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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. AUGUST 2025

**100 Club:** Winners for July £10: 22. Viv Simpson £5: 14. Penny Fountain

**RWNYC** The young ringers enjoyed their trip to Birmingham where they were able to experience ringing on 16 bells at St Martin's in the Bullring. The competition is growing every year, this time 37 teams (264 young ringers) competed in 5 categories: advanced call changes on 8 and 6, beginner call changes, method ringing on 8 and 6. The Lincolnshire Poachers came joint 11<sup>th</sup> in the advanced call changes on 6 bells. They are very grateful to the Guild for financially supporting their trip, and to Melissa Blanchard and Shelagh Dunning for all their encouragement and time throughout the year.

### News from the branches

#### West Lindsey

After such a long dry, hot spring and summer the branch ring and walk was hit by torrential rain, so the format had to be changed at the last minute to ring and ring. Over 20 sat down for tea at the pub afterwards. Congratulations go to Francesca Lee on her 1<sup>st</sup> QP of Minor at Messingham.

**Elloe:** A peal of 5088 Holbeach S. Major was rung at Holbeach to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church. For a full and entertaining account of listening to the peal, see the Guild website. A QP of Woodbine was rung at Quadring in memory of Diogo Jota, Liverpool and Portugal footballer who tragically died in a car accident in Spain. The peal of Cambridge rung at Lutton was the 50<sup>th</sup> on the bells. A QP of PB Triples was rung at Fulney as a belated celebration of the installation of the Evelyn King stained glass window which depicts flower. Evelyn was a regular flower arranger at the church. A peal was rung at Whaplode to mark the forthcoming 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of this church. It was 50<sup>th</sup> peal together for Robert Simpson and Tony Walker. New methods were rung and named by the Minimus group – a QP of Death of a Pet Singles was rung at Fulney and a peal of South Luffenham TPM was rung at South Luffenham, Rutland and is believed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> peal on the bells

**Eastern:** Branch members were sad to hear that John Collett passed away recently at the age of 93. He was a past president of the branch and played a leading role in ringing in the branch and the Boston area. He was involved with the Kirton in Holland band for many years and latterly ran the Butterwick practices alongside Tom Freeston. He was one of ringing's 'characters'. John moved to Gloucestershire a few years ago to be nearer his family but for as long as he could, he returned each October for the branch race night to present the Betty Collett cup to the winner- which he donated in memory of his wife. There was a very good turnout for the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday practice at Boston Stump in living memory. The ringers were remembering Tom Freeston, former TC, and John Collett and also Lillia Valutyte on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of her tragic death nearby.

A QP rung at Alford was 1<sup>st</sup> of Stedman and Grandsire for Emma Williamson and 1<sup>st</sup> as cover for Alison Shimmens. At Old Bolingbroke a 120 Doubles was rung by officers of the branch to say farewell and thank you to Colin Simpson who has made a huge contribution to the branch as secretary and in teaching the Old Boli band. A QP of PB Triples at Swineshead was 1<sup>st</sup> as cond of triples by Luke Tobin.

**Southern:** Two new methods were rung and named at Sproxton – Allendale Alliance and Seaham Delight. Another new method was rung at Kirkby Underwood – Moon Day TP Minimus. It was Luke Tobin's 50<sup>th</sup> peal. A QP of PB Minor was rung at Market Deeping and was 1<sup>st</sup> inside for Abigail Lee. The Branch July practice was joint with Elloe Deaneries at Horbling, Billingborough and Sempringham, with a picnic tea enjoyed in the sunshine at Sempringham overlooking the fields.

**Central** A QP of Plain and Little Bob Spliced at Nettleham was 1<sup>st</sup> QP Minor for Emma Williamson, 1<sup>st</sup> spliced for Claire Holbrook and Matthew Burton and 1<sup>st</sup> spliced as cond for Ben Rothwell. A QP of Plain and Little Bob was also rung at Norton Disney and was 1<sup>st</sup> on 6 bells Sam Rose and 1<sup>st</sup> spliced as cond for Owen Peters. A QP of Yorkshire was rung at Sleaford and was 1<sup>st</sup> in method for Mia Bradford and 150<sup>th</sup> QP for Owen Peters.

**Northern** The NB held their branch striking competition at Marshchapel - the first branch event on the newly augmented bells. The judge, guild Master - Keith Butter, started off the judging outside in the glorious sunshine, until torrential rain meant he had to go inside and one ringer had to make a dash to his car to put the roof back on. 4 teams entered, one team (Legbourne) their first competition, some of the ringers have only been ringing changes since Easter. Well done do to them. Grimsby were the winners with the Rasen group runners-up.. So Grimsby were the first winners of the Michael Day Memorial Trophy which was donated to the branch by Jill and Ben Day in memory of Mick Day. It was good to see so many of the village people coming to the church to listen to the competition. Eastern and Northern branches shared a joint practice at Louth. The day was enjoyed by members, including some very promising learners from both branches. The ringing involved everything from called changes to Stedman Triples. A very enjoyable afternoon as well as a shared sociable occasion. A QP of Grandsire Triples was rung at Louth and was 1<sup>st</sup> in method for Tom White and 1<sup>st</sup> triples as cond for Robert Johnson. A QP of Cambridge Minor at Caistor was 1<sup>st</sup> TB for Carolyn Hibbert and was a 65<sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to husband, David.

### Dates for your diaries

2nd	Eastern	Ringing and ramble	6 6	Freiston to Fistoft and back (or poss other way around)	1500 – 1600 1630 - 1730
4th	Southern, Eastern, Elloe	Evensong ringing, Cathedral	12	Meet Ringers Chapel, Cathedral	1415
5th	Midweek Ringers	Eagle	6	Meet 1000 for coffee, Ringing	1030 - 1200
9th	Elloe Deaneries	Fulney	8	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
10th	Central	Evensong ringing, Cathedral	12	Meet Ringers Chapel, Cathedral	1420
16th	West Lindsey	Broughton	6	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
18th	Northern	Evensong ringing, Cathedral	12	Meet Ringers' Chapel	1415
26th	Midweek Ringers	Welbourn	8	Meet 1000 for coffee, Ringing	1030 - 1200
31st	West Lindsey	Evensong ringing, Cathedral	12	Meet Ringers Chapel, Cathedral	1415

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