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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. MARCH 2026

### News from February:

#### Margaret Parker:

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mrs Margaret Parker MBE, who passed away peacefully on the evening of Wednesday 18th February 2026. Margaret was hugely influential in the Lincoln Guild, was an Honorary Life Member of the Guild, taught numerous people to ring and was the tower captain of All Saints, Nettleham for 37 years until she retired in March 2017. She moved the following year to Durham to be near family. Margaret was awarded the MBE in 1995 for her services to bell ringing. QPs in her memory have been rung at Ewerby (Yorkshire Royal), Sutterton (PBT) where she rang 33 peals, Heydour (new method Margaret Parker MBE Bob Triples), Welby (Pilton TP Minimus), Freiston (2 Doubles) and at Wellingore (PBD) Peals in her memory have been rung at Sproxton (new method Grainger Town Delight) and a handbell peal of London Major. There was special ringing at Hackthorn where Margaret had helped greatly in teaching the new band and at Alford.

**100 club** £10: 19. Christina Adams £5: 62. Lois Webb

#### Southern Branch:

A QP of Ockley TB Minor was rung at Horbling and was a 1<sup>st</sup> in method for all the band. New method Haymarket Alliance was rung at Sproxton.

#### West Lindsey Branch

It was with great sadness that we report the death of Melvyn Rose. He was TC at Belton/Epworth for many years and held many posts within the branch. Our thoughts are with his wife, Pauline, and family members. A QP of PB Triples rung at Stow was a 1<sup>st</sup> on 8 bells for Cindy Potts (treble) and Jerry Parker (tenor) It was half muffled in memory of George West a former Stow ringer and in memory of Roger Judd, father in law of the conductor, Chris Turner. The branch held a successful Rabbits striking competition at Bottesford. 4 bands took part and it was agreed that the standard of ringing had been very good. Three members were ringing in their first striking competition and acquitted themselves very well.

#### Elloe Deaneries Branch

3 QPs were rung at Fulney in new methods – Ash Weds TPM, Sausthorpe Singles, Mary had a little lamb Singles. A peal of Singles Awareness TP Minimus was rung at Thorpe Achurch in Northants and was Keith Butter's 300<sup>th</sup> peal. A peal of On Freedom's Wings TP Minimus was rung at Carlton le Moorland in memory of Laurence Goff who was a very energetic fund raiser for the Lancaster Bomber sculpture. A QP of PB Minor was rung at Gosberton and was a 1<sup>st</sup> inside for Antony Wakefield, another at Gosberton was rung in memory of Freda Spencer, mother in law of Peter Wakefield, the local tower captain.

#### Central Branch

A QP of I can't believe it's not Cambridge S Major was rung at St Giles and was a 1<sup>st</sup> of TB for Luke Marsden on the treble. It was to say farewell to Matthew Burton leaving for Sheffield. A QP of Yorkshire Royal was rung at Retford and was 1<sup>st</sup> Royal as Cond for Owen Peters.

#### Eastern Branch:

Special ringing was arranged at Ingoldmells for the Service of Remembrance to the 17 parishioners drowned on the stormy night of 31/1/1953. The tower's clock was the parishioners' memorial to them. The EB AGM was well attended at Ingoldmells after an excellent lunch. Ringing was held before and after.

#### Northern Branch:

A QP was rung at Ulceby in 2m3v and was a 1<sup>st</sup> in the variations for 3 band members. A QP was rung at Marshchapel in 2 Doubles methods and was a 1<sup>st</sup> QP for tenor ringer, Raif Smith. Many congratulations to him.

### Dates for your diary

March	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
1st	Young Ringers				
3rd	Midweek ringers	Eagle	6	Meet 10 for coffee. Ringing	1030 - 1200
7th	Eastern+ Elloe	Kirton in Holland Holbeach	8 8	Joint branch meeting	1330 1600
9th	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
14th	Central	Caythorpe	8	Branch practice	1400 - 1600
21st	West Lindsey	Stow	8	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
21st	Northern	Legbourne Great Carlton	5 5	Branch practice	1400 - 1515 1530 - 1645
24th	Midweek Ringers	Welbourn	8	Meet 10 for coffee. Ringing	1030 - 1200
28th	Southern	Harlaxton	6	Branch practice	1430 - 1600

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