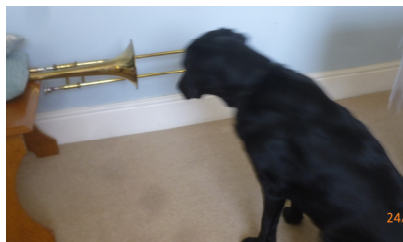




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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. DECEMBER 2020

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 9.



Well, just as we look forward to exiting Lockdown 2, we all find ourselves entering Tier 3. No change then and certainly no tower bell ringing. I cannot remember the last time I did not ring half muffled on Remembrance Sunday, nor the last time I did not ring over the Christmas period, which is now looking extremely unlikely. I am sure many of you also cannot ever remember not ringing at these special occasions. The “zoom” guild committee meeting in November went well. There were no technical problems and a number of important decisions were made. There will be no subscription in 2021, all 2020 members will automatically be members in 2021 as well. All outgoings, like guild insurance etc, will continue as normal in 2021. If anyone would like to make a donation in lieu of a subscription, then please look at the information on the guild website.

(For Gift Aid purposes, legally, we need to know where any donations go, hence the need for more form filling I'm afraid.) All branches were encouraged to hold their AGM's in January/February 2021 as normal. In all cases, this is likely to be a “zoom” meeting. One advantage of this, for me, is that I should be able to attend all 6 AGMs without even leaving my house! I attended the on line College Youths dinner in November - the current CY master is an old mate of mine - and I was struck by a comment made by one of the guest speakers. He stated his disapproval of social distancing. Well, that was a bit controversial, until he went on to say he approved of physical distancing but not social distancing. What an excellent point to make! Yes, we all need to keep our physical distances, but at the same time we must maintain as much social contact as we can, especially over the coming Christmas period. Telephone people, hold zoom meetings, chat via social media, do whatever you can to keep in contact with friends and family, ringers and non-ringers alike.

So I will end by wishing you all a Happy Christmas and hope that sometime during 2021 Covid-19 will be brought under control and we can return to our towers to do what we all love, ring church bells. 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. Please support your BRF.

100 club £10: 22. Viv Simpson £5: 27. Scotter Tower Drawn at a Zoom meeting.

Ringling Room: This platform is gaining in importance. Good progress is being made at all levels around the Guild. Jenny and Andy Bennett rang their 1st QP on RR – Cambridge Minor. It was a birthday compliment to Andy. A QP of Burnaby Minor was rung, it was a 1st in method for Sylvia Taylor and Gill Gladman. A QP of Cambridge Major was rung for Remembrance Day and was a 1st of Surprise for Jane McKee. Jane has now rung a QP of 6 spliced surprise minor, only 18 months after first learning Cambridge. A QP of PBD was a 1st on RR for Rhona McEune with ringers from Yorkshire. Stephen Clarke rang his 1st on RR, PBMinor with Manchester ringers. Ringing 2 bells each, Toby and James Hibbert and Katherine Jennings rang a QP of Plain and Little Minor from their dispersed locations. It was a first of spliced and on RR or Katherine and Toby and 1st spliced as cond for James. Well done to them all.

News from the branches:

Central: A few days early due to lockdown, QPs were rung for Armistice Day at St Mary le Wigford and a date touch 1920 at Potterhanworth. The centenary of the village war memorial was commemorated and villagers informed via their facebook page. A QP was rung at Nocton for All Saints Day.

Elloe Deaneries: It's great to hear that the bells at St Paul's, Fulney (Spalding) have been ringing again thanks to the huge effort put in by Anthony Walker, Luke Tobin and John Bennett. The early work focussed on clearing the tower of accumulated debris and tightening of the bells to the headstocks. This was done in July/August. Luke has written a piece about the project which can be found on the guild website (Elloe Belfry news for October). Taylors have inspected the bells and are happy that they are now ringable. The work continues with frame painting and at some point the clappers/rollerboxes will be removed for refurbishment. This work is estimated at £3.6k + VAT. There is currently an appeal running to cover these costs. If anyone feels able to help with that appeal please contact Maxine (Elloe Secretary) secretary@edb.ldgcb.org.uk for more info.

Northern A branch social was held via Zoom. 19 participants including visitors from Central Branch joined in. There was a general round up of news from all areas followed by a bit of fun with the Generation Game. Ashley, Richard and David won, getting 17 out of 20 points. Another fun and games Christmas social is being planned for 16th December. Grimsby Minster ringers have continued with their Wednesday zoom meetings. Various activities have been undertaken including a comedy night (and a bit of Ringing Room). The team also joined the Branch zoom Generation Game.

West Lindsey In between the two lockdown periods, quite a number of handbell peals were rung in various outdoor or semi outdoor venues. More info can be found about these in an article on the Guild website. A peal was rung in Willingham's (Covid Secure) village Hall on the day before lockdown v2.

Have you heard? The Ringing World recently produced a very interesting issue focussing on women in ringing. It's well worth a read. Whilst new recruits are generally a 50/50 split male/female, the proportion of women who conduct, compose or take part in peals drops off dramatically. There is a website womeninringing.info which shares women's stories about their experience of gender issues in ringing and invites others to add their stories. The Central Council website (cccbr.org.uk) has a Youtube index on its resources page – info about webinars, youtube lessons – something for everyone. A QP has now been rung using the video game “Minecraft” PB Minimus was scored. (see last month's newsletter for links to view) A new podcast has been produced in Funwithbells.co

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL