

# Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

## Northern Branch

### Newsletter – April 2013

Welcome to the April edition of the Northern Branch newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is June 16<sup>th</sup> 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 July, August, September and October.

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## Guild AGM 2013

The Guild AGM for 2013 will take place on Saturday 27th April. The actual meeting will take place in Bailgate Methodist Church at 11:00am, but this is only a small part of the itinerary for the day. The full itinerary is as follows:

- 09:30 am - 10:00 am: Ringing at Lincoln Cathedral
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am: Communion service in the Ringers Chapel
- 11:00 am - 12:15 am: Annual General Meeting at Bailgate Methodist Church
- 12:15 pm - 14:00 pm: Lunch at Bailgate Methodist Church
- 14:00 pm - 15:00 pm: Afternoon ringing at Stow
- 14:45 pm - 15:45 pm: Afternoon ringing at Saxilby
- 16:15 pm - 17:20 pm: Afternoon ringing at Lincoln Cathedral
- 17:30 pm - 18:15 pm: Evensong, St Hugh's Choir, Lincoln Cathedral
- 18:15 pm - 20:30 pm: Further ringing at Lincoln Cathedral

#### Lunch

If you want lunch after the AGM, then you will need to let the Guild Secretary (Sandra Underwood) know before the 17th April 2013. Contact her by

- E-mail : [Click here](#) for Sandra's E-mail address
- Phone : 01522 884682.

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

**Saturday 18th May  
Walesby (8)  
Open Churches 4pm**

**2013 Northern Branch Outing – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

This will be to the Elloe Deaneries area. We shall be visiting five towers, with a pub lunch. Full details of the outing will be sent out in due course.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Walesby (8)  
Ramblers' Trinity Sunday Service 2-3pm**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Claxby (5)  
Open Gardens 2- 4pm**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Middle Rasen (6)**  
Branch Striking Competition 6:45-9pm. Please enter teams with Lorraine Jeffery by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

**NORTHERN BRANCH AGM**

There was a good turnout for this. Good to see some not particularly active members up the tower, please keep up the support. The Grimsby ringers prepared a tea; thanks go to Carla Westfield and Jane Willerton for their excellent catering effort.

During the meeting, a minute's silence was held for Mike Scott of Laceby who had sadly died during the previous year.

The Ringing Master gave his report in which he thanked Andrew Lord for being his deputy and organising the tour to the Grantham area.

The Alan Hewitt Shield was awarded to Goxhill, who had a particularly good turnout at the Cathedral ringing in August and who rang to mark the start of the Olympics.

The treasurer gave his report, which concluded that membership was up by five members in 2012 from 2011. Also he had been asked if people could pay their membership by standing order or BACS. This is an acceptable method of payment, however, to arrange this, members must email the treasurer for details. Also it was highlighted that there is a membership form for both new members and existing ones. These will only need to be filled in once but all new members will need to fill out a form before they are elected to the Branch and if current members could also go onto the Guild website and download a membership details update form and fill this in and hand it in to the Branch secretary or treasurer. These forms will then only need to be updated should you change details such as your address, phone number, email addresses etc.

Joy gave her report of the Guild committee meetings.

## **Guild Committee Meeting**

The safeguarding new rules will be coming out. The CRB checks will be going electronic so you reply online. The Guild questionnaires have been completed but only about 60 received across the whole guild so far. The Guild AGM arrangements have been made. This year they will get in outside caterers and the cost will be £6.50 per person. It will be soup and sandwiches. The Southern Branch will host the Guild 6-bell striking competition. The cup will be at Denton and the plate will be at Barrowby. The West Lindsey Branch will host the 8-bell Striking Competition at Kirton Lindsey The set piece will be two plain courses of Plain Bob Triples. The Ringing World Youth Striking Competition will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> July in York.

The President received a couple of items of correspondence involving an incident that had taken place. All members concerned have been at least partly assuaged.

The following members were elected as officers for 2013-2014:-

President: Linda Bromfield, proposed by John Cade, seconded by Joy Lord

Ringing Master: Andrew Lord, proposed by John Cade, seconded by Matthew Jeffery

Secretary: Lorraine Jeffery, proposed by Peter Taylor, seconded by Roger Lord

Treasurer: Roger Lord, proposed by Charles Cade, seconded by Carla Westfield

Newsletter editor: Joy Lord, proposed by Andy Bennett, seconded by David Hibbert

Guild committee rep: Joy Lord, proposed by Andy Bennett, seconded by Colin Disney

New branch committee member: Charles Cade, proposed by Joy Lord, seconded by Colin Disney

It was proposed by Joy Lord that Colin Disney, Alex Hibbert and Neil Mangan return as Branch committee members. Andrew Lord seconded this.

