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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. MAY 2020

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 2.



Given this period of no ringing is very likely to be going on for a lot longer than we initially imagined, I am going to say a few words each month. I have entitled these pieces His Master's Voice, for obvious reasons.

In true HMV style, I have created a logo to go with my words. It is clearly based on the original gramophone painting used by HMV prior to its demise in the 1970's, but I have 'improved' things by using the only vaguely similar things I have at home a trombone bell and my dog Poppy. I appreciate Nipper was white, whereas Poppy is black, but hey-ho, what does that matter.

I am writing this on Saturday April 25th, on what should have been AGM day. It is not often I say 'I wish I could go to an AGM' but I said it today. I missed the communion in the Ringers Chapel and I missed welcoming the Dean (Rev Christine Wilson, our President) back from her enforced absence. I missed meeting many of you during the day and in particular enjoying a sit down lunch together. I missed everyone mulling over the new 2019 GuildReport, which I know many of you will not have seen yet, but is excellent (and worth the wait). But most of all, I missed standing in silence to remember those guild members we lost during the last 12 months, in particular, Bill Brotherton, husband of our secretary Helen, who sadly died last week. May he rest in peace.

A month ago, I predicted the next bit of ringing we do, 'might' be for the 75th anniversary of VE Day on May 8/9/10. I was wrong. All the celebrations for that weekend have been cancelled. It is hoped that most, if not all, of these celebrations can now be undertaken on the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, over the w/e August 14/15/16. However, it cannot be assumed we will be back ringing by then. If social distancing is still in place come August then I can't see that we'll be ringing by then.

What words of wisdom can I come up with? Not many I am afraid. We must all do whatever we can to try to keep our bands together. Do something together as a band, even if it is just a simple quiz or doing some homework, such as writing out a lead of plain hunt! Maybe do something 'virtual' on practice night.

Then branches need to keep in contact with all the towers within their branch, reminding everyone that ringing WILL return one day and what a party we will have when it does!

Finally for today, if you are really bored why not build a robotic handbell ringer! I Look at the UTube videos that accompany two entries on Bellboard, Bosham on 30/4 and the other at Glasgow on 23/4, you won't be disappointed. <https://rwrld.uk/6flij> Keep safe, Chris

100 club: April The draw took place by video conferencing, witnessed by Chris Turner

£100: 66 Graham Colborne £50: 68 Alan Donaldson £25: 41 Sleaford Ringers
£10: 26 Bruce Benstead £5: 108 Phil Wild

Have you ever thought about joining the 100 Club? The LDG 100 Club exists to raise money for the Guild Bell Repair Fund. Members- individuals, groups or towers- are able to purchase one or more lottery numbers for the small sum of £1 each month. These numbers are then entered into a monthly draw for two small cash prizes, with an additional 'Grand Draw' for prizes of £100, £50 and £25, which usually takes place at the Guild AGM. All profits from the 100 Club go directly to the BRF. Over £800 was raised in 2019 and we are very grateful for the support of existing subscribers. How to join: It would be fantastic if the club could actually have one hundred members and now would be a good time to join, as the new year is about to begin. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me, either by text or phone on 07824771695 or email treasurer@sb.ldgcb.org.uk Alison Jones

News from the branches:

Eastern: Very sadly the death of Bill Brotherton was announced. As Kate Meyer said "Bill will be a very much missed friend and a big loss to the branch, not only with his ringing and conducting skills but also in his willingness to ring and support many towers and ringers and the branch." Our condolences go to Helen and her family.

West Lindsey Branch

Branch members were saddened to hear of the death of Grace East, a ringer for many years at Saxilby. She died peacefully at home, aged 91.

Ringing Returns: The CCCBR PR working group has announced the formation of a Ringing Returns campaign. The suggestion is that we all make good of this downtime to learn something new so that once the restrictions are lifted we can put it into practice by recording a performance. Secondly we should use this time to think how we can celebrate the return to ringing, and perhaps plan a recruitment campaign where we can invite our communities to share in the joy of returning to ringing. Resources to help with this can be found at <https://bit.ly/2xIA4TX> and <https://bit.ly/2UAmuv9>

The Ringing World is currently running a discount for new subscribers and a new six month online-only subscription, Use code RW2020 to get the discounts (25% off normal prices) Discounted rates : £20 for 3 month subscription, £44 for 6 months £35 for 6 month online sub. There are lots of very interesting articles each week and currently extra puzzles, crosswords etc.

Ideas for things to do: There is an interesting series of podcasts available to listen to – the latest is about the importance of good striking, others have been about historical aspects of ringing, new learners etc. See funwithbells.com

If you are registered with ART there is a lot of material available on smartringer to support each of the levels. The Steve Coleman series of books are an excellent read. Purchase and download Abel to your computer –put Abelsim into your browser. There's John Harrison's Ringing Glossary – 800 words or phrases explained. <https://rwrld.uk/i45u>

And finally: Phil Rogers, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths said "the Society was formed in 1637. In its time it has seen civil war, plague, the Great Fire, rebellion and two world wars, depression and recession. Many of these were seen at the time as existential threats but as a nation and as an exercise we survived them and eventually prospered. We will get through this."