



# Go Lincolnshire!

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. NOVEMBER 2020

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 8.



Hello everyone,

This C-19 situation is resulting in a number of strange things happening. I am a keen tower grabber and rarely miss the chance to ring at new towers when away on holiday in the UK. I have just returned from a short break in North Yorkshire and given there is currently no ringing, I did not bother to investigate any possible new towers before I left. The village we stayed in had a church, which was open, so I went in for a look. Imagine my surprise when I discovered 6 ropes hanging in the chancel crossing! Now back at home I have discovered Cowesby has a ringable 6 and I have not rung there!! We shall no doubt return!

Whilst away, things at the Ringing World appear to have reached crisis point. C-19 has effected many businesses and charities, so it cannot be a surprise to find the RW is finding life very difficult at the moment.

As I write this, it looks very much as if further restrictions are about to be placed upon us. Should any area enter Tier 2 (or 3 obviously), or should a new countrywide lockdown be put in place, then ringing will probably have to stop once again. As always, keep an eye on the CC website for the most up to date advice and guidance.

Finally, can I urge everyone to place their orders for Guild Christmas cards and calendars – I've put my order in.

Keep safe, Chris

**Christmas cards and calendars:** Please look at the advert for these on the Guild website and help your fundraising reps by placing your orders promptly. Calendars make an excellent Christmas present, especially for people from the towers featured and are easy to post. Please support your BRF.

**100 club** £10 Jenny Kirkby ( very lucky this year) £5 Andrew Lord Witnessed at a 'Ringing Room' session.

**Lincolnshire Day:** QPs were rung at St Mary le Wigford and Potterhanworth utilising social bubbles. A handbell QP was rung at Willingham. 224 changes of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was rung on Ringing Room. This RR group is making great progress, they've rung courses of Bristol, Yorkshire etc recently. Meeting on Wednesday evenings are Gill Gladman, Jo French, Sylvia Taylor, Diane Faux, Chris Sharp, Jim Benner, Barry Jones, Keith Brown, Jane McKee and Chris Turner, so nicely spread around the county. No doubt there are many other RR groups around the Guild who are making progress too.

## News from the branches:

**Central:** A Q of Potterhanworth Singles was rung to welcome Harvey Adam Bishop, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild for Yvonne Woodcock and a nephew for Chris. A date touch of 1620 Minimus was rung at Metheringham on the back 4 bells to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these bells being cast as a complete ring of 4 by Paul Hutton. QPs were rung at Blankney to mark the centenary of the 1<sup>st</sup> peal on the bells following augmentation.

The branch are holding a Quiz night on Zoom on 14<sup>th</sup> November. See the Guild website for details.

**Southern:** Congratulations to Alison and Barry Jones on becoming grandparents. Unfortunately they will not be able to visit baby Annie Elizabeth Nation as she lives in Australia but, thanks to modern technology, have been able to see their new grandchild on facetime. Emily, mum, was a ringer at Bourne, now a tower member of Geelong, near Melbourne..

**Eastern:** Sunday ringing at Fishtoft was dedicated to the memory of Aubrey Pepper, TC of Fishtoft for many years. Aubrey made a great contribution to ringing and teaching in the Guild. He passed away in Weston Super Mare. A handbell QP was rung in his memory at Well. Another handbell QP was rung at Well for the ordination of Shereen Angus at Alford.

**Northern:** Special ringing took place at Caistor for the ordination service of Catherine Wiley. Market Rasen's clappers were removed in June and have now been replaced. Once risk assessments have been completed, the bells will be rung again, on a Covid limited basis, for Services. Grimsby and Barton ringers are making good use of Zoom for keeping together, Grimsby enjoying some different activities such as Countdown and painting.

**West Lindsey:** A handbell peal was scored at Keeper's Cottage garage on a lovely Autumn day. The ringers are having to wear increasing numbers of layers and having to increase levels of concentration to overcome distractions of aeroplanes, falling acorns and general weather conditions. At least the flies have subsided.

**Have you heard? ..** There are some amazingly ingenious ways people are keeping interest and enthusiasm in ringing going. Some towers around the country are ringing their bells from split levels – taking social distancing to another dimension and really testing their striking ability. Lots of ringers are using various computer applications, the latest is ringing using the very popular game "Minecraft" You can see a video of this on

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwV5p5iYO\\_4&ab\\_channel=RingerJake](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwV5p5iYO_4&ab_channel=RingerJake) or go to Oct 15<sup>th</sup> on Bellboard and click the link.

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**Sue Faull Best wishes to you all.**