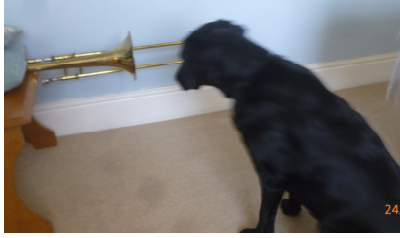




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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. JUNE 2020

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 3.



Hello everyone,

This lockdown is becoming rather tedious now! The novelty of the first few weeks has passed and we are slowly realising that we won't be returning to ringing anytime soon. The recent advice from the CC and people like the Chief Medical Officer suggests it is likely to be 2021 before we can enter our ringing chambers and ring together once again. This means that the Guild 6 and 8 bell striking contests and Sept and Oct are unlikely to take place. We do not have to make a final decision August, so there is a remote possibility that things could still change.

I have asked the committee members for their views on what we do about the 2020 AGM.

The choices are to hold the AGM at one of the two striking contests, hold a virtual meeting, or abandon the 2020 AGM altogether. Next month I will let you know the committee's decision. In the mean time, if you have any firm views on the 2020 AGM or any other guild matter, do let me know.

The month of May has been a frustrating one for me. A weeks holiday, was cancelled as was loads of ringing for VE. 75 Ringing trips to Ypres with the Stow ringers and peal ringing on Lundy have been abandoned. I'm sure you will have similar stories to tell of missed opportunities. At least the weather has been good, albeit too dry for our gardens.

We lost another prominent guild member in May, with the passing of Ron Applewhite. As was the case with Bill Brotherton, lockdown will prevent ringers from attending the funeral, which is a great pity. I am sure some commemorative ringing will take place for Ron and Bill, when conditions allow.

As I write this HMV 3, there are signs that lockdown restrictions are slowly beginning to be relaxed. We can get out and drive around a bit. This means the LDG can complete the distribution of its 2019 Reports! I am only too aware that at least half the guild members have yet to see it, given that those for the WLB, CB and NB are all at my house! The 2019 Report is one of the best I have seen for some years, well done and thank you Philip Green. So when you all finally get your copy, I think you will feel the wait was worth it.

Finally, we must all continue to do whatever we can to keep our bands together. Talk to one another, ring someone up, email people, zoom together, do something together. The longer this period of inactivity goes on, the more likely it becomes that some ringers will get used to no ringing and so decide not to return when ringing restarts, We must do all we can to eliminate this scenario and so must maintain interest in bells, bellringing and bellringers.

Keep safe, Chris

**100 club** £10: Alfie Hynes £5: Anne Russell Thanks to all those who have managed to pay their subscriptions. There is still time to renew or join before the June draw. Best wishes to you all, Alison, BRF Treasurer

### News from the branches:

**Central** It was with great sadness that the death of Ron Applewhite was announced. Ron was an Honorary Life Member of Guild and for some years had been the oldest member of the Guild. A very full and interesting account of Ron's contribution to ringing in the Guild, and particularly the Central branch can be found on the Guild website. Permission was given to toll the Tenor bell at Potterhanworth 100 times as Ron had very recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Chris Woodcock tapped a QP of minimus (2m) on 4 handbells in his memory. Chris also tapped a QP of PB Minimus earlier in the month.

**Eastern** Although only close family members were able to attend the funeral of much loved branch member, Bill Brotherton, ringing friends from Alford were able to form a Guard of Honour at the gates to the crematorium. Some virtual ringing by the virtual Butterwick group was dedicated to Bill's memory.

In Algarkirk an "unknown ringer" tolled their house bell 75 times for VE day.

**Elloe Deaneries** At Holbeach a virtual 72 of Cambridge Minor was rung and has been claimed as the most advanced piece of ringing so far for the LDG during lockdown. It commemorated the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hull's Amy Johnson's completion of the flight from the UK to Australia.

**Northern:** James and Toby Hibbert rang a QP of PB Minor on handbells using Zoom from Bristol and Lincs. It was a birthday compliment to Judith Willcocks, former member of the branch. They believed that this was possibly the first QP to had been rung using the Zoom platform.

**Whilst in lockdown** you may want to have a look at various web sites related to ringing. For VE day a 75 minute podcast on Funwithbells was released which talked about the WWII ringing ban and the return to ringing after Ester 1943. If you want to find out what Abel is all about, search You Tube for "Abel Getting Started" for tutorials There are several You Tube channels that have audio and video clips of ringing from around the country: simonbellringer, Bellringer, lovesguide, AR-RingingVideos are worth a look at. If you are registered with ART, there are some very useful tutorials for getting started on ringing handbells. **Best wishes to you all**