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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. JULY 2015

News from late May and June: Guild wide:

Good luck to the teams of young ringers (Lincolnshire Poachers and The Gamekeepers!) going to Oxford on 11th July to take part in the National Youth Striking Competition. They had a joint practice at Grantham where good progress was made with their test pieces and they enjoyed a new experience of ringing down all 12 bells in peal.

Magna Carta ringing: to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta peals were rung at Long Sutton, Gainsborough, Lincoln St Peter, St Mary le Wigford, St Giles, St Botolph and at Wragby. QPs were rung at all the Lincoln centre towers, Messingham, Harmston, Waddington, Dunholme, Caistor, Potterhanworth and Boston. A QP on handbells was rung at Langton by Wragby. 800s were rung at Heckington, Dunston, Blankney, Nocton, Sleaford and Greatford.

The **Sixbel simulator** was put to very good use in the Cathedral for the Church Schools' Festival. 30 volunteers helped out at some point during the 2 week festival. 225 children were given an introduction to bellringing and all had a great time.

News from the branches:

Eastern: The branch striking competition was held at Friskney and was judged by Alan Bird. He said that the standard of ringing was very high and that it had been difficult to judge. Kirton were the close winners, followed by Ingoldmells then Boston and Coningsby.

Southern: 3 new methods were rung to peals and named by Mike Maughan's bands: Magna Carta Alliance, Witham Alliance and Burnopfield Alliance. Congratulations to Emma Southerington on her 1750th peal. Around £230 was raised for the BRF from a Beetle Drive, plant and strawberry sale. A pot luck supper was enjoyed, along with masses of strawberries on a lovely June evening.

Elloe The funeral of one of Elloe Deaneries VPs, the Reverend Peter Garland, was held at St John's, Spalding. Rev Garland died following a fall at home. His funeral was attended by 450 people. He had served in a variety of educational establishments and was a hospital chaplain, in addition to his day to day role as vicar to 2 Spalding parishes. Reverend Garland was highly regarded by all who knew him and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his widow, Frances and 3 sons, Nick, Alex and Matthew, at this sad time.

Although the BBQ meal was cancelled, due to lack of takers, open ringing went ahead at Spalding & Deeping St Nicholas. 13 people rang a variety of triple methods plus Bob Doubles & some plain hunt. 14 people rang at Deeping St Nicholas with Cambridge, Bob Minor & Doubles rung in addition to call changes. Money raised from drinks & cake was in aid of branch BRF.

Paul Doades is planning a 5th Wednesday ring at Holbeach on July 29th. He is hoping to ring plain hunt on 8 plus other methods on 7 or 8 bells, depending on the strength of ringers. All help will be gratefully received. Ringing 7pm to 9 pm.

Central: Many congratulations to Hannah Watt on her 1st peal. She rang the treble to 7 methods at Dunholme. It was rung as a compliment to Hannah's dad on his forthcoming ordination. Well done to George Ellison on his 1st QP – PBD at Waddington, and to Martin Clarke for his 1st QP of minor. QPs of Magna Carta Delight and Runemedede Slow course doubles were rung at Harmston and Dunholme respectively. A peal of Magna Carta Delight was rung at St Giles

Northern. Congratulations to Fiona Lingard on her 1st QP at Elsham, which was also a compliment to Fred Bartle on becoming a grandfather.

West Lindsey Well done to Messingham on winning the branch striking competition, held at Scotter and judged by Fiona and Philip Dawson. Gainsborough were runners up with Belton/Epworth coming joint third with Scotter. Well done to James Taylor on his 1st QP away from cover. The peal at Gainsborough for the Magna Carta was the 100th on the bells.

Dates for your diary

July	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
4	Eastern	Sibsey Trader Mill	8	Ringing BBQ	1730 – 1845 follows
6	Northern	Waltham	6	Branch Striking competition	1845 - 2100
7	Midweek	Dunholme	6	Redbourne Bob Minor	1400 - 1530
8	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners	1030 - 1200
10	Eastern	Kirton in Holland	8	Surprise Major	1930 - 2100
11	Southern / Central	Claypole Hough on the Hill	5 6	Joint practice	1430 – 1515 1530 - 1630
15	South Lincs Weds gp	Pinchbeck	8	Pudsey S. single Court Triples	1430 - 1600
18	West Lindsey	Springthorpe Upton	4 6	Ringing, Walk and picnic	
21	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Erin Triples	1430 - 1600
25	8 bell method practice	Washingborough	8		1030 - 1200
29	Elloe Deaneries	Holbeach	8	8 bell methods practice	1900 - 2100

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