## <u>Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers</u> <u>Central Branch Newsletter No 90 August 2015</u>

### Celebrating VE Day and the sealing of the Magna Carta -

Many churches across the braches have celebrated VE Day either by ringing peals, quarter peals or ringing the bells for a period of time as at Nettleham and Welton.

The 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna gave many the chance to celebrate in a novel way - ringing 800 changes. At Lincoln Guildhall, the Mote Bell, dating from 1371, was chimed 800 times by The Rt Worshipful the Mayor of Lincoln Councillor, Andrew Kerry and the Lady Mayoress and ringers representing local towers. The Mote Bell is inscribed "When anyone rings this bell the good hear the sound and rejoice that the council chamber will be filled with citizenry".

Thank you all for your contributions to the newsletter - some are included below.

# 800 changes rung specially for the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta.

Sleaford, St Denys

Sunday, 14th June 2015

Sunday, 14 June 2015

800 Plain Bob Major

- 1. Sylvia Taylor
- 2. Kate Morgan
- 3. Richard Short
- 4. Diana M Street
- 5. Ed White
- 6. Geoffrey Wilkins
- 7. Alan D H Bird
- 8. Richard Spencer (C)

Rung for the 800th Anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta

Heckington,

800 Plain Bob Doubles

Plain Bob Doubles

- 1. Keith Hildred
- 2. Rebecca Carr
- 3. Audrey Harrison
- 4. Bryan Ward
- 5. Alan D H Bird (C)
- 6. Greg Harrison

Rung for the 800th Anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta

For other contributions, please read on. "It all started...."

### Proposed Ringing Meetings for 2015/2016

Proposed Kinging Meetings for 2015/2010			
Swinderby	6.00 - 7.00 pm		
Eagle	7.15 - 8.30 pm		
Cathedral Service Ringing			
Guild 6 Bell striking competition	In Northern Branch		
Cup at Middle Rasen - 240 change	es Plain Bob Minor		
Plate at Tealby - 240 changes up	to Plain Bob Doubles		
Branch Outing - will be in the Robi	in Hood Country		
(see last page for more details)			
Caythorpe 5-8pm (NB the chang	e from the 10 <sup>th</sup> )		
Quiz-Lincoln St Giles			
Carol Service Lincoln St Giles			
Ringing 2.30pm			
•			
<b>0 0</b> 1			
o .			
Martin	2.30 - 4.00pm		
Leadenham	2.30 - 4.00pm		
	Swinderby Eagle Cathedral Service Ringing Guild 6 Bell striking competition Cup at Middle Rasen - 240 change Plate at Tealby - 240 changes up Branch Outing - will be in the Robi (see last page for more details) Caythorpe 5-8pm (NB the chang Quiz-Lincoln St Giles Carol Service Lincoln St Giles Ringing 2.30pm Service 3.00 pm AGM Sleaford Ringing 3.00pm Service 4.30 Tea and Meeting 5.00pm		

# Congratulations to The Lincolnshire Poachers who came 4th in the Ringing World National Youth Competition.



See later for Hannah's report. Hannah is 4th from the right.

# Washingborough 8 Bell Practices 10.30-12am Is anyone taking any notice?

22nd Aug, 26th Sept, 24th Oct, 28th Nov, ? Dec, 23rd Jan 2016 The nature of this practice has been changed to accommodate the needs of ringers and is open to all who would like to practice their 8 bell ringing in a relaxed environment.

All of these are subject to change. Check nearer the time.

#### Congratulations to:

- ---- Cherie Renaud for her first quarter of Triples.
- ---- Ron Everett for his first quarter of Minor inside.
- ---- Genie Lowe for her first quarter at her first attempt ringing the treble to Plain Bob Doubles.
- ---- Martin Clarke for his first guarter of Minor inside.
- ---- North Scarle for their new peal of 6 bells see later for a report.
- ---- Hannah Watt for her first peal which celebrated the ordination of Cameron Watt (Hannah's father) and Paul Ievins. (The conductor was impressed by the steady way she rang).
- ---- Claire Howard for her first quarter of Little Bob Minor
- ---- Claire Howard for her first quarter on 8 bells (at Stow)
- ---- George Ellison for his first quarter. Well done George.
- ---- to Stephen and Sara Neate see later in the Newsletter for this report.
- ---- Cherie Renaud for her first quarter of Spliced Minor on treble.
- ---- Tierney Rayment for her first quarter peal and at her first attempt. Well done Tierney!
- ---- Philip Hill for his first quarter peal after returning back to ringing.
- ---- Keith Hildred for his first quarter.

