



Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Northern Branch

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL IN THE NORTHERN BRANCH!

Newsletter – January 2009

Welcome to the January edition of the Northern Branch newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is 30th March so if you do anything between now and then and want it reported, please let Joy or Lorraine know. Also please let us know of anything being planned for next April, May or June.

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BRANCH AGM

Barton, St Mary (8)

Saturday 24th January 2009

**3pm Ringing, 4:15pm Service. 5pm Tea in the Church Hall followed by meeting,
Further ringing till 8:30pm**

Please give names for Tea to Joy Lord by **21st Jan** on 01652 635337
Special method: **Gainsborough Little Bob Major (x18x18x16-12)**

Raffle in aid of Branch BRF

Laceby

Tuesday 10th March

Ringling 7-8:30pm

Special method: **St. Osmund Bob Doubles (5.1.125.3.5-125)**
(this has St. Simon's back work)

Guild Barn Dance

On Saturday, 18th October, the Guild enjoyed an evening of merriment at Kexby Village Hall, with a ceilidh provided by the Riverhead Ranters, including a buffet and raffle. This was an excellent evening organized by Brenda Coley and the Guild BRF committee. The dance floor was full for nearly every dance. Those who didn't make it seriously missed out on a great night.



THE RINGERS SHOW OFF THEIR DANCING SKILLS

Quiz night

On Saturday, 25th October, the Northern Branch descended on the village of Grasby for an hour's worth of ringing, going up to London S. Minor, followed by delicious hot dogs, soup and cakes at the village hall, courtesy of Nan Colley, Margaret Roach, Judith Willcocks and Joy Lord, followed by the main event, the quiz, hosted by Matthew Jeffery. It was nice to have enough support to have eight teams, and everyone enjoyed a brilliant evening, although some of the questions were fairly difficult! The questions covered subjects such as UK, Geography, TV, Entertainment, Sport, and there was an interesting music round where Matthew actually played extracts of songs from musicals on his digital piano. It was evident that some people needed to brush up on their general knowledge more than others, in fact somebody told Matthew that they didn't even have a TV!

The winning team was the Infamous Five, who received a large tin of Roses chocolates, closely followed by Titanic Cinqes and then the South Ferriby Mudlarks. The unfortunate claimants of the toffee apples were the Magnificent Seven. Better luck next time! There was also a raffle, which made £51 and went towards the bell repair fund. Special thanks go to David Hibbert for obtaining the hall and all the aforementioned ladies for the superb job they did with the catering. Thanks also to some of the West Lindsey Branch who came to show their support.

Summary of Guild committee meeting

At the November meeting a winning honorary members certificate was chosen, this is now to be taken to branches and reviewed by members. Feedback is to be taken to the February guild committee meeting. The Lincoln Guild came second in the Ridgman Trophy. In the Guild 6 bell striking competition, 7 teams entered the cup and 7 teams entered the plate. 1st and 2nd in the cup were Messingham and Bourne while 1st and 2nd in the plate were Eagle and Swinderby. The barn dance had been a very successful evening, 105 tickets were sold and with the proceeds of the raffle £469 profit was made. So we need to find another large hall in another branch for next year. Other project that the BRF fund raising committee are on with include a new Guild pin badge to be available at the guild AGM, 2009. (*Now available.*)

AGM grand draw, this time tickets to be £1 to save paper and the environment. There are now fleeces available in the guild clothing. Sue needs to place a minimum of 12 orders at a time. The clothing sales have now made £200 profit, so £150 will be transferred to the guild BRF. Also requests are to be made for recipes, to make a guild recipe book to be on sale at the Guild AGM.

The format for the 2009 Guild AGM will be ringing, communion service, meeting followed by lunch, then 2 afternoon towers, light tea, Grand Draw, ringing for evensong at the cathedral and further ringing. The 8 bell competition will be held in the Southern branch on 24th October 2009, during the afternoon. Each branch is to talk about methods and take their suggestion back to the next Guild meeting.

