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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY APRIL 2023

100 club: 10: 24. Anita Blundell £5: 1. Mary Brown As the 100 Club year is almost at an end, Alison will be contacting members in the next few weeks regarding renewals. There are still some numbers not taken, so if you would like to join, please get in touch. (Contact in the Guild Report)

Guild AGM Details of the AGM on April 29th in Lincoln will be circulated via branch secs and be on the Guild website soon. The Central Branch are kindly organising lunch and would like an idea of numbers asap.

centralbranch.secretary-at- yahoo.com There will be no service in the ringers chapel this year, so the day starts with the AGM at 11am at the Bailgate Methodist Church followed by lunch. Ringing in the afternoon at St Giles (3pm) and the cathedral (4 pm) for evensong

Heckington Show, 29th/30th July The Show organisers are very keen to have the Sixbel simulator at the Show again this year. It will need lots of volunteers to man the bells over the 2 days and teach the visitors to ring. The Show is a great day out (the largest village show in the country) so please consider putting these dates in your diary. More info to follow in the next few months as plans progress.

News from March:

Commonwealth Day: this was marked with general ringing at Coningsby, Immingham, Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln St Mary le W, Old Bolingbroke, Belton in Axholme, Ruskington and Spalding .

Southern Branch the meeting at Corby Glen attracted 47 members to the church and 37 stayed for lunch in the Woodhouse Arms. It was fantastic to see so many there with 5 new members elected and 3 further application forms taken. Hard work for the two ringing masters who did an excellent job in giving everyone a chance to ring, from Rounds & Call Changes to London Surprise Minor. At Sproxton a new method Great Hale Delight was Alan Bird's 400th peal. Quaking Houses Surprise was rung in memory of Harry Poyner, a one time member of the Weds peal band at Sproxton. A further new method was rung – Blyth Delight. On Mothering Sunday Gavin Simpson rang his 1st QP of TB in a QP at West Deeping.

West Lindsey Branch: The branch practice at Kirton Lindsey was very well attended – probably the best for quite a few years. Ringing from rounds to Cambridge and Stedman was enjoyed and our newest members acquitted themselves well. A QP of PB Triples was rung at Stow in memory of Alan Marshall, former churchwarden who made a significant donation when Stow bells were augmented. The 2nd is inscribed as the Churchwarden's bell and was rung by the current Warden. A QP of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to Alyson Blanchard moving to Lancashire. A family QP of Yorkshire was rung at Stow for the 70th birthdays of Stephen and Janet Clarke. 2 QPs were rung at Scotter in memory of loved ones – for Charles Machell, father of Debbie Scarf and one for Marilyn Hall, wife of Richard, former TC at Scotter. Our sincere condolences go to the Scarf and Hall families.

Elloe Deaneries Branch: further Dickensian themed minimus methods were rung in QPs at Fulney – Bucket, Compysen and Havisham TB minimus. **Note** that the Friday practices at **Crowland** are suspended until further notice.

Central Branch: A QP was rung at Dunholme to mark the retirement of Philip Grover- best wishes for a happy and healthy one. Congratulations go to Mark Hutchinson on his 1st QP – Tenor to PBD at Nettleham, and also to Stewart Mason who ran his 1st QP – treble to PBD at Bassingham. Aa QP was rung at Blankney as a farewell to Alyson Blanchard, moving from Lincolnshire to Lancashire.

Eastern Branch The Branch held a well attended ringing meeting at Butterwick. It was good to welcome eight visitors to the Branch, together with twenty Eastern Branch ringing members. There was plenty of space to spread out into the church at this light, easy going, ground floor ring of six bells. The ringing ranged from Call Changes to London S. Minor. Congratulations to Jo French on becoming a grandmother. A peal of 7m was rung at Wigtoft in celebration.

Northern Branch: A successful branch practice was held at Grasby, where several members had their chance to develop skills in doubles and various variations. Plain bob, St Simon's, St Martins, St Clements, touches of Little Bob minor and Eynesbury doubles and Grandsire. The practice was well supported by members from Grimsby, Barton, Barrow, Market Rasen and Tealby. A QP of Doubles at Caistor was a birthday compliment to Stephen and Janet Clarke. The branch was saddened to hear that Harry Minns, a member of the Guild's Roll of Honour, has died in his 100th year. A QP was rung at Caistor to celebrate his long life.

Dates for your diary

April	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
1	Eastern	Langton by Spilsby	6	Branch practice	1800 - 2000
17	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
19	Northern	Market Rasen	8	Focused - St Clements Bob Triples, Bastow Major	1930 - 2100
22	Northern	Outing to York		Info to follow	
22	Southern	TBC	6	PB Doubles workshop Bring picnic, contact sec	1000 - 1430
22	West Lindsey	Bottesford	6	Rabbits Striking competition	1530 start
29	Guild	Bailgate Methodist St Giles Ringers chapel Cathedral	8 12	AGM + lunch Ringing Handbell workshop Ringing then Evensong	1100 1500 1400 - 1600 1600 - 1730
May 1	WestLindsey	Barnsley area		Branch Outing	tbc

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