### **Guild 6 bell striking competition**

-- please see the Lincoln Diocesan Guild Website for details -- Please let the Branch Secretary know by the 31st August, if you are intending to enter a team into either the Cup or the Plate.

### Central Branch Meeting, Dunholme 9th May

The first of our evening meetings this year. Was this why the number attending was disappointing? Only twelve members came to ring on this lovely six. Fiona's oven had been working overtime and there were far more cakes than we could eat, so we all gorged ourselves -- she's a good cook! As usual Richard kept us busy in the tower with a variety of methods making sure everyone had a good time at their own level, so all was not lost. Rather than holding a business meeting, informal talking over refreshments and the distribution of the latest Newsletter (thank you Gill) ensured that we all knew what is going on. Donations in lieu of a raffle were added to the tea money pot to ensure that the Belfry Repair Fund did not lose out. Where were you all? We hope to see you at the next meeting. MAP

### Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 --- RABBITS ----

Bardney!!!! Not the best ring for a striking competition but at short notice all had the same issue of hearing the calls above the noise of the bells. Twenty ringers came, 3 teams of 6 made up of beginners and experts organised by Richard and Betty to judge. Team one, under Jonathon, team 2 with Phil (made up of Phil and 5 ladies much to his pleasure) and team 3 with Mick. Each team had 3 minutes practice and then 5 minutes of call changes which was the judged piece of ringing.

Whist ringing was taking place all had chance to find the answers to the hurriedly arranged quiz around the Church and Church Yard, to taste and judge the various sausages and to have tea and cakes.

Betty gave her comments starting with the fact that she had taken the trouble to bring with her a stop watch but failed to press the start button when the first band began ringing! She went on to say that all three bands mainly rang well, two having moments when it appeared all would fall apart but managed to get back into rhythm again before standing. The majority of the faults were really only clips. She then announced the winners to be band 3 who were awarded both their chocolate rabbits and their certificates. All ringers there received a miniature chocolate rabbit for attending. The quiz resulted in 3 tying by getting all 21 questions correct. The Onion Trophy was awarded to Richard for his very tasty sausages which came from his local butcher and had a lovely tasting sweet extra ingredient.

Thanks were extended to Chris Jackson, the incumbent of Bardney and the Bardney ringers for making the bells available and serving tea and cakes. Maybe next year there will be more ringers joining in to this fun event. Chris J Jackson

### Notes from the Branch Committee Meeting June 4th

- \* It was reported that a number of Branch towers are thinking of having work done on their bells (Ashby-de-la-Launde, Scothern, Brant Broughton and Leasingham). Our Branch Bell Repair Fund is getting very diminished. Talk of Fund Raising -- Any suggestions??
- \* What are we doing about Magna Carta ringing? Let us know what you are planning/have done.
- \* The proposed Young Persons' Festival in the Guild has been postponed.
- \* Do we want a Branch Striking Competition? If so, details on how to be run to be discussed at the Branch Half-Yearly Meeting at Welton on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Rabbits next year to be on a Saturday the April meeting. The usual date always clashes with Half Term, which cuts out too many ringers.
- \* Don't forget the Branch Outing on Saturday September 19th. It should be good. Do support it.

Margaret Parker.

### **Check your bolt!**

The treble became VERY deep set. Thinking the stay was cracked, he went up to replace it but found that one of the bolts was missing. That wouldn't take long ----- or would it? It took longer to find it (on the far side of the belfry) than it would have to replace the stay!

Keep your practice moving. The young get impatient standing around. The old are just grateful that they can still stand!!!

#### A LESSON FOR ALL

A little bit of praise and criticism too, When learning to ring will pull one through.