The Guild report is to be the same new format as last year. No asterisks near members names for non-payers and names to be removed following year. Names will appear less formal, to be taken from peal and quarter peal records or as notified.

When a new web master was needed Sandra from central branch kindly agreed to take it on. Sue insisted that she would only need to give a few hours time to this on a Sunday. A few small changes have been made to the site and a communications channel has been drawn up, which will be summarised in the next branch newsletter.

The Archdeacon's guidelines are now in a final draft to be discussed with the Archdeacon. It was also mentioned that when organising events with youngsters we should use a permission form and supply the names of 2 CRB checked branch members to be child protection officers for the day. Ideally to be 1 male and 1 female.

Summary of Branch committee meeting

At our November Branch committee meeting, we officially welcomed Rev Elaine Turner and Andrew Lord to the committee since their election in May. We then reviewed the list of potential new ringers. Arrangements were discussed for our Branch Christmas Social to be held on Saturday 3rd Jan 2009. This was followed by discussing the content of the branch policy for damage caused by visiting ringers. We set out the program for 2009. We also reviewed the Hewitt Shield and decided that next year we will ask the branch for nominations and decide on who it will be awarded to at the November branch committee meeting. This meeting closed with Matthew presenting Lorraine with the certificate for her first Peal.

Simulator Update

In October the Northern Branch borrowed the Guild 6 bell simulator and installed it in Tealby Church for 2 weeks. During this time we had visits from the year 6 pupils from 3 local schools (Tealby, Caistor and Ludford) and had a widely publicised open day for those interested in “ coming to have a go”. The events were all manned by Ringers from around the Diocese as well as by the Tealby PCC and proved to be highly successful. We gathered feedback on the day and also contact details of anyone who expressed an interest in learning more; and as a result now have a list some 20+ new ringers. Many of these have attended ringing schools which we have held on subsequent Saturdays at Middle Rasen and with tuition and encouragement from experienced ringers the learners have been making fantastic progress. Indeed we are

hoping that after the next Saturday session that they will be able to join in at their local tower practices.

We also had several people interested in learning hand bell ringing, as this was also available to try out on the simulator days, and as a result a local group has been set up and performed at a Walesby Group carol service just before Christmas.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who came to assist in any way with these events; I was deeply touched by the support that we received. My particular thanks go to Sue Faull for her tremendous energy, input and encouragement; to Charles Cade for masterminding the transport of the simulator; to Revd John Carr and the Tealby PCC for their assistance and for allowing us to take over part of their church for 2 weeks; to all the ringers who supported the open days and the subsequent teaching sessions and to the Revd Charles Patrick, the ringers and PCC of Middle Rasen for allowing us to use their bells for teaching and for the use of their church hall.

Announcement: Market Rasen St Thomas' Bells ringing once more !

St Thomas' Band begin to ring again at the start of December, following three years of silence owing to external work on the tower and associated path closure. The work had nothing to do with the bells or the tower structure itself, merely that the facing stones were in poor condition and "shedding". The roof had to be dealt with whilst the scaffolding was up. Members of our band spent one weekend on cleaning all levels inside the tower from builder's dust and the residue of pigeon mess. One benefit of the recent work has been long-term netting on the tower windows to prevent any further roosting, so we hope to see no more mess!

Our band is in good fettle, and it is with gratitude that we acknowledge the support of the Middle Rasen band who have helped to keep our band ringing these last years. However we now need to consolidate ourselves as a band again, so would respectfully ask that visitors give us a period of grace to do just that, before joining us on practice nights. We would like to invite our branch to hold one of its meetings at Market Rasen in the early summer period. Await details of that through Branch officers. Hopefully all members will understand!

