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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY JUNE 2025

**VE 80 commemorations:** The Ringing World reported over 2,300 pieces of ringing for the VE 80. Of these, around 50 were recorded in the Diocese of Lincoln. The majority were short pieces of ringing linked to the call to ring at 6.30pm on May 8th. QPs were rung at Bourne, Fulney, Heydour, Irnham, Lincoln St Giles, Market Deeping and Sutterton. Peals were rung at Upton and Uffington.

**Pope Leo X1V:** QPs were rung at Gedney and Sutterton for the election of the new pope. A peal was also rung at Swinstead in the new method Swinstead TP Minimus. It was the 50<sup>th</sup> together for Keith Butter and Tony Walker.

### News from the branches:

#### **West Lindsey:**

Branch members were very sorry to hear of the death of Delia Heppenstall. Delia had been a member of Gainsborough tower since learning to ring in her teens. Until very recently she was the Guild's librarian. Her funeral is on 10<sup>th</sup> June at 1330. The branch had a very well attended outing to 6 towers in the Retford area. Tiny ringing chambers and long ropes were the order of the day. Thanks go to Alison for her excellent organisation. Many congratulations go to Chris Turner who has conducted his 400<sup>th</sup> peal, 6 Surprise at Wellingore. It was also his 550<sup>th</sup> for the Guild. Chris Rainthorpe rang his 1<sup>st</sup> QP of TB Major at Middle Rasen.

#### **Eastern:**

The branch held a successful outing to the Hereford area. On a beautiful, sunny bank holiday weekend 5 churches were visited by 12 members who thoroughly enjoyed the variety of bells and churches. There is an interesting write up of the outing on their branch website. Congratulations to Philip Walters on his 1<sup>st</sup> QP away from cover at Sutterton and to Emma Williamson who rang her 1<sup>st</sup> QP inside – PBD at Alford. At Fleet, a QP of 12 doubles methods was rung and was 1<sup>st</sup> in those methods for Paul Barker. A QP of PBD was rung at Horncastle in memory of Anita Collin, a ringer from the area for over 50 years. It was Andrew Cooke's 1<sup>st</sup> QP (tenor), well done to him. More ringing took place at Coningsby to remember Anita.

#### **Elloe :**

new treble place minimus methods were rung at Fulney – Ode to Joy and Drum Tower. A QP at Quadring wished fellow ringer, Maurice Edwards, a speedy recovery.

#### **Southern:**

A QP of Grandsire Caters was rung half muffled at St Wulfram's, Grantham before the funeral of Brian Buttery. and a peal of 3 SSMajor after. It was a 1<sup>st</sup> of SS for David Braunton and Owen Peters. A peal of Blithbury Delight was rung at Sproxton in memory of Brian on the day of his funeral. A peal in new method Coleshill Alliance was rung at Sproxton in memory of Maurice Edwards.

#### **Central:**

A QP was rung at Nettleham to congratulate local ringer, Laura Martin, on the award of PhD. A QP of PB at Scothern was a 1<sup>st</sup> of Minor for Mark Hutchison.

### **Dates for your diary**

Young Ringers	1	Morton	6	Ringing and cake	1400 - 1600
Midweek Ringing	3	Eagle	6	Meet 10 for coffee. Ringing	1030 - 1200
Eastern	7	Swineshead	8	Branch practice	1700 - 2000
Ladies	9	Wragby	6	Novices and improvers	1330 - 1445
Central	14	Sleaford	8	Branch practice	1830 - 2030
Northern	15	Walesby	8	Ringing for Ramblers' service	
West Lindsey	21	Branch striking comp	6	Messingham	1600 start
Guild	21	Ridgman Trophy Striking comp	10	Boston	
Midweek ringing	24	Welbourn	8	Meet 10 for coffee, Ringing	1030 - 1200

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