

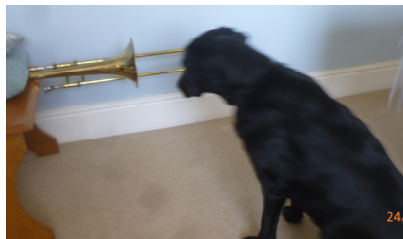


# Go Lincolnshire!

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. JANUARY 2021

**Happy New Year to you all.**

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 10.



Hello everyone,

Is it me or have other people been forgetting which tier we are currently in, things seem to change so regularly? Sadly this confusion has now gone as we have been placed in tier 4 with its further restrictions. It is all very depressing, but the good news is that the light at the end of the tunnel IS visible. Yes, we are likely to face a rough ride in the next couple of months but the end is in sight, just!

I am looking forward to 'seeing' many of you at all the upcoming virtual branch AGMs. If you can take part in your branch AGM, do so, you don't need to leave your house. It will be fascinating to discover how each branch tackles the technology. A major topic for all branches is to begin to plan for the return of ringing, how do we retain all of the ringers we had back in March 2020 and how do we go about recruiting lots of learners. We have lost at least one year of recruits, so we all need to play our parts in trying to fill the void this pandemic has created. Finally all I need say is to wish you all a very happy New Year. The sooner we can put the travails of 2020 behind us the better, the year 2021 has to be a good one.

Keep safe, Chris

**Christmas cards and calendars:** With still some money to come in, we can confidently say that over £500 profit will have been made for the BRF. That is an excellent amount considering all the difficulties involved this year. Many thanks to all who contributed, especially Philip Green, Mike Maughan, Tony Walker, the Branch fundraising reps and the TCs who coordinated sales.

**100 club** 1<sup>st</sup> £10 John Collett 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 Geoff Bryant Alison sends thanks to everyone who has contributed to the 100 club in any way during 2020. Thanks go to Alison too for all the work she does for the BRF.

#### **Ringling Room:**

A QP of Kirkstall Delight Minor was a 1<sup>st</sup> in method for Jane McKee and Chris Sharp. A QP of Lincolnshire S. Major was rung in celebration of the Ruiby Wedding Anniversary of Alison and Barry Jones. Many congratulations to them and to the ringers, it was a 1<sup>st</sup> in method for Jane McKee.

**Branch AGMs** Don't forget to join these on line if you possibly can. See how many extra grey hairs people have grown since you last met them.

#### **News from the branches:**

##### **Central**

It is so useful to have several ringing members of a family bubble and to be able to ring double handed – as evidenced by the QPs of minimus that have been rung at Potterhanworth, Nocton and St Mary le Wigford during the month especially in the run up to Christmas. A half muffled QP remembering 3 Lincoln soldiers who died in WW1 was followed by a fully open 240 rung to celebrate the long awaited opening of the Lincoln Eastern by-pass. Once we are able to travel to meetings again, this should take a lot of time off the journeys from north to south of the county.

Having been advised that trying to sing carols collectively on Zoom would end in disaster, the branch came up with an alternative plan and about a dozen erstwhile ringers joined Zoom and Ringing Room (RR) on our traditional Carol Service meeting day. Our first task ring was rounds on 12 bells which proved rather tricky due to broadband and lag issues. Our next challenge was to ring a Christmas Carol on handbells on RR. After a few practices, we eventually rang a very pleasant First Nowell, followed by a touch of Grandsire Doubles. A Scavenger Hunt was next on the agenda which Denise won overall as she managed to magically produce everything out of nowhere! More ringing followed which took us onto Mick and Betty's short Christmas quiz which was lovely. Greg was the eventual winner of the quiz by a "cracker".

##### **Northern:**

Ashley hosted a Countdown game on 16th Dec. 10 members from 4 towers represented. It was great fun with no great emphasis on who won the most points. Barton rang 4 bells socially distanced for Christmas. Grimsby ringers hold regular quiz nights, rang to coincide with Christmas Jingle on Christmas Eve and rang 6 on Christmas Day

A QP was rung at Caistor (6 Doubles methods) by 5 members of the Hibbert family on Christmas morning. Well done to them.

##### **Eastern:**

The Barker and Chafer families rang the bells of Candlesby for 15 mins on Christmas Eve maintaining the tradition of ringing there since 1978. At Harrington, the Evans family Christmas bubble rang together for the first time since 2017.

##### **Elloe Deaneries:**

Tony Walker and Luke Tobin rang 2 bells at Fulney at 6pm on Christmas Eve as part of the national call to ring bells on the doorstep.

**Have you heard?** That Bellboard has introduced a "Virtual Hub" page - designed to be a central place for information about virtual ringing-related events.