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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. AUGUST 2017

RWNYC Congratulations to the two LDG teams who entered the RW National Youth competition: this year there were 19 teams taking part so 3 heats were held in the morning. Both teams rang well, both being awarded a C- grade. They didn't make the top 2 of their heat so weren't in the final in the afternoon. They had the opportunity to ring on the 16 bells at St Martin's and a number of other towers and mini rings. It was a great experience for them all and they are very grateful to the Guild for helping them with expenses. Well done to them for the effort they put in at practices, and a big thank you to the adults who organised and transported. See Ringing World for pictures and full report.

Youth Summer festival A very enjoyable day was had by the approx 15 young ringers starting with St Wulfram's Grantham, then going on to Sproxton. As it was raining, Sproxton village hall was the venue for a picnic lunch followed by relay races before more ringing at Saltby. The afternoon finished with 10 pin bowling and tea at the alley. Many thanks to Chris Turner for organising the venues, to Alistair Cherry, Hannah Watt and Clare Barker for running the ringing at the towers and to all the adults who transported and joined in where necessary. See report and photos on the Guild website.

BRF affiliation scheme: Message from Stephen Clarke, new BRF Administrator The letter requesting donations from churches wishing to be affiliated to the Bell Repair Fund for 2017 is ready to be posted. I am targeting over twice as many churches as were affiliated in 2016. As the contact list for PCC Treasurers was compiled about six years ago I am sending lots of letters to tower correspondents instead. Please look out for them and please do pass them on to your PCC Treasurers!

Central Branch: The branch combined its Striking competition with games and a treasure hunt at Potterhanworth. Ice cream was very welcome on a hot day. A Service was led by Sister Maureen and was followed by results from judge, Barry Jones, who announced Potterhanworth to be winners with Nettleham as runners up. The afternoon concluded with an enormous buffet and thanks was given to the Woodcock family for their hospitality. Sylvia Taylor organised a QP week. An amazing 17 QPs were rung all around the Guild, some were in support of Bellringers Strike Back against Blood Cancer.

Northern Branch The Wombel made a trip to the seaside – to a Primary School in Cleethorpes where a great school fete was held. The Wombel was rung and enjoyed by very many of the school children, their headteacher and their parents.

An encouraging 5 teams entered the branch striking competition which was held at Tealby. Ian Till judged Barton to be the winners with Grimsby 1 as runners up.

Eastern Branch:

At the beginning of July there was a service and Flower Festival at Spilsby with music and ringing, to celebrate the end of work on the church organ. The EB barbecue, held at Butterwick this year, raised £360 for the BRF. Among several quarter peals Hunslet Bob Triples was rung in good style at Sibsey with quarters at Coningsby and Raithby, all in support of the fight against blood cancer. The quarter at Sibsey and another quarter at Wigtoft were rung also as a 90th birthday compliment to Derick Smith, one time Tower Captain at Sibsey. Lianna Laverton rang her first 720, then her 1st quarter - treble to Plain Bob Doubles at Butterwick. The former was also an 85th birthday compliment to Tom Freeston. There was a successful Surprise Minor practice at Fishtoft organized by Jo French with Cambridge and Ipswich being the two chosen methods - although London was rung also. Young ringers from the EB attended the Guild Youth Festival at Grantham.

West Lindsey: The branch enjoyed its annual walk and ring, this time walking between Owston Ferry and Haxey where all were revived by an great BBQ. A QP of Doubles and minor was rung at Messingham to mark the 70th anniversary of the dedication of the treble following augmentation to 6. Congrats to Jenny Kirkby on her 100th QP. A QP of Grandsire minor was rung to congratulate Barbara Rand on her 65th birthday, it was also the 65th wedding anniversary of Debbie Scarf's parents.

Southern Branch: 2 new methods were rung and named at Sproxton this month – Riding Mill Alliance and Shotley Bridge Alliance. Congratulations to Lucy Smith on her 1st peal of Surprise Major inside – Cambridge at Sproxton.

Elloe Deaneries: A peal board was commissioned by the Bicker PCC following a peal that had been rung to commemorate the centenary of the death of ringer Rifleman Richard Bloodworth Machin. The peal board can now be viewed in the church before being hung in the ringing room.

August	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
1	Midweek	Eagle	6	Eagle S Minor	1030 - 1200
5	Eastern	West Keal	6	Practice	1400 - 1600
5	Central +	Wragby	6	Bell handling and rounds and call changes	1400 - 1600
6	Eastern	Cathedral	12	Ringing for Evensong	Meet 1415 in chapel
9	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners	1030 - 1200
12	Central	Waddington	6	Practice	1800 - 2000
13	Central	Cathedral	12	Ringing for Evensong	Meet 1415 in chapel
15	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Woodside Trble Place Minor	1430 - 1600
19	Central +	Wragby	6	Handling and Rounds and call changes	1400 - 1600
20	Northern	Cathedral	12	Evensong ringing.	Meet 1415 in chapel
22	Midweek	Welbourn	8		1030 - 1200
26	8 bell practice	Wasahingborough	8		1030 - 1200
27	West Lindsey	Cathedral	12	Evensong ringing	Meet 1425 in chapel