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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. JUNE 2010

News from late April and May:

CB Congrats to the Cathedral band who won their branch striking competition and to Washingborough, the runners up. The Annual Freedom Parade of the RAF was marked by a QP at St Mary le Wigford. Alan Bird rang his first QP for over 10 years, and Chris Woodcock rang his first QP of minor double handed.

NB George Thompson conducted his first QP and his mum, Susan, rang her first inside. Alex Hibbert rang his first QP of Grandsire inside, and Pat Donnelly her 250th QP. On Sunday 8 May 2010 St. James Church, Great Grimsby was "Promoted" to Minster status by the Bishop of Lincoln. After the Bishop had handed over the Official Documents and the congregation had applauded the whole church became silent. This was the signal for the bells to peal out over Grimsby to announce the creation of the new Minster. After a Plain Course of Grandsire the service recommenced. The Bishop stated that it was the first time that he had had the pleasure of making a Parish Church a Minster.

EB Branch and Guild members were greatly saddened by the death of Betty Collett, wife of John. Her funeral took place at the Stump. A number of QPs have been rung in thanksgiving for her life.

A quiz night raised £235.50 for the Guild BRF at Alford Church Hall. A good time was had by all, Julia was an entertaining quiz mistress, fun was had with the musical round in particular, Kate and helpers produced a delicious supper and the Lincoln team won the first prize, a bell shaped plaque generously commissioned and given by John Collett. £80 was raised towards the floor at Candlesby by a ringing outing in the Lincoln area.

WL The branch had a very enjoyable outing on Bank Holiday Monday in the Harlaxton area. A successful pub quiz at the Rose and Crown, Upton raised £150 for the branch BRF. Branch members were very sorry to hear of the death of Janet Bull, who had learnt to ring at Willingham and had kept in close contact with many branch members.

ED The branch Treasurer, Ros Knight celebrated a big birthday. Bicker Tower held an open ringing event on May 8th. Although the weather was glum 18 ringers visited, some from other branches in Lincs. They enjoyed meeting other ringers and ringing with the new Guild Ringing Master, Alan. They are hoping for this to become an annual event.

SB Congrats to Bourne on winning their branch striking competition, with Market Deeping runners up. A good number of young ringers were involved in the competition. Farewell was said to Ben Ricketts, former newsletter editor, who has gone to Australia for an indefinite period. He has promised to keep in touch. Emma Southerington has conducted an amazing 500 peals. At Stamford a quarter was rung at All Saints to celebrate the homecoming parade of the 3rd squadron RAF regiment and the bells were also rung as the parade passed by.

Other A peal of Stedman Sextuples was rung on handbells to welcome Alan Payne as the new master of the Guild and to thank Sue Faull for her time in office.

Diary for June

June	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
1	Midweek	Dunholme	6	Ipswich	14.00 – 15.30
5	EB	Alford	6	Striking comp followed by open ringing	18.00 – 21.00
5	Joint	Surprise Major	8	Heydour	19.00 – 21.00
9	midweek	Wragby	6	Practice	10.30 – 12.00
12	CB	Welbourn	8		19.00 – 21.00
12	NB	Waltham	6	Striking comp	16.00 – 18.00
12	midweek	Wragby	6	practice	10.30 – 12.00
15	midweek	Stow	8	Bristol	14.30 – 16.00
16	S Lincs Weds gp	Fleet	6	Annable's London & Thelwall	14.30 – 16.00
19	WL	Belton	6	Striking comp	17.00
19	N B	Car Outing to Oxfordshire			
26	S Major	Washingborough	8	S Major	10.30 – 12.00
26	SB	Greatford	6	Gen ringing	19.00 – 21.00
29	Midweek	Away day TBA			

Guild Sixbel simulator The Annual Church Schools' Festival continues in Lincoln Cathedral on, 8/6,9/6,10/6, 16/6,17/6

If anyone is able to spare times on those mornings to help man the simulator and handbells, please contact Sue Faull. We will be teaching in the region of 200 pupils to "ring" over the course of these 2 weeks. The Sixbel will also be travelling to Long Sutton for a schools' event "Our World". Hundreds of children will be involved. Volunteers will be needed for manning it on 8th and 9th July, and helpers for erecting it the day before. Again, please contact Sue Faull.