Walesby Carol service

On a horrible wet day, several branch members braved the muddy track to Walesby Old Church for this year's Candlelit Carol Service, which, once again, was a great occasion. The church was packed out and Rev. John Carr was on form, with an even bigger illuminated pointy stick (those who were there will know what I mean!). The ringers, who were mainly from Barton, Grimsby, Middle and Market Rasen with some West Lindsey support, were provided with coffee and mince pies and the ringing was generally good. Elaine also took part in the service and thanked the bellringers for ringing and for all the support they give to the church. She also praised the work of the Northern Branch, giving a special mention to Sue Faull and Matthew Jeffery. The service was rounded off by a rousing rendition of Auld Lang Syne, and then it snowed by the time the service was over. If you have not been before, you really are advised to go next year, as it really is a lovely spectacle.

Northern Branch Christmas Social



***Fun, Food, and Friendship at the North Branch Christmas Social
Geoff is certainly having fun!!!! And so are the two lovely ladies in the kitchen ?
Young George from Barton is tucking into Chocolate!***

The afternoon began with Ringing at Elsham. It was nice to see a few new ringers join us. Elaine officiated for a short carol service. Elaine, Andrew Lord and James Hibbert all took part in providing prayers and readings. Roger Lord played the organ to enable our singing to be tuneful. (Hopefully!) After the service we all went down to the Village Hall, where we filled two tables with the food donated by everyone Jenny and Andy Bennett had organized a fun game, allowing enough time for the hot water to boil to provide hot drinks for all. We all enjoyed the splendid buffet. Jenny and Andy had then organized a fun quiz, and a name the logo game. We then had an hilarious time with a bar of chocolate, knife, fork, hat, gloves and a dice ! Charades were played and finally some fun with oranges and balloons! We held a raffle, with a few prizes (thank you for all donations) and even after taking out the costs of the Hall we had £18.80 to put in the Bell Repair Fund. It was a great social fun afternoon and evening.

Oxford Tour

Due to popular demand, Simon Cole has agreed to organize another tour for us in Oxfordshire. Simon would like some guidance as to where in Oxfordshire people would like to go as there are a number of options here. He could probably arrange a visit to Whites of Appleton Bellhangers if there is enough interest. Alternatively, perhaps we could explore some of the many pretty villages around the Banbury area including ringing at Banbury (lovely Taylor 10 !). So have a think about what you would all like to do and we will discuss it at the AGM. The tour will be organized to allow people to drive there and back on Saturday should they wish to, but also should anybody wish to arrange accommodation in the area, then Simon will organize some Sunday morning ringing for us too. For the Sunday he is thinking along the lines of Service ringing & Service, an early (approx 12.15pm) lunch followed by one tower before returning home.

Child protection

As we have a few more young ringers in the branch now, Towers should consider clicking on to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers website www.cccbr.org.uk. Click on the information and services tab, then CCCBR Guidelines and you'll see the Protect Young Ringers guidelines. Ringers are urged to absorb the guidelines into the normal way that ringing is organized to minimise any fuss been made or disruption caused. The guidelines are there to protect the adults as much as they are the under 18's. The guidelines should be used in conjunction with any set out by your own PCC / local arrangements. On the CCCBR guidelines it suggests that you ask parents / Guardians to complete a consent form when they join. It advises that two adults (if possible of different sexes) should normal be present whenever young people are taking part in ringing or being transported. They also point out that it is good practice for an attendance register to be kept and completed including the recording of the names of any visitors. Anyway take a little time to click onto the site and have a read for yourselves.

Northern Branch AGM Agenda

- 1. President's Welcome and Open Prayer**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Loss of members by death**
- 4. Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting**
- 5. Matters arising from the minutes**
- 6. Reports**
- 7. Election of officers**
- 8. Election of new members**
- 9. Policy for use of bells by visiting ringers**
- 10. Hon life members certificate feedback**
- 11. Oxfordshire Tour**
- 12. Notices & forthcoming events**
- 13. Any other business**

Lincoln Diocese of Church Bell Ringers – Northern Branch

The Northern Branch of Bell Ringers in the Diocese of Lincoln warmly welcomes visiting ringers to come and experience our beautiful churches and to ring our church bells by prior arrangement.

