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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY MAY 2022

**100 club:** £100 Robin & Judith Rogers, £50 Mary Brown, £25 Julie Hynes, £10 Alan Donaldson £5 Audrey Gibson  
**Guild AGM**

Our President, Very Rev Christine Wilson presided over Communion and the meeting. Charles Cade was elected to the Roll of Honour for his many years of service in the Market Rasen area. There were a number of changes of officers: Chris Sharp was thanked and Rhona McEune was welcomed as replacement peal sec. Jonathan Clark was thanked for his very many years of dedicated service and Josh Doades and Katie Arnott were introduced to the meeting as the new webmasters. Jenny Bennett was thanked, in her absence and Tristan Shaw was welcomed as new membership sec. Finally Alan Payne was thanked and Keith Brown takes over as BRF Trustee. Members are warned that next year we will be needing a new Master, Secretary, BRF Admin, BRF Trustee and Report sec. so if you might be interested, get in touch with the current Master. Peter and Julie Limage were wished farewell on leaving Lincs and moving to Lancs. All other business was dealt with swiftly and we went promptly for an excellent lunch prepared by the northern branch. Ringing took place at St Giles, the Cathedral and handbells were rung in the ringers' chapel. Thanks go to all who organised the event and to all who took part.

**2022 Westley Award** Nominations may now be made for the 2022 Westley Award for tower bell maintenance. Details for those interested can be found using the link below

<https://cccbr.org.uk/2022/03/11/2022-westley-award-for-church-belfry-maintenance-and-improvement/>

### **News from April:**

**Ruth and Paul Curtis** rang their 5000<sup>th</sup> peal together- Bristol Royal at Dordrecht. Many congratulations to them on this remarkable achievement.

### **Southern Branch**

There were 13 at the Branch meeting on at Belton church. The ringing drew attention from visitors to Belton House gardens and gave the opportunity to ring on the newly refurbished bells. Michael Coney's private six bell simulator 'Beltone' in his garage showed us afterwards the excellent installation with realistic handling. This will serve well as a training facility, and provided us with great enjoyment. Our thanks go to Michael and Julie for their kind hospitality. 3 new methods were rung to peals at Sproxtton: Guide Post Alliance, Windy Gale Alliance and Riding Mill Delight. A QP of Grandsire Cinques at Grantham was a 1<sup>st</sup> of cinques for Sara Jones. QPs were rung at Sleaford (Lincolnshire) for Palm Sunday and at Folkingham (Kirkstall Delight) for Tony Walker's birthday.

### **West Lindsey Branch:**

2 QPs were rung at Gainsborough: Cambridge Minor, half muffled for Good Friday, and Little Bob Major to congratulate Helen Fuller Whelan and Debbie Scarf on their retirements.

### **Elloe Deaneries Branch:**

2 QPs have been rung at Gosberton, one of Kirkstall Delight minor and one of 2 delight methods. A QP of 3 doubles methods on the minor five was rung at Fulney for Good Friday.

### **Central Branch**

A QP was rung at Waddington to mark 40 years since the Vulcan bombers took off from Waddington on their way to the Falkland Islands. This was the longest bombing mission in history. A QP was rung at Washingborough for the retirement of the Rector Rev George Goalby, it was the 400<sup>th</sup> QP for Colin Ward. At St Mary le Wigford and Potterhanworth QPs were rung fully muffled but with open tenors for Good Friday. Further QPs were rung at St M leW for the Freedom Parade of RAF Waddington and Scampton, for the Queen's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, for the Civic Service and for St George's Day. A peal of 7 methods was rung at Potterhanworth for Easter and was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chris Woodcock's 1<sup>st</sup> peal. A QP of PB Major was rung at Welbourn in fond memory of Fran Brealey, on the bells she loved, prior to her Memorial Service.

### **Eastern Branch**

19 souls gathered at Butterwick to participate in Eastern Branch's first Branch Practice of the year on 2nd April. A variety of ringing was performed to suit the abilities of the attendees. Our new Ringing Master and deputy RM, Caitlin Meyer and Jo French supervised the ringing which was extended to a 3 hour session. Presentations were made to Tom Freeston and Mick Smith in recognition of past services to Eastern Branch. 4 new members were elected to the Guild.

### **Northern Branch:**

Congratulations to the Hibbert family who rang family QPs at both Caistor and Grasby for Easter. The branch had an excellent turnout of over 20 members for its Plain Hunt, Bob Doubles practice.

### **Dates for your diary**

May	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
7	Eastern	Spilsby	6	Branch practice	1400 - 1700
9	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices + Improvers	1330 - 1445
11	Northern	Grasby	6	PB Doubles inside	1930 - 2100
14	Central	Dunholme	6	Branch practice	1930 - 2100
17	Northern	Barton on Humber	8	8 bell practice	1930 - 2100
28	Central	Wragby	6	Bell handling and control	1930 - 2100

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