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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. MARCH 2013

### News from late January and February:

**100 club :** 1st No 88 Lois Webb £10.00 2nd No 29 Phil Mason £5.00

### Guild wide news:

The sad death of Roger Bailey was announced in last month's newsheet. There have been many peals and quarters rung all around the country in his memory, including peals at Holbeach, where he learnt to ring, and at Deeping St Nicholas, where he rang his first peal. Alan and Joan Payne, Jim Benner, Judith and Robin Rogers as well as ex-Lincolnshire ringers Lesley Boyle, Philip Earis, Lizzie Stokoe, Ben Meyer, Robert Lee and Derek Jones all attended the Memorial Celebration for Roger at Conway Hall, London WC2. A peal attempt by Spalding Grammar School alumni at Moulton in memory of Roger was lost when the church lights were turned off very near the end.

### News from around the branches:

**Elloe Deaneries:** Branch President Father Jonathan Sibley was thanked for his Candlemas service with lighted candles for everyone attending the AGM at Crowland. A traditional bell ringers' tea was enjoyed by all, with delicious hot soup made by the ladies of Crowland Abbey. Thanks to them and to Roy for his superb organisation, and to Les Townsend for playing the organ.

14 people attended the Elloe Deaneries Learner's practice on a cold evening at half term. Scrumptious fish and chips were enjoyed at "Sheddy's" in Spalding followed by ringing at SS Mary & Nicolas church. 6 learners supported by 6 Guild members and 2 visitors enjoyed rounds, call changes, plain hunt and plain bob doubles. Same time, same place next year!

A joint practice between the Surfleet and Gosberton ringers was so well attended that CC on all 12 bells was possible.

**Eastern:** Eastern Branch are delighted to announce that Tom Freeston, our outgoing President, has been given a "Services to the Community Award" by Boston Borough Council for services to bellringing. Tom was tower captain at the Boston Stump for 41 years and a ringer for 66 plus years. The award will be presented on April 18th and has been celebrated by QP's at Butterwick and Freiston. The QP at Freiston also celebrated a 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandchild for Tom Palmer.

Peter Limage has rung his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major which also celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Southern :** Mike Maughan and Robin Rogers have rung their 400<sup>th</sup> peal together. A peal was rung at Silk Willoughby to remember those who died in the 1953 east coast storm. Alistair Cherry has rung his most methods (23) to a peal of SS Minor.

**Northern:** Samuel Lomax rang his first QP – treble to PBDoubles at Caistor. It was also Pat Donnelly's 400<sup>th</sup> QP.

**Central:** The branch were very sorry to announce the death of Gill Bland, a ringer from Heckington. Jean Kay rang her 1<sup>st</sup> QP of triples in the quarter at Heckington in Gill's memory. Another QP in her memory was one of 12 SSMInor, which was most methods in a QP for all the band.

At their recent branch meeting, 4 new members were elected. Welcome to them all. A QP in a new method – Blankney Treble Place Minor was rung at Blankney, with good wishes to Chris Jackson for a quick recovery.

**West Lindsey:** Robin Heppenstall has rung his 200<sup>th</sup> peal on handbells. The branch meeting was Fish and Chips (aka listening/striking practice) followed by Rabbits (aka informal striking comp.)

March	Branch	Venue		Special method	Time
2	Eastern	Boston Stump	10	Practice	1000 - 1200
5	Midweek	Dunholme	6	Zylverne Bob	1400 - 1530
8	Eastern	Sutterton	8	Surprise Major	1930 - 2100
9	Central	Nettleham	6	Practice	1430 - 1600
9	Elloe	Gosberton Quadrang	6 6	General Ringing  Fish and Chips Spalding? Contact 01775 820631	1430 – 1545 1600 – 1715 After ringing
13	Midweek	Wragby	6	Learners	1030 - 1200
16	West Lindsey	Kirton Lindsey	8		1830 - 2030
19	Midweek	Washingborough	8	Harmston Surprise	1430 - 1600
20	South Lincs Weds Group	Holbeach	8	Lincolnshire S Double Court Bob Triples	1430 - 1600
23	Surprise major	Washingborough	8	Surprise Major	1030 - 1200
23	Northern	Ulceby	6	Practice	1500 - 1600
23	Southern	Rippingale	6	Practice	1900 - 2100

**Alan Black** makes peal boards and has a supply of ash for stays. He has a web site – [www.toweressentials.vpweb.co.uk](http://www.toweressentials.vpweb.co.uk) He can be contacted on 07516 371992.

The newsheet is now 3 years old. The compiler, Sue Faull, would be happy to receive feedback and news items from around the Guild. Please remember to print this out for your tower, so that ringers without e mail can be kept up to date.