If pushed too fast, life could be hell, When trying to ring a tower bell.

Patience is a virtue – so they say, And with it we will learn one day.

So to this poem there is a moral, A little praise will avoid a quarrel.

### Central Branch ½ yearly meeting -- June 13th

The  $\frac{1}{2}$  yearly meeting was held at Welton with about 15 members attending. Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Norwich and when some members disappeared to prepare the service, the duty of the final ring fell on the shoulders of some of the younger members of the Welton band. And they rung well. For the service, ringers were invited to sit in the Choir stalls, providing a more intimate surrounding for the service. Les Townsend played the organ and hymns were song with gusto – I was sitting between Jonathon and Hannah who drowned my singing. I was thankful since I have dreadful problems singing the right notes in the right order. Sometimes I get it right!

Curate Cameron Watt took the service with his sermon based on the significance of bells, where bells turning reminded him how the seasons of life turned. How the bells celebrate in different ways, births, jubilees, birthday celebrations, weddings and funerals. Someone said to him how safe they felt when they heard the bells ringing. "There is a deep connection between bells and our lives which has embedded this thought. Ringing is music but without melody" -- Cameron quoted an eighteenth century German Philosopher Leibniz who had an interesting theory of why music is pleasurable. Leibniz suggested that Music is the pleasure a human mind experiences from counting without being aware that it is counting. Cameron expressed his delight at how "ringing is an extraordinary thing to do week in week out, not just producing a pleasant sound but calling people to Church while expressing beauty of change ordered in sequence reflecting the beauty of God".

(Some parts were adapted from a sermon preached by the Rt. Rev Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham)

After the service, the weather being unkind, we all retired to have our picnic and meeting in the comforts of Fiona's home, with copious cups of tea and coffee on tap. The meeting covered points about the striking competition and what should we have as our next onion competition. Marmalade was suggested – what a silly idea said my husband who I tolerated since it was my suggestion. So marmalade looks like the likely candidate for the Onion competition and details about whether to have marmalade on toast or marmalade sandwiches will be decided closer to the time. Other points raised were:

- New branch striking competition for which there would be a new trophy.
- Social event for the Central Branch Bell Repair Fund a race night was suggested, to take place after the Rabbit's competition.
- Sale of memorabilia donated principally from Walter Froggatt, raised a

considerable sum for the Central Branch B.R.F. The remaining stock to be given to the Guild Library.

Thank you to Fiona for her hospitality and the many cups of tea, Cameron Watt and Jonathan Clarke for the service and the intercessions respectively, Philip Dawson for the readings, Richard Spencer for organising the ringing and Les Townsend for playing the organ.

#### North Scarle

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May saw the end of an epic journey when six of us finally test -rang the new six bell peal at North Scarle; and a pretty little six they are too. Many had begun to wonder if the project would ever be finished and a number of enthusiastic helpers have died since it was first mooted! A group of non-ringing villagers were in the church to enjoy the completion of their task - the organising committee, the fundraisers and the three stalwart men who were game and still able (one of them is now 85!) to work long hard days, lending their muscle to provide the manual labour needed to help Appletons erect the frame and hang the bells. A lady working in her garden nearby heard the bells and rushed in, secateurs still in her hand, to see what was happening.

Champagne corks were popped and we celebrated in time-honoured fashion - the only sad note was the awareness that Nigel Pendleton was no longer with us to join the celebrations. He had borne much of the frustration steering the effort from the ringers' point of view, and on his last meeting with the English Heritage rep. he had said, "I shan't be still here to see it". Nigel we salute you.

