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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. MARCH 2015

News from late January and February:

100 club : 1st No 47 Sue Faull £10.00 2nd No 29 Phil Mason £5.00

Guild Annual Draw : Raffle tickets are now out within branches. Please try to sell as many as you can, there are quite a few BRF projects taking place this year. To be drawn at the Guild AGM in April.

News from around the branches:

Eastern The EB AGM at Alford was well supported despite the weather. Ringing, Service and delicious lunch was followed by the AGM. Kate Meyer was thanked for all her work as RM and Mick Smith was elected as the new RM. Tribute was paid to Nora Wall, recently deceased, who gave much support to towers in the branch over many years. Helen and William Brotherton, experienced ringers were welcomed as branch members for Ingoldmells. Congratulations to Tracey Goldsmith on her first QP at Alford. This was also Phil Ford's 1st as cover and was a 70th birthday compliment to local ringer Jan Clark. A QP at Coningsby was rung in memory of Bill Chapman – stay maker for the tower and for Geoffrey Evison, branch member.

Elloe Deaneries The very well attended AGM at Whaplode welcomed 6 new members - Roslyn Hall & Carolyn Parratt of Holbeach, Douglas Bowker & Terance Sansom of Sutton St. James, Jo Ball of Gedney and Sandra Deacon-Billington of Long Sutton. Members also elected 2 new VPs: Rev'd Julie Timings & Rev'd David Oxtoby. The Elloe Deaneries annual learner's event was a great success. A mixed age group of 16 enjoyed Fish & Chips at Shedly's, joined by 8 more members for ringing at Spalding. Paul Doades led lots of fun ringing activities as well as call changes, plain hunt and some methods. 2 new junior members were elected - Thomas Hunns of Spalding & Jessica Pearce of Whaplode. Work is going on at Gedney Tower to prevent the jackdaws from getting in and damaging the bell fittings.

Southern : A new method was rung and named at Spalding: Frampton Delight Major.

Northern: QPs were rung at Middle and Market Rasen to say farewell to local ringer, Linda Patrick and her husband Rev. Charles. They are moving to Horncastle. Northern branch's loss is Eastern branch's gain.

Central: Congratulations go to Claire Howard for her 1st QP on an inside bell. It was also in celebration of her graduation. Well done to Robert Harvey on his 250th QP and to Ellie Maude on her first peal of 8 spliced. A new method was rung and named on the Richardson Eight at the Cathedral: Lindum Colonia Alliance major. A half muffled QP was rung at Waddington in memory of Dennis Sutton, TC for many years.

West Lindsey: St Andrew's Epworth has been granted £44K by the HLF for restoration work to the bells and organ. Work will be done on the wheels, clappers, pulley and frame and sound control will be installed.

Advance dates for your diary:

Church School's Festival - Sixbel simulator in the Cathedral May 19, 20, 21 June 2,3 Volunteers needed.

| March | Branch | Venue | | Special method | Time |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|---|----------------------------|
| 3 | Midweek | Dunholme | 6 | | 1400 - 1530 |
| 7 | Central | Lincoln, St Botolph | 6 | General Practice | 1430 - 1600 |
| 7 | Eastern | Wrangle | 6 | Practice | 1000 - 1200 |
| 7 | Elloe | Gosberton Quadrang | 6 6 | Practice Fish and Chips at Surfleet Church Rm – book with branch sec | 1430 – 1545 1600 – 1745 |
| 11 | Midweek | Wragby | 6 | Learners | 1030 - 1200 |
| 13 | Eastern | Kirton in Holland | 8 | Surprise Major | 1930 - 2100 |
| 14 | Eastern | Coningsby | 6 | Grandsire Doubles special practice | 1500 - 1700 |
| 17 | Midweek | Washingborough | 8 | | 1430 - 1600 |
| | S. Lincs Weds Gp | Denton | 6 | Barnborough S. College Bob | 1430 - 1600 |
| 21 | 8 bell method gp | Washingborough | 8 | 8 bell methods, | 1030 - 1200 |
| 21 | West Lindsey | Kirton Lindsey | 8 | Practice | 1900 - 2100 |
| 28 | Northern | Ulceby | 6 | Practice | 1500 - 1630 |
| 28 | Southern | Barkston | 6 | General ringing | 1900 - 2100 |

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The newssheet is now 4 years old. The compiler, Sue Faull, would be happy to receive feedback and news items from around the Guild. Please remember to print this out for your tower, so that ringers without e mail can be kept up to date.