



LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSSHEET AND DIARY. JANUARY 2018

Happy New Year to you all.

News from December:

Many congratulations to **Ruth Curtis** on becoming the first lady to ring 5000 peals. This is an amazing accomplishment and puts her husband, **Paul** to shame as he has rung a mere 4,500! We look forward to reading about their 5000th together in a few years time.

100 club: November 1st Delia Heppenstall £10.00 2nd Dorothy Robinson £5.00

December 1st Marilyn Brown £10.00 2nd David Fox £5.00

St Andrew's Day: QPs were rung at Butterwick, Heckington, Helpringham, Horbling, Potterhanworth, Sempringham and Timberland.

RWYNC This year's competition will take place on Sat July 7th in London. Participants must be under 19 on Aug 31st 2018. Please would any young person who is interested in taking part contact Sue Faull or Tony Barker asap. Please would TCs, branch officials etc encourage youngsters to take part. Ideally, they should be reasonably confident with call changes on 6 bells and happy to ring bells at different churches. Practices will be organised nearer the time.

News from around the branches

Central: The branch were very sorry to announce the death of Ian Bland of Heckington. He and his wife Gill had been great supporters of ringing in the village and area. QPs were rung in his memory at Heckington, Silk Willoughby, Welbourn, Potterhanworth and Great Hale.

A QP was rung at Metheringham and a peal at Potterhanworth to mark the centenary of the death of George Cooke, ringer at Metheringham, killed in action in WW1

8 QPs were rung at St Mary le Wigford during the Lincoln Christmas market, including one rung when the market was closed due to the forecast of bad weather which never arrived. Congratulations to Angela Holt on her 1st QP of PB Minor inside rung at Waddington, and to Laura Martin on her 1st inside – Grandsire at Nettleham.

Elloe: a peal was rung at Surfleet in memory of Pte John Flowers, who was killed in action during WW1, a local ringer. **West Lindsey:** The branch enjoyed good ringing, a lovely Carol Service followed by excellent Christmas refreshments at Saxilby. They also loved (!) David Turner's cheesy Christmas cracker jokes.

Northern: There was an excellent turnout of ringers for the Walesby Carols by Candlelight service. Conditions underfoot for reaching the church were the best for a number of years, so the congregation was similarly very large. Creditable ringing was produced on these tricky bells in lamplight.

Well done to Pat Donnelly who has rung her 650th QP 25 Barton ringers and friends enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner and they confidently predicted that they would be able to ring all 8 bells on 48/52 Sunday mornings in 2018. **Southern:** 4 new methods have been rung and named at Sproxton. Prudhoe Alliance celebrated the 1st grandchild for Diane and Nick Faux and 1st grand daughter for Andrew Davey. Robin Rogers has rung 400 peals at Sproxton, Andrew Davey and Jim Benner have rung 150 peals together. Other new methods were named Billingborough Treble Place, Lintzford S. and Stoke Poges Alliance. Well done to Andrew Usborne who has rung his 50th QP – at Boothby Pagnell. Congratulations to Keith Brown on his 1st peal of Major as conductor – Yorkshire at Market Deeping.

Eastern: had a very enjoyable ringing meeting and carol service at Fishtoft which was followed by tea and meeting, with more ringing in the evening, finishing with St Nicholas Doubles for Christmas.

Dates for your diary

Jan	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
2	Midweek ringing	Thorpe on the Hill	6	Double Oxford	1030 - 1200
13	Central	Caythorpe	8	Ringing Service + Tea AGM	1500 1630 1700
16	Midweek ringing	Washingborough	8	Cambridge and Yorkshire spliced	1030 - 1200
17	South Lincs Weds gp	Ruskington	6	Westminster S., Double Court	1430 - 1600
20	West Lindsey	Stow Willingham by Stow	8	Ringing Service + tea AGM followed by ringing	1500 1615 1730
23	Midweek ringing	Welbourn	8	, ,	1030 - 1200
27	Eastern	Swineshead	8	AGM	1100
27	Northern	Caistor	8	Ringing Service + tea AGM	1400 1545
27	Southern	Market Deeping	8	Ringing Service, tea, meeting More ringing	1530