Whilst the majority of ringers take great care when ringing unfamiliar bells, we have unfortunately had a few experiences of visiting ringers causing damage to our bells and frames. For that reason we would like to draw your attention to the following policy on the Use of Bells by visiting Ringers which has been adopted within our Branch. Please sign and return one copy of this form to the Tower Captain or local representative of each church where a visit is planned. Thank you

We hope that you will enjoy your time in our beautiful area of Lincolnshire and look forward to welcoming you to our churches.

**Lincoln Diocese of Church Bell Ringers
Northern Branch**

Policy on use of bells by visiting ringers January 2009

- 1.
2. This policy applies to all visits by groups of ringers from outside the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocese of Church Bell Ringers. It may, by agreement with the Tower Captain or nominated Tower Representative (in towers where no captain), be waived under certain circumstances. Any such waiver must be agreed in writing.
3. All visitors should arrange the details of their visit with the Tower captain of the parish church (or the nominated Tower Representative) in advance of the visit.
4. Visiting ringers should ensure that they are sufficiently experienced to cope with local conditions in a tower. eg at Walesby All Saints a long rope drop. Advice should be taken from the Tower captain or Tower representative.
5. It is suggested that a minimum donation of not less than £10.00 is paid to the tower fund of each church in advance or at the time of the visit.
6. Damage : Breakages will be charged at the following rates –
 - Stay £25.00
 More substantial damage will be assessed and be charged accordingly.

Please return a copy of this slip to each church being visited.

Tower visit to: (Name of church, village)

Visitors from : (Guild and Tower)

Approx No of Ringers / Visitors

Range of experience

We agree to abide by the policy above in relation to our visit on (date)

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Signed

Tower captain (visiting band)

Contact address and phone no.....

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Middle Rasen Peal and picture, first to be rang at the tower with local ringers.

On 30th November, history was made at Middle Rasen, where ringers from the local area rang a peal. No less than three of the band rang their first peal on this occasion, with one ringing their first inside. Afterwards, the band enjoyed a glass of bubbly provided by Linda Patrick. Well done to all. Details of the peal are shown below.



LDG Peals and Quarter Peals (September to December)

Seven peals and thirteen quarter peals were rung by Northern Branch members for the guild in this period. All North Branch members are underlined. They are: -

BIGBY, Lincs All Saints
Saturday 20th September
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1. James Fraser
2. James E. Hibbert
3. Edward W. Colley
4 David E. Hibbert (C)
5 K. Joan Barton
6 Paul D. Wilkinson

CAISTOR, Lincs. SS Peter & Paul
Sunday, 28th September
1300 Plain Bob Doubles
1. Alex Hibbert
2 Margaret R. Roach
3 Nancie E. Colley
4 James E. Hibbert
5 David E. Hibbert (C)
6. Edward W. Colley

GRASBY
Thursday 2nd October
1260 Doubles (4m/v)
1. Nancie E. Colley
2 Edward W. Colley
3. James E. Hibbert
4 K. Joan Barton
5 David E. Hibbert (C)
200th quarter on bells
Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire

GRASBY Lincs. All Saints
Sat 4th Oct.
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Alexander J. Hibbert
2 Nancie E. Colley
3 Edward W. Colley
4 James E. Hibbert
5 David E. Hibbert (C)
First on five: 1

GRIMSBY NE Lincs St James
Sun. 5th Oct
1260 Doubles (3m)
St. Simons B St. Martins B Plain B
1 Tom Allen
2 Frank Kennington
3 John Cade
4 MattewB. Jeffery (C)
5 Lorraine J. Bateman
6 Kayleigh Holland
1st on so many methods 3 & 5

GRASBY Lincs . All Saints
Sun 9th November
1320 All Saints Place Doubles
1 Nancie E. Colley
2 K. Joan Barton
3 James E. Hibbert
4 Rodney H. French
5 David E Hibbert (C)
6 Patricia A. Donnelly

ORDSALL, Notts . All Hallows

Wed. 8th October

5040 7 Minor

Oxford TB, Rossendale S

Durham S, Sandiacre S,

Allendale S,

Lincoln S, London S.

