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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY JULY 2024

Guild Festival celebrating 125 years of the LDG A great day was enjoyed by many ringers from across the guild. The two 6 bell striking contests were held at Quadring and Gosberton. Everyone then descended on Surfleet for some 12 bell ringing. The sun shone all day, meaning the service around Law James' grave (the first Guild Master) was very well attended. Over 80 ringers enjoyed a splendid tea and somehow the photographer captured all 80+ of us in his group photo. Finally the results.....an Old Bolingbroke deanery band won the Plate with Stow second. Market Deeping won the Cup with Messingham/Scotter second.

100 Club: £10: 30. Julie Pocock £5: 60. Joyce Langley It would be great to achieve 100 members in this 125th Anniversary year. We are not quite there yet but it's still not too late to join. (Contact details on p 2 of the Guild Report.)

Help! Is the Gunson Trust associated with your tower or PCC? If so, please get in touch with Stephen Clarke at brf@ldgcb.org.uk or 07780 635112.

Ridgman Trophy: Well done to the team that went to Biggleswade. They came fourth this year. Next year Boston!

RWNYC Good luck to all the young ringers travelling to London to take part in the national youth striking competition.

125 firsts: There were 69 performances recorded on Bellboard which contain at least one first. Great effort everyone.

Murder Mystery "A Dead Ringer" was performed at Wellingore Memorial Hall by a travelling amateur dramatic group. It was based on bells, a local band, clergy and family intrigue. Apparently the ringers guessed the murderer but not the method.

D Day Ringing: 34 towers around the county recorded having taken part in D Day commemorative ringing.

News from the branches

Eastern: Two more QPs were rung at Gunby for the Gunby Hall Rose Week.

West Lindsey: 9 people took part in their 1st Striking Competition, one rang inside for the 1st time in a competition. Congratulations go to the Chocolate Hobnobs (AKA Belton Epworth A) who were winners, Scotter were the runners up. 6 teams took part. Thanks to Barbara for having her arm twisted into judging, assisted by Helen and best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Les Townsend who was due to be judge.

Elloe: A QP of Lincoln S was rung at Quadring. It was a 1st in method for Luke Tobin and Robert Simpson and was in memory of John Elsdon, husband of Spalding ringer Beverley. Another was rung at Quadring of 3 Surprise and was first in these methods for Jo Pearson, Robert Simpson and Luke Tobin and was a 100th together for Robert and Tony Walker. Quite a few new methods were rung in QPs this month: D Day TP Minimus at Ufford, Swayfield Singles at Swayfield, Ayston TP Minimus at Ayston, Mayhem TP at Ayston, Hargrave TP Minimus at Hargrave, Rutland. Draughton TB was rung at Draughton and Fawsley TP at Fawsley (which is the oldest complete ring of 4 in the world.) Congratulations to Malcolm Sly who rang his 1st QP, the tenor, covering to minimus at Gedney Hill.

Southern: A QP of Overlord Alliance Major was rung at Market Deeping and was a new method to commemorate the DDay preparations. It was a 1st of Alliance for Janice Atkinson, Mike Belcher and Johnny Stokoe. A QP of doubles (1p.11m.2v) was rung at N. Rauceby and was in memory of Neville Sharpe. A QP of SSMajor (4m) was most methods as cond for James Thorpe. Well done Janice Atkinson and Benji Stokoe for their 1st QP of Stedman Triples at Market Deeping. A peal was rung at Sempringham with best wishes to Lynn and Richard Rodgers on their Golden Wedding anniversary. It was Barry Jones' 600th peal for the Guild – many congrats to him. With a peal of Windy Gyle, 600 peals for the LDG have now been rung on the bells at Sproxton. At the branch practice at Heydour we were sad to learn that Sally-Ann Caunter (former Guild report editor and TC at Silk Willoughby), Mike Gentle (Deeping St James) and Vic Chamberlain (former TC at All Saints Stamford) had all died and we stood to remember them. The practice was well attended and followed by drinks at the home of Lynne and Richard Rodgers who were celebrating their Golden Wedding that day. A QP of PBD was rung at Silk Willoughby in Sally-Ann's memory. Congrats to Mia Bradford on her 1st QP of treble bob – treble to Yorkshire at Market Deeping.

Central: A QP of PBD at Brant Broughton was 1st inside for Rowan Booth, it was rung for her mother's upcoming 100th birthday. A QP of 3 SSM at Sleaford was 1st SS for Owen Peters and was rung in memory of Vic Chamberlain, a former S. Branch officer. A QP at Blankney of PBM was rung for the Rodgers' Golden Wedding. Well done to Steve Walker on his 1st QP of treble bob – rung at Sleaford, 1st since the refurbishment of the clappers. A QP was rung at Waddington to mark the end of the church's 70th anniversary celebrations and to welcome the new curate.

Northern: Congrats to the Market Rasen group team on winning their branch striking competition held at Middle Rasen

Dates for your diaries:

2 nd July	Midweek ringing	Eagle	6	Meet 10 for coffee. Ringing	1030 - 1200
6	Eastern	Freiston	6	Ringing BBQ	1500 – 1700 1700
6	RWNYC	London			
8	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
13	Central	Ewerby	10	Branch practice	1800 - 2000
20	West Lindsey	Burton on Stather	8	Practice	1500s
23	Midweek ringing	Welbourn	8	Meet 10 for coffee. Ringing	1030 - 1200
27	Southern	Outing within branch		See branch website	

