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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. JULY 2020

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 4.



Another month of lockdown has passed and at last there are signs of what life might be like in the months ahead. The CC guidelines on ringing returns are well worth a read. In the short term, limited Sunday service ring might resume soon, but we are not there yet. It is still a long way off, but ringing as we know it WILL return. When ringing does resume, there will inevitably be some ringers more concerned about returning than others. We must all respect individual views. If some ringers do not feel able to return to the tower immediately ringing resumes, that is fine, come back when you are ready.

Ringing room and zoom continue to be popular, which is great. I know of numerous virtual meetings taking place across the guild and I am sure there are many going on that I am unaware of. Keeping in contact like this will ensure bands remain in touch and augers well for when ringing does return. I also note the return of real hand bell ringing, another encouraging sign that things are slowly recovering.

The guild has lost three more members this month, may Richard Short, Ron Lee and Peter Godfrey rest in peace. The LDG AGM 2020 will not happen. No-one feels the necessity to try to hold a virtual AGM, so we will not. This means the 2021 AGM will be a double header, two for the price of one!! A final decision about the guild Striking Contests in Sept and Oct will be made next month, but let's be honest, they are unlikely to take place. I feel we will need to see a fairly dramatic fall in the number of new C-19 infections over the next 4 weeks, and churches will have to be fully open, for any guild ringing to be able to take place in Sept or Oct. I am not holding my breath.

Have you looked at the guild website recently? If you have, you will see Jonathan has done sterling work updating the site. Thank you Jonathan.

100 club £10 74. Harold Gibson £5: 61. David Bennett

News from the branches:

Reports have come in from many parts of the Guild about the use of Zoom, What's App, Ringing Room for keeping tower and branch members in contact with each other. The Northern Branch recently held their branch meeting via Zoom.

Central:

Claire Holbrook (sec) reports, with much sadness, that Richard Short, from Ruskington passed away on 11th June. Richard was a regular at many other towers, including Sleaford, the midweek ringers and at the 8 bell practices, as well as being a member of the RAF Guild. Chris Woodcock tapped a QP of 3m Minimus in his memory.

At Dorrington, 72 PB Singles was rung by Yvonne and Chris on the day of the funeral of Rev Richard Dorrington, a past RM of the Society of Rambling Ringers. Chris followed this by a tapped QP of 2m Minimus. Chris and Yvonne also rang handbells in each of the churchyards of churches with which Ron Applewhite had been closely associated. A recording of the Cathedral bells was played during his funeral Service.

Heckington fundraising The ringers have asked that we all vote for this project. If they get more votes than fellow nominees their Bell Fund will benefit in the Co-op Autumn Fund Raising. It costs nothing to vote, on line is from June 22nd - July 5th www.lincolnshire.coop/ccvote There are 2 co-ops in Lincolnshire, if you belong to the wrong one you can join the other one for free.

Southern: Sadly the branch received news of the death of Ron Lee after a long illness. Ron was formerly a member of the branch and a longstanding ringer at Edenham so will have been well known to older ringers. Ron also rang at Thurlby and it was at Thurlby, then a five bell tower, that Ron rang his first and only peal. The South Lincs Triangle have got to grips with Ringing Room and have rung 120 London Minor and 3 SS Minor.

Northern: Accidentally omitted from last month's newsheet was that the QP of PB Minor on handbells using Zoom by Toby and James Hibbert was also a first on handbells for Toby and for the 3rd member of the band – Katherine Jennings. Very well done to them – ringing a QP on handbells is hard, ringing one via Zoom is a huge achievement.

West Lindsey: The first peal for the Guild since lockdown was rung in the garden on handbells in Willingham. A fly heading up the leg of the conductor's shorts added to the merriment of the band.

Elloe Deaneries: The branch have learnt of the death of Peter Godfrey, a stalwart of ringing at Crowland. He was still ringing at the age of 96 until he had a fall. His support of fellow ringers and his positivity will be greatly missed.

Whilst in lockdown:

The web page ringingteachers.org/resources/COVID-ringing-support is well worth looking at for lots of ideas. It also contains a link for the Central Council's newly produced index of webinars for training. As we are thinking about a gradual return to ringing we may like to start planning for recruitment. ringingteachers.org/resource-centre/recruitment-and-retention Is another site worth looking at.

Best wishes to you all

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