1. John F. Underwood

2 Ruth Curtis

3 Paul F. Curtis

4 Martin F. Mitchell

5 Matthew B Jeffery

6 Christopher P. Turner

First blows in methods 2-6 for 5

GRASBY, Lincs. ALL Saints

Sun. 2nd Nov

1320 All Saints Place Doubles

1 Nancie E. Colley

2 James E. Hibbert

3 Lorraine J. Bateman

4 Matthew B. Jeffery

5 David E. Hibbert (C)

6 Rodney H. French

First in method 3 & 4

BARTON ON HUM. Nth Linc

St Mary

Sun 2nd Nov

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Julie Sanderson

2 Rose Lennon

3 Geoff Bryant

4 Linda Howden

5 Richard Hopper

6 Andrew M. Lord (C)

First quarter inside 2

STOW, Lincs St Mary

Sun 16th Nov.

5056 Plain Bob Major

1 Ian P. Till

2 Revd. Stephanie Prosser

3 Janet M. Clark

4 Brenda R. Coley

5 John F. Underwood

6 Andrew M. Lord

7 Christopher P. Turner (C)

8 Stephen L. Clarke

First peal for 2

CAISTOR Lincs SS Peter & Paul

Sun 23rd Nov

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Margaret R. Roach

2 Edward W. Colley

3 James E. Hibbert

4 John E. Colley

5 David E. Hibbert

6 Rodney H. French (C)

WINTERTON. Lincs All Saints

Sat 29th Nov

5040 Surprise Minor (7 m)

London Norwich Beverley Surfleet

Ipswich Bourne Cambridge

1 Andrew C. Bennett

2 Andrew J. Davy

3 Christopher P. Turner

4 Mark H. Mumby

5 Ian Dawson

6 Matthew B. Jeffery (C)

BARTON ON HUMBER N. Lincs

St. Peter

Sat 29th November

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1 Daniel Meyer

2 Christopher C.P. Woodcock

3 Andrew J. Davy

4 Benjamin J. Meyer

5 Mark H. Mumby

6 Ian Dawson

7 Andrew M. Lord (C)

8 Emma J. Southerington

First on tower bells as Conductor 7

MIDDLE RASEN Lincs

All Saints

Sunday 30th November

5040 Plain Bob Minor

1 Linda M. Patrick

2 Lorraine J. Bateman

3 Stephanie H. Dodds

4 John Cade

5 Tom L. Blythe

6 Matthew B. Jeffrey (C)

First peal: 1,3,4 First peal inside : 2

GRASBY Lincs All Saints

Thursday 4th December

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Judith A. Willcox

2 Nancie E. Colley

3 Edward W. Colley

4 James E. Hibbert

5 David E. Hibbert (C)

6 K. Joan Barton

Scotter Lincs St. Peter Monday 15th December

42 Surprise Minor Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Annable's London, Stamford, Netherseale, King Edward, Bourne, Queen Mary, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Cambridge, Beedon, Rushford, Bunwell, Ipswich, Wath, Carlisle, Chester, Mundon, London, Wells, Cunecastre, Lincoln, Bakewell, Coldstream, Retford, Redbourne, Purleigh, Westminster, Luton, Allendale, Ripley, Fryerning, Broomfield, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham.

