

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

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NORTHERN BRANCH AGM

Saturday 25th January 2014

This was very well attended with a very interesting service taken by Revd. Elaine Turner and a thought provoking address was given by the Revd. G. Spencer, whom is also a bell ringer. All branch officials were re-elected at the meeting. Market Rasen provided both an excellent tea and ringing.

Ringling Master's Report 2013

Firstly I would like to start by thanking all the towers who hosted the meetings & events this past year.

The Elloe Deaneries Tour in May had a good turnout. Everyone seemed to enjoy having a go at towers very different from our own. The pub in Surfleet, which was opposite, a very interesting ring of 12 provided some excellent food and drink, which everyone enjoyed. Thanks to Matthew Jeffery for organising the Tour.

The Trinity Sunday Ramblers Service at Walesby had a fair turn out of Branch members. Support from the West Lindsey branch meant we were able to ring the basic 6 and 8 bell methods.

The turnout for the Open gardens at Claxby was good for a ringing chamber of its size. Despite how tricky these bells can be, a good selection of Doubles methods was achieved.

Six teams entered the 6 Bell Branch striking contest at Middle Rasen, 2 from Barton, 1 team each from Grimsby, Tealby, Market Rasen and Middle Rasen. Well done to all the teams that entered this year, and to the winners Barton A and runners up Market Rasen who went forward to the Guild 6 Bell Cup competition. Well done to the 3rd & 4th teams, Grimsby and Barton B, who went forward to the Guild Plate competition. My thanks to Chris Turner of Stow, who judged this year's contest and presenting the branch shield to Barton A.

The ½ Yearly Meeting at Tealby had a fairly reasonable turnout with enough to ring the basic minor and doubles methods.

The Evensong ringing at the cathedral was, once again, well supported, with a few ringers having a go on 12 bells for the first time. The Cathedral master commented on the good striking.



Three branch teams entered the Guild 6 bell striking competition this year, with Barton A competing for the Cup at Denton, Grimsby and Barton B competing for the plate at Barrowby. Well done to Lincoln Cathedral who won the Cup, and to Gainsborough who won the plate.

Although turn out to the Branch practice at Legbourne was low, the people that did find the time to go gave the local ringers a chance to learn and have a go at methods they rarely or have never rung before. This is what these practices are all about.

I was very happy to enter a team to represent the branch at last year's Guild 8 bell-striking contest at Kirton Lindsey. We came 3rd out of 5 teams, which I was very happy with. Well done to everyone in the team. We would have come 2nd had the judge disqualified the central branch for over running their practice piece, as it was they got a time fault so came 2nd instead. Well done to them and to the West Lindsey branch for winning.

The turnout for the Candlelit Carol service at Walesby was brilliant, with the standard Minor and Major methods been achieved.

Congratulations to George Thompson, who at the age of 16 was possibly the youngest person in the Guild to be elected ringing master of Barton Tower. George rang his 1st Quarter of Surprise Major at Barton which was rung to celebrate the Birth of my 1st Great Niece, Nellie. Daniel Young rang his 1st Quarter of Surprise Major also at Barton, that quarter being Yorkshire was also George's 1st Quarter in the Method. George and Daniel then went on to ring their First Quarter Peals of Lincolnshire. Daniel then rang all 3 of the Standard Surprise Major methods to his First quarter of spliced surprise major. Sue Thompson rang her First Quarter of Plain Bob Triples on an inside bell also at Barton.

Samuel Lomax from Caistor, rang his First quarter peal at Caistor at the first attempt, that quarter was also Pat Donnelly's 400th Quarter. Pat then went on to ring her 425th Quarter Peal at Grasby, her 1st 10 bell Quarter peal at Barrow on an inside bell, and her 1st Quarter Peal of Treble dodging Major at Barrow. Alex Hibbert rang his 1st Quarter Peal of Cambridge S Minor at Caistor, and his 1st Quarter Peal of Royal at Barrow. First quarter peals were also achieved in the branch by Edward Gilliatt at the 1st attempt, and Nicola Hibbert both of

Caistor. Geoffrey Goddard rang his first quarter peal away from a cover bell at Caistor. Barry Peachey called his 1000th Quarter Peal at Caistor. Congratulations to everyone on these significant achievements and I hope you will continue this year.

