.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers AGM
Saturday 24th April 2010, Lincoln**

9:30am Ringing at Cathedral for communion service

10:00 am Holy Communion in the Ringers' Chapel at Lincoln Cathedral

11:00 am Annual Meeting followed by lunch at Bailgate Methodist Church, Lincoln (Please see the Ringing world/Guild website for details of who needs names for lunch and when they are need by)

2:00pm Ringing at Dunholme

3:00pm Ringing at Hackthorne, tea and grand draw. There will also possibly be a handbell workshop here

4:30-5:30pm Evensong ringing at Cathedral

6:30-7:30pm Further ringing at Cathedral

Please try to go along to show your support. Apologies for absence will not be accepted from the floor of the meeting – they must be passed on to the Guild secretary Les Townsend in writing before the start of the meeting. Please look in the Ringing World / Guild Website for finalised details and we'll do our best to send them out on email.

WALESBY

Saturday 8th May -
ringing for Open Churches at 5pm

Sunday 30th May,
ringing for the ramblers' Trinity Sunday service at 2pm.



OXFORDSHIRE TOUR

Saturday 19th June

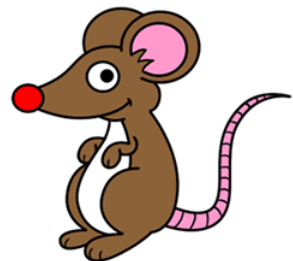
Midsummer Norton area

This will surely be a day not to be missed, if you have not been to this lovely area before it is well worth the long journey. We will take in towers featured on Midsummer Murders and also visit one of the new rings.

Keep an eye on your emails for further details.
And don't worry, your lives are not at risk!

Northern Branch AGM at Market Rasen, Saturday 23rd January

At 11:30am there were a number of eager ringers already up the tower, mainly from the Barton area, morning ringing was good, everybody was spurred on by the thought of going for a nice lunch at Jossles (?) café, (where we had our own private suite for 12 – sofas, TV, butler – OK not the butler). On returning to the tower the support was far greater, and we had visitors from Central and West Lindsey branches. Ringing ranged from call changes to an attempt at half a course of Cambridge S Major, which didn't go all that well but we gave it a go! At the service we didn't have the Guild service booklets, so Simon Cole quickly rustled up a few other hymns and we used the book of Common Prayer instead. Phew! All enjoyed the Monty Mouse sermon and it was amazing how certain branch members got special mentions.



At the meeting, Elaine thanked the vicar for taking an enjoyable service and she was ready with the mouse trap. Barton were awarded the Hewitt Shield, mainly for keeping all eight of their bells ringing all year, including the holiday season. The only changes to committee positions were that Matthew Jeffery stood down as branch rep on the Guild committee, and was replaced by Joy Lord. She has also taken on the role of branch child protection officer. Harry Minns made an emotional statement about how lovely it is to go to any tower in the country and always be warmly welcomed, and he hopes this may long continue.

After the meeting we all tucked into the lovely tea prepared by Market Rasen.

Summary of Guild Committee Meeting

Plans were set out for the Guild AGM on Saturday 24th April. We looked at the possibility of producing new members' certificates when the old ones run out, although recently details with regard to the shields on the current certificates have come to light, therefore these will be considered if a new design is made. The six-bell striking competition will be on Saturday 11th September at Crowland and Deeping St. James and the eight-bell competition will be on Saturday 2nd October at Ingham. The method for this competition will be Cambridge Surprise Major. We have a new Guild webmaster, Jonathan Clark, who took over from Sandra Rhodes. Also our Guild master, Sue Faull, will be standing down at this year's AGM. As a branch we thank her for her support and guidance at our branch meetings during her time in office, it has been very much appreciated.

Summary of Branch committee meeting, Monday 22nd February

We allocated the following positions to branch members:-

Newsletter editor: Joy Lord

Guild fundraising committee representative: Dorothy Robinson

Bell restoration fund trustees: Nan Colley, Dorothy Robinson, Roger Lord

Northern Branch rep on Guild simulator committee: Joy Lord

Northern Branch rep on Guild web committee: Lorraine Jeffery

We set plans in action for the Easter social, striking competition, half-yearly meeting, Oxfordshire tour, treasure hunt at Barton and next year's Christmas social (fingers crossed no snow this time).

