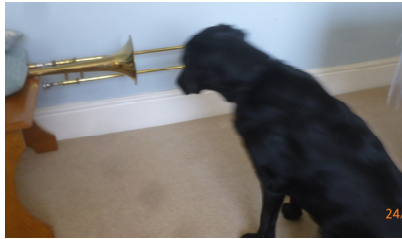




### Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 17.



Hello everyone,

All formal restrictions have now ended, enabling us to ring all our bells once again. It has been great to ring and hear all 8 bells at Stow for the first time since March 2020 and I am sure it is a similar story right across the Guild.

Some will find the return to ringing easier than others, so please be patient with those who are not quite ready for a full return. Come back when you are ready. The hard work now begins, retention and recruitment of ringers – good luck to you all.

I think the end of formal ringing restrictions is a good time for me to 'lose my voice' as the editor jokingly put it. So whilst I may well write some things for this Newsletter in the future, the time is right to end my monthly His Master's Voice. When I wrote the first one I never dreamt I would need to write another 16!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the Guild ringing day on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chris

**100 Club** £10: 62. Lois Webb £5: 67. Gill Gladman

**Christmas cards:** It is a strange time of the year to be thinking about these. Is there a budding artist out there who could design a Christmas card for the Guild to use? Please don't be shy, your Guild needs you!

### News from the branches:

**Central** The Branch has run two practices fully compliant with CCand C of E guidelines. Small (number-wise) and limited (time-wise) they were but showed what could be done where there's a will; and were very beneficial for the non-'experts' bravely attending and willing to try. The first, at Potterhanworth, allowed safety theory to be put into practice; and all went smoothly with ventilation, lateral flow testing, social distancing, and sanitisation. The second, at Welbourn, was even better since good weather allowed the west door to be fully opened and ringers sat around chatting (socially distanced) in the warmth of the churchyard between touches. Branch voluntary tower inspectors have been active recently; with visits to Bardney, Brant Broughton, Great Hale, Heckington, Eagle, and Welbourn. All had their bell chamber quirks examined and reports on the state and safety of the bells provided. At every tower they found something slightly amiss, even if not safety-critical and have even been able to do some on the spot repairs.

A peal was rung at Potterhanworth (3 S Minor) for the 73<sup>rd</sup> NHS anniversary. Congrats go to Robert and Janet Harvey on their Ruby Wedding anniversary, a 740 was rung at Potterhanworth on this occasion. A QP was also rung there for the Christening of Harvey Bishop, grandchild of Yvonne Woodcock, nephew to Chris. The band at Brant Broughton received nice emails from grateful villagers on the resumption of ringing there.

**West Lindsey:** A QP of 5 Doubles methods was rung at Gainsborough for the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the NHS. A QP of PB Triples was rung at Stow, was a 1<sup>st</sup> inside on tower bells for Alyson Blanchard and marked the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the death of her dog, Honey.

**Southern:** 3 QPs were rung at Sproxtton (2 S Minor, Netherseale and 2 S Minor) and 2 peals were rung there – one of 3 S Minor and one of 5 S Minor. It's good to see more names now appearing again in the peal columns. 2 QPs were rung at St Wulfram's Grantham and one handbell peal. These were rung for the Friends of Dorothy Society and was a 1<sup>st</sup> on handbells for Joe Waters (ex Alford ringer.) An 840 of Doubles was scored on the Thatcher 5 at Grantham.

**Illoe** A QP of Ipswich was rung at Fulney and one of Beverley at Whaplode. A QP was rung at Gedney to mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the passing of Rhoda Reynolds of Swineshead.

**Eastern:** A memorial service for Bill Brotherton was held at Addlethorpe. There was good ringing prior to the service at which about 50 family and ringing friends heard readings and reminiscences. Bill's ashes were then interred at Ingoldmells. A QP of Oxford TB was rung at Freiston. It was a 18<sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to James Pearson, Jo French's nephew.

**Ringing Room.** A QP of 2 SSM was the 1<sup>st</sup> of spliced for Alyson Blanchard and was a 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary congrats to Jim and Christine Benner. A QP of Warkworth S Minor was a 1<sup>st</sup> in methos for Jane McKee, Diane Faux and Gill Gladman. A QP of Bristol Major was a 1<sup>st</sup> for Jo French, Jane McKee and Gill Gladman. Well done to them.

### Dates for your diaries

Aug 14	Central	Bassingham	6	Branch practice	
Oct 2	Guild Festival	Willingham area			

**Ringing for the first time for a while?** If you need any help with checking your bells you could contact TLB Services: For bespoke joinery, church bell work and timber work, call Tom Blyth on 07914522446 for free site visit and quote. [T.l.bservices@outlook.com](mailto:T.l.bservices@outlook.com) See Tom's advert in our Annual Report. Alternatively Taylor's of Loughborough has offered to check bells over at a reduced rate [inspections@taylorbells.co.uk](mailto:inspections@taylorbells.co.uk)

**Many thanks go to Chris Turner for his contributions over the last 18 months. Fingers crossed he can continue to rest his voice.**