

April 2015 News e-mail to WLB members

There were 18 ringers at the practice at Kirton Lindsey in March, it was a really useful practice for concentrating on the named method Little Bob Major, especially for those of us who don't get much practice on 8 bells, whilst others also rang some Yorkshire. We were also pleased to welcome some of our new members who had never rung on 8 before, who rang some rounds and call changes.

At the surprise Major practice at Stow on Saturday, with the help of 3 Northern branch ringers and a visitor from Derby, there were enough this time to be able to ring London, along with Lincolnshire, Superlative, Yorkshire and Bristol. No dates have been set for future practices or quarters at the moment but I am told there is some enthusiasm (numbers allowing) for keeping things going.

Forthcoming events;

'First's' month - 18th April - 17th May as mentioned in March instead of a quarter peal month this year we will be having a 'First's' month. This is for everyone to ring absolutely anything for the first time - it might be first call changes/plain bob/ Cambridge/spliced/ first quarter/first peal/ first on 8 bells/first at a new tower.....some ringers have been coming up with all sorts of ideas. Please find attached a chart for each ringer to keep an individual record of their firsts, could we also suggest that Tower Captains/secretaries enter any 'whole tower firsts' on a separate form, and simply head it up with the tower name. Please can these forms be returned to me either directly or through Tower Captains after 17th May, so that I can compile a record of achievements, along with any photographs? For those struggling to think of 'firsts', the month includes both a 8 bell and 3 bell branch practice and the branch outing!!

On the 18th April we are having a branch practice at **Burton upon Stather** at 7-9pm, and we have invited the Northern branch to come along and join us.

23rd April **St Georges Day**, towers are encouraged to ring at some point during the day. Could tower captains please feedback any ringing they do to me so that I can record it. If towers are short of ringers but would like to ring please let me know as there are offers from ringers.

25th April is the **Guild AGM**, details of the day can be found at www.ldgcb.org.uk/diary/2015/ There is a change of format in the afternoon this year, when there will be workshops this will include rope splicing, progressing from bob calling to conducting, change ringing on hand bells and place notation. For those not wishing to attend a workshop there will be ringing at St. Giles, Lincoln. Lunch is to be own arrangements.

Guess how many chocolates - could towers please return to me any sheets or details, they have of entries, the winners will be announced after Easter Day - good luck, I have my fingers crossed!

A reminder to the **committee**, there will be a meeting on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm at Janet Clarkes. Agenda in due course, if anyone has anything they wish the committee to discuss please let me know.

Diary date 4th May **Bank holiday Monday outing** details to follow.

The **Guild newsletter** is attached. (on Guild website)

Finally, Best wishes to everyone a very Happy Easter, 🐣