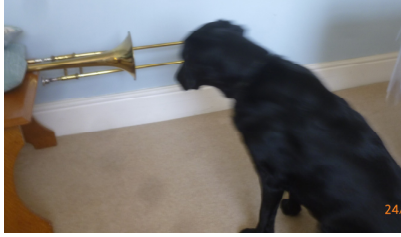




# Go Lincolnshire!

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. AUGUST 2020

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 5.



In HMV 4 I predicted limited Sunday service ringing might return soon. Well I was right! I don't know how many LDG towers have rung 'post lockdown' but it must be quite a few. If you haven't yet rung, there is no hurry, do so as soon as you are able and you feel comfortable about it. The CC guidelines are updated every Friday, so do keep a close eye on what the current guidelines are before ringing. [cccbr.org.uk](http://cccbr.org.uk) The next goal is to ring all of our bells once again, rather than a socially distant - and so potentially a rather odd - combination of bells. I fear that might not be possible until 2021, when either the virus has gone or we have a vaccine in place.

Given ringing as we know it is still a long way off, it will come as no surprise to know that I have cancelled both Guild striking contests due to take place in a couple of months time. Both the 6 bell (in Sept) and the 8 bell (in Oct) cannot take place this year.

The 2020 annual meeting of the CC will be a virtual one, which should prove entertaining! It is happening on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has anything they want their CC reps to know about, please contact one of us. Chris Sharp, Philip Green and myself are your CC reps. You need to contact us asap, because if we are to raise any issue we need to inform the CC Secretary well before the meeting. As it is a virtual meeting, actual live debating will be difficult, so any issues need to be discussed via email beforehand. This is already happening, with discussions about opening out the CC to smaller societies currently taking place on line and via the Ringing World.

Ringing room and zoom continue to be popular. However, now we can meet outside, why not hold some real hand bell practices as well as holding virtual ones. Hopefully we will have some decent weather during the next couple of months, meaning we can hold outdoor practices without getting too cold and/or wet!

If you are planning on going away over the next few weeks, do enjoy yourselves. One of the things I always enjoy, when holidaying in the UK, is joining in with local practices and Sunday service ringing. Not in 2020 though, another casualty of the C-19 situation!!

Keep safe, Chris

**100 club** £10 Val Fox £5 Colin Disney

### News from the branches:

Quite a number of towers around the Diocese have now rung their bells for Sunday Services. Fewer bells than normal are being rung to comply with regulations, and many ringers are reported to be ringing in masks.

#### Central:

The branch held a virtual summer meeting using Ringing Room and Zoom. This was a very successful get together with around 15 ringers joining, including the Guild Master. Up to Plain Hunt Triples was rung, for some this was their first experience of RR. The branch intend to hold their next meeting this way too and hope that even more will join in.

Many congratulations to Alex Bell who was awarded Highly Commended in both the ART Learning the Ropes Individual achievement and Contribution awards. A well deserved award for this enthusiastic young ringer who hopefully will make a great contribution to ringing in the Guild for many years.

A group of ringers have volunteered to visit branch towers to check up on the state of the bells after 4 months of silence.

#### Southern:

A QP of Cambridge Minor was rung using the Ringing Room platform, the band believe that to be the 1<sup>st</sup> for the Guild on RR. It was to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Terry Maddison, TC of Thurlby. Many congratulations to Terry and to the band. The band subsequently have rung a QP of 2 Surprise Minor – very well done.

#### Northern.

The branch held their striking competition via Zoom and Ringing Room. Individuals from 4 branches including the Guild Master rang the Test piece PH5, organised in a Rabbits style draw using playing cards. Everyone was a winner! They have held a familiarisation with RR session and had a social quiz night. They had another branch practice using RR to ring on 8 and 10 bells and have a 'Show & Tell' social scheduled for Saturday 1st Aug.

#### West Lindsey:

A QP then a week later a full peal of Plain Bob Major were rung on handbells in a very comfortable carport in Stow. Social distancing led to a very slow peal. Another, much quicker, peal of 6 minor methods was rung in the venue despite the tiny flies crawling over the ringers.

#### Elloe Deaneries:

Luke Tobin and Anthony Walker rang their 1<sup>st</sup> QP on handbells – PB Minimus in the garage, aptly renamed St Astra! They then rang a QP of Kent TB minimus. The entry onto BellBoard is well worth reading for its accompanying poem.

**Whilst in lockdown:** The result of the Central Council YouTube competition was announced. Tim Handbell Robot was the winner with Blindfold ringing on handbells coming second. You can see these on <https://rwrld.uk/iiae>

#### Best wishes to you all

**Reminder: if you have items you want including in the newsheet, please send me an email with details. Sue Faul**