Independent examiner of accounts: David Hibbert, proposed by Roger Lord, seconded by Colin Disney.

Election of new members: Max Butters, Waltham (junior), proposed by Andrew Lord, seconded by Lorraine Jeffery

Sam Lomax, Caistor (junior), proposed by David Hibbert, seconded by Alex Hibbert  
Ivan Howitt and Marion Mosey, both of Barton, proposed by Andy Bennett, seconded by Jenny Bennett

All voted in favour of accepting these new members.

There were no bell repair fund requests.

## **Guild Review**

Jenny Bennett then went on to mention that the average age of Guild members is 55 and membership is falling, so the Guild Review aims to try to increase membership by looking at what can be done differently. This will take two or three years to implement. Questionnaires were sent out so that members had the chance to say what changes might need making.

## **Northern Branch February Committee Meeting**

At the last meeting, it was pointed out that the Northern Branch section of the Guild website needs to be updated for current committee members. This has now been carried out.

The Branch Striking Competition has been moved to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, as this will hopefully be a more convenient date for people.

There will be a Branch outing this year to the Elloe Deaneries area.

No current bell repair fund requests have been received.

After some further arm twisting, Joy Lord was re-elected to the position of Guild fundraising committee rep.

Andrew Lord will arrange a team for the Guild 8-bell Striking Competition, the set piece is two plain courses of Plain bob triples.

It was noted that perhaps not all correspondence is getting to all towers, we believe we do have an email contact for each active tower, so as things are sent out on email, we will put a footnote reminding people to ensure that information is taken to the tower.

Also it was decided an article should be written regarding duty of care for properties in towers.

The next Branch committee meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Duty of Care article**

The branch committee discussed the duty of care needed by Tower Captains and ringers for the Peal boards, photographs and various artefacts housed in their ringing chambers. These items of Church Art are part of our heritage and as such should be looked after properly and respectfully. Not only do they enhance our surroundings, many Peal boards are over a century old and tell the story of bell ringing within the local community, as well as providing interest for visitors, ringers and historians. The committee suggest an inventory be kept with photographic evidence and the respective PCC made aware. This information could prove useful, particularly if the Church was vandalised, became redundant or closed.

Linda Bromfield (Branch President)

## **Barton news**

The AGM of the St Mary's Company of Bell ringers was held in the Tower on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.. Tower Captain, Andy Bennett, chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone including Revd. Ivan Howitt who has recently moved to the area after his retirement and is now a member of the St Mary's Bell ringers.

The following officers were elected

Tower Captain - Andy Bennett

Vice Captain - Geoff Bryant

Ringling Master - George Thompson

All the ringers congratulated George on his appointment as, possibly, the youngest Ringling Master in the Lincoln Guild. Andy thanked all the officers of the tower for the time they give including Jenny for all the work she had done as Ringling Master over the past year and also the fact that she agreed to assist George as required in his new post until he has finished his exams.

Tower members are looking forward to having regular monthly practices of Surprise Major methods to which other local ringers are invited.



George Thompson

## Northern Branch 2013 Programme

Date	Tower	Event / Time
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Lincoln	Guild AGM (details to follow)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Walesby (8)	Open Churches 4pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May		Tour (Elloe Deaneries area, details to follow)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Walesby (8)	Ramblers' Trinity Sunday Service 2-3pm
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Tealby (6), Walesby (8)	Joint northern and Central Branch meeting Tealby 3-4pm, Walseby picnic tea 5:30pm.
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Claxby (5)	Open Gardens 2-4pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Middle Rasen (6)	Branch Striking Competitio 6:45-9pm
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Tealby (6)	Branch half-yearly meeting, ringing 3pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Lincoln Cathedral (12)	Ringling for Evensong – meet at 2:15pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	(6)	Guild 6-bell Striking Competition Southern Branch 4.00 pm Cup - Denton, Plate- Barrowby
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Legbourne	Branch practice 3 - 4:30pm
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	(8)	Guild 8-bell Striking Competition, West Lindsey Branch, Kirton Lindsey, 2 plain courses of Plain Bob Triples
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Walesby (8)	Candlelit Carol Service – ringing 5:30-7pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	Market Rasen (8)	Branch AGM  Ringing 2-3.30pm, Service 3.45pm followed by tea and Business meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday in March	TBC	Branch practice 3-4:30pm