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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY JULY 2025

100 Club . May winners :£10: 64. Kevin Carter £5: 61. David Bennett **June winners:** £10: 48. Jonathan Clegg £5: 92. Barry Jones

Ridgman Trophy: Well done to all the band who represented the Guild in the 10 bell competition which was held at Boston this year. The winners were a band from Essex whose write up of the competition showed how much they had enjoyed the Boston Stump experience. All the ringing was described as “generally good” and in a very close competition, LDG came 4th. The test piece was Yorkshire Royal.

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

News from the branches

Northern: Congratulations to Carolyn and David Hibbert on becoming grandparents. A QP of Rowan Delight Minor was rung at Grasby prior to Rowan's baptism. Special half muffled whole pull ringing took place at Legbourne in memory of Daphne Rogers a member of the church. Branch members were fortunately supplemented by Durham University ringers at the ringing for the annual Ramblers' Service. A QP of PB Triples was rung at Barton in memory of Stephen Featherstone. (see below)

Eastern: A QP of Doubles 5m/v was 1st as multi method as cond for Jo Pearson on the day of her appointment as interim TC of Boston, now confirmed. Ringing took place for a pet service at Quadring, Janet Young (Gosberton and Quadring ringer) was brave enough to pet the snake which was there amongst the animals. The Branch's monthly meeting at Swineshead The event was well attended and there was some excellent ringing for all levels. During a break from ringing, Sue Stevenson was nominated to take over as Branch Secretary from Colin Simpson, who will be relocating back to Hampshire in the near future. Colin will be much missed.

West Lindsey: The branch has had a very sad month with the death of 2 members and funeral of another. Isle of Axholme ringer Stephen Featherstone died following illness. He and his wife Andrea had relocated back to New Zealand to be with their family following his diagnosis. General ringing and a QP took place at Belton in tribute to Stephen. We were also shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Peter Watson. Pete learnt to ring at Saxilby and after a very long break had returned to ringing following an appeal post Covid. Our thoughts are very much with their families at this time. Delia Heppenstall's funeral took place at Gainsborough All Saints. A peal of PB Triples was rung at Stow in her memory. It was a 1st peal for Lawrence Martin (tenor) and 1st on 8 bells and 1st for 29 years for Chris Rainthorpe. A handbell QP was rung in memory of Delia, it was rung by Robin on his 90th birthday and was also a 70th birthday compliment to Sue. Messingham were the winners of the branch striking competition with Isle of Axhome ringers runners up. Lovely refreshments were enjoyed along with good ringing and hot weather.

Elloe: At Fulney QPs in 2 new methods were named “Black Cats and Chimney Stacks Singles” and “I'd rather be ringing TPS” At Long Sutton new method St Alban's Bob Triples was rung and named in a QP. A peal was rung of South Luffenham TPM was rung at S. Luffenham, Rutland and was believed to be 1st peal on the bells and in method.

Southern: Many congratulations go to Keith Brown on his 1000th peal. He conducted the peal of Bristol at Market Deeping and was his 1st of Bristol as cond – which all goes to show that ringing gives you life long learning. New method St Christopher Bob Triples was rung at Billingborough. A peal of Black Cats Return Delight was rung at Sproxtton in memory of Delia Heppenstall and Paul Mounsey. A peal of Gibside at Sproxtton was Robert Simpson's 50th. QPs were rung at Greatford and Witham on the Hill for Jane McKee's Lincolnshire reunion QP of Yorkshire Block Minor was rung for Father's Day at Grantham, it was 1st in method for 4 of the band and 1st on 6 bells for Tom White. The bells of Stainby were rung for the 1st time in 9 years following limited restoration. They were rung on the occasion of the 1st wedding to be held in the church for 25 years so was a big village event. A peal (7 x 720s) was rung to mark Jim Benner's 720th peal on what would have been Roger Bailey's 79th birthday.

Central: Well done to Sian Jasinska – 1st QP on 8 bells. A QP of spliced doubles (1M/V) was 1st of spliced and in more than 1 method for Paul Hathaway. A QP at Thorpe was a 1st in 5 methods for Joanne Highfield, she also rang April Day at Hackthorn. A QP was rung at Wellingore to congratulate treble ringer Katie Gravatt on the birth of her 1st grandchild (Vinnie) A QP of Grandsire Cinques was rung at the Cathedral in memory of Harold Gibson and Delia Heppenstall. A QP of Yorkshire Royal at Ewerby was 1st as cond of S. Royal for Barry Jones. A QP of Stedman Triples was rung at Washingborough and was 1st in m for Chris Rainthorpe and 1st in m as cond for Owen Peters.

Dates for your diaries: JULY

1	Midweek ringing	Eagle	6	Meet 10 for coffee. Ringing	1030 - 1200
5	Eastern	Old Bolingbroke	6	Ringing BBQ	1500-1700 1700 approx
5	RWNYC	Birmingham			
7	Northern	Marshchapel	6	Branch striking comp	1900-2100
14	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
19	West Lindsey	Corringham Springthorpe	6 4	Ringing followed by a walk and pub meal	1430-1530 1545-1630
20	Northern + Eastern	Louth	8	Joint practice	1500
22	Midweek ringing	Welbourn	8	Meet 10 for coffee. Ringing	1030 - 1200

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