



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: 85 performances were recorded on Bellboard from towers all around the Guild. Probably there were more that haven't been reported. Well done to all who took part in what was a very enjoyable long weekend. 4 of these performances were peals: North Scarle, Silk Willoughby, Sproxtton and Potterhanworth. 28 of the performances were quarter peals. The QPs resulted in quite a number of firsts – see below. Particular congrats go to the Central branch on ringing all their bells for the Jubilee.

100 Club £10: 15. Richard Johnson £5: 93. Stan Underwood

Ridgman Trophy: Due to two team members testing positive for Covid shortly after the team's final practice ring, it was decided the team had to withdraw from the competition. It was won by the Suffolk Guild.

News from the branches

West Lindsey: A QP was rung at Stow to remember the 14 men who lost their lives on HMS Glamorgan during the Falkland Islands conflict. Chris Potts, a Stow ringer, was a 17 year old radar operator on that day. A peal of Glamorgan Surprise Major was also rung at Stow to mark this event. Chris was interviewed for Radio Lincolnshire and was asked about his bellringing as well as the events 40 years ago.

The branch held a Rabbits Striking competition at Upton which was an enjoyable afternoon and gave everyone the opportunity to act as judge. Great for improving listening skills. The Guild's Wombel simulator made its first appearance since before Covid. It was erected at Scotter church for the Open Churches Festival and for the Jubilee. A new recruit from this is making good progress.

Elloe: The QP of PB Triples rung at Fulney was a 100th together for Jo French and Luke Tobin.

Eastern: Congratulations and best wishes to both Tom Freeston former tower captain of The Stump and former Eastern Branch President who is 90 on 1st July, also to Penny Fountain of Sutterton, who has a significant birthday, being a millennium ringer, and a good supporter and friend of ringing in the Branch.

Southern: It is with great sadness that the branch informed us that Neville Sharpe of Grantham and Skillington died peacefully in Boston hospital recently. He was 78. Neville has been a Southern branch member for over 50 years and would rarely miss a branch meeting. He had a love of ringing Doubles methods, and of his beloved bells at Skillington where he rang 45 peals, circling the tower nine times in the process. His funeral will be held at 11.30 on Weds 6th July at Skillington. The branch meeting at Heydour paused to remember him. He will be greatly missed. The morning's ringing at Heydour provided a variety of ringing opportunities, two new members were elected and ringing was followed by light refreshments at Richard Rodgers' home at nearby Culverthorpe - which were enjoyed by all.

Congratulations go to Jo French who rang a peal of 7 Delight methods at West Deeping. It was her first of Delight. (Apologies to her and Diane Faux for the incorrect info in the last newsheet.) The peal of Jubilee Delight Alliance at Sproxtton was the first time it has been rung and named and was the 200th peal together for Diane Faux and Mike Maughan. Congratulations to Michael Coney on his 1st QP – treble to PB Doubles at Belton. As well as being for the Jubilee, it was to thank Michael for all his efforts in getting the bells rehung.

Central: Branch President Keith Butters says "I am pleased to say that it appears that we have managed the feat of ringing at all the ringable towers in the branch – including both 3 and 4 bell towers where ringing can be infrequent or almost non-existent. The achievement of this feat was aided by the sterling work of Graham Colborne and Chris Woodcock, and completed with the help of local ringers helping out at other towers. We could highlight the two peals rung in the branch at Potterhanworth and North Scarle, or the two QP's on 10 at The Cathedral and Ewerby, but perhaps we should take enthusiasm for the future for ringing at a more local level from those bands who rang – rounds and call changes - for Sunday Service." The peal at North Scarle was the first on the bells. Congratulations to Tess Rowland for her 1st QP on 8 (PB Triples at Sleaford) and to Paul Sharp for his 1st QP of PB Caters rung at Ewerby.

Northern : Many congratulations go to Charles Cade on his 80th birthday. He celebrated this (and the Jubilee) by conducting a QP of Grandsire Doubles at Middle Rasen. The Jubilee QP of PB Doubles at Waltham was a 1st QP for Eleanor Wood ringing the treble. The Jubilee QP at Grimsby (Grandsire doubles 6,7,8 cover was a 1st as conductor for David Newson and a 1st of Cover for Kevin Dixon. Well done to them all. The QP at Immingham marked the 16th anniversary since the last peal was rung there.

Dates for your diaries

2	Eastern	Alford	6	Ringling + BBQ	1600
4	Northern	Tealby	6	Striking competition	1900
9	Central+ Eastern	Heckington	8	Joint practice	1900 - 2100
13	Ladies	Wragby	6	Check with Sue Faull	1330 - 1445
16	Northern	Middle Rasen	6	Learn to ring Cambridge	TBA
20	Northern	Market Rasen	8	8 bell practice	1930 - 2100
23	Central	Wragby	6	Ringling up and down in peal	1000 - 1200