Please ensure that any peals or quarters you may ring are on www.campanophile.com, otherwise they may not be accounted for. If this cannot be done, please inform the Ringing Master who will sort it out.

Lincoln Guild Clothing

You may have seen a few branch members wearing their Lincoln Guild Bell-ringers tops. You too can have one of your own. The range includes Polo shirts £15, Sweat shirts £16, Rugby shirts £22.50 and Hooded tops in various colours and sizes. And a small donation goes to the Guild Bell repair fund. If you are interested in finding out more/placing an order, please contact Sue Faull master@ldgcb.org.uk

Northern Branch Programme 2010

Date	Location	Event
Mon 8 th Mar	Immingham (6)	7:30 – 9:00pm branch practice
Sat 17 th April	Barton	Easter Social – ringing 3-4:30pm, followed by faith supper, bring your own drinks and fun and frolics.
Sat 24 th April	Lincoln afternoon Towers – Dunholme/Hackthorn	Guild AGM
Sat 8 th May	Walesby (8)	5pm open churches
Sun 30 th May	Walesby (8)	2pm ringing for the rambles Trinity Sunday service.
Sat 12 th June	Waltham (6)	4:00 – 6:00 pm branch striking competition
Sat 19 th June	Oxfordshire tour	(All day) car outing
Sat 3 rd July	Legbourne (5)	From 3:00pm ringing and ½ year meeting
Sun 15 th Aug	Lincoln Cathedral (12)	meet at 2:15pm , ringing to Evensong
Saturday 11 th Sept	Elloe Deaneries Crowland/Deeping St. James	Guild 6 Bell Striking Competition
Saturday 18 th September	Barton	Branch Treasure hunt
Saturday October	Ulceby (6) TBC	3:00 – 4:30pm branch practice
1 st or 2 nd Sat in Oct.	Ingoldmells (8)	Guild 8-bell Striking Competition
Sat 11 th Dec	Walesby (8)	6:00pm candlelit carol service at 7:30pm

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Sat 8 th Jan		Christmas Social
Sat 22 nd Jan	Louth (8) TBC	AGM
Saturday 19 th March	Claxby (5)	3:00 – 4:00pm branch practice

1 st Wed of month	Ladies Practice	1.30 – 3.00pm. Contact Dorothy Robinson 01673 843400 for details of locations
2 nd Wed of Month	Simulator Practice at Wragby	10.30am – 12.00pm. Contact Jim Sutherland 01673 858492
Last Fri of Month	Simulator Practice at Louth	10.30am – 12.00pm by arrangement only contract Mick Day 01507 603998



Had to put this one in ! Guess our ringing master and Secretary are moving in higher circles ! I wonder if Matt mentioned the peal attempt at the Cathedral ?

The following peal was rung in the Northern Branch in January and February:-

Barrow:

Saturday February 13, **5042 Crowder S Maximus**

and the following quarter peals were rung in the Northern Branch in January and February:-

Barton (St. Mary):

Sunday January 17, **1344 Plain B Major** (George Thompson's 1st QP on 8)

Sunday February 7, **1344 Plain B Major**

Barrow:

Sunday January 17, **1344 Kent TB Maximus** (Andrew Lord's 1st QP of Maximus)

Monday February 1, **1296 Plain B Caters**

Sunday February 7, **1320 Grandsire Cinques**

Sunday February 28, **1440 Spliced S Maximus** (288 Bristol, 288 Yorkshire, 864 Cambridge)(Sally Hewitt's 1st QP of Maximus)

Caistor:

Sunday February 14, **1320 Shodan Doubles**

Elsham:

Sunday January 24, **1320 Harold Judd Doubles**

Sunday January 31, **1260 Doubles** (3m/v: 480 Grandsire, 420 Plain B, 360 April Day)

Sunday February 28, **1260 St. Martin's B Doubles**