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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. NOVEMBER 2024

Guild 125th anniversary Dinner The dinner at the Petwood Hotel celebrating the 125th anniversary of the formation of the LDG was a great success, with all six branches represented. The food was very good - superbly supplemented by Kate Meyer's selection of Lincolnshire cheeses - and the speeches (by Bill Croft and Keith Butter) were entertaining and not too long! Chris Sharp welcomed our visitors and gave an update on the Guild's 125 firsts. The handbell ringers rounded off the formal part of the evening and performed admirably (even though they did demonstrate they were human). The evening went so well, it was hardly noticeable that it was well after 11pm before guests began to trickle back home. We were all glad of the extra hour in bed given to us by the clocks going back that night! Thanks go to the Guild Officers for their hard working in ensuring such a successful event.

125th anniversary Ladies peal A peal of Yorkshire was rung at Billingborough with Melanie Newman as conductor. It was Diane Faux's 400th peal and Alison Elwess' 50th peal. It was a 1st for 14 years for Sandra Underwood and a 1st ladies peal for all the band except Sylvia Bird and Anita Blundell. An excellent effort.

125th anniversary 1sts There was a lot of activity this month with many people ringing short touches of new methods. 75 performances were recorded on BellBoard with at least one first for someone. Good work!

Lincolnshire Day: a 60 of Lincoln Bob Doubles was rung at Legbourne and a 60 Newton Bob Minor (in memory of Sir Isaac) was rung at Irnham

100 club £10: 107. Jenny Kirkby £5: 84. Coningsby and Tattershall Ringers

LDG calendars and Christmas cards: These are available from your branch fund raising reps. Calendars are priced at £5.50 each and cards at £2 per pack of 5. Guild clothing also makes good presents, see Guild website (fundraising) for details.

Southern: Congrats to Paul Meredith on his 1st QP Yorkshire at Sleaford. The QP of St Thomas Bob Triples at Heydour was a 1st in method for all the band. A QP of Lessness was rung at Market Deeping for the wedding of Lewis and Chloe Morrissey, both local ringers. The branch had 2 first QPealers – very well done to Sian Jasinska, treble to PBD at Silk Willoughby and to Lucy Knight for the same achievement at Greatford. Well done to Melissa Blanchard on her 1st QP of Bob Minor at Barrowby. A peal of Morton Fen Alliance at Sproxtton was for the recent births of grandchildren for Diane and Nick Faux, and Alison and Barry Jones.

West Lindsey Well done to Chris and Cindy Potts on their 1st QPs inside -PBD at Stow. They were both in at the same time and did very well. It is with great sadness that branch members heard news of the recent death of former tower captain and stalwart Sunday service ringer at Burton on Stather, John Foreman, at the age of 87. John had been a great supporter of the West Lindsey Branch and always made us feel very welcome at Burton when we held Branch Practices there.

Elloe Deaneries The Minimus team were busy with new Treble Place methods again- Tugby, Old Dalby, Kneeton, Pickwell, East Stoke and Holbeach each at their named towers. At Fulney new methods Harvest Festival TP and Its only TP Singles were rung. A peal was also rung at Fulney – PBMajor on the 70th anniversary of the 1st peal after rehanging and for the birth of Alison and Barry Jones' grandchild.

Central: Well done to Steve Currie of Washingborough on his 1st Sunday Service ringing. A QP of April Day Doubles at Metheringham was a 1st on the bells for 4 years and was rung for their Patronal Festival.

Eastern Branch: Congratulations to Julie, Julia, Karen, Stephen, Melvyn, Yvonne, and Theresa on their first Sunday Service ringing. It was the 1st Sunday service ringing by an all Mablethorpe band for 25 years. Very well done to them and to their tutor Kate Meyer. A QP was rung at Alford to coincide with their Race Night – an immensely successful fund raiser. Around 30 inveterate gamblers gathered at Alford Church Hall a Race Night, the 'Betty Collett Cup Meeting'. There was a full race card of 9 races, each race having 8 horses; all of which had been pre-sold. The last race of the night, the 'Betty Collett Cup' was won by Jacob Reynolds, so the Reynolds family will be the proud holders of the Betty Collett Memorial Cup for the next 12 months. At the halfway point in the proceedings there was a welcome break for a supper of lasagne followed by a crumble and custard. Overall, including the raffle, just over £700 was raised for the Guild's funds. Our thanks go to all who participated in any way in the evening. A QP of PBT was rung at Sutterton for the Guild dinner day and was a 1st on 8 bells for Christine Higginson and Philip Waters.

University of Lincoln Soc: 1st QPs of Minor and on 8 bells were for the Society – the QP of Bob Minor was a 1st minor for David Curtis and 1st sitting on a chair for Owen Peters. The QP of PB Triples was Additionally a QP of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Harmston and was 1st in m for Thomas Gaskins. At St Mary le Wigford a QP of St Nicholas Minimus was a 1st for the Soc for Abigail Brown and 1st in m for all.

Dates for your diary:

Nov	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
2	Eastern	Croft	6	Branch practice	1300 - 1600
3	Young Ringers	Barrowby	6	barrowby@sb.ldgcb.org.uk	1400 - 1600
5	Midweek ringers	Eagle	6	Coffee 1000, ringing	1030 - 1200
9	Central/Southern	Sleaford	8	Joint branch practice	1430 - 1630
11	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
16	West Lindsey	Epworth	8	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
26	Midweek ringers	Welbourn	8	Coffee 1000 ringing	1030 - 1200
30	Southern	West Deeping	6	Lunch at Red Lion follows ringing	1000

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