

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Northern Branch

Newsletter – August 2011

Welcome to the August edition of the Northern Branch newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is November 5th so if you do anything between now and then and want it reported, please let Joy or Lorraine know. Also please let us know of anything being planned for the rest of the year.

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RINGING for EVENSONG
Lincoln Cathedral (12, 23-3-13)
Sunday 21st April
Meet at 2:15pm PROMPT

Special method: Little Penultimus Little Place Cinques (E.1.E.1.E.1.E.10E-1)
Treble plain hunts up to 10ths place. Inside bells plain hunt up to 11ths except when the treble is underneath in 10ths place, in which case they make long 11ths. No dodging is involved. This is a good exercise for listening for the treble.

BRANCH PRACTICE
Market Rasen (8, 8-2-15)
Saturday 24th September, 3-4:30pm

Special method: Kent Treble Bob Major (3 leads)
(34x34.18x12x18x12x18x12x18-14)

Please note this has changed from the previous location of Barton. An email will be sent out when this tower is confirmed.

Sat 30th April Guild AGM

Many ringers from all over the Guild descended on Lincoln for the Guild AGM, and support from our branch came from Barton and Grimsby ringers. Your Ringing Master, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, managed to get lost while calling a touch of Grandsire Cinques, which was rather embarrassing. After the ringing the business meeting took place at Bailgate Methodist Church near Newport Arch, where Les Townsend stood down as Guild Secretary after an amazing nineteen years, and the new one was announced as Sandra Underwood. Emma Southerington stood down as Peal Secretary after five years, and Jim Benner was the new replacement. Judith Rogers wished to congratulate those who rang the first towerbell peal of Norman Smith's 23-spliced Surprise Major for the Guild, a difficult peal in which Matthew Jeffery was involved. This was followed by a buffet tea in the adjacent hall. Ringing then took place up the Cathedral tower for Evensong. It was a shame that the Open University choir, who sang at the service, were not as good as the Cathedral choir. There was also ringing at the nearby tower of Washingborough, where the ringers had tea and the raffle was drawn.

Mon 25th April Lincoln

St. Mary's Choir, Barton was invited by the Bishop of Lincoln to sing Choral Evensong at Lincoln Cathedral on Easter Monday, in recognition of Rev. Alan Wright's great achievement of 40 years as choirmaster. Barton also provided a team of ringers for this event. This was arranged by Roger Lord, Tower Captain, to compliment Rev. Alan Wright for his great achievement with St. Mary's choir. Roger was invited by Les Townsend, the Master of the Cathedral to be in charge of the ringing. Both the choir and the ringers were complimented on their excellent performances.

Sat 14th May Walesby

Branch members mainly from Market Rasen, Tealby, Claxby and Grimsby attended this event. It turned out to be a nice piece of informal ringing for the annual Open Churches event. The bells at Walesby are notorious for being difficult to ring but, in general, they were handled quite well.

Guild committee meeting

At the May Guild Committee meeting the committee looked at the insurance policy and will get quotes for higher levels of accident cover. Also the question was asked if people still be covered by the insurance policy prior to them paying their subs for the year. As subs become due from 1st January every year, it is important that members pay promptly to avoid any confusion. Honorary life members are covered by the policy. Non-resident ringers are not. New Gift Aid forms have been drawn up, so in the near future you may be asked to fill out a new form.

The ITTS (Integrated Teacher Training Scheme) course, run by Sue Faull, which trains ringing teachers, has so far been a success, and more courses will be run in the future. Members should take the opportunity to join these courses.

It has been suggested that we have the two young ringers' Lincoln Guild teams that took part in the RW National Youth Striking Competition in March should be invited to take part in the Guild 8-bell Striking Competition in 2012.

Also the Guild Master had asked that members begin to think about what type of ringing they wish to do for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

There are also quiz papers in circulation, which cost £1 to enter. Please look for a copy coming your way soon.

Branch Committee Meeting

John Goodchild took part in the April ITTS course and Roger and Andrew Lord did it in June. All who have done so have found it worthwhile and when they have completed it they will receive accreditation.

The branch finances are in good order, although we are still waiting for a few members to pay for 2011. So if you haven't yet got round to paying your subs for this year, please forward them to the treasurer, Roger Lord, as soon as possible. January 2012 is getting closer, so unless you want to pay two years worth of subs, please pay them for this year now.

Due to Market Rasen having their "Last Night of the Proms" on Saturday 15th October, the Guild 8-bell Striking Competition will be held at Barton instead. They have kindly agreed to host it and are looking forward to welcoming the Guild.

We have begun to look at the programme for 2012/2013. Over the past few years, we have tried to enhance the programme with social events to keep people in the branch in touch, and also raise money for the bell repair fund. However, the events are not as well supported as we would like. Without members' support for the bell repair fund, we will not be able to continue helping towers with grants as we have in the past, so please try to help the branch by supporting the practices and events that we arrange. We are also trying to make them nice sociable events.

Sat 2nd July half-yearly meeting at Great Carlton

There was a half-yearly meeting at Great Carlton where we did some ringing and then we had tea and biscuits/cake and then the meeting. It could have been better supported, as it was mainly Barton ringers.

Sun 19th June Walesby ringing Trinity Sunday

A disappointingly low number of ringers turned up for ringing. Even the key members, namely the Ringing Master and Secretary, were not there themselves so they are just as much to blame as everybody else (but it would have been a bit of a trek to come back from Cornwall just for the afternoon!). Let's make it a lot better next year and hopefully it will not clash with our holiday. Andrew Lord, the deputy ringing master ran the ringing. Both him and Roger congratulated the three ringers from Tealby and Claxby as they rang so well with difficult bells.