In 1999 a lady left £500 to the church 'to do something with the bells'. A committee was formed and fund raising started. Sadly from the ringers point of view, the money raised was first spent on the organ and a toilet, and the remaining money went on the bells. Finally the villagers had raised enough money to augment the three old bells (thank you Keltek Trust) and hang the new six bell peal in a new steel frame. English Heritage had a problem with replacing the old wooden frame, which was clearly no longer fit for purpose and the discussions went on for years. By this time the costs had soared so high that a lot more fund raising was (and still is) needed. Nothing daunted, the committee took this on with enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who has helped!

a group for the evening service which rotates round the four churches (Swinderby, Eagle, Scarle and Thorpe) and Sandra is busy training new ringers. Well done!! MAP

# Continuing the story of North Scarle The Dedication of All Saints, North Scarle ring of 6 bells

July 5th was a lovely summer's evening and ringers from the Central Branch gathered in the church with a member of the Keltek Trust, who had found two of the three "new" bells, along with a friend and a member of the Whites of Appleton family whose firm had made the frame for the bells. Although the service was not due to start for another hour there were already several village people in the church. The scheme to rehang and augment the bells had been on the go for several years and everyone was very pleased that all the problems had been solved and the bells were ringing out. The service had been devised by the Vicar, Rev George Goalby who had found several hymns, relating to bells and ringers, which fitted to well known hymns tunes. The choir sang an anthem based on rounds on eight and other changes starting like 'Unchanging God who livest' but then becoming more complicated. In the middle of the service the vicar went to the tower and exorcised and blessed the bells, the ropes, the sallies and the ringers.

After this a chosen band rang 120 Grandsire Doubles and then the service continued. At the end, coffee, tea and biscuits were served and after a little more ringing the bells were lowered and everyone went home happy.

One very encouraging thing was that a local ringer who had been taught at Thorpe-on-the-Hill by Sandra Underwood rang in some rounds and made a very good job of it.

Betty Stracey.

### Another Gem

For learners -

When ringing plain hunt - remember the rhythm of the bell ringing. Going up to the back - the bell rings slower.

Going down to the front - the bell rings faster.

Leading at the front and laying behind the other bells are at the normal speed.

Who needs other bells to ring with!!!

We do - so lets learn and ring together!

### Magna Carta Anniversary Celebrations Nettleham's Contributions

It all started on the practice night at Nettleham the Tuesday before the Magna Carta weekend. One ringer expressed surprise that no-one had removed one of the 'Barons' scattered around Lincoln -- perhaps we ought to kidnap one as part of our celebration. Gill said, "Hush. Don't talk about kidnapping. We have a police presence here!" Overhearing this, Claire said, "I could arrest one!" The idea grew, with visions of wailing sirens and great drama. Why? Bring him to Runnymede. He's a day (and 800 years!) late. We could bring him to Nettleham Church (even if he couldn't manage the spiral stairs!) to join us as we rang courses of Runemede. As a tower we had been practicing this Slow Course Doubles method but weren't quite up to Quarter Peal level. When we sounded out the Rector - he fully endorsed the plan, encouraging us to get the Lincolnshire Echo at least, if not Look North to attend with their cameras. Then the idea fell flat. We found that the sculptures were filled with concrete and it needed a crane to lift them. Claire is a strong lass, but even she would find it difficult to get them into a police car!

Anyway, we satisfied ourselves by ringing lots of Runemede at the practice and Nettleham ringers were well represented when the Scothern/Dunholme/Welton/Nettleham cluster rang a good quarter the following evening at Dunholme. So we did get to do our bit! MAP



Dunholme 17 June 1260 Runemede Slow Course Doubles

- 1. Margaret Parker (C)
- 2. Gill Gladman
- Margaret Neate
- 4. Jeremy Wheeldon
- 5. Philip Dawson
- Keith Gladman

I will not be moved!!!

The wild flower statue Baron outside Lincoln Cathedral.

Visit www.lincolnbarons.com for more information on the Barons in Lincoln. It is fun to find them and there is more to this "wild flower statue Baron" than meets the eye! Then you would see the Barons not in colour, but in black and white.

### A busy Magna Carta weekend by the tired arm of the law.....

.... for those who don't know, in real life away from bell ringing, I am a police sergeant at Lincoln ....

