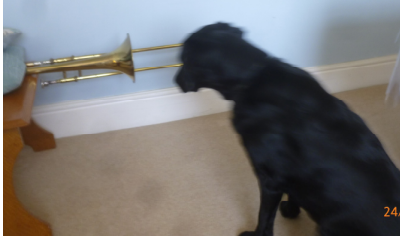




Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 16.



Hello everyone,

This will be a short HMV for a change, given I know there is a lot of other stuff to go into this newsletter.

The possible full return to ringing was delayed by Government for another month, so lets hope we can ring all our bells once again sometime during July. If this does happen, who knows I may not need to write another HMV, given all ringing taking place across the guild!!

Enjoy the summer and keep safe and well, All the best, Chris

100 Club £10: 54. Paul Andrews £5: 32. Lois Webb

News from the branches:

Northern: It is with much sadness that we report the death of Geoffrey F Bryant MBA of Barton-on-Humber. As well as being a ringer at St Mary's, Barton-upon-Humber, he was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths since he was elected in 1955. He was also a great historian and wrote many books and articles about the history of Barton on Humber. A memorial Service was held at St Mary's and a QP has been rung in his memory at Brigg. Grimsby Minster have resumed ringing for services on Sundays. Also practising on Wednesdays holding 2 x 45 minute sessions (one for intermediate ringers and the other more advanced). Great progress being made after such a short time of returning to ringing.

Eastern A 720 was rung at Fishtoft, half muffled in memory of Cindy West.

Elloe QPs were rung at Fleet and Quadring. Well done to Luke Tobin whose photo of St Paul's, Fulney was used by the Ringing World on its front cover on 25th June. The inside article describes the history of the church and bells.

Southern: The Belton Band of Bellringers are getting excited, their much anticipated restoration of the bells is about to begin. The bells will be lowered during the second week in July and taken to Whites of Appleton's premises for a full restoration with all new fittings before being reinstalled but still using the original 1872 Oak frame. The Band will continue to practice during the restoration at their "Belton Belfry" a 6 bell simulator and also other local towers. Funding for the project has come from The Lottery Heritage Fund, The Lincoln Guild, Crowd Funding and other smaller bell Charities.

Taken from the Rutland and Stamford Mercury:

Bellringers at St Martin's Church in Stamford are back in action following a £30,000 refurbishment project "Fortunately the Covid 19 pandemic break provided the perfect opportunity for some maintenance of the bells to be carried out using donations from the Harry Skells Trust, the Burghley Family Trust and churchgoers. It was carried out by Whites of Appleton, one of the few remaining bell hangers in the UK, and was completed on Friday last week, just in time for the ringers to meet up again as Covid-19 restrictions were eased. Bellringer Nick Faux said: "The sound of church bells plays an important part in Stamford life and we are pleased that we can start ringing again. Not only will the bells sound out again, but they should also sound sweeter and more even - although that's assuming the out-of-practice bellringers can remember how to do it!"

A 1st QP on handbells was rung by Jonathan Clegg and James Thorpe – PBMajor and was a first at the venue. QPs have been rung at Sproxton (Bourne S) and at Helpringham "celebrating new beginnings and gratifying farewells"

Central A peal was rung at St Botolph's Lincoln – last on the bells before being removed from the tower since the church was sold to the Greek Orthodox Church. This was in 2m – Cambridge and Plain Bob. Radio Lincolnshire broadcast some of their morning programme from the church as the bells were being removed. This is well worth a listen <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09kkgvk> 36 mins, 30 sec, into it is the intro piece, 43 mins, 22 secs, into it is Rev Jeremy Cullimore being interviewed, 3 hrs, 13 mins, 37 secs, into it is Tom Blyth of Blyth & Co Bell Hangers being interviewed, 3 hrs, 23 mins, 55 secs, into it is Chris Woodcock being interviewed.

Ringing Room. It's great to be able to relegate this item to below branch news! A QP of 4 SSMajor was rung (Superlative, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lessness) and was a most SS methods for Jo French and Jane McKee. A handbell QP of Norwich was a 1st of surprise for Katherine Jennings and in hand for Toby Hibbert.

Dates for your diaries

10 July	Central	Welbourne	8	Practice	1500
24 July	Central	Eagle, Thorpe		Training	10 - 12
Oct 2	Guild Festival	Willingham area			

Ringing for the first time for a while? Don't forget to check the bells over before you start. If you need any help with this 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 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