

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

Northern Branch

Newsletter – November 2010

Welcome to the November edition of the Northern Branch newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is December 16th so if you do anything between now and then and want it reported, please let Joy or Lorraine know. Also please let us know of anything being planned for next January, March or April.

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Sadly since the last newsletter we have lost no fewer than four branch members, past and present. These are Edward W. Colley and his wife Nancie E. Colley of Caistor, John “Jack” Parker of Grimsby and Henry Conyers of Louth. Both Ted and Nan were Northern Branch officials for many years. When they moved to this area in the seventies they became a great asset to the branch. Ted was elected to the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1953. He became a life member of the Guild and rang many peals. Nan was also an accomplished ringer. They were both regular supporters of branch events. Ringers and friends of Ted and Nan attended a memorial service at Caistor to celebrate their lives, which was followed by a successful peal of Yorkshire S. Major, conducted by Chris P. Turner. They will be sadly missed by all of us.

CAISTOR, Lincolnshire, SS Peter & Paul
Saturday September 4, 2010 in 2h49 (12cwt)
5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Comp: John R Ketteringham

- 1 Stephen R Colley
- 2 Christopher C P Woodcock
- 3 Heather L E Peachey
- 4 Andrew M Lord
- 5 David E Hibbert
- 6 Robert H Jordan
- 7 Matthew B Jeffery
- 8 Christopher P Turner (C)

In celebration of the lives of Edward and Nancie Colley, late of this parish, who augmented these bells and taught and encouraged many to ring.

March Northern Branch Practice at Immingham

It was a well-supported branch practice at Immingham, a tower which is particularly infamous for its odd-struck tenor, where we rang methods like rounds and call changes, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. We rounded off the practice with a cup of tea, some cake.

Easter social at Barton

On Saturday 17th April, the branch had their postponed Christmas social at Barton St. Mary's church hall. We had ringing, followed by games and tea in the church hall. Andy and Jenny Bennett arranged a fun packed evening of games with prizes, which all who attended enjoyed. **We desperately need some more members to come along and join in some wonderful evenings which the committee put a lot of work into arranging.**



Andy & Jenny Bennett



Nan & Ted enjoy a cup of tea



Roger, Joy, Sue & George



Geoff, Andy & George

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers AGM

This day followed the usual format of ringing at the Cathedral, followed by a service, then onto Bailgate Methodist Church for the AGM. The key change at the AGM was that Sue Faull stood down as Master. As a branch we presented her with a gift as thanks for all her hard work and support during her time in office. Alan Payne of the Southern Branch is now the new Master. Les Townsend, the Guild Secretary, announced that he is to retire at the 2011 AGM, giving one year's notice for a successor to be found.

There was a key change to the Guild rules with regard to payment of subs. The rule has been amended from "payment must be received within two years arrears" to "payment must be received by 31st December". Members should be aware that subscriptions are due on the 1st of January in order to be covered by guild insurance and public liability.

A hot jacket potato lunch and a selection of mouth-watering desserts followed the meeting. The afternoon continued with ringing at Dunholme, followed by more ringing, tea and the grand draw at Hackthorn. Then back to the Cathedral for ringing for Evensong.

Open Churches and ramblers' service at Walesby

Thanks to all who supported these events. We managed to get all the bells ringing. Please try to come along next year too.

One ringer makes the big leagues

Our very own Matthew Jeffery managed to get elected into the Ancient Society of College Youths at their March business meeting this year. Congratulations to him.

Summary of Guild Committee Meeting in May

With regard to Child protection, branches should try to make sure that towers are made aware of where they can get information from and who needs CRB / ISA. With regard to hiring out the simulator, at least 2 people should be CRB checked. Alan Payne has produced a sheet to access the position of the guild with regard to the membership trend for the past four years and also how many towers regularly ring for Sunday service. The Branch committee will work on the data for this ready for the November meeting. The central council are working on an affiliation scheme for teaching, in the future the guild may look at having some members trained to do this. It was decided that people liked the monthly A4 news sheet that Sue Faull was producing and she should continue.

Summary of Branch committee meeting, Monday 24th May

New Guild Master Alan Payne and retired guild Master Sue Faull joined us at this meeting. The meeting considered the latest news regarding child protection and as a committee we will produce a letter to update branch members. The committee also set the agenda for the half yearly meeting and began to look at the programme for 2011 – March 2012. Recommendations for a £50 donation from the bell repair fund to Walesby new church was suggested to help them with the cost of work completed on the chimes for their fixed bells. A grant was also advised for the work to be carried out at Claxby.

Branch 6-bell Striking Competition – Waltham

Unfortunately this event did not go ahead as there was not enough interest – Barton and Market Rasen had 2 teams willing to enter, although Market Rasen were unsure of whether they would be able to do it due to an event on at their church. No other tower showed any

interest. For this reason, we will go back to holding our future striking competitions on a Friday evening, as the feedback we had was that evening competitions were easier for people to attend, however, midweek competitions were not suitable for younger members as they finish too late when they have school the following day. Next year's competition will be on Friday 24th June, so you now have seven months to get your teams sorted. Please mark this date in your diaries!

Oxfordshire Tour



The Ringing Master was unable to go to Oxfordshire this year as he was judging a striking competition, so our deputy master Andrew Lord kindly took charge of the ringing. Ten branch members of the branch along with two from the Southern Branch travelled down to this lovely part of the country, Simon Cole's old stomping ground. We went to Great Milton, Great Hasley, Shibbingham Charlton-on-Otmoor, finishing at Islip. No ropes were broken this time! Wide ranges of methods were rung and once again Simon recommended a lovely pub for lunch at Great Hasley. However, the lunch break was a little shorter than planned as, due to the tower captain's memory lapse, we were locked out of the tower for a while. John Lamming's miniature heroes kept us happy. We had a very enjoyable tea at Islip before we headed back on our long journey home. Well done once again to Simon for organizing another excellent tour. I wonder where the next one will be?

