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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY MAY 2023

100 club £100 51 Chris Jackson £50 58 David Fox £25 39 Richard Hall £10 21 Keith Faulkner £5 7 Michelle Carby. There are still a few numbers untaken if anyone would like to join the 100 club.

Guild AGM

The AGM at Bailgate Methodist Church was attended by over 50 members and was ably chaired by the Interim Dean – Very Rev Simon Jones. David Turner of Saxilby was entered into the Roll of Honour for services to his church and branch. Alan Payne and Roger Lord were elected Honorary Life Members of the Guild. Both have made very great contributions to the working of the Guild over many years: Alan as Master of the Guild for 7 years and Roger as Treasurer for over 10 years. All financial reports were accepted. Chris Turner was thanked for his time as Guild Master over the last 6 years and Keith Butter was elected to take over the role. Helen Brotherton was also thanked for her stint as Guild secretary and Chris Sharp was elected as the new secretary. An excellent lunch was provided by members of the Central branch and it was good to catch up with people not seen since the last AGM. Ringing took place at St Giles and the Cathedral and there was an opportunity to ring handbells at Bailgate. Thanks go to all the organisers.

Young Ringer: A good number of young ringers had a great experience ringing on the 3 cwt 8 at Scofton. It took a little while to settle but all rang them successfully and gave good practice ready for the RWNYS in York. See the Guild website for a fuller report.

News from April:

Southern Branch: Many congratulations go to Keith and Marilyn Brown on their Golden wedding anniversary. A new method was pealed at Market Deeping and named Sandon Alliance as Sandon in Essex was where they were married. The ringers enjoyed drinks and nibbles after. A peal of Sleaford S Major was rung at Sproxtton in memory of ringing friend Jim Morrison of Eastleigh. A QP was rung half muffled at Irnham for Good Friday and well done to Alex Heaton for ringing the 2nd to a QP of Bob Minor for the first time. The branch held a very good PB Doubles workshop at Harlaxton, all 8 students made good progress. Thanks go to the 8 helpers and organiser, Liz Carter. A surprise visitor at a recent Irnham practice turned out to be David Baxter, a ringer at Irnham 50 years ago who was visiting a family grave. He called a peal of Doubles there in 1965 which is on a peal board. The only other peal board is for the first on the six in 2006, which Jim Benner conducted. A great opportunity for a photo of them both with their respective peal boards. Congratulations to young ringer Noah Mason who rang the Tenor to a QP of Doubles at Branston.

West Lindsey Branch: A QP was rung at Haxey in memory of Anne Cooper, wife of long time ringer Percy and mother of current ringer David. She was a faithful member and often organist at this church. The branch held a successful Rabbits striking competition. 4 team were formed and all enjoyed scoring each other's efforts. Well done to all who took part.

Elloe Deaneries Branch: The QP rung at Gosberton was a 1st of Stedman Doubles for Jo French. QPs of Dodger TB Minimus and Stedman Singles were rung at Fulney.

Central Branch: QPs were rung at Potterhanworth and Sleaford on Easter Day. Muffled QPs were rung at Lincoln St Mary le Wigford and at Potterhanworth on Good Friday. A QP was rung at Blankney and the bell at St Benedict's Lincoln was tolled in memory of Mary Harvey. A peal was rung at Potterhanworth (5m) to celebrate the life of Colin Reed on the day of his funeral at Balderton. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor on his return to peal ringing. A QP of Cambridge Major was rung at St Giles Lincoln as a farewell to Rev Buck after 8 years in the Parish. It was a 1st of surprise for Ed Purkiss. A QP was rung at St Mary le Wigford for the freedom parade of RAF Waddington.

Eastern Branch: 2 QPs were rung at Alford to congratulate Hannah and George Watts on the birth of their son James. Hannah was taught to ring at Alford. A QP of Hunslet Bob Triples at Sutterton was first blows in method for Robert Simpson, Michael Slater and Brian Plummer.

Northern Branch: A special 360 was rung at Louth for the birth of James Watts (see above). Hannah is a Louth ringer. Congratulations to David Hibbert on his 950th QP and to Carolyn Hibbert on her 1st QP (and first blows) of Cambridge at Grasby. A QP of Grandsire Triples was rung at Caistor as a wedding anniversary compliment to Heather and Barry Peachey.

Dates for your diary

May	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
1	West Lindsey	Barnsley area		Branch outing (all welcome 1 st tower Penistone	0930 - 1030
2	Northern	Barton St Mary	8	Stedman Triples	1930 - 2100
8	Eastern	Local Mini tour			
15	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
15	Northern	Immingham	6	Focused Grandsire and PB Doubles	
17	Elloe Deaneries	Bicker	8	Opportunities for all	1900 - 2100
27	Southern	West Deeping	6	Lucky dip striking competition	1800 start

Advance notice We'll need lots of volunteers for ringing the Sixbel simulator at Heckington Show. July 29th/30th **Blyth & Co Church Bell Specialists** for all your church bell requirements - office no: 01636 893883 - email: t.l.bservices@outlook.com. We also have a shop online at: www.churchbellspecialists.myshopify.com or visit our website at: www.churchbellspecialists.co.uk