



LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSSHEET AND DIARY. MAY 2011

News from late March and April: Guild wide

AGM was a well attended and happy occasion. At the meeting thanks were given to retiring officers – Emma Southerington after 5 years as peal sec. and to Les Townsend after 19 years as Hon. Sec. Master, Alan Payne, paid tribute to the hard work put in by them both and in particular, to Les, whose depth of knowledge has been a great asset to the Guild. Sandra Underwood was elected as the next Hon Sec. and Jim Benner as Peal Sec. Following a great lunch, ringing continued at Bardney, Washingborough and the Cathedral.

The ITTS course at Wragby was very successful. 6 new trainee teachers with the mentors enjoyed a busy and productive day. A second course is being planned for June.

100 club: 1st: Messingham Tower £100, 2nd John Nicholson £50, 3rd David Birkett £25, 4th Waddington Ringers £10, 5th Paul Andrews £5

Guild Raffle: 1st Vicky Forrest £100, 2nd Mark Wetherby £50, 3rd Barbara Webster £25, 4th Martin Clark voucher, 5th J Hutchinson, voucher, 6th K Brooke voucher

News from the branches:

EDB: Joshua Doades (Aged 12) and Paul Doades rang their first QPs at Spalding

CB: QPs to celebrate the wedding of Welton ringer William Dawson to Helen Darbyshire were rung at a number of towers. The one at Scotter was a 1st for all of Kingston TBMinor. A QP of Putney S Major was a first for all the band at Welbourn as was Snowdrop TB at Nocton. A QP at Ewerby was rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Sandra Underwood. The following day, a QP was rung at the Cathedral to mark Sandra's birthday and also the 90th birthday of Walter Froggatt. A QP was rung at Nettleham which contained 5 ringers who had been taught to ring by Walter in the late 60's, early 70s at St Mary le Wigford. The ringers enjoyed cake, a chat and a giggle over old photos with Walter after the Quarter. Christine and Ian Hasman rang their most methods (11) to a QP.

NB: Matt Jeffery rang his 50th peal. Barry Peachey rang his 750th peal. A new method, Humber Coastguard, was rung to a QP at Caistor for Mothering Sunday. Carolyn Hibbert rang her first QP, which was quickly followed up by her first QP inside.

NB/WLB Hilda Culley rang a QP on her 80th birthday at Winterton.

WLB A very successful Pie and Quiz raised £110 for the Branch BRF. Ellie Sergeant rang her first QP on an inside bell.

SB Elizabeth Coles rang her first QP at Deeping St James. Robin and Judith Rogers rang their 800th peal together. The peal was in memory of Alan Jacques of Leicester. The branch QP week was keeping ringers very busy. Mike Collier rang his first QP while Andrew Usborne rang his first on a working bell. There are a number of other first in various methods. Jim Benner rang his most methods as conductor (23)

May	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
1	WLB	Outing			
3	Midweek	Dunholme	6	NorwichS Standstead Bob	1400 - 1530
7	Eastern	West Keal	6		1500 - 1615
		Old Bolingbroke	6	Service	1630
				Tea, meeting and further	
				ringing at OB	Until 2100
7	Joint	Heydour	8	Surprise Major	1900 - 2100
11	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners practice	1030 - 1200
13	Eastern	Sutterton	8	Surprise Major	1930 - 2100
14	Elloe	Bicker	8	All ages and abilities	1400 - 1600
				welcome. Refreshments	
				available	
14	Northern	Walesby	8	Open Churches w/e	1600
14	Central	Nocton	6	Striking comp	Draw 1700
17	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Cray Surprise	1430 - 1600
18	S Lincs	Frampton	6	Hull S	1430 - 1600
	Weds gp			Rampton Alliance	
21	WLB	Messingham	6	Listening skills	1600
				Gen ringing faith tea	
				Rabbits competition	
21	Southern	Thurlby	6	Service, tea	1630
				Striking comp	1800
21		Heritage Day at the	6	Sixbel Simulator. Help	
		Cathedral		needed for demonstration	
				and teaching public	
28	Joint	Washingborough	8	Surprise Major	1030 - 1200
30	Central	Sleaford	8	Rabbits on front 6	1500
31	Midweek	Away day		ТВА	

EB: The bells at the Stump were rung for the visit of Princess Anne. Following their learners practice, an impromptu striking competition was held. 3 learners plus 3 more experienced ringers were placed in each band. This was great experience and the branch is much encouraged by the turnout.

Church Schools' festival - Sixbel simulator in the Cathedral. May, 25, 26, June 7, 8, 9, 15, 16 Offers of help will be gratefully received.