## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSSHEET AND DIARY. JANUARY 2018

## Happy New Year to you all.

## News from December:

Many congratulations to Ruth Curtis on becoming the first lady to ring 5000 peals. This is an amazing accomplishment and puts her husband, Paul to shame as he has rung a mere 4,500 ! We look forward to reading about their $5000^{\text {th }}$ together in a few years time.
100 club: November 1st Delia Heppenstall $£ 10.00$ 2nd Dorothy Robinson $£ 5.00$
December 1st Marilyn Brown £10.00 2nd David Fox $£ 5.00$
St Andrew's Day: QPs were rung at Butterwick, Heckington, Helpringham, Horbling, Potterhanworth, Sempringham and Timberland.
RWYNC This year's competition will take place on Sat July $7^{\text {th }}$ in London. Participants must be under 19 on Aug $31^{\text {st }}$ 2018. Please would any young person who is interested in taking part contact Sue Faull or Tony Barker asap. Please would TCs, branch officials etc encourage youngsters to take part. Ideally, they should be reasonably confident with call changes on 6 bells and happy to ring bells at different churches. Practices will be organised nearer the time.

## News from around the branches

Central : The branch were very sorry to announce the death of Ian Bland of Heckington. He and his wife Gill had been great supporters of ringing in the village and area. QPs were rung in his memory at Heckington, Silk Willoughby, Welbourn, Potterhanworth and Great Hale.
A QP was rung at Metheringham and a peal at Potterhanworth to mark the centenary of the death of George Cooke, ringer at Metheringham, killed in action in WW1
8 QPs were rung at St Mary le Wigford during the Lincoln Christmas market, including one rung when the market was closed due to the forecast of bad weather which never arrived. Congratulations to Angela Holt on her $1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{QP}$ of PB Minor inside rung at Waddington, and to Laura Martin on her $1^{\text {st }}$ inside - Grandsire at Nettleham.
Elloe : a peal was rung at Surfleet in memory of Pte John Flowers, who was killed in action during WW1, a local ringer.
West Lindsey: The branch enjoyed good ringing, a lovely Carol Service followed by excellent Christmas refreshments at Saxilby. They also loved (!) David Turner's cheesy Christmas cracker jokes.
Northern: There was an excellent turnout of ringers for the Walesby Carols by Candlelight service. Conditions underfoot for reaching the church were the best for a number of years, so the congregation was similarly very large. Creditable ringing was produced on these tricky bells in lamplight.
Well done to Pat Donnelly who has rung her $650^{\text {th }}$ QP 25 Barton ringers and friends enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner and they confidently predicted that they would be able to ring all 8 bells on $48 / 52$ Sunday mornings in 2018.
Southern: 4 new methods have been rung and named at Sproxton. Prudhoe Alliance celebrated the $1^{\text {st }}$ grandchild for Diane and Nick Faux and $1^{\text {st }}$ grand daughter for Andrew Davey. Robin Rogers has rung 400 peals at Sproxton, Andrew Davey and Jim Benner have rung 150 peals together. Other new methods were named Billingborough Treble Place, Lintzford S. and Stoke Poges Alliance. Well done to Andrew Usborne who has rung his $50^{\text {th }} \mathrm{QP}-$ at Boothby Pagnell. Congratulations to Keith Brown on his $1^{\text {st }}$ peal of Major as conductor - Yorkshire at Market Deeping.
Eastern: had a very enjoyable ringing meeting and carol service at Fishtoft which was followed by tea and meeting, with more ringing in the evening, finishing with St Nicholas Doubles for Christmas.
Dates for your diary

| Jan | Branch | Venue |  | Special method | Time |
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| 2 | Midweek ringing | Thorpe on the Hill | 6 | Double Oxford | $1030-1200$ |
| 13 | Central | Caythorpe | 8 | Ringing <br> Service + Tea <br> AGM | 1500 <br> 1630 <br> 1700 |
| 16 | Midweek ringing | Washingborough | 8 | Cambridge and Yorkshire <br> spliced | $1030-1200$ |
| 17 | South Lincs Weds gp | Ruskington | 6 | Westminster S., Double <br> Court | $1430-1600$ |
| 20 | West Lindsey | Stow <br> Willingham by Stow | 8 <br> 6 | Ringing <br> Service + tea <br> AGM followed by ringing | 1500 <br> 1615 |
| 23 | Midweek ringing | Welbourn | 8 | $8030-1200$ |  |
| 27 | Eastern | Swineshead | 8 | AGM | 1100 |
| 27 | Northern | Caistor | Ringing <br> Service + tea <br> AGM | Ringing <br> Service, tea, meeting <br> More ringing | 1500 |
| 27 | Southern |  | Market Deeping | 1530 |  |

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