

# Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Northern Branch

## Newsletter – July 2012

Welcome to the July edition of the Northern Branch newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 December, January, February and March.

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### BRANCH ½ YEARLY MEETING

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Goxhill (6)

3-4 pm ringing, 4:15 pm Business Meeting

Drinks and cakes to be served. Donations of cake will be greatly welcomed.

### BRANCH RINGING FOR EVENSONG

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Lincoln Cathedral

Meet at the main entrance at 2:15 pm prompt.

### BRANCH PRACTICE

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Laceby (5)

3 – 4:30 pm Ringing

## Grasby Ringing on 24<sup>th</sup> March

Very few members turned up for this practice. If we had not been joined by two west Lindsey members we would have struggled to ring! What a treat you all missed! A table in the church was heaving with the most scrumptious cakes. Sincere thanks go to Carolyn Hibbert who made them all.

## **Guild June committee meeting**

Nationally the number of ringers is reducing and the average age is increasing. Some Guilds / associations are in the process of addressing this issue, the LDG is no exception and considerable discussion took place re. a **Guild Business Plan** phased over several years to set up working groups to look at the following key areas:

- **Teaching and Coaching**
- **Recruitment and Retention**
- **Development of Ringers and Ringing Standards**
- **Guild and Branch Organisation / Administration.**

The working groups will be asking for input from Towers / Ringers from around the Guild so it would be good if you can start thinking and talking to each other about this.

New members now need to fill out a membership form which can be downloaded from the Guild website at <http://www.ldgcb.org.uk/admin/LDGMembershipForm-Jun2012.pdf> and should be filled in and handed to the secretary prior to proposing a new member. There is also a "Member Information" form for current members to update their details, this can be found at:

[www.ldgcb.org.uk/admin/LDGCBR%20Membership%20Details%20Update%20Form%20v1.pdf](http://www.ldgcb.org.uk/admin/LDGCBR%20Membership%20Details%20Update%20Form%20v1.pdf) and once completed handed in to the secretary or treasurer. The information on these forms will only be used in order to comply with insurance and HM Revenue & Customs for audit purposes and for accurate member details that appear in the Guild report, they also combine the Gift Aid form.

Members need to have CRBs if they are teaching especially in other towers. Anyone getting a new CRB should include the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; this will give them portability with their CRB for other towers.

Thanks were recorded to Sandra Underwood for arranging the Jubilee day meet up at Wragby.

Every branch has been asked to send in their record of branch ringing for this day to be placed on the Guild Website. If anybody has photos of the day that they could send to the Guild website, they will be gratefully received.

In the Ridgman Trophy, this year the Lincoln Guild unfortunately came 7th out of 7. The competition will be held at Surfleet next year on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the Lincoln Guild sent 1 team to the junior striking competition in Birmingham. They came 5<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in call changes. The full results of the day are on the Ringing World website. In order to look at ways of retaining and recruiting new members, the Guild will review how this can be achieved, so the Guild committee would like the help of all members to evolve over the next 5 years as other organizations have already done.

## **Branch July Committee meeting**

We welcomed Neil Mangan as a new committee member.

It was noted that the attendance by branch members for the Branch Jubilee tour and Guild picnic at Wragby was well attended by our Branch. Suggestions were put forward for the 2013 – 2014 programme. The agenda was set for the half yearly meeting at Goxhill. For social events next year, we will look at holding a Rabbit competition and a picnic at Walesby.

Issues relating to the **Guild Business Plan** (see above) were discussed.

## Diamond Jubilee celebrations report



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, a large group of branch members, the majority of whom were from Barton and Grimsby, gathered at Barton St. Mary's for the beginning of the Northern Branch's contribution to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. In total, four towers in the branch were visited, and the idea was to begin with 120 changes of something at each, be it a touch or a plain course, where each change would mark six months the Queen has been on the throne. In Barton's case, this was an extent of Plain Bob Doubles. We rang Call Changes, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and then moved onto the next tower, Caistor, where we were joined by Margaret Roach and Harry Minns of Caistor, and Malcolm, Catherine and Ellie Sargeant from the West Lindsey Branch. The opening 120 was, this time, an extent of Grandsire Doubles, and we rang Call Changes, Plain Bob and Little Bob. Then we moved onto the lovely village of Tealby. Charles Cade, Hefina Brumpton and Sue Oglesby had joined us by this time. The opening 120 was an extent of Stedman, and the ringing was similar to that of Barton, but on fewer bells because Tealby is only a 6-bell tower. Then we moved onto our final tower, Market Rasen. We were joined by several members of the West Lindsey Branch, and were able to make our first 120 a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and we rang Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob and Little Bob. Then most of us went onto Wragby to continue the celebrations in the Town Hall. A special 'Happy Birthday' was sung to Harry Minns of Caistor, who had celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday that week. He went on to cut our celebration cake. It was a day very much enjoyed by Branch members and I would like to thank them for coming and showing their support on what was a successful day for the Branch.