It all started with a photo of me in the Echo, ringing ... much to the amusement of my colleagues and even some of my service users! I had to get used to hearing 'I didn't know you were a bell ringer!' and a couple of weeks of 'witty' remarks about Mars' bar adverts and Midsomer Murders. On Sunday morning (the 'official' commemoration day) I did my usual service ringing at Waddington and Washingborough. I then hot footed it to Potterhanworth for the first quarter peal... it seemed to go on for a bit longer than normal, then someone said it was 1,800 (800<sup>th</sup> anniversary...) changes.. Oh, Right! Then there was just enough time to head home briefly to feed the mad kitten and cram a bacon butty down my neck whilst another quarter was in progress at St Mary le Wigford. Then swiftly back into town to St Peter at Gowts. This time I was prepared for the 1,800 changes but there was no time to rest afterwards as it was a quick hop down the High Street to St Botolph's to do it all again... (Plain bob minor this time!) Followed by a dash back up the High Street to the Guildhall to chime the bell that sits atop the Stonebow 800 times (with the Mayor and Lady Mayoress no less!). We got a fantastic view of the carnival making its way up through town, it was just a shame that the weather didn't want to play along. By this time I was wondering why I was feeling a little bit sore, so I left the others to go back to the villages to do a bit more and went home for a long soak... thinking about it, I had rung 5,400 changes in one afternoon.. That's more than a peal! (and I have not rung one of those yet) no wonder I had blisters and fingers that refused to work... and it wasn't over either. On the Monday (the actual anniversary) it was back to Waddington to ring our Magna Carta quarter (only 1,240 changes this time!) This was made extra special for being the first quarter for one of our young ringers, George Ellison, well done George! I am very proud to live in a city with an original copy of probably the most important constitutional documents on the world (which, when you think about it, means my job is what it is!) and to have been (just a small part) of the celebrations for the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its signing, but I think I will need a bit more training before doing it again!

Claire (Washingborough)

### A wedding with no bells? Not likely!

The wedding season is upon us -- but what do you do if the venue does not have any bells? Take your own! Three of us assembled in the shrubbery area outside the Lincoln Registry Office to ring a couple of courses of Bob Minor on handbells to greet the happy couple as they emerged after their wedding - it was much appreciated by the family and the non-ringing guests.

Congratulations to the Happy Couple, Stephen and Sara Neate!!

### Joint Meeting with Southern Branch Sat July 11th

Only 10 people (including a visitor from Yorkshire) made it to Hough-on-the-Hill (weddings, National Youth Striking Competition, reputation of the bells?) The bells lived up (or down) to previous experience and could clearly do with a drop of oil (or maybe a gallon)! We were rather late starting -- the Central Branch members parking outside one entrance to the Church and the Southern Branch members parking at another leaving both halves waiting for enough to ring! -- but still had more than enough time to give everyone as much ringing as they wanted!! Then on to Claypole where 3 more ringers joined us. The first touch was rung with the bells pulling off 23451 and no-one seemed to notice. What did that tell us about the ringing? Things went better when that was put right.

Do we need to rethink the meeting programme for another year? Maybe that's why the summer meetings used to be in the evenings after all the wedding ringing for the day is finished. But it is good to join with ringers from other Branches for social fellowship.

Any ideas?

### The Case of the Missing Newsletters

Well known lady amateur detective GG was asked why some of the Ringing Newsletters had not arrived. GG sprang into action and had a cup of tea and biscuits (possibly Jaffa Cakes). Which towers had not received their copies? Luckily by sheer chance the enquirer had put down the names which allowed the hunt to start. Relentlessly the hunt went on and finally one of the suspects cracked. "It's a fair cop - they are in the glove box of my car; and I did tell the enquirer that I had them some while ago."

Another successful case for GG bringing happiness to Bell Towers of the Central Branch.

The End

KG

# Ringing World National Youth Competition 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015 From Hannah who was in the Lincolnshire Poacher team.

On Saturday 11th July 2015, teams of young bell ringers, from all across the country, met up in Oxford (the host for the RWNYC) all aiming to win The Whitechapel Trophy. This year there were 19 teams, a record number for the RWNYC! Each team had 8 ringers, some had reserves and all had a few adults that were in charge of the team for the day. For us it was Sue Faull, Ian and Joy Till and Jonathan Clark. Lincolnshire was the only county to have 2 teams in the competition, The Lincolnshire Poachers and The Lincolnshire Gamekeepers.

We went to St Mary Magdalen's to register and to meet the rest of our team. After about an hour and a few panicked conversations containing little other than "Where are you?" and "I don't know." and "I'm lost!", all the team arrived.

