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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. MARCH 2011

News from late January and February:

Guild wide news:

BRF At the end of the 1980's the BRF fund raising committee issued a challenge to all towers to raise money to boost the BRF Fund. A shield was made to give annually to the tower that raised the most money. However the uptake of this challenge has always been disappointing and for many years no one has set out to actually raise money and the shield has been presented to the towers who (often very generously) gave to the fund. As the challenge aspect which was the original intention no longer applies new possibilities for its use need to be considered. Ideas please to your Guild Committee Reps.

National Youth Striking Competition 2 teams from LDG are entering – The Lincolnshire Poachers and Market Deep Grantham. The branches and Guild have been very generous in their support of the teams, and many members have been very supportive in terms of giving of time and transport for practices etc. We wish them all the best for 26th March.

Centenary of the first peal of spliced minor. The first true peal of spliced minor was rung for the LDG in 1911 and was an enormous achievement at that time. A peal at Edenham was rung using the same 14 methods and composition and on the same bells.

Branch news:

SB: The Requiem Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Canon Ernest Orland took place at Stamford St Mary's and Market Deeping respectively. A number of peals and quarter peals have been rung around the Guild to mark this. Barry Jones rang his first peal of 8 spliced, William and Alistair Cherry rang a QP of minimus on Christmas Cracker handbells. It was William's first QP on handbells. William also rang his 1st QP on and inside bells on 8, Nick Cooke rang his first QP on 8 away from the tenor, and Alistair conducted his first QP on 8. Hilary Moore rang her first QP of Surprise.

EDB: Members and visitors were warmly welcomed to the AGM by the host tower of SS Mary and Nicolas, Spalding. A great Ringers Tea was enjoyed by all. Officers were all re-elected and Sally Clifton becomes RW correspondent. Members were greatly amused when Ros Knight, Treasurer, produced a list of spellings instead of the audited accounts. The auditor's child must have had a surprise when trying to do the spelling homework. Congratulations to Carl and Amy Tuck (Sutton St J) on the birth of Willow Grace.

EB: A boiler breakdown meant a very cold AGM at Kirton, but the tea was hot and kept ringers going until 9pm. An engraved cup for the winners of the annual branch quiz was presented by John Collett in memory of his wife, Betty. This year's quiz will be held at Alford on April 9th starting at 7pm. Ringing at Alford an hour before.

WLB: A Stedman workshop at Messingham followed a well attended branch practice at Bottesford. A good tea was enjoyed at the pub between events.

NB: Susan Thompson rang her 1st QP of minor inside and Alex Hibbert rang his 1st QP on 8 bells.

March	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
	Midweek	Dunholme	6	Norfolk & Pinehurst S	1400 - 1530
5	Joint	Caythorpe	8	Surprise Major	1900 - 2100
5	Eastern	Boston Stump	10	Practice	1000 - 1200
9	Midweek	Wragby	6		1030 - 1200
11	Eastern	Sutterton	8	Surprise Major	1930 - 2100
12	Central	Dunholme	6	Practice	1430 - 1600
15	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Rutland S	1430 - 1600
16	S Lincs Wednesday Gp	Horbling	6	Cunecastre Original	1430 - 1600
19	Northern	Claxby	5	Practice	1500 - 1600
19	WLB	Lea	6	Stedman, York S	1830 - 2100
19	Southern	Horbling Morton	6 6	Training (striking) Gen ringing	1430 - 1630 1900 - 2100
26	Joint	Washingborough	8	Surprise Major	1030 - 1200
26	RW Centenary	London		Tickets from RW	
29	Midweek Away Day				TBA

On April 9th an ITTS course is being put on at Wragby for people who would like to learn to teach bell handling and foundation stages of ringing. Anyone interested should contact S Faull or A Payne for more details. Experienced teachers will also be needed as mentors.

The newsheet is now a year old. The compiler, Sue Faull, would be happy to receive feedback and news items from around the Guild.