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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. FEBRUARY 2017

### News from January:

**Cards and Calendars:** A fantastic sum of over £1035 has been raised for the BRF. All the branches did a great job of selling them. Thanks go to the branch BRF reps and to all who supported it. Particular thanks go to Philip Green for so generously covering the cost of printing the cards, and to the photographers who allowed their photos to be used.

**100 club for January** 1st No 38 Robin Rogers £10.00 2nd No 87 Mrs Barbara Webster £5.00

**Strike Back against Blood Cancer** £185,000 global sponsorship is available for SBABC if Cathedrals, Abbeys and Minsters ring a Julie McDonnell method in a quarter in 2017 linked to SBABC on Bellboard. In Lincolnshire we have Crowland Abbey, Bourne Abbey, Lincoln Cathedral and Stow and Grimsby Minsters. Any QP in a Julie McD method now generates £200 without us raising anything.

### News from around the Branches:

**Northern** Members attending the branch AGM enjoyed the ringing at Grimsby followed by an enormous tea. All the branch officers and committee were re-elected for another year. An amazing **19** new members were elected, this must be some kind of record. Welcome to all these new members which bodes well for ringing in the Grimsby/Waltham/Healing area.

Barton ringers reported having a busy year. In addition to Sunday Service ringing, they have welcomed a number of visitors, won the branch striking competition, had an open tower event and finished the year with a well attended Christmas meal.

Congratulations to Karen Gilliatt on her 1<sup>st</sup> QP, treble to PBD at Caistor. It was David Hibbert's 100<sup>th</sup> QP as cond.

**West Lindsey** Congratulations to Stephen Clarke on his 200<sup>th</sup> peal, and to Chris Turner who took part in a Leeds Uni peal of 23m SSMajor in very tricky methods. The branch AGM at Scotter was very well attended and the approx 45 members enjoyed a superb tea. All officers were thanked for their efforts over the last year and then were re-elected. 12 new members of the branch were elected.

**Southern** Congratulations to Judith Rogers on her 1500<sup>th</sup> peal This was Yorkshire Royal at Edenham in remembrance of Bill and Eva Holmes who died 25 years ago. Two new methods were rung and named at Sproxtton : Patrington Alliance and Brancepeth Alliance. The latter was the 200<sup>th</sup> peal together for Judith Rogers and Mike Maughan and was rung in memory of Jill Staniforth of Leicester. Southern Branch AGM at Edenham was attended by about 60 people, who enjoyed the ringing - including a touch of Stedman Caters. The service was followed by tea and meeting in the Rectory. Melissa Blanchard was thanked for her hard work for six years as Branch Secretary.

Anne Russell, from Stamford, was elected to succeed her and David Braunton was elected as Asst RM. Jonathan Clegg spoke about RWNYS, Tom Thorpe who took part last year was present and we agreed to sponsor participants from the Branch. Several new members were elected. Les Townsend had kindly agreed to play the organ at the service but was prevented when he had to call out the RAC - and he was sorely missed.

**Central** A QP of Grandsire Cinques was rung at the Cathedral as an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to John Underwood, and also to congratulate John Campbell, Deans Verger on his BEM for services to the Church in Lincoln. A QP of Middlesex Bob Triples rung at Sleaford was 1<sup>st</sup> in method for 5 members of the band. A QP was rung at St Botolph's Lincoln in memory of Graham Taylor, former Lincoln City Manager, on the day of their FA Cup replay with Ipswich. At their AGM, John Nicholson was elected President, Colin Ward was elected RM and Claire Howard was elected Secretary, replacing Margaret Parker, Richard Spencer and Fiona Dawson, who were thanked for their hard work over the last years. 9 new branch members were elected.

**Eastern** Gunby church bells heralded the New Year with ringing on New Year's Day followed by ringing at Candlesby with some ringers making the short distance on Shanks' Pony and others on wheels. The AGM was held at short notice at Alford - having been cancelled at Sutterton because of work being required on the bells. Mick Smith stood down as RM and Jo French also stood down as asst RM, after a very successful year with the Branch winning all 3 striking competition trophies. Tom Freeston is the new accounts checker instead of Rhoda Reynolds, for whose 17 years she was thanked. Tony Barker became the new Ringing Master - in absentia - having sprained his knee. Caitlin Meyer was the new deputy. All the other officers were voted in again. Lianna Leverton from Butterwick was elected member of the guild. 5 QPs in a day were rung by Coningsby and Friends. Luke Busby Smith rang his 1<sup>st</sup> QP away from the Tenor. A QP was rung at Swineshead in memory of Graham Taylor who had died on the previous day, aged 72.

**Elloe.** All will be very welcome at the forthcoming AGM. Fish or jumbo sausage & Chips tea is the menu. Veggie option of Broccoli Bake is available but this needs to be ordered by Friday morning at the latest. phone 01775 820631 or 07781 708383 or email Barbara Webster - Branch sec.

February	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
4	Elloe	Spalding	8	Ringing Service Tea + AGM + ringing	1530 1630 1715
7	Midweek ringing	Eagle	6	Lincoln S Minor	1030 - 1200
8	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners	1030 - 1200
11	Central	Carlton le Moorland Bassingham	4 6	Practice	1500 - 1630
15	S Lincs Wednesday gp	Exton	6	Carlisle S. , Double Oxford	100 - 1230 1430 - 1600
18	W Lindsey	Gainsborough	8	8 bell change ringing	1845 - 2000
21	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Lincolnshire S.	1430 - 1600
25	8 bell practice	Washingborough	8	8 bell methods	1030 - 1200
25	Southern	Corby Glen	6	Practice followed by lunch at Woodhouse Arms	1000 - 1200
28	Midweek	Welbourn	8		1030 - 1200

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