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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. OCTOBER 2023

News from late August and September:

Lincoln University students used the Guild's Wombel at their Freshers' Fayre. A very successful event saw a number of ex ringers coming forward and some new enthusiastic potential recruits. Hot off the press! Up to 20 attended their first meeting. Best wishes and welcome to them all for their time in Lincoln.

Central Council meeting: The annual meeting of the Central Council took place in Ipswich - a bit of a drive from Lincs. Simon Linford stood down as President and was enthusiastically thanked for all his efforts over the last few years. Tina Stoecklin from Edinburgh (and a former RW editor) was elected as the new President. Much of the business was routine stuff, with the numerous working group chairs reporting on their ongoing work. This is now the main function of the annual meeting - holding the executive to account, are they doing a good job? I (and I think most reps think they are,) so we gave them our blessing. The main motion under discussion was the proposal to reduce the number of CC reps, as recommended by CRAG four or five years ago. A good debate took place with the motion being defeated quite heavily. Us turkeys did not vote for Christmas! The RW AGM also took place and the finances of the RW are back to near normal levels due primarily to the number of donations the RW receives.

Guild 6 bell striking competition: Many congratulations to the team from Bourne who retained the John Freeman Cup. Messingham were the runners up. In the Plate competition Stow were victorious with Scotter coming second. In all 11 teams competed, Judges Ben Meyer (Cup at Tealby) and Les Townsend (Plate at Middle Rasen) congratulated all who had taken part. The branch was thanked for the excellent tea, and the very enjoyable occasion.

100 club September £10 29 Phil Mason £5 58 David Fox

LDG calendars and Christmas cards: Yes, Christmas is coming! These are available from your branch fund raising reps. Calendars are £5.50 each and cards £2 for a pack of 5 cards. Please support your BRF

Northern: Branch members were saddened to hear of the death of Joy Lord, ringer at Barton St Mary's and longstanding officer of the branch. Sincere condolences are sent to Roger and Andrew. A QP at Brigg was dedicated to her memory. QPs of Doubles were rung at Market Rasen and Tealby for the Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Churches festival, the latter was a most methods for Peter Abbott, Ben Rothwell and Victor Pope. QPs were rung at Caistor and Grasby to mark the retirement of the vicar Rev Ian Robinson.

Southern: 5 peals were rung at Sproxtton, 4 of which were new methods: Helpringham Alliance, Gedney Delight, Stamford Alliance and Newton Alliance. It was good to see Judith Rogers returning to peal ringing. The 4th peal, Lincolnshire, was a 1st in method for Luke Tobin and 300th on the bells for Tony Walker. The 5th was 300th on the bells for Diane Faux. A Harlaxton band braved the 30 degree heat to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire on the 23 cwt 6 at Brant Broughton. The ringing was a 91st birthday compliment to Margaret Derry, former ringer at this tower and also a celebration of Will Carter's A-Level results and congratulating him as he starts university. It was Will Carter's first quarter of Grandsire Doubles and Janice Davies' first as conductor of Grandsire Doubles.

West Lindsey : There was a good turnout for the branch practice at Owston Ferry which focused on the learning of the local ringers

Elloe Branch: A half muffled QP was rung at Fulney in memory of Canon Colin Evans, vicar of Holbeach and Rural Dean. Another was rung in his memory at Whaplode which was a 1st for 28 years for Sandy Smith. A QP in a new method was rung at Gedney Hill and was named Canon Colin Evans Treble Place Minimus. The Elloe minimus group were busy – 3 further new methods rung and named – Callans Lane Wood TPM at Kirkby Underwood, Westborough TPM at Westborough and Aldwincle TPM at Achurch, Northants. A QP was rung at Surfleet following the funeral of Brian Bunting. Brian's son and 2 daughters took part in the general ringing earlier, as did Val Simpson, Brian's partner who hadn't rung for a year. A QP in memory of Brian was also rung at Clenchwarton, Norfolk. A QP of Beverley Surprise at Quadring was a 1st in method for Brian Plummer.

Central Branch: Branch members were saddened to learn of the death of Ann Masson, former ringer at Sleaford. Half muffled ringing took place following her funeral. QPs were rung at Blankney and Potterhanworth in memory of Doreen Sharp, mother of Paul. Condolences are sent to Paul and his family. A QP was rung at St Mary le Wigford for the 1st anniversary of the King's accession. . A QP of Cambridge was rung at Sleaford for RM Keith Butter's birthday

Eastern Branch: The peal of 7 minor methods at Wigtoft was Graham Colborne's 750th. Congratulations to him.

Dates for your diary

Oct	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
3	Midweek ringing	Eagle	6	Coffee at 10 Ringing	1030 - 1200
5	Northern	Tealby	6	Focused doubles	1930
7 - 14	Eastern	QP week			
7	Eastern	Branch outing		See branch website	
9	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
14	Central	Martin Timberland	6 6	Branch practice	1930 -2010 2015 - 2100
18	Northern	Market Rasen	8	Focused 8 bell	
19	Elloe	Crowland	6	Branch practice	1900
21	West Lindsey	Brigg	6	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
21	Eastern	Alford		Race night	1900
21-28	Southern	Quarter peal week			
21	Guild	Grimsby	10	Ten bell method practice	1000- 1200
24	Midweek ringing	Welbourn	8	Coffee at 10 Ringing	1030 - 1200
28	Guild	Billingborough	8	8 bell striking competition	
28	Southern	Horbling/Sempringham	6		1800 - 1930