The first tower that we rang at was St Mary Magdalen's, a light ring of 10. Throughout the day we went around Oxford and rang at Christ Church, Magdalen College and St Aldate's with lunch and our test piece somewhere in the middle! All the teams rang their test piece at St Thomas the Martyr and were judged by a panel of ringers. Everyone from our team (The Lincolnshire Poachers) came out happy with what we had rung, thinking that we had at least equalled what we rang last year at Worcester.

At 5.30 pm the results were announced at Merton College, results that we had been waiting anxiously for all day. Who would win? Where would we come? After a few words from each of the judges, the results were revealed: Bedfordshire Association retained the Whitechapel Trophy and the Lincolnshire Poachers came joint 4<sup>th</sup>.

We had an amazing time and are all looking forward to next year's competition in London already!

HW

Congratulations to the Lincolnshire Poachers. Thank you Hannah!

– Overheard			
"Get down - "You usually	 a Bob there	<u>!</u> "	
_			

Two television aerials getting married in Church.

The service wasn't much good but the reception was terrific!

### **Branch Quarter Peals**

Surfleet 1 May 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1. Helen Brotherton
- 2. Alan Bird
- 3. Sylvia Taylor
- 4. Bill Brotherton
- 5. Phil Mason
- Peter Wakefield
- 7. David Fox
- 8. Michael Stracey (C)

For the Surfleet Flower Festival

Sleaford 3 May 1260 Plain Bob Triples

- 1. Cherie Renaud
- 2. Jean Kay
- 3. Michael Stracey
- 4. Betty Stracey
- 5. Phil Mason
- 6. Sylvia M Taylor
- 7. Alan D H Bird (C)
- 8. Richard Spencer

First of Triples 1 For Evensong

Lincoln St Giles 4 May 1282 Cambridge Surprise Major Composed by David W Beard

- 1. Dot Mason
- 2. Sylvia Taylor
- 3. Alan Bird
- 4. Betty Stracey
- 5. John Nicholson
- 6. David Fox
- 7. Michael Stracey (C)
- 8. Phil Mason

Rung to celebrate the birth of Princess Charlotte of Cambridge

Heckington 9 May 1260 Doubles 300 Grandsire 960 Plain Bob

- 1. Genie Lowe
- 2. Rebecca Carr
- 3. Audrey Harrison
- 4. Greg Harrison
- 5. Alan Bird (C)
- 6. Bryan Ward

Rung to Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of VE Day

1. First Quarter Peal at the first attempt

Lincoln Cathedral 9 May 1260 Grandsire Caters

- 1. Rose Hancock
- 2. Delia Heppenstall
- 3. Sylvia Taylor
- 4. Heather Grover
- Harold Gibson
- 6. Sandra Underwood
- 7. Les Townsend
- 8. Mick Stracey
- 9. Robin Heppenstall (C)
- 10.Bob Hancock

Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

Eagle 10 May

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1. Sandra Underwood
- 2. Soo Pendleton
- 3. John Nicholson
- Ron Everett
   Betty Stracey
- 6. Michael Stracey (C)

First of Minor inside 4.

For Evensong at the end of the village's weekend of celebration for the VE Day 70th anniversary

### **Branch Quarter Peals**

Washingborough 15 May 1440 Little Bob Minor Being 3 extents of 480 changes each

- 1. Susan L Waterfall
- 2. Graham F Whittaker
- 3. Claire J Howard
- 4. Christopher C P Woodcock
- 5. Andrew Blacklock
- 6. Jonathan P Clark (C)

First in method for 3

First in method as conductor.

#### Sleaford

7 June

14 June

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1. Sylvia M Taylor
- 2. Jean Kay
- 3. Geoffrey Wilkins
- 4. Richard Spencer
- 5. Alan D H Bird (C)
- 6. Martin Clarke

First of Minor 6

For Evensong

Lincoln Cathedral 1259 Grandsire Caters

- 1. Caitlin Meyer
- 2. Delia Heppenstall
- 3. Heather Grover
- 4. Sandra Underwood
- Les Townsend
- Harold Gibson
- 7. Robin Heppenstall (C)
- 8. Jeremy Wheeldon
- 9. David Braunton
- 10. John Nicholson

To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta, and in thanksgiving for the lives of Archbishop Stephen Langton, whose early education took place in this Cathedral, and Bishop Hugh II of Lincoln who also witnessed the sealing ensuring the safe custody of the "Lincolnia" copy in the Cathedral.

