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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY APRIL 2026

News from around the Guild:

100 club winners: £10: 92. Barry Jones £5: 67. Alison Everett

Central Branch:

Following the death of Margaret Parker MBE, reported last month, there was a lot of commemorative ringing. At Thorpe on the Hill 2 QPs were rung. Margaret was a former TC at Thorpe and donated the treble bell when they were augmented. The Ladies ringing group dedicated their practice to Margret who was a founding member of the group and who ran the group for very many years. A QP of 4m Doubles was rung at Eagle in celebration of Agnes Phillip's 100th birthday and also the 90th birthday of her brother in law, Derek. Agnes and Derek learnt to ring in their teens and have lived in Eagle most of their lives. Agnes continued to ring until her 70s and Derek remains an active member of the band. Very many congratulations to them both.

A QP of Cambridge Royal was rung with special condolences to Tony Walker on the loss of his son, Matthew (see below) The QP of Stedman Triples at St Giles was 1st in method for Joanne Highfield and Matthew Burton.

Northern Branch:

The bells at the branch meeting at Legbourne were rung half muffled remembering former Tower Captain Keith Faulkner who had passed away the previous day. A QP in Keith's memory was also rung at Marshchapel and general ringing took place at Grimsby in his honour. A course of Canterbury Doubles was rung at Grimsby for the installation of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. 540 changes of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Grimsby to celebrate Dave Stanton's 50th birthday and was his longest length. A QP of 5 minimus methods was rung on handbells in Laceby churchyard following a lost tower bell QP due to a rope break. It was a 1st as conductor in hand for Ben Rothwell and a first QP on handbells for Andrew Douglas.

West Lindsey Branch: A QP at Epworth of PB Triples was rung in memory of Melvyn Rose who contributed hugely to church life and ringing in the Isle Of Axholme. He was on the Guild's Roll of Honour for services to the branch and church. General ringing in his honour also took place on the Saturday before his funeral as well as before the Service of Thanksgiving which was attended by very many ringers. A QP of 3m minor was rung on handbells in his memory. Service ringing at Belton was organised and led by the ladies for International Women's Day. .

Elloe Deaneries Branch:

Branch members were very sad to hear of the death of Matthew Walker, son of Tony, who died following a traffic incident whilst training for the Manchester marathon. Matthew was a member of the LDG and rang a record number of QPs in 1992 – 3, well over 500 in those years. He also rang 15 peals for the Guild. A peal was rung at Gosberton in his memory as were QPs at Quadring and Billingborough, The latter was Luke Tobin's 500th QP. Sincere condolences to Tony and family. 2 new methods were rung at Fulney – Upwood and Hundley Singles. A peal of Cambridge Minor was rung at Crowland Abbey, Tony Walker and George Campling have now rung peals in all the Elloe towers. It was an 80th birthday compliment to Sylvia Bird.

Southern Branch

A peal at Sproxtton of Boveney S. was Barry Jones' 700th peal and was Ian Robinson's 200th in the tower. A new method, High Bridge Alliance was also rung to a peal at Sproxtton. A peal of Pilton TP Minimus was rung at Kirkby Underwood for Mothering Sunday.

Eastern Branch

The branch practice on 7th was joint with Elloe Deaneries at Kirton and Holbeach and had a good turn out at both towers. Methods included Lincolnshire Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A QP of PB Triples was rung at Boston in memory of Philip Waterfield and Matthew Walker. A peal of 6000 Doubles (25m/v) was rung to mark 130 years since the ringing of 6000 changes at Butterwick. It was also to mark 50 years as a ringer for Jo Pearson, TC and was her longest length. A QP was rung at Ingoldmells in memory of Margaret Parker.

April	Branch	Venue	bells	Info	Times
	Northern			Start of QP month	
6th	Eastern	Ewerby Silk Willoughby Sleaford	10 6 8	Mini outing	1300 1430 1600
7th	Midweek	Eagle	6	Meet for coffee 10, ringing	1030 - 1200
11th	Northern	Doncaster area		Outing, see guild website	
11th	Central	Ruskington	6	Branch practice	1400 - 1600
13th	Ladies	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
18th	West Lindsey	Gainsborough	8	Branch practice	1500 - 1700
21st	Northern	Marshchapel	6	Branch practice	1900 - 2030
25th	Guild AGM	Lincoln cathedral Baligate Methodist	12 8	Cathedral ringing Service Lunch AGM Ringing St Giles	10 – 11 11 – 12 12 – 1330 1330 – 1530 1600 - 1715
28th	Midweek ringers	Welbourn	8	Meet for coffee 10 Ringing	1030 - 1200

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