Half yearly meeting at Legbourne

The Guild Master Alan, and his wife Joan joined an enthusiastic thirteen members for this event. It was nice to be joined by Ted Colley, who obtained a pass by Elaine at Caistor nursing home. It was nice to welcome Henry Conyers in his 92nd year, who had been brought by Derek Wright to join this branch practice. This was an enjoyable occasion, with a good mix of ringing and a lovely tea brought by those who came along. At the business meeting we remembered Jack Parker who had recently died and prayed for Nan who was in Grimsby hospital. We elected new members Philip Raven and Sue Tolliday of Tealby. The branch was

updated on the most recent news on child protection guidelines. We discussed the branch striking competition and decided to hold the event on a Friday evening in future. We looked at the future programme and decided that going forward we will hold where possible branch events on the fourth Saturday of the month, to make branch events a more regular thing. However, the March practice at Claxby and next year's half yearly meeting have already been arranged, so these will remain as such.

This meeting was sadly overshadowed by Ted's passing the following morning.

Ringling at Lincoln Cathedral – Sunday 15th August

Every year the Lincoln Cathedral Company of Ringers allows each branch to visit the Cathedral during the Summer to ring their bells for Evensong. When it was our turn it proved to be a popular occasion with twenty branch members and four of our friends from other branches attending. We started with a moment's silence for Ted and Nan Colley and the practice was a good one, which saw newcomers to the activity ringing on 12 for the first time, some finding it easier than others! We rang mainly call changes and plain hunt, although we did ring a bob course of Grandsire and some Little Bob. Thanks once again to Les Townsend for making this possible.

The Striking Contest

Having qualified for the finals of the Guild 6-bell striking contest the Barton band set off for Crowland on the afternoon of September 11. After a long drive the ringers - Joan Barton, Andy and Jenny Bennett, Geoff Bryant, Linda Howden and Hannah Guggiari (a guest who rang for Barton because so many of our own ringers were on holiday) - entered the church of St Mary, Guthlac & Bartholomew and gazed with awe at what were the longest bell ropes any of them had ever seen. Overcoming their hesitation the band put in a very creditable performance and finished in fourth place behind the winners from Messingham. Tea was provided at Deeping St Nicholas where Andy won the raffle - a glider flight from the airfield at Crowland. Barton ringers now look forward to watching our intrepid astronaut take to the air and once again enjoy the unique experience, which the Crowland bells provide.

Branch Practice – Ulceby, 23rd October

Andrew Lord took the ringing as Matthew Jeffery had rather foolishly double booked and rang a peal. Oops. This was a good practice with a good range of ringing by all including call changes, Stedman, Kent/Oxford, Single Oxford, Little Bob and Grandsire and spliced Plain and Little Bob. The thirteen who attended enjoyed an excellent tea put on by those attending. During the practice we elected new members Alex Sutcliffe of Waltham and Neil Mangan of Grimsby.

Lincoln Guild Clothing

You may have seen a few branch members wearing their Lincoln Guild Bellringers tops. You too can have one of your own. The range includes Polo shirts £15, Sweat shirts £16, Rugby shirts £22.50 and Hooded tops in various colours and sizes. And a small donation goes to the Guild Bell repair fund. If you are interest in finding out more/placing an order, please contact Sue Faull sue.faul@btopenworld.com

WALESBY (Old Church)
Candlelit Carol Service – Saturday 11th December
Ringing 6pm-7:30pm

If you require a lift up the hill at 5:45pm, please phone Charles Cade on 01693 843311 at the latest the week before, so that this can be arranged for you.

Northern Branch Programme 2010

Date	Location	Event
Sat 11 th Dec	Walesby (8)	6:00pm candlelit carol service at 7:30pm

Northern Branch Programme 2011

Date	Location	Event
Sat 8 th Jan	Christmas Social Place to be confirmed Poster will follow	Ringing 3-4, Carol service 4-4:30, Faith Supper, Quiz / Games
Sat 22 nd Jan	Louth (8) TBC	AGM

Saturday 19 th March	Claxby (5)	3:00 - 4:00pm branch practice
Sat 2 nd April	Barton upon Humber (8) TBC	Treasure Hunt Quiz, Refreshments Ringing
Sat 30 th April	Lincoln afternoon Towers -	Guild AGM
Sat 14 th May	Walesby (8)	4pm open churches
Sun 19 th June	Walesby (8)	2pm ringing for the ramblers Trinity Sunday service.
Fri 24 th June	Tealby (6)	6 : 00 - 9 : 00 pm branch striking competition
30 th July	Tour?	
Sat 2 nd July	Great Carlton (5)	From 3 : 00pm ringing and $\frac{1}{2}$ year meeting
Sun 21 st Aug	Lincoln Cathedral (12)	meet at 2 :15pm , ringing to Evensong
Saturday 10 th Sept	West Lindsey (6) TBC	Guild 6 Bell Striking Competition
Saturday 24 th September	Barton upon Humber (8)	3 : 00 - 4:30pm Branch Practice
Sat 8 th Oct.	Market Rasen (8) TBC	Guild 8-bell Striking Competition
Sat 10 th Dec	Walesby (8)	6:00pm candlelit carol service at 7:30pm

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Sat 8 th Jan	TBC	Christmas Social
Sat 28 th Jan	Caistor (8) TBC	AGM
Saturday 31 st March (4 th sat)	TBC	3: 00 - 4: 00 pm branch practice