Waddington 15 June 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1. George Ellison
- 2. Jean Williams
- 3. Claire Howard
- 4. Ian Hasman
- 5. Jonathan P Clark (C)
- 6. Robert H Harvey

Rung to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta at Runnymede. An original copy is held at Lincoln Castle. First Quarter Peal for 1. Well done George.

Dunholme 17 June 1260 Runemede Slow Course Doubles

- 1. Margaret Parker (C)
- 2. Gillian Gladman
- 3. Margaret Neate
- 4. Jeremy Wheeldon
- 5. Philip Dawson
- 6. Keith Gladman

Marking 800th anniversary of Magna Carta

Sleaford 5 July

1296 Spliced Minor

- 2 Methods 576, (144 Little Bob,
- 432 Plain Bob Spliced 12 COM),

720 Plain Bob

- 1. Cherie Renaud
- 2. Sylvia M Taylor
- 3. Ed White
- 4. Richard Rogers
- 5. Alan D H Bird (C)
- 6. Greg Harrison

1st of spliced minor 1 For Evensong.

### **Branch Quarter Peals**

Lincoln Cathedral 12 July 1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

- Rose Hancock
- 2. Robin Heppenstall
- 3. Delia Heppenstall
- 4. Les Townsend
- 5. Bob Hancock
- John Nicholson
- 7. Jeremy Wheeldon
- 8. Michael Stracey (C)

For Lincolnshire County Council Service of Dedication, rung on the light eight.

20 July Washingborough 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1. Tierney Rayment
- 2. Graham F Whittaker
- Robert H Harvey
- 4. Claire J Howard
- 5. Christopher C P Woodcock (C)
- 6. Philip Hill

First quarter peal at first attempt: 1, Well Done Tierney!

First quarter since returning back to ringing: 6.

Lincoln Cathedral 1282 Stedman Caters

- 1. Gillian Gladman
- 2. Delia Heppenstall
- 3. Sylvia Taylor
- 4. Les Townsend
- 5. Harold Gibson
- David Fox
- 7. Jeremy Wheeldon (C)
- 8. Michael Stracev
- 9. Robin Heppenstall

10.Phil Mason For Evensong

Sleaford 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1. Keith Hildred
- 2. Sylvia M Taylor
- 3. Kate Morgan
- 4. Greg Harrison
- 5. Alan D H Bird (C)
- 6. Martin Clarke

First Quarter Peal 1

**From the Editor:** Thank you for the articles, news and funny comments and to those who allow me access to their pictures and news. Also, thank you to those who send information on quarter peals and contributions. Without all these I would not be able to prepare a Newsletter for the Central Branch.

Contributions for the Newsletter can be handed via Margaret Parker or Fiona Dawson (Central Branch Secretary).

Please note: the Editor reserves the right to edit articles to allow their inclusion in the Newsletter.

PS Thank you to all the readers!! Gill Gladman.

2 Aug

26 July

## September 19th Central Branch Outing

All the towers are situated just north of Newark adjacent to the A616 within easy distance of each other.

Travel is under your own steam

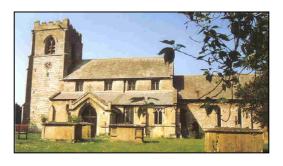
(or some other propulsion!)

and

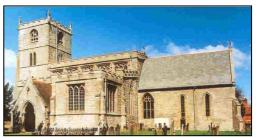
make your own lunch arrangements

The steeplage will be £1 per person per tower.

Caunton St Andrew (6) 7-3-9 1300 - 1400 hrs



Norwell St Laurence (6) 9-2-5 1415-1515 hrs



Ossington Holy Rood (6) 6-0-17 1530 - 1630 hrs

