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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSSHEET AND DIARY. SEPTEMBER 2020

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 6.



Hello everyone,

It has been hinted at that slightly amended rules regarding 'Covid-19 compliant' ringing are to be announced soon, which hopefully will mean we might be able to ring a few more bells during the '15 minutes Sunday ringing' we are currently allowed. Keep a close eye on the Central Council website for details. Our guild young ringers were due to meet around this time of year, but that has had to be cancelled of course - another casualty of the current situation.

As I indicated last month, the annual CC meeting is being held on Zoom in early September. I will let you all know the outcome of this years meeting in my next HMV. If the CC meeting on Zoom goes well, as I am sure it will, then I will look to organise our next guild committee meeting on Zoom. This is not due to take place until November, so there is plenty of time to let me, or any other guild committee member know, of any issue(s) you want raising. I know what question we all want answering, when will things get back to normal? That is a question no-one is able to answer. All I can say is that regrettably, we are still months away from returning to anything like 'normal' ringing.

One advantage of ringing virtually, via Ringing Room, is that any group of ringers can get together and attempt to ring anything they like. If there is anyone within our guild who wants to specifically ring something on RR but can't, or does not know how to, organise such a thing, let me know (via email) and I will try to arrange something for you.

Keep safe, Chris

Christmas cards and calendars: These are currently being printed and will be available for sale soon. An advert will be placed on the Guild website soon to give you more details. It will be more complicated than usual to get these distributed

but with everyone's help, difficulties will be overcome. As usual we are very grateful to Philip Green for his generosity with the printing which allows us to add significant amounts of money to the BRF each year.

100 club £10: Brenda Donaldson £5: Robert Harvey (Drawn with witnesses via Zoom/ Ringing Room) **VJ Day:** Quite a number of Towers from all around the Guild tolled their bells on Aug 15th for VJ Day.

News from the branches:

Central:

Chris and Yvonne Woodcock rang a QP of Court and PB Singles for Sunday Service at Potterhanworth, (Chris double handing). As two members of the same household they are able to ring for longer periods of time. They rang another for VJ Day.

Northern. James and Toby Hibbert and Katherine Jennings continue to make great progress with their handbell ringing – they rang a QP of Oxford Treble Bob Minor which was a first of TB in hand for Toby and Katherine and first as conductor of TB for James. It was rung in memory of Katherine's grandfather.

West Lindsey:

Sadly, the branch lost a ringer from Winterton. Robert Bridge was an active member in the 60's and treasurer for the last 20 odd years. Although not seen recently at practises he could always be relied upon to make up a band when needed. Socially distanced "practice nights" have been taking place outdoors in Willingham and Stow. Willingham's has moved to the Village Hall now that the weather has become very unpredictable. Good progress is being made with ringing plain hunt and plain bob on handbells (one bell per ringer) It gets easier after a glass of wine. A QP of 5 minor methods was rung on handbells in Chris Turner's carport whilst he was away on holiday.

Whilst in lockdown: You might like to have a look at the winning entry for the Central Council's Youtube competition. This month it was for the best striking on 8 bells or more. It was won by a Devon Call Change band: "Bells of Bridgerule" cccbr.org.uk/youtube competition

Best wishes to you all

Reminder: if you have items you want including in the newssheet, please send me an email with details. Sue Faull