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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWS SHEET AND DIARY. FEBRUARY 2024

News from January:

100 club: £10: 96. Alfie Hynes £5: 108 Phil Wild

LDG calendars and Christmas cards: An excellent £860 was raised for the BRF - Many thanks to all the branch coordinators for their hard work and to all who supported the Guild by buying the items. Particular thanks go to the contributors of photos.

Guild clothing: Unfortunately there has been a price increase. 2024 prices are now shown on the Guild website. Items of clothing with the 125th anniversary logo can be purchased for an additional £1.

Young Ringers (YR) Monthly meetings have been taking place since last Sept, masterminded by Melissa Blanchard and Shelagh Dunning. The January meeting at Washingborough was very well attended and lots of cake was enjoyed as well as lots of ringing. Next meeting is at Potterhanworth 4th Feb.

Southern Branch: New method Creeton Alliance was rung at Sproxton in memory of Elizabeth Payne, wife of Matthew. A peal of Lincolnshire was rung at Sproxton to mark the 11th anniversary of the death of Roger Bailey, renowned Lincolnshire and London ringer as were QPs at Billingborough (Lincolnshire), Willingham (P and L Bob Minor) and at Wragby (Cambridge) Congratulations to Susan Muspratt on her 1st QP of treble bob – treble to Cambridge Minor at Mkt Deeping. Also congrats to Pat Dale on her 1st inside of PBD at Stamford Baron and to Archie Randal Williams (YR) who rang his 1st S. Major inside – Cambridge at Mkt Deeping. A peal of Cambridge was rung at Heydour with best wishes to Tony Walker on his retirement. The AGM at Stamford was well attended. 6 new members were elected (plus 23 ratified from last year) There were some changes in officers – Judith Rogers now President, Sylvia Bird is RM and Melissa Blanchard secretary. Thanks go to outgoing officers.

West Lindsey Branch: Many congratulations to David Turner who has now completed 50 years as Tower Captain of Saxilby. A party was organised in his honour where he was presented with a commemorative plaque for the ringing chamber and a QP was rung in his honour which was a 1st for Helen Wright. Peter Watson also took part, he has been enticed back to ringing after a 36 year sabbatical. A QP of Grandsire was rung at Gainsborough was rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Richard Rollett, who is buried in the churchyard, who accompanied James Cook on his 2nd world voyage 1772 – 1775. The AGM was very well attended (45+), the tea was excellent thanks to Gainsborough ringers, 6 new members and one returner were elected. Officers remain the same.

Elloe Deaneries Branch: New method Moulton Yardley TP Minimus was rung at Moulton and the Munificent Miss Charinton Singles at Fulney, both were rung for the New Year. A 5256 of new method Council of Charlantans Minimus was rung at Gedney Hill for Tony Walkers Retirement and was a longest length for Luke Tobin, Robert Simpson and Brian Plummer. Further new minimus methods were rung – Ridlington TP at Ridlington, Rutland and Lyndon TP was a curtailed QP due to a breaking tail end. A QP of St Simon's Bob Triples was rung at Fulney on the 136th anniversary of the death of Charlotte Charinton who paid for the church and bells.

Central Branch: 2 QPs were rung on New Year's Eve at Potterhanworth. The AGM at Ruskington was well attended with 40 members sitting down to fish and chips. 3 new members were elected, there were no changes of officers. A recital of flute and piano took place at Washingbrough. Many thanks go to Kay Ritchie a ringer with the Scothern and Welton group who, along with Martin Priestley played music by Bach, Beethoven, Fauré and Poulenc among others. The concert raised over £229 for the bell repair fund. QP of Cambridge Royal at Ewerby were 1st blows on 10 for Ben Rothwell and 1st Cambridge Royal for Owen Peters. A useful handling session was held at Dunholme.

Eastern A QP of PBD was rung at Alford as a farewell to Julia Pentelow. It was also in memory of Michael Reynolds whose funeral took place at Swineshead where general ringing took place before and after the Service and a QP of PB Triples was also rung. Also in memory of Michael was some general ringing at Gosberton and a QP of Lincolnshire at Long Sutton. The Stedman and Double Norwich practice at Swineshead was well attended and very useful.

Northern Branch: Branch members were saddened to announce the death of Fr Ivan Howitt after a short illness. In recent years he had been a much valued member of the Barton on Humber band. Ivan's long ministry brought him to be a deeply loved parish priest, Padre to the Army Cadets, and Chaplain with the Mission to Seafarers in the Humber Ports. A handbell peal was rung in his memory at Londonthorpe. A QP of 3m/v Doubles was rung at Immingham in memory of Jean Day, former ringer at Immingham who contributed greatly to the purchase of the bell frame. The branch was pleased to welcome Guild Master and sec, Keith and Barbara. All officers were re-elected and 6 new members were welcomed.

3	Eastern	Horncastle	6	Ringling Service +Lunch AGM + more ringing	1030 1200 1330
4	Young Ringers	Potterhanworth	6	Ringling + cake	1400 - 1600
6	Midweek Ringers	Eagle	6	Meet 1000 for coffee. Ringling	1030 - 1200
10	Elloe Deaneries	Surfleet	12	Ringling Service + Tea AGM + further ringing	1500 1600 1730
10	Central	Branston	6	Branch practice	1400 - 1530
14	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices + Improvers	1330 - 1445
17	West Lindsey	Brigg	6	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
24	Southern	Silk Willoughby	6	Branch practice followed by pub lunch	1000 - 1200
27	Midweek Ringers	Welboorn	8	Meet 1000 for coffee. Ringling	1030 - 1200

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