Friday 24th July Branch striking competition

Five teams from the branch, along with some support from elsewhere, descended on Tealby on a lovely evening for a branch striking competition which turned out to be a much more successful time than last year, when it didn't even take place. It was most encouraging to see a team from Tealby and Claxby, towers that have not participated in the competition for a long time. Alan Payne, the Guild Master, and his wife, Joan, came up from Bourne to judge the competition, and was delighted to see such a good turn-out. As well as Tealby and Claxby, there were teams from Market Rasen, Grimsby and two Barton teams. The competition was won by one of the Barton teams, followed by Grimsby, both of which go through to the cup competition in the Guild finals in September. Sadly, Tealby and Claxby came last, but they should not be discouraged as they made a valiant effort. Market Rasen and the other Barton team will go through to the plate competition. The Tealby "girls" made a brilliant tea and thanks must go to all those who organized the competition and took part and made it a great event.

Peals and quarters

Congratulations to Caistor member Judith Willcocks, who rang her first peal, aged 72, on the anniversary of the death of Ted Colley, a formidable figure in the branch. Pat Donnelly and Matthew Jeffery rang their 50th peals. Also congratulations to Sally Hewitt on gaining her Ph.D, for which several quarters were rung.

Saturday 23rd July Huddersfield area tour

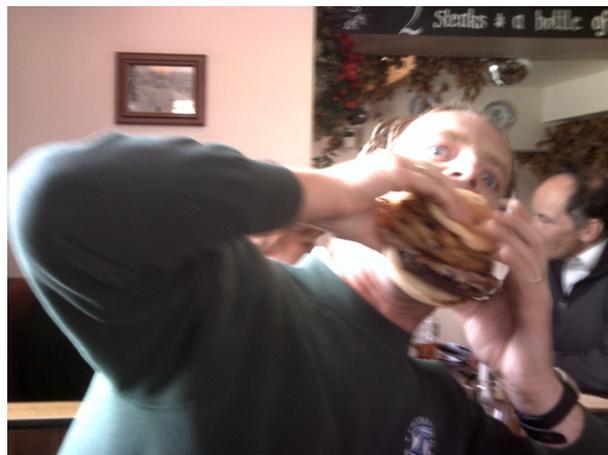
Eighteen branch members from all over the branch (not just Barton and Grimsby) came along on this tour, arranged by Matthew Jeffery, to this lovely part of the world to ring at five towers around the town of Huddersfield. Namely Lindley, Longwood, Meltham, Almondbury and Kirkheaton. Lunch was held at the Wills O' Nats pub/restaurant near Meltham. The burger that Matthew Jeffery had was nearly as big as his face.

After the last tower, Kirkheaton, we all had cakes and fruit juice outside the church. The day was enjoyed by everybody present. Andrew Lord is going to organize the next one, which he hopes will be to the Grantham area. Thanks to all those who came along and made the tour a success, it was nice to see more people from the branch than usual and hopefully we will have more events, which are as well supported at this.



Huddersfield tour group photo (L-R):

Roger Lord, Vic Pope, Keith Faulkner, Andrew Lord, John Cade, John Fox, Shelagh Dunning (Southern Branch), Matthew Jeffery, Simon Cole, Norman Palmer, Lorraine Jeffery, Colin Disney, Hefina Brumpton, Joy Lord, Jane Willerton, Helen Wilson, Neil Mangan, Phil Reeks



**Our Ringing Master doing what he does best ! (second to ringing of course !)
Eating !**

NORTHERN BRANCH CATHEDRAL RINGING

On Sunday 21st August 18 members rang for evensong at the Cathedral. The ringing was better than it has been for many years. We even managed methods. Touches of Little Bob Caters and Grandsire Cinques, Call Changes, Plain Hunt on both 11 and 12 bells and Little Penultimus Little Place Cinques

COOLING OFF ON THE BALCONY AFTER RINGING



Lincoln Guild Clothing

You may have seen a few branch members wearing their Lincoln Guild bellringers tops. You too can have one of your own. The range includes Polo shirts at £15, sweatshirts at £16, rugby shirts at £22.50 and hooded tops in various colours and sizes. And a small donation goes to the Guild Bell repair fund. If you are interest in finding out more or placing an order, please contact Sue Faull sue.faul@btpenworld.com

Northern Branch Programme 2011

| Date | Location | Event |
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| Sun 21 st Aug | Lincoln Cathedral (12) | meet at 2:15pm , ringing for Evensong |
| Saturday 10 th Sept | Willingham (Cup) Upton (Plate) | Guild 6 Bell Striking Competition Tea at Willingham 5.00pm |
| Saturday 24 th September | Market Rasen (8) | Branch Practice 3pm - 4:30pm ringing. |
| Sat 15 th Oct. | Barton Upon Humber (8) | Guild 8-bell Striking Competition 5pm - 7pm ringing, tea and results |
| Sat 10 th Dec | Walesby (8) | 6:00pm candlelit carol service at 7:30pm |

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| Sat 7 th Jan | TBA | Christmas Social |
| Sat 28 th Jan | Caistor TBC | Branch AGM Ringing 2-3:30pm 3:45 - 4:15 service, tea 5pm business meeting. |
| Saturday 24 th March | TBA | 3:00 - 4:00pm branch practice |

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| 1 st Wed of month | Ladies Practice | 1.30 – 3.00pm. Contact Dorothy Robinson 01673 843400 for details of locations |
| 2 nd Wed of Month | Simulator Practice at Wragby | 10.30am – 12.00pm. Contact Jim Sutherland 01673 858492 |
| Last Fri of Month | Simulator Practice at Louth | 10.30am – 12.00pm by arrangement only contact Mick Day 01507 603998 |