

Ringling and Coronavirus – Some Guidance from the Central Branch Committee

Central Branch Events.

Given predictions that the worst of the outbreak is coming over the next 10-12 weeks; and growing uncertainty over travel restriction; public/group gatherings etc; it seems prudent in line with current need to restrict virus spread; to put Branch functions 'on hold'; certainly during April and probably also May. The following two practices are therefore affected:-

April 4th – Thorpe on the Hill; 3-5pm

May 9th – Scothern; 6.30-8pm

Thorpe on the Hill will be cancelled, but the committee will communicate further at the beginning of May in relation to Scothern in line with medical advice nearer that time.

Whether the **GUILD AGM** at Lincoln on April 25th goes ahead is for others to consider.

Individual Towers

Unless government restrictions demand otherwise it is for tower captains and/or ringing arrangers to decide whether practice nights and/or Sunday ringing goes ahead or not. If ringing does go ahead, then we would urge tower captains etc to take whatever precautions or mitigation they consider appropriate to prevent virus spread – for example:-

- Hand washing or gel applications; or wearing gloves(?)
- Ask of their band that anyone having developed or developing flu/cold/viral symptoms, immediately self-isolate themselves from ringing for 14 days, or until tested 'negative'.

Further government and medical advice is available on various websites; or social media.