*Matthew Jeffery*



**Harry cuts the cake with Sandra**



**Bless him! 89 and still ringing.**



**Our Ringing Master gets a bit of expert practice and tuition from Jordan at the Jubilee Party !**

### **Branch Striking Competition – Waltham – 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Congratulations to Barton for their excellent effort in their Bob Doubles, which won them the competition. The other teams that entered all showed promise, however two got disqualified (one for finishing too early and the other for firing out) and one wasn't a legal team! So we all have the challenge now of pulling up our socks to challenge Barton to that first place next year. Thanks to the crew at Waltham for the lovely drinks and cakes and making it a good evening.

### **St. Mary's Barton-upon-Humber**

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May BBC Radio Humberside came to the Tower to make a recording both of the bells and an interview with Tower Captain Andy Bennett, which was broadcast just before 7.00 am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June there were 45 minutes of general ringing from 3.00 pm which complied with a national request for bell ringing to coincide with the Thames river pageant. Geoff Bryant, who started his ringing career in Halifax, recalled that his first ever peal was a fully muffled one following the death of King George VI. Few people today have rung fully muffled peals.

**The Open Tower afternoon Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, come and meet the Bellringers, put faces to names, see the bells on the camera system, see how the bells are rung and even have a go yourself!

The Tower will be open between **2pm and 5pm**. Refreshments, for a small donation; will be available throughout the afternoon in the Church Hall.

### **St Mary's Barton Bellringing trip to Liverpool May 26<sup>th</sup> 2012**

The Barton on Humber ringers went on a tower outing to Liverpool and rang the bells at Liverpool Cathedral. Details of this outing can be obtained from Jenny Bennett (St Mary's Ringing Master)



The ringers at St. Wulfram's Grantham

## Grantham area Tour Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Twenty-one Branch members joined by two Central Branch, two from West Lindsey and one Southern Branch member embarked on a tour of the Grantham area excellently arranged by Andrew Lord. The first Tower was Caythorpe (8) (Tower run by Andrew Lord). Most people managed to avoid the Waddington Air Show traffic to get there in time (well in the nick of time). Ringing ranged from Rounds to Grandsire Triples and Little Bob Major. The next tower only a few miles away was Hough-on-the-Hill (6) (tower run by Andy Bennett), this was a heavy six, which seemed to give all ringers a gym style work out. We rang from Rounds and call changes to Plain Bob Doubles. We then went a little further to Barrowby (6) (Tower run by Shelagh Dunning). Plenty of ringing time here, we were able to ring from rounds and call changes to Kent. It was then time to drive to Bottesford for our pre-ordered lunch at the Red Lion Inn. Andrew had found a gem of a pub with good food and good beer at a reasonable price. After lunch we took a short walk from the pub to the tower (8) run by Daniel Young who stepped in to run the tower at the last minute when Matt didn't make it over from work in time. Here we rang rounds up to Plain Bob and Little Bob Major. We then went on to Harlaxton(6) (run by Roger Lord) where we had to compete with the pop concert in the church. We managed to ring rounds to Plain Bob & Grandsire Doubles. We didn't disturb the music, as it was very loud, loud enough to disturb the ringers! We went on to our final tower where we were finally joined by Matt, Grantham (10), (8) (run by Matthew Jeffery). After climbing the many steps, we managed to ring from rounds to Little Bob Royal and a touch of Grandsire triples on the light 8. A big thank-you to Andrew Lord for arranging such a super day. Special thanks to all who ran the towers.

*Lorraine Jeffery*

### 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 [sue.faul@btopenworld.com](mailto:sue.faul@btopenworld.com)

# Northern Branch Programme

## 2012

Date	Location	Event
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Goxhill (6)	From 3:00pm ringing and half-yearly meeting
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Lincoln Cathedral (12)	meet at 2:15pm , ringing to Evensong
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Butterwick/Wrangle	Guild 6 Bell Striking Competition
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Laceby (5)	3pm - 4:30pm ringing. Cake
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Surfleet	Guild 8-bell Striking Competition
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Walesby (8)	6:00pm candlelit carol service at 7:30pm

## 2013

Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Grimsby	AGM
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Ulceby (TBC)	3:00 - 4:00pm branch practice