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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY APRIL 2025

News from around the Guild:

125 years anniversary: there were 43 performances recorded on Bellboard which contained at least one first. One month left of this challenge, so let's go for a big final push.

Central Branch: Branch members were very sorry to hear of the death of Harold Gibson, Cathedral Company ringer for very many years. His funeral is at the Cathedral April 9th 1400. See the Guild website for the tribute written to Harold. A peal of Sleaford Delight was rung at Sproxtton in his memory. It was 300th together for Sylvia Taylor and Mike Maughan. A QP of Cambridge Major was rung at Sleaford and was 1st major for Matthew Burton. Another QP of Cambridge Minor was rung at Sleaford and was 1st treble bob for Tess Rowland and 1st in method for Thomas Gaskins. A QP of PB Major was rung at Welbourn prior to the funeral of Reg Brealey who was responsible for the rehanging of Hagworthingham bells in Welbourn in 1978. He was churchwarden as well as benefactor at Welbourn. A QP of Stedman Caters was rung at Ewerby in memory of Derek Sibson of Kettering. Derek rang 55 peals for Lincoln DG, conducting 45 of them, and rang 58 peals at Sproxtton and 45 at Edenham. He was past President of the Central Council and past Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

West Lindsey Branch: A very busy branch practice was held at Kirton in Lindsey. Large amounts of tea and cake did not spoil the appetites of the 20+ ringers who enjoyed a meal together at the Red Lion.

Elloe Deaneries Branch: The branch was very sad to announce the death of Sue Slater. She was TC at Spalding for many years and was a lay reader at that church. A QP of PB Doubles was rung at Spalding and was 1st QP for Diane Riddick and 1st as Cond for Paul Doades. A QP was also rung at Whaplode in her memory, as was a peal at Horbling (see below) A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Whaplode for the 250th anniversary of the 10080 rung there in 1775. It was rung by Guild and branch officers. At Gosberton a QP of Primrose was rung in memory of Lorna Williamson, wife of former vicar of Gosberton. She was a ringer and choir member. A QP was rung at Moulton and welcomed Ros Nichols returning after 30+ years, she was a band member of nearby Holbeach. A new minimus method was rung at Fulney – Marzepa TP and a peal of Hougham TP was rung at Hougham. A QP of PB Triples was rung at Long Sutton to mark the retirement of Branch VP Father Jonathan Sibley on his 70th birthday. It also marked the start of work on the historic tower to rid it of death watch beetle.

Southern Branch The Southern Branch is sad to announce the death of Brian Buttery, for many years Branch Secretary as well as Steeplekeeper and Verger at St Wulfram's, Grantham. Funeral details will be posted on the Branch website when known. A peal of Wye S was rung at Kirton in Holland in memory of Harold Gibson. It was the first peal on the bells since refurbishment undertaken by Tony Walker and Luke Tobin. A peal of 10 surprise methods was rung at Horbling in memory of Sue Slater of Spalding. It was most methods for Jo Pearson and Robert Simpson. Two new methods were rung and named at Sproxtton – Backhill Delight Major and Benfieldside Delight. The latter was in memory of Derek Sibson and was 200th together for Judith Rogers and Martin Mitchell. Two QPs of PB Minor were rung at Market Deeping, one was a 1st of minor for Abigail Lee, the other was a 1st on prosthetics for Roger Stokoe. Well done to them both. A QP of Kirkstall delight was rung at Folkingham in memory of Rosie Noon of Sculthorpe, Norfolk, formerly a ringer at Spalding, who died recently.

Eastern Branch At Old Leake ringing took place before and after the funeral service of Bill Young, supporter of this church, resident of Old Leake for all 99 years of his life. Bill and his brother George were ringers here for many years. It was with great sadness that Branch Members learned of the recent death of Anita Collin, a dedicated ringer at Horncastle tower. Deepest sympathy are sent to Anita's family, friends and to her ringing colleagues. Anita will be very much missed. A QP of PB Minor was rung at Frampton as a birthday compliment to Jim Benner. The Branch held a well attended meeting at Alford. There was plenty of ringing on the easy going 6 for all abilities and lots of homemade soup downstairs in church, with delicious Welsh tea cakes to follow as it was St David's day. Many thanks to all involved.

Northern Branch: Reminder of the branch outing in the Beverley and District area on April 12th. Contact the secretary for more details.

University Ringers: A QP of St Mary le Wigford Minimus was a 1st inside for George Milfull and was a 1st for all rung under disco lights!

April	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
5	Eastern	Horncastle Hemingby	6 3	Branch practice	1400 – 1600 1630 - 1730
6	Young Ringers	Washingborough	8		1400 - 1600
8	Midweek Ringers	Eagle	6	Meet 1000 for coffee, Ringing	1030 - 1200
12	Northern	Beverley area		Branch outing. See Guild website for more details.	
19	West Lindsey	Broughton	6	Rabbits informal striking comp	1500 - 1700
26	Guild AGM	Lincoln		Ringing at Cathedral Service Lunch at Bailgate Methodist AGM at Bailgate Methodist	1000 1100 1200 1400
29	Midweek Ringers	Welbourn	8	Meet 1000 for coffee, Ringing	1030 - 1200
3 rd May	Eastern	Hereford area		5 towers in a day see branch website	
3 rd May	West Lindsey			Branch outing	

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