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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. JANUARY 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

News from December:

100 club Winners as follows: £10: 17. Barbara Rand £5: 30. Julie Pocock

LDG calendars and Christmas cards: Thanks to all who have supported the Guild by buying or selling these. It is hoped that a report of money raised will be available in next month's newssheet.

Eastern Branch: The branch was very sorry to report the untimely death of Michael Reynolds of Swineshead. The joint Guild/ Eastern 10 bell ringing meeting at Boston was half muffled in his memory as was the QP of PB Triples which followed the practice. Michael's funeral is on Saturday 6th January 1pm Swineshead. QPs are planned before and after the funeral as well as ringing for all who wish to ring in his memory immediately following the funeral. Please inform gregoryh305@yahoo.com if you would like to attend or ring in one of the quarter peals. Another QP was rung at Boston, this time it was PB Major to mark the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Well done to Mia Bradford on her 1st inside and of Major.

Northern Branch: Ringing took place at Barton on Humber to mark Joy Lord's birthday. Joy passed away earlier in the year. Sadly, the QP was lost but one of PB Doubles was scored at Market Rasen on the same day in her memory. The ringing for Carols by Candlelight was less well attended this year, probably due to terrible weather conditions making it very difficult to climb the hill. However, it was much appreciated by the congregation. A peal rung at Grasby was Stephen Clarke's (WLB) 250th peal.

Southern: We're sad to report that Elizabeth Payne, wife of Matthew, passed away on Monday 11th December after a long illness. Our thoughts go out to the whole Payne family at this sad time. Two new methods were rung and named at Sproxtton – Aslackby Alliance was rung in memory of Michael Reynolds. It was Sylvia Bird's 900th peal – very well done to her, and it was the 250th together for Sylvia and Mike Maughan. The other new method was Kirton Alliance. A peal of 4 SS Major at Sproxtton was a 1st of spliced for Jo French and the peal of Rutland at Heydour was 200th together for Barry Jones and Tony Walker. Well done to Michael Coney on his 1st QP inside – PBD at Grantham. A QP was rung at Folkingham in memory of Michael Reynolds. A QP was rung at Irnham while other ringers collected around the village for the Children's Society. Congratulations to Robert Simpson on ringing his 1st peal of 7 surprise minor at West Deeping, also to Clair Walton on her 1st QP – she rang the treble to PBD at Grantham.

West Lindsey: A peal of Bovey Tracey was rung at Kirton in Lindsey. It was the 400th together for Chris Turner and Ruth Curtis. The branch ringing and Carol Service was well attended and a lot of Christmas fare was consumed. The Curate, Kate gave a really moving address where she described how the sound of bells had first drawn her to the Church in her very young years. She expressed her gratitude for the ministry of the bells and bellringers. It was great to see 4 ex Lincolnshire Poachers getting together to ring a QP at Belton. It was a 1st of minor for Alex Addy, a 1st for 6+ years for Ellie Sargeant and Nat Williams has rung QPs with 100 different ringers. Joe Waters was the 4th LP.

Elloe Branch: The Elloe minimus group of ringers were busy again. They rang new methods Frannyan TP at Fulney, Carol Service TP at Fulney and then again at Quadring. They rang Oxfordy Kent TP at Whaplode which was a 1st QP for Joyce Massey on the treble. They also rang Grimsthorpe TP at Swinstead. A peal of Christmas Cracker TP Minimus was rung and named at Kirkby Underwood.

Central Branch Congratulations to Davie Bee on his 1st QP for 19 years (PBD at Potterhanworth), to Mark Hutchinson for his 1st on the treble (PBD at Nettleham), and to Richard Johnson on his 1st of minor at Caythorpe. Also well done to Uni student Owen Peters for conducting his 1st QP of Major – PBM at Washingborough.

University of Lincoln Society: A QP of PB Singles at St Mary le Wigford was a 1st QP for George Milfull and David Curtis. All the band promise it will be their last of Singles.

Dates for your diary

Jan	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
2	Midweek ringing	Eagle	6	Coffee 1000 Ringing	1030 – 1200
8	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices + improvers	1330 - 1445
13	Central AGM	Ruskington	6	Ringings Service, tea + meeting	1500 1600 onwards
16	Elloe Deaneries	Donington	8	Branch evening practice	1900 - 2100
20	West Lindsey AGM	Gainsborough	8	Ringings Service, tea + meeting	1500 1630
23	Midweek	Welbourn	8	Meet 10 for coffee	1030 - 1200
27	Southern AGM	Stamford St Martins	8	Ringings followed by service Tea, meeting Unity Hall, Scotgate Further ringing at All Saints	1500 - 1630 Until 2030
27	Northern AGM	Immingham	6	Ringings followed by Service Lunch followed by meeting	1000 – 1130 1330 meeting