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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. OCTOBER 2024

Central Council 2024 Exeter: A full complement of four representatives from the Guild attended the Annual meeting.. The theme for the meeting was the fact that our current ringing population of around 30,000 grew from a base of young ringers five times larger than we have now. To give substance to that theme a project called ringing 2030 is underway with the aim of addressing this alarming demographic. Whilst a number of people are contributing very significant voluntary time in support of this project it has been recognised that to achieve its ends there is a need for professional assistance. Consequently the key decision of the Council this year was to agree a 100% increase in affiliation fess to 40p per individual member of affiliated Guilds and Associations. I believe the majority of representatives felt that the cost of doing nothing was far more painful than this significant increase albeit from, what many may think, is a low base. A whole session focussed on the risk to ringing from church closures' A video of this session and of the Council meeting can be found at cccbr.org.uk/2024/09/08/the-central-council-agm-in-urls The LDG is seen as being pro-active on the issue of closures thanks largely to our Master's attention to the issue. It was a sobering weekend.

Guild 8 bell striking competition: Congratulations to Southern branch (north) who won the competition, with Southern branch (south) as runners up and Central branch in 3rd place. 7 teams took part which is very pleasing and well done to all of them. David Phillipson (former cathedral ringer) judged the competition which was at Ingoldmells.

125th anniversary firsts: 39 performances included at least one person's first this month

100 club £10: 85. Shelagh Dunning £5: 33. Les Townsend

LDG calendars and Christmas cards: Yes, Christmas is coming! These are available from your branch fund raising reps. Calendars are £5.50 each and cards £2 for a pack of 5 cards. Please support your BRF

Lincoln University students used the Guild's Wombel at their Freshers' Fayre for the 2nd year in a row. They were pleased with the impact that the Wombel made and the number of students having a go. At the end of the day Chris Sharp joined the students and Sue Faull to hand over the set of 8 handbells purchased with the help of a grant from the Guild's TR Fund. To finish a long day they rang a QP of 2002 Singles and minimus for David Curtis' 22nd birthday and named a new method Lincoln Uni Society Minimus. It was a longest length for all the band except Owen Peters.

Northern: A very successful branch mini outing was organised by Grimsby Minster ringers to the Bellfoundry at Loughborough. A very enjoyable tour which welcomed members from other branches. A good lunch was enjoyed at the Three Tuns. The afternoon ended with ringing at Quorn. Ringing took place at Sutton on Hull to coincide with the Alzheimer's walk that was taking place on the same Day. Ringing was in remembrance of Joy Lord who passed away last year, and her Son Andrew, branch RM took part in the 5k walk in her memory and to raise money for the Alzheimer's society. A QP of 4 minimus plus cover had many 1sts for band members.

Southern: Congratulations to Howard Pell on his 1st QP of treble bob hunting at Grantham. It was also David Braunton's 1st as cond of Cambridge Minor. Howard has followed this up with a 3600 Minor on the treble at Sempringham. Jo Pearson rang her 1st peal on 10 bells at Saltby, it was 100th peal together for Barry Jones and Martin Mitchell. A QP of Bristol was rung at Mkt Deeping in memory of the 8 American aircrew who lost their lives when their plane came down close to MD in 1944. Another QP was rung at MD, this time to congratulate Bill Croft on his recent record handbell peal; he was part of the band that rang 13440 Bristol Major. A QP at Horbling marked 55 years since Mick Belcher ran his 1st peal on the same bell. It was also to congratulate Val Wild on her retirement.

West Lindsey : Congratulations to YR Charlotte Fry on her 1st QP – treble to PBD at Belton. It was Ted Steele's 1st as cond for 47 years. Well done to Suzanne Timms on her 1st QP as cond, PBD at Messingham. Best wishes go from the branch to her as she starts uni in York. A QP was rung at Saxilby for Peter Watson's 66th birthday. The branch had a very enjoyable ringing meeting at Kirton in Lindsey followed by a bell themed Beetle Drive.

Elloe Branch: The minimus ringers rang a QP of 1984 TPM at Fulney and a peal of TPM at Kirkby Underwood. A QP was rung at Moulton in memory of Janet Laud, wife of tower captain, John. A new method Harvest Festival TPMinimus was rung at Fulney.

Central Branch: 2 QPs were rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of Potterhanworth's bells following augmentation. Chris Woodcock has circled the tower 75 times since then. A further QP was rung there in memory of Lynda Lazzarini (Notts) who regularly rang with members of the band. A QP of Yorkshire at Sleaford was a 1st of major for Thomas Gaskins (E Branch) and a 70th birthday compliment to Julie Coney (SB). A QP of PBD rung at Hackthorn was 1st inside for Mark Hutchinson, he has since rung a 1500 to consolidate his achievement. Also at Hackthorn Paul Hathaway rang his 1st QP of PBD inside. A peal was rung at Washingborough to mark the installation of Rev Dr Simon Jones as 85th Dean of Lincoln. He is now President of the Guild. A QP in 2m doubles was rung at Ewerby and was a 1st in 2m for YR Tom White. 3 generations of his family took part in it.

Eastern Branch: The first practice night for 7 years has been held at Kirton in Holland following refurbishment. A QP of Doubles was rung at Newton to congratulate Val Wild on her retirement. Lots of time for more ringing! A QP of PBM was rung at Boston following the local college's graduation ceremony and to celebrate Greg and Natalie Harrison's 15th wedding anniversary. The branch had an enjoyable meeting at Sutterton.

Oct	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
1st	Midweek ringers	Eagle	6	Meet 1000 for coffee, ringing	1030 - 1200
5th	Eastern	Branch outing			
6th	Young ringers	Whaplode	6		1400 - 1600
12th	Central	Harmston	8	Branch practice	1900 - 2100
12th	Eastern	Alford Church Hall		Race Night	1900 till late
12th	Southern	QP week starts			
14th	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
19th	West Lindsey	Saxilby	6	Branch meeting	1500 - 1700
22nd	Midweek ringers	Eagle	6	Meet 1000 for coffee, ringing	1030 - 1200
26th	Guild	Petwood Hotel		Guild anniversary dinner.	

