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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. FEBRUARY 2021

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 11.



Hello everyone,

My last HMV was out of date before it even got sent out, as Tier 4 quickly evolved into Lockdown 3. This will not happen with this one, as unfortunately, I don't think we will emerge out of Lockdown 3 for quite a while yet. However, keep up your resolves, remain positive and look forward to the good times that lie ahead – the end is in sight, albeit currently a long way in the distance.

It was good to 'see' many of you at your branch AGMs, and for the two branches still to hold their AGMs. it will be good!

Once the branches have completed their AGMs, we are holding a Guild committee meeting on Feb 13th. The main decisions the committee has to make are 1) date and format of the 2021 Guild AGM, 2) do we print a 2020 Report, as well as having it up on the website, 3) date(s) and format(s) of the Guild ringing festival(s) we will be holding in Sept and/or Oct, in place of the 6 and 8 bell striking contests. We will also be discussing the start of a review into how the guild collects and manages subscriptions, as well, of course, discussing retention and recruitment, the two buzz words for our return to ringing sometime in 2021. If anyone wants to comment on any of these items, just email me.

Keep safe, Chris

Christmas cards and calendars: Over £700 profit has been made for the BRF. A brilliant result.

100 club Drawn over Zoom at the Southern Branch committee meeting. £10: Sleaford Ringers £5: Brenda Donaldson (Rippingale) Alison Jones will shortly be getting in touch with existing members who normally renew their 100 Club subscription at this time of the year. There are still a few numbers left and new members would be very welcome. If would like to join, please contact her on either treasurer@sb.ldgcb.org.uk or 07824 771695 .

Ringing Room: Progress using RR goes on apace:

A QP of Elston Delight Minor was a 1st in method for Sylvia Taylor, Jane McKee and Chris Turner.

A QP of spliced surprise major (Cambs and Lincs) was rung to celebrate the birth of Harriet Rose, a 1st grandchild for Nick and Diane Faux. Congrats to the ringers, it was a 1st of SSM for Jane McKee and many congratulations to the new grandparents.

A QP of Bourne S Minor was rung to celebrate Jim Benner's 50 years to the day of membership of the LDG.

A QP of 3 surprise minor was a most methods on RR for Jo French.

A QP of PBD was a 1st on RR for all the band. Well done to Messingham/Scotter ringers Jacob and Tracey Black, Jenny Kirby, Mike Scarf, Ian Till and Brian Gilchrist. It was dedicated to Joy Till's mum, Jean, who died earlier that day.

A QP of PB Major was a 1st in RR for Alyson Blanchard and Sue Faull and first as cond in RR for Chris Turner. It was also Alyson's 1st QP of major (any platform)

News from the branches:

Central Branch President, Sandra Underwood, hosted the AGM using Zoom and solved any technical hitches. Various Guild representatives were present including Chris Turner, the Guild Master, Barbara Rand, Guild Treasurer and Jenny Bennett, the New Guild Membership Secretary. Claire Holbrook stood down as Secretary but is still a member of the Branch Committee. She was thanked her for all the work she has done and Gill Gladman was elected as the new Branch Secretary. Yvonne and Chris Woodcock ran 480 Singles at Nocton and, with Paul Sharp, minimus at Potterhanworth to celebrate the New Year.

Northern: QPs of Oxford and PB and Kent and PB were rung on handbells by Katherine Jennings, Toby and James Hibbert to celebrate the New Year. About a dozen members attended the Zoom Branch AGM. Roger Lord retired as Branch Treasurer after many years of service to the Guild and Branch and was thanked for all his work. Andy Bennett was elected as new Branch President, David Hibbert was elected Branch Treasurer and David Newson was elected onto the committee. The branch is delighted to welcome a new junior representative - Jay Burns from Grimsby Minster.

Eastern: Gemma and Ian Evans celebrated New Year at Harrington by ringing 2 bell rounds. On New Year's Eve a course of Stedman Triples was rung on RR to mark Tess Rowland's wedding anniversary.

West Lindsey: Many congratulations to Ella Collins, ringer at Springthorpe who was awarded the BEM in the New Year's Honours list. This was for services to the community in the current Covid crisis. The Branch AGM was attended by 23 members. All officers were re-elected for 2021. Tower members described the activities that are continuing during the current pandemic. It was clear that there is still plenty going on around the branch.

Southern: Forty one members logged into the S Branch AGM last Saturday. The new chairman, Jim Benner and new secretary, Sue Sydall were welcomed and the outgoing officers thanked. Two new members were elected. Extra zoom time gave a much appreciated social time before and after the meeting. Emily (Jones) Nation (who learned to ring at Bourne) and her baby daughter Annie joined a RR Zoom practice from Geelong, Australia and rang Cambridge Major amongst other things.

Elloe Deaneries: Fulney's clappers, roller boxes and other items are now at Taylor's ready for refurbishment and should be back in 6-8 weeks ready for ringing as soon as the lockdown is eased hope we can get some ringing on this fine peal of bells soon, many thanks for all the financial help from Members of this Guild it is much appreciated.

Have you heard: ART has produced "50 Virtual Ringing Things" to complement the "50 Ringing Things" For all those who like trying new ideas and ticking them off when done – this might be for you. <https://onlinelearning.bellringing.org>