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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. OCTOBER 2025

Central Council 2 of our 4 reps attended the meeting in Sheffield. Chris Turner reports "it was an uninspiring meeting which is probably good thing. But the reports from the work groups have swung full circle. Historically committee reports took up hours of tedious verbiage from the Chairs, but now reports are written in advance and taken as read at the meeting, resulting in minimal discussion or debate. We are putting a lot of faith into the group chairs. Given that these chairs are constantly changing, I am not alone in having doubts about the progress towards the 2030 aims. A new category of associate member was passed for the likes of the College and Cumberland Youths. They would pay less but have a single rep."

Guild 6 bell striking competition

Congratulations to the team from Bourne who won the John Freeman Cup held at Scotter.. A Messingham/Scotter team were the runners up. In the Plate competition held at Messingham the winners were Bottesford/Messingham with Stow as runners up. Altogether 13 teams took part in the two competitions. A full account of the competition can be found on the Guild website.

100 club £10: 14 Penny Fountain £5: 18. Frances Thompson

Sylvia Bird Congratulations to Sylvia Bird who rang Silk Willoughby S Major at Sproxton for her 1000th peal on 3 September. Sylvia rang her first peal at Silk Willoughby in 1973. Sylvia becomes the 8th current member of the Southern Branch to have rung 1000 peals. These are Tim Wylie (current total 3514), Mike Maughan (3226), Robin Rogers (2202), Judith Rogers (1656), Bill Croft (1415), Chris Sharp (1381), Keith Brown (1005), Sylvia Bird (1003). Emma Southerington (at the time a SB member) rang her 1000th peal at Market Deeping in 2008 and her current total is 2431. The late Bill Holmes of Edenham rang his 1000th peal in 1987 (total 1101) and is believed to be the first SB member to achieve this.

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. Thanks go to the people who supplied the photographs for the calendar and particularly thanks go to Yasmina, cathedral ringer, for producing such a stunning Christmas card for us. Please support your BRF

Southern: It was very sad to hear of the death of Sue Dawson, Tower Captain, lay reader and churchwarden of Sproxton.. A new method Gentian Alliance was rung in her memory. Not only was she an enthusiastic supporter of all ringers and ringing, she was a keen botanist, seeking out rare plants including the Gentian of Upper Teesdale. See branch website for funeral details. During the month 3 other new methods were rung and named at Sproxton: Silk Willoughby (see above), Beamish S. and Ovingham Alliance which was rung to celebrate the marriage of Daniel Meyer to Victoria Halford at Ovingham. At Londonthorpe a peal of 2m Minor was rung on handbells. It was a 1st handbell peal for Owen Peters and was the 1st peal on the uni handbells. A QP of new method St Botolph's Bob Triples was rung at Heydour. A peal of new method Fawley Towers TBM was rung at Kirkby Underwood for the 50th anniversary of the TV sitcom. A QP of Cambridge was rung at Hough on the Hill. The grandfather and great grandfather of the ringer of the 2nd, Claire Haynes, were ringers at this tower. Her father took part in some general ringing following the QP. The joint practice with Central branch at Heydour was much enjoyed with plenty of opportunities for all.

West Lindsey : a QP of doubles was rung at Messingham in memory of George Dixon, father of Tracey Black and grandfather of Jacob. 4 generations of the family listened to the QP. A QP was rung at Messingham to congratulate Jenny Kirkby's granddaughter on achieving her Social Work Diploma with distinction. A group of mainly WL ringers are currently in Ypres. A peal of Lincolnshire was rung there, but more news next month.

Elloe Branch A QP of 5 minor methods was rung at Whaplode for the 900th anniversary of the church. A peal of 5m at Sutton St James was rung in memory of Pauline Stubbings 1936 – 2018, former TC of this church.

Central Branch: A QP was rung at St Mary le Wigford for their Patronal Festival and procession. AQP of Grandsire Triples was 1st on 8 for Joanne Highfield, well done to her, A QP at Hough on the Hill was a 1st of surprise for Chris Rainthorpe of Saxilby. He also rang his 1st of Grandsire Triples at Welbourn as did Tristan Shaw. Well done to both of them. Ringing at Wellingore for the Millenium of the church included the first public ringing for Duncan Wilson.

Eastern Branch: A QP of PBD was rung at Gunby for the re-launch of the church as a Festival church. They rang in memory of John Collett, past branch president and Ray Ayres, benefactor of the bells. A peal of Lincolnshire was rung at Sutterton to welcome Lloyd Cartwright to the County. It was also to celebrate the birth of Archie, grandchild for Jo Pearson and was a 50th together for Sylvia Bird and Keith Butter. A QP was also rung at Quadring for Archie's birth.

Oct	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
4	Eastern	Branch outing		Wellingore, Welbourn, Carlton le moorland, Norton Disney Bassingham	10.00, 11.30, 1400, 1515, 1630
4	Elloe Deaneries	Gedney	6	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
7	Midweek ringing	Eagle	6	Coffee at 10 Ringing	1030 - 1200
11	Central	Washingborough	8		1830-2030
11	West Lindsey	Nettleham, Dunholme, Hackthorn		Mini outing,	1400 – 1500 1515 – 16.15 1630 - 1730
13	Ladies	Wragby	6	Beginners and improvers	1330 - 1445
18	Guild	Grimsby		8 bell striking competition	
25	Southern	Branch Outing		Mkt Deeping area, details on branch website when finalised	
25	Eastern	Race Night		Alford £15 per head	7 for 7.30
28	Midweek ringers	Welbourn	8	Meet 10 for coffee ringing	1030 - 1200