



LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSSHEET AND DIARY. JUNE 2014

News from late April and May: Guild wide:

CC meeting at Maidstone. Our 4 reps – Robin Heppenstall, Philip Green, Chris Turner and Chris Sharp all attended the meeting held in Maidstone. The meeting went smoothly, albeit rather long, with longest debate about changes to method rule definitions. On the previous day, the Ringing Foundation also had a useful meeting, Robin is a Trustee of the RF.

100 club: 1st No 27 Scotter Tower (Richard Hall) £10.00 2nd No 94 Audrey Gibson £5.00.

The Sixbel simulator has been assembled in the Cathedral for the Church Schools' Festival and used with its first 6 groups of children. All the children have been very enthusiastic and learn remarkably quickly. It remains in the Cathedral for the next few weeks. A few more volunteers are needed for the remaining sessions.

Photos wanted. Following the success of last year's calendar we are hoping to produce another. If you have a nice photo of a Guild tower which you would be willing to share, please would you e mail it to Sue. It would be particularly good if you have something seasonal. They need to be as high resolution as possible for best reproduction.

News from the branches:

Elloe Deaneries:.

A select group rang at the Bicker Open tower event on May 17th. Numbers were low due to the number of local weddings taking place on that day. Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Doubles & Plain Bob Minor were rung. Bicker Chapel Schoolroom proved to be a pleasant venue to enjoy a social lunch where ringers enjoyed a variety of soups followed by a range of hot & cold puds.

Eastern:

Members had a very enjoyable meeting at Gunby and Burgh le Marsh. They were particularly pleased to see Sue Buckingham, former branch sec. and were all much amused by the vicar's dog snoring through the service.

There will be an unusual opportunity to ring the bells at All Saints Bennington (a closed church) on the weekend of 13th / 14th Sept. Don't forget the Eastern Branch BBQ on the 5th July. Ringing at Fishtoft starting at 5.30pm, followed by the BBQ at Sibsey Trader Mill from 7pm. Tickets from Simon Pearson (07818 016782). Congratulations to Jo French, Simon Pearson, John Collett and Adrian (c) and Angela Clifton for scoring a QP for the St James Freiston 900th anniversary. The method was Single Court, a repeat of a QP by the grandfathers of Jo, Simon and Adrian rung for the coronation. It was Simon's and Jo's first in the method.

Southern

Congratulations go to Paul Curtis and Ian Butters who rang their 1000^{th} peal together at Long Sutton (a Cumberland Youths peal). Keith Brown has rung his 650^{th} peal. It was a new method – Amy Alliance. Another new Alliance Major method was rung and named at Edenham - Ribblesdale

Central:

The branch was sad to announce the death of Walter Froggatt. Walter was TC of St Mary le Wigford, Lincoln and taught many new ringers. 4 of his learners were among the ringers who rang Nettleham bells following his funeral. Walter had been a Honorary Life Member of the Guild. QPs were rung to remember Martin Pearson: St Botolph x3, Blankney and St Giles. A peal was rung on the back 8 at the Cathedral by past and present members of the Company to mark the centenary of the first peal on the newly cast ring of 8. It was a 1st peal of surprise major for Michael Lawton and 125th as conductor for Chris Woodcock. A QP of Bob Triples at Caythorpe marked the resumption of ringing following major restoration of the spire.

Northern:

A QP was rung at Walesby by an all Northern Branch band. The first for many years on the bells. It was rung to celebrate Frank Kennington, Harry Minns and Hilda Culley being entered onto the Guild's Roll of Honour. 2 QPs were rung at Caistor to mark Judith Hibbert's 75th birthday. 5 Hibberts rang in the QP of Doubles. The Branch had a successful outing to Yorkshire, where the beautiful bells of Norton and Beverley St Mary were enjoyed, amongst others.

West Lindsey:

The branch had a very enjoyable outing in lovely weather to the Dewsbury area. Lovely bells, good food and good company meant a perfect Bank holiday outing. Ellie and Malcolm Sargeant have rung their first QPs on handbells. Melissa Lannigan rang her first QP on an inside bell. A peal was rung at Haxey to mark, belatedly, the 80th birthday of local ringer, Percy Cooper. It was a first peal for David Cooper.

Dates for you diaries

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| June | Branch | Venue | | Special method | Time |
| 3 | Midweek | Dunholme | 6 | Ynystawe Bob | 1400 - 1530 |
| 7 | Eastern | Coningsby | 6 | Branch 6 bell striking comp | 1800 onwards |
| 11 | Midweek | Wragby | 6 | Learners | 1030 - 1200 |
| 13 | Eastern | Sutterton | 8 | Surprise Major | 1930 - 2100 |
| 14 | Central | Hackthorn | 6 | Practice | 1800 - 2000 |
| 15 | Northern | Walesby | 8 | Croydon Bob Triples | 1430 - 1600 |
| 18 | S Lincs Weds gp | Bottesford (Leics) | 8 | Bristol, Erin | 1430 - 1600 |
| 21 | W Lindsey | Bottesford | 6 | Branch 6 bell striking comp | 1600 onwards |
| 21 | Southern | Billingborough | 8 | General ringing | 1900 - 2100 |
| 21 | Elloe | Market Deeping | 8 | Ringing | 1445 – 1545 |
| | | Deeping St Nicholas | 6 | | 1600 – 1700 |
| | | BBQ | | booking essential 01775 820631 | Following ringing |
| | | | | secretary@edb.ldgb.org.uk | |
| 28 | Surprise Major | Washingborough | 8 | Surprise Major | 1030 - 1200 |

Church Schools' festival – Sixbel simulator in the Cathedral. June 3,4,5,10,11 Offers of help will be gratefully received by Sue