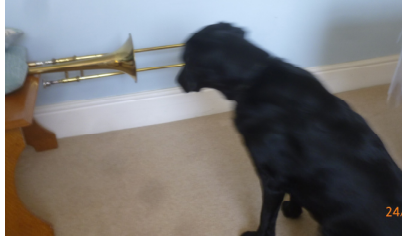




Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 14.



Hello everyone,

Is the end of this period of no social ringing in sight? Not quite yet, but there are hopeful signs that it will be soon. From May 17th, it is probable that up to 6 ringers, 1+ metres apart, will be able to ring for up to 45 minutes for services or practice. Then, who knows, towards the end of June we might even be able to ring more than 6 bells and hold more normal practices. Fingers crossed. The 2021 Guild AGM took place, via Zoom, on Saturday April 24th.

It was a success I feel with over 60 members joining in. Thank you to Sandra Underwood for hosting the meeting and for sharing accounts, rule changes and other documents on screen. How she managed to do that is beyond my limited IT abilities! Ian Till was elected as an Honorary Life Member, congratulations Ian, fully deserved. We now formally have a GDPR policy in place. Two BRF rule changes were passed. Jenny Bennett gave a brief resume of what she and her subcommittee will be reporting to the Guild Committee on May 8th, regarding an online membership database.

Have you all put Guild Ringing Festival in your diaries for Saturday October 2nd? Please do book this date, when we hope to have a Guild get together at Willingham, with a marquee for an outdoor lunch, and some ringing before and after at nearby towers.

Keep safe and I hope to see all the Guild Committee on May 8th, Chris

100 club £100: 68. Alan Donaldson £50: 9. Caitlin Meyer £25: 33 Les Townsend

£10: 11 Stow Tower £5: 81 David Reynolds

Ringling for HRH Prince Philip

Over 2,500 performances have been lined to the memory of HRH. Mostly this was single bell tolling. Towers right across the Guild were involved in ringing on the day of his death, the following day and on the day of his funeral.. Two QPs of minimus were rung at Potterhanworth and one at St Mary le Wigford at this time. A full peal was rung at St Mary le Wigford in 5 minimus methods (Chris Woodcock ringing 2 bells), it was the 20th peal on the bells. A QP was rung on RR of Kemerton and Badgeworth Bob on the day of the funeral.

Ringling Room:

There was little to report from Ringing Room until the end of the month when there was a late flurry. A QP of Yorkshire Major was a 1st of surprise for Alyson Blanchard. Then on 29th of the month, three QPs were scored: 2 Minor (Primrose and Norwich) and Cambridge S, which were rung on the 25th anniversary of the massacre in Tasmania, remembering the 35 people killed. A further QP of Superlative Major was rung which was a first in method for Jo French, Jane McKee and Alyson Blanchard.

Practices using RR still abound, the Butterwick team rang for the 60th birthday of fellow ringer, Bruce Talmage. Two new people have been introduced to the Cast of 1000 initiative this month – Jane McKee and Jo French. They have both had a very successful first session which bodes well for the future. The Guild now has at least eight members participating which is helping to put Lincolnshire on the map.

News from the branches:

Eastern: Many congratulations to Caitlyn Meyer on becoming a grandmother. Welcome to Sebastian Meyer, a son for Ben (ex Alford ringer) and wife Jemma.

Central: Three QPs were rung at Potterhanworth making use of their Covid bubble, for Good Friday, Easter Sunday and in memory of a local resident. Two further QPs were rung at St Mary le Wigford for St George's Day and for the Queen's birthday.

West Lindsey: branch members are very pleased that Ian Till has been elected Honorary Life Member of the Guild. Very well deserved. A handbell peal (9m) was rung in the carport at Keeper's Cottage, fortunately in lovely sunshine following some very cold days.

Northern: Five members of the Hibbert family plus Katherine Jennings rang a QP of PB Minor at Caistor for Easter. 3 of them also went on to ring a handbell peal that day for the B+D Society, it was a first peal for Katherine and 1st in hand for Toby and James. Well done to them.

Dates for your diaries

| May | Branch | Venue | | Time |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|--|-------------|
| May 8 | Central | Virtual | | 1930 - 2100 |
| Oct 2 | Guild Festival | Willingham area | | |

Ringling for the first time for a while? Don't forget to check the bells over before you start.