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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. FEBRUARY 2025

News from January:

100 club £10: 45. David Reynolds £5: 49. Robin Heppenstall

LDG calendars and Christmas cards Around £650 was raised for the BRF. Thanks go to everyone who supported – buying, selling and providing photos.

Southern Branch: A QP of Cambridge Minor was rung at Deeping St James in memory of Jim Haw on the evening of his funeral. Also in his memory was rung a peal of Deeping St James Delight Major. It was the 100th together for Chris Sharp and Alan Bird. A QP was rung at Witham on the Hill prior to the funeral of Pamela Pohling-Brown, resident and ringer in this village. A peal of Ambleside Alliance was rung at Sproxtton and was a 1st in method for all the band. It was the 200th together for Alan Bird and Tony Walker. Congratulations to Hazel Hickling on her 1st QP who rang the treble to PB Doubles at Irnham. The AGM at Grantham was attended by 45 Guild members. 9 new members were elected and 7 ratified from last year including 3 young ringers. There were some changes in officers - Mary Hatfield is secretary and David Braunton is a DBRM. Thanks was given to the outgoing officers. Howard Pell was presented with his first peal certificate by the Guild Master. He is the only person in the Guild to achieve his first peal so far in the 125 anniversary year.

West Lindsey Branch: Branch members were saddened to hear of the death of Malcolm Sargeant, a ringer from Bottesford. As well as his ringing, Malcolm will be remembered for his expertise on the Northumbrian pipes, much enjoyed at many branch ringing events. His funeral is at 11.30, Scunthorpe Crem on Feb 4th. General ringing at Belton included 3 year old Arlea chiming the treble. She is the granddaughter of Stephen Featherstone to whom best wishes were sent following the completion of chemotherapy. A handbell peal was rung at Willingham – a welcome return to peal ringing for Robin Heppenstall. Congrats to Brian Gilchrist on his 1st QP away from cover – treble to PB Doubles at Scotter, There was a very good turnout for the branch AGM. Following ringing at Stow, the Service and tea were held at Willingham. There was no change of officers and 7 new members were elected.

Elloe Deaneries Branch: 3 new minimus methods and one singles were rung at Fulney: New Year TP, Narrowboat TP, The Ever Popular TP Singles and BaileyTP. The last was rung in memory of Roger Bailey on the 12th anniversary of his death. Another new method -Octigenta TP Minimus was rung at Uffington Cambs.

Central Branch: A QP of Double Oxford at Washingborough was a 1st of Minor for Matthew Burton. A QP of PB Doubles was rung at Branston for the 75th birthday of local ringer Steve Elders. A QP of PB Minor at Eagle was a 1st minor for Joanne Highfield and was rung in memory of George Highfield. Well done Ben Rothwell and Andrew Peters who rang their 1st QP of Maximus – Little Bob at the Cathedral. As ever Central Branch kicked off the round of branch AGM's, this year at St Giles Lincoln and was well attended. Ringing before the service catered for all abilities. Supper consisted of fish and chips organised with military precision by the ladies on the committee followed by puddings to expand the waistline. This year saw wholesale change in the executive officers with Gill Gladman (secretary), Graham Colborne (Ringing Master) and Philip Dawson (treasurer) passing the batons - on to Lisette Garrill, Martin Jones and Paul Hathaway respectively. We thank the outgoing officers and welcome the new.

Eastern: Congratulations to Emma Williamson on her 1st QP – treble to 2 doubles methods at Alford. It was rung to celebrate the awarding of Master's degree with distinction to Lincoln Uni ringer, Thomas Gaskins.

Northern Branch: The branch members were very sad to hear of the death of Michael Day, former TC of St James Louth. Sincere condolences are sent to his wife, Jill. A QP of PB Triples was rung at Louth in his memory. It was a 1st as cond of triples for Ben Rothwell and 1st cover for Thomas Gaskins. The branch AGM held at Waltham, was very well attended. 7 new members were elected, mainly from newly augmented Marshchapel. All branch officers were re-elected. The Alan Hewitt shield was again presented to Grimsby acknowledging their achievements during the year. Thanks are extended to Jill and Ben Day, who have kindly offered to replace a trophy presented to the winning team at branch striking competitions. This shield will be in Michael Day's memory.

1st	Elloe deaneries	Holbeach	8	Ringing Service + tea AGM	1500 1600 1730
1st	Eastern	Butterwick	6	Ringing Service + lunch AGM	1000 1130 1330
2	Young Ringers	Long Bennington	6	Monthly meeting	1400 - 1600
4	Midweek Ringers	Eagle	6	Meet 1000 for coffee, Ringing	1030 - 1200
8	Central	Caythorpe	8	Branch practice	1400
10	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
15	West Lindsey	Belton	6	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
22	Southern	Long Bennington	6	Branch practice	1430 - 1600
25	Midweek Ringers	Welbourn	8	Meet 1000 for coffee, Ringing	1030 - 1200

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