

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Northern Branch

Newsletter – March 2012 (Branch AGM report edition)

Happy New Year. 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 April, May, June and July.

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BRANCH PRACTICE
Saturday 24th March 2012
Grasby (6)
3-4:30pm ringing.

GUILD AGM **Saturday 28th April 2012, 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)
2:00-3.30pm Ringing St Giles
4:00-5:30pm Evensong ringing at Cathedral
6:20-7:30pm Ringing and refreshments at Eagle and Thorpe on the Hill.

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 Sandra Underwood in writing before the start of the meeting. Please look in the Ringing World / Guild Website for finalized details and we'll do our best to send them out on email.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
Tuesday 5th June 2012 – see inside for details

Guild February committee meeting

Sue Faull now has module 2 of the ITTS. The committee decided, we could do with another module 1 course setting up.

Scunthorpe St John's, as the old agreement had lapsed, a new agreement between the guild and council has been drawn up to allow ringing to continue there by guild members for a small charge.

Trevor Hardcastle will retire from doing the guild reports at the AGM in April.
The guild AGM details were confirmed.

For the Diamond Jubilee, each tower/branch is to ring in their own towers in the morning, working towards the central point of Wragby, for a picnic tea.

Any new people needing CRBs should put on their CRB form their tower and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Procedure forms will be on the guild website shortly.

A guild membership form is in the process of being produced and will be made available on the guild website in due course.

The 6-bell striking competition, cup at Butterwick, plate at Wrangle, tea and results will be at Butterwick.

Guild 8-bell will be at Surfleet, the test piece is one course of Oxford Treble Bob.

We may be looking in the future at setting out standards for the cup and the plate in the 6-bell competition, in order to make it fairer, i.e. call changes should not be allowed in the cup competition as it would be considered too elementary.

There is another National Youth competition on Saturday 30th June, in Birmingham, and the guild hope to put in a team, so it was agreed that the guild would give £20 per young ringer towards their expenses for the day.

Branch February Committee meeting

We welcomed Linda Bromfield as our new branch president and Colin Disney and Alexander Hibbert as new committee members. Joy Lord was elected fund raising committee rep for this year. We discussed ringing for the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics. Details can be found below. There are still some members whose subs are outstanding. Please get these to the treasurer as soon as possible.

The tour details were discussed.

Also the branch has been allocated raffle tickets to sell for the guild AGM to raise money for the guild bell repair fund. If they haven't already they will be sent to your tower soon.

A small gift was presented for James Hibbert to thank him for his time on the committee before going to university.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Tuesday 5th June is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which has been declared a public holiday. The LDG will be holding a huge jamboree in Wragby in the Central branch in the afternoon, and I am hoping that our branch will play a significant part.

What I plan for us to do is for three groups of branch members to "ring" their way down to Wragby, in the following order:-

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Barton (8)	Grimsby (10)	Great Carlton (5)
Goxhill (6)/Ulceby (6)*	Waltham (6)/Laceby (5)*	Legbourne (5)
Grasby (6)	Caistor (8)	Louth (8)
Claxby (5)	Tealby (6)	Tealby (6)
Middle Rasen (6)	Market Rasen (8)	Market Rasen (8)
Wragby (6)		

In order for it to work well, there needs to be **as much branch support as possible**, and someone to take charge of each group will have to be nominated.

We would spend 30-45 minutes at each tower, depending how everybody feels, and the ringing at each tower would include 120 doubles of some kind – a bell would ring for each month the Queen will have been on the throne.

One important thing (and this **is** important): could you please let me know whether you intend to take part **or not**, by the practice at Grasby on Saturday 24th March. If you don't intend to take part, please don't just ignore it, but let me know so that arrangements can be made as to who can ring where and groups can be deleted if necessary. We don't want only two or three people in a group! Also could all tower correspondents involved please confirm that we can visit your towers.

*If there are enough people in groups 1 and 2, some people could go to Goxhill/Waltham while others go to Ulceby/Laceby. If not, then one tower in the pair would not be included. Times will be published in due course. Watch this space for further developments.

Matthew Jeffery

2012 Tour

Provisional program for the Northern Branch outing; a more detailed program will be issued when all the arrangements have been finalised.

Grantham area tour – Saturday 30th June 2012 (*own transport*)

10:00 – 10:45 **Caythorpe** (8 bells, 10-3-3) *confirmed*

11:00 – 11:30 **Hough-on-the-Hill** (6 bells, 14 cwt) *confirmed*

12:00 – 12:45 **Barrowby** (6 bells, 10-1-25) *confirmed*

13:00 Lunch at Bottesford (Leics) *details to be confirmed*

14:30 – 15:15 **Bottesford** (8 bells, 22-1-8)

15:45 – 16:15 **Harlaxton** (6 bells, 9-1-26)

16:30 – 17:30 **Grantham** (10 bells, 32-1-11) (8 bells, 10-1-11) *confirmed*

Donations £5 per ringer please

It would be helpful to get an indication of numbers for lunch, if members could let the Branch Secretary know if they intend to go on the outing as soon as possible.

Ringling for the Olympics

So far there hasn't been any guidance from the Central Council, but they have not approved of the 3-minute ringing. So that's really an optional thing, if towers want to do that at 8am at the start of the Olympics, they are welcome to. But what we thought we could do as a branch is perhaps quarters could be rung as the torch passes through the county on the 26-27 June. The torch is going from Scunthorpe to Cleethorpes on the 26th and then to Lincoln via Louth and Legbourne on the 27th

Also it would perhaps be nice if quarters were rung during the games - feel free to do as you wish.

St. Mary's Bellringers, Barton-upon-Humber

A group of 18 ringers and non ringers enjoyed an end of year outing in November to the East Riding of Yorkshire including the lovely ring at Howden Minster. Other outings during 2012 are eagerly anticipated.

St Mary's bellringers have made an excellent start to 2012 with good attendance for service ringing and at practice nights.

St Mary's church members recently held a service and party to celebrate the work of those within the church; the ringers who were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

"Silent" practices with the recently set up simulator are enjoyed by all those who take part.

Former regular ringer at St Mary's (now non resident life member) Jenny Murch is enjoying her new life in the Royal Navy and was recently presented with an award for the best medical recruit in her class.

Joan Barton

Lincoln Guild Clothing

You may have seen a few branch members wearing their Lincoln Guild Bellringers 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 sue.faul@btopenworld.com

Northern Branch Programme

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Date	Location	Event
Sat 24 th March	Grasby (6)	3:00 - 4:30pm branch practice (Cake)
Sat 28 th April	Lincoln afternoon towers -	Guild AGM
Sat 12 th May	Walesby (8)	4pm open churches
Sun 3 rd June	Walesby (8)	2pm ringing for the ramblers Trinity Sunday service.
Fri 22 nd June	Waltham(6)	6:00 - 9:00 pm branch striking competition
Sat 30 th June	Tour	Grantham area
Sat 28 th July	Goxhill (6)	From 3:00pm ringing and half-yearly meeting
Sun 19 th Aug	Lincoln Cathedral (12)	meet at 2:15pm , ringing to Evensong
Saturday 8 th Sept	Butterwick/Wrangle	Guild 6 Bell Striking Competition
Saturday 22 nd September	Laceby (5)	3pm - 4:30pm ringing. Cake
Sat 20 th Oct.	Surfleet	Guild 8-bell Striking Competition
Sat 8 th Dec	Walesby (8)	6:00pm candlelit carol service at 7:30pm

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Sat 26 th Jan	Grimsby	AGM
Saturday 23 rd March	Ulceby (TBC)	3:00 - 4:00pm branch practice