1. A Debbie Scarf

2. Ruth Curtis

3. Paul F. Curtis

4. Martin F. Mitchell

5. Matthew B. Jeffery

6. Christopher P. Turner (C)

First spliced Surprise 5

LINCOLN Cathedral
Lincs Sat. 6TH December
5007 Stedman

Caters

1. Fiona M. Dawson
- 2 Delia E. Heppenstall
- 3 Harold F. Gibson
- 4 James E. Benner
- 5 Graham J. N. Colborne
- 6 A. Robin Heppenstall (C)
- 7 David Fox
- 8 Matthew B. Jeffery
- 9 Trevor H. Kirkman
- 10 Michael J. Belcher

First on more than 8 - 8

LINCOLN Cathedral
Sun 14th December
1346 Cambridge

S. Maximus

1. Sue Faull
- 2 Delia E. Heppenstall
- 3 Fiona M. Dawson
- 4 Dorothy Mason
- 5 Michael Stracey
- 6 Les Townsend
- 7 Sandra Rhodes
- 8 Graham J. N. Colborne
- 9 Matthew B. Jeffery
- 10 David Fox
- 11 A. Robin Heppenstall
- 12 Phil Mason (C)

BARTON ON HUMBER
8, Queen St.
Sunday 21 December

1260 Plain Bob Royal

- 1 - 2 Anne Parkin
- 3 - 4 Richard Hopper
- 5 - 6 Andrew M. Lord (C)
- 7 - 8 Neville Parkin
- 9 -10 Geoff Bryant

First of Royal as Conductor

GRIMSBY, N. E. Lincs

St. James

Wed. 31st December

1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

- 1 John F. Underwood
- 2 Fiona Dawson
- 3 Michael E. Stracey
- 4 Sandra Rhodes
- 5 Phillip Dawson
- 6 Sylvia M. Taylor
- 7 Matthew B. Jeffery
- 8 David Fox
- 9 Phillip Mason
- 10 Christopher C.P. Woodcock (C)

Please ensure that any peals or quarters you may ring are on www.campanophile.com, otherwise they may not be accounted for. If this cannot be done, please inform the Ringing Master who will sort it out.

Lincoln Guild Clothing

You may have seen a few branch members wearing their Lincoln Guild Bellringers tops. You too can have one of your own. The range includes Polo shirts £15, Sweat shirts £16, Rugby shirts £22.50 and Hooded tops in various colours and sizes. And a small donations goes to the Guild Bell repair fund. If you are interest in finding out more/placing an order, please contact Sue Faull.

NEW in! Lincoln Guild metal pin badges

The Lincoln Guild now have a metal pin badge. They cost £3.00 each. I currently have 8 which I will bring along to the AGM and I will also be able to take orders should more than 8 people want them. Lorraine Bateman

Northern Branch Programme 2009

Date	Location	Event
Sat 24 th Jan	Barton (8)	AGM 3pm ringing
Tues 10 th Mar	Laceby (5)	7:00 - 8:30pm branch practice
Sat 18 th April	Tour	(All day) Car outing
Sat 25 th April	Lincoln 2 afternoon Towers	Guild AGM
Sat ?? May	Walesby (8)	5pm open churches
Sun 7 th June	Walesby (8)	2pm ringing for the ramblers trinity Sunday service.
Mon 8 th June	Middle Rasen (6)	7:00 - 9:00 pm Branch striking competition
Wed 24 th June	Market Rasen	7:30 - 9:00 pm Branch practice
Sat 4 th July	Caistor (8)	From 3:00pm ringing and $\frac{1}{2}$ yr meeting
Sun 16 th Aug	Lincoln Cathedral (12)	meet at 2:15pm , ringing to evensong
Saturday 12 th Sept	Tealby (6)	
Thurs 12 th Nov	North Killingholme (4)	7:00 - 8:30pm branch practice
Sat 12 th Dec	Walesby (8)	6:00pm candlelight carol service at 7:30pm

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Sat 23 rd Jan	Market Rasen (8)	AGM
WC Mon 10 th Mar	Immingham (6) tbc	7:30 - 9:00pm branch practice

1 st Wed of month	Ladies Practice	1.30 - 3.00pm. Contact Dorothy Robinson 01673 843400 for details of locations
2 nd Wed of Month	Simulator Practice at Wragby	10.30am - 12.00pm. Contact Jim Sutherland 01673 858492
Last Fri of Month	Simulator Practice at Louth	10.30am - 12.00pm by arrangement only contact Mick Day 01507 603998