A quarter peal was rung at Barton to commemorate Harry Minn's 90th Birthday who still continues to climb the ladder at Caistor to ring for services.

Now on a more personal note, I will remember 2013 as the year I not only became a ringing master for the 1st time, but a trainee judge as well. My Father and I were invited to judge the West Lindsey branch-striking contest at Upton. That was an honour I will never forget, thanks to the West Lindsey branch ringing master Janet Clarke for inviting me and to my father for teaching me how it should be done.

Alan Hewitt shield Presentation 2013

I have decided to award the shield this year to a tower that has made the most progress in encouraging all generations, young or young at heart to take up and keep ringing well into older age. This tower has had the most 1st Quarter Pealer's in branch this year, and I've noticed this tower's presence at the branch meetings making the most improvement. That tower is SS Peter and Paul's church in Caistor and I have great pleasure in presenting them with the shield; if someone would like to come forward to collect it.



Mr Harry Minns and Alex Hibbert receive the shield from Andrew



Some of Caistor ringers .

Guild AGM

9.30 to 10.00 a.m Ringing at Cathedral for Holy Communion in ringers Chapel
10.00 to 10.30 a.m Holy Communion in Ringers Chapel
11.00 am Meeting in Bailgate Methodist Chapel

OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR LUNCH

2.00 to 3.00 pm Ringing at St. Botolphs
2.30 pm Ringing at St Peter at Gowts
15.15 pm Ringing at St Giles
16.15 to 17.20 pm Ringing at Cathedral for Evensong followed by service at 17.30 pm

Northern Branch Ringing Tour

Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday)

10.0 - 10.30 a.m Hovingham All Saints (6) TBC
11.0 - 12 noon Norton St. Peters (8)

Lunch (Picnic or own arrangements)

2.0 - 3.00 pm Beverley St. Marys (10)
3.15 - 3.45 p.m Walkington All Hallows (6)
4.15 - 5.00 p.m North Ferriby All Saints (6)

Finishing the day with a meal at Home Farm on the Humber Bank next to the Bridge

Further details will be sent by Andrew in due course

Please note :-
Change of venue for the branch practice on Saturday 22 March
owing to Waltham bells still being out of action.
It is now at Laceby 3 - 4.30 p.m

Northern Branch 2014 Programme

Date	Tower	Event / Time
2014		
Saturday 22 nd March	Laceby	Branch Practice 3-4:30pm
Saturday 26 rd April	Lincoln	Guild AGM Cathedral Ringing: 0930-1000 Communion: 1000-1030 Meeting: 1100 Lunch: Own Arrangements Ringing St. Botolph: 1400-1500 Ringing St Peter at Gowts: 1400-1500 Ringing St. Giles: 15.15 Cathedral Ringing: 1615-1720 Evensong: 1730
Saturday 10 th May	Walesby (8) (Quarter Peal)	Open Churches 4pm
Monday 26 th May	Malton, Norton & Beverly area	Tour
Sunday 15 th June	Walesby (8)	Ramblers' Trinity Sunday ringing 2-3pm
Monday 7 th July	Goxhill (6)	Branch Striking Competition 6:45-9pm
Saturday 19 th July	Caistor (8)	Branch half-yearly meeting, ringing 3pm
Sunday 17 th August	Lincoln Cathedral (12)	Ringling for Evensong – meet at 2:15pm
Saturday 13 th September (TBC)	Nettleham (6) (Cup) Dunholme (6) (Plate)	Guild 6-bell Striking Competition 17:00hrs
Saturday 27 th Sept	Louth (8) / Wragby (6) (TBC) joint with central branch	Branch practice 3-4:30pm and 6:30 – 8pm
Saturday 4 th October	Grimsby (10)	Young Ringers day, for those young and young at heart! 2-3pm Grimsby, followed by Fish and Chips and Bowling.
Saturday 11 th October	Washingborough (8)	Gild 8 Bell Striking competition
Saturday 13 th December	Walesby (8)	Candlelit Carol Service – ringing 5:30-7pm

2015		
Saturday 24 th January 2015	Barton (8)	Branch AGM Ringing 2-3.30pm, Service 3.45pm followed by tea and Business meeting
Saturday 28th March	Ulceby (6)	Branch practice 3-4:30pm