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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. JANUARY 2014

Happy New Year to you all.

News from late November and December:

**100 club for December:** 1st No 1 Mary Brown £10.00 2nd No 66 Tina Carr £5.00

A number of QPs were rung around the Guild in memory of Nelson Mandela. 6 Christmas QPs were rung by members of various branches on their way for a Christmas lunch get together in Surfleet.

News from the branches

**Elloe and Eastern** A packed congregation of family, friends and colleagues came together at St Wilfred's, Alford, to give thanks for the life of John Pratt following his tragic death. The service, conducted by Rev'd Ros Latham, brought smiles, laughter and tears to those present as memories of his short life were shared. Three days later, SS Mary & Nicolas Church, Spalding held their own memorial service to celebrate John's life. The service was led by Rev'd John Bennett and supported by Tower Captain & Reader, Sue Slater, who herself spoke about John, the bell ringer, whom we all knew and respected. He touched the lives of so many people in many ways and will be sadly missed. At both services bells rang out before and after to enable as many as wished to ring as a tribute to John. QPs were rung in his memory at these and other churches as well as peals at Edenham and Londonthorpe.

The branch is sad to announce the death of the TC of Pinchbeck, Roy Withyman, following a long illness. He was a long standing ringer and active member of St. Mary's PCC for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judith and the family at this sad time.

**WLB**

Following ringing at Scotter, branch members enjoyed their social – Turkey and pork rolls and a Christmas themed quiz. A great start to the festive season. Kathy Sargeant has rung her 10<sup>th</sup> QP, and Ellie Sargeant her first peal of TB on 8 bells.

**SB**

Congratulations to Judith and Robin Rogers who have rung an amazing 900 peals together. Also many congrats to Bill Croft who has rung his 1000<sup>th</sup> peal. Both his brothers rang in this handbell peal of Lincolnshire Royal. James Thorpe has rung his first peal of Bristol Major.

**EB**

The branch had a warm welcome for its Carol Service at Freiston – the heating had been on all day for the Church's Christmas tree festival. Both the ringing and service were well supported by members. A QP was rung at Boston to mark the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first peal in Lincolnshire (Grandsire Triples in 1738) Sadly the peal attempt was not successful.

**NB**

There was a really good turn out for ringing at Walesby for the annual Carols by Candlelight Ramblers' Service. Good weather made the steep climb up to the church easier than for a number of years and the ringers acquitted themselves well on these tricky bells.

**CB**

Congratulations to Chris Woodcock on his 600<sup>th</sup> peal rung at Ewerby and to Graham Colborne for his 100<sup>th</sup> peal for the Guild. Well done to Robert Harvey who has rung 100 QPs this year, including his 150<sup>th</sup> in total. Michael Lawton rang his first QP of Yorkshire.

January	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
10	Eastern	Sutterton	8	Surprise Major	1930 - 2100
11	Central	Welbourn	8	Ringing Service Tea + AGM + ringing	1500 1630 1700
18	West Lindsey	Saxilby	6		
25	Eastern	Friskney	6	Ringing Service Lunch + AGM + ringing	1100 1200 1230
25	Northern	Market Rasen	8	Ringing Service + Tea+ AGM	1400 1545
25	Southern	Edenham	10	Ringing Service+ Tea+ AGM Ringing	1530 1630 Until 2030
Feb 1	Eastern	Long Sutton	8	Ringing Service Tea + AGM+ Ringing	1530 1630 1715

**Alan Black of Langtoft** makes peal boards and has a supply of ash for stays. He has a web site – [www.toweressentials.vpweb.co.uk](http://www.toweressentials.vpweb.co.uk) where you can view the peal boards. He can be contacted on 07516 371992.

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