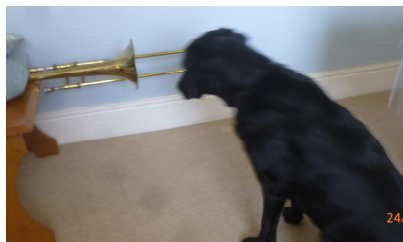




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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. OCTOBER 2020

Message from Guild Master, Chris Turner His Master's Voice no 7.



Hello everyone,

It has been a bad month, Covid wise. After a hint last month that slightly amended rules regarding 'Covid-19 compliant' ringing might be announced soon, all was thwarted by the early signs of a second wave. It is now fairly clear that we will not be ringing again until well into 2021 at the very earliest. Christmas will not be as festive or as family orientated as normal. All I can advise, ringing wise, is to keep a close eye on the Central Council website for the most up to date details.

The 'zoom' Central Council meeting went well, with all three of the LDG reps taking part. The main issues agreed were the acceptance of the Clerical Guild into full CC membership and the passing – after much debate – the motion to allow Small Societies into the CC as non- voting members. I do not know how my fellow LDG reps voted, but I am happy to tell you I voted in favour of accepting Smaller Societies, after initially having reservations.

The RW AGM went relatively smoothly as well. Indeed all was calm until Andrew Wilby accused the RW board of being dishonest; quite a claim really. I had some sympathy for Andrew, given the current RW finances were predicting a £30K loss for the year, and very likely next year, (due mostly to the loss of donations from QPs and Ps) without giving any indication of how the RW board were going to remedy this. Deck chairs on the Titanic?

Our next guild committee meeting will be a 'Zoom' meeting on November 14th. All committee members should receive details of this meeting by early October, please contact me if this does not happen. We will be discussing a subscription holiday for next year. Given all that has happened, no-one can really say they have had their £10's worth from the Guild this year, so I personally do not think we can contemplate asking members to pay £10 once again in 2021. If this proposal is agreed, branches need to be aware they will not receive any subscription income in 2021.

Other issues the committee will be discussing include a plan for the return of ringing (probably some time in 2021) and what should branches do about their AGM's in Jan/Feb 2021.

Keep safe, Chris

Christmas cards and calendars: Please look at the advert for these on the Guild website and place your orders soon. Calendars make an excellent Christmas present, especially for people from the towers featured and are easy to post. Please support your BRF.

100 club £10 20 Messingham Ringers £5: 107 Jenny Kirkby

News from the branches:

Central: Radio Lincolnshire were present to see the Ruskington bells being removed from the tower and wheeled on pallets through the churchyard before heading off for Whites of Appleton. Villagers have been fundraising for 4 years to meet the £50K cost of the restoration of the bells. Children from the village have written and illustrated stories about the bells. "The Six Bells of Ruskington Village" is available to buy on line.

Gill Gladman of Nettleham has rung several QPs using Ringing Room. She took part in a QP of Grandsire Triples "believed to be the longest length of GT to be rung on the RR platform" Ringers from Oxford to Aberavon, Middlezoy to Nettleham took part.

Northern Ringers from Grimsby Minster rang the 2,4,6,8 and tenor bells for a socially distanced remembrance ring for 15 minutes for Lewis Sewell, who didn't get to ring his "end of treatment bell" #lewisstory. Ringers were Angela and Sarah Newson, Amy and Kevin Dixon and Richard Haywood"

Eastern: A QP of PBMinor was rung on handbells at Well to celebrate the life of Bill Brotherton and to congratulate Hannah (ringer at Alford) on her marriage to George at South Elkington.

West Lindsey: Having had no weddings to ring for during the past few years, Willingham ringers have rung for 3 weddings during lockdown. Only 3 bells and for 15 minutes meant that no ringers fees were requested, but the married couples were all pleased to hear the bells sounding out on their special (but different) days. The local ringers, meeting in the village hall, rang a plain course of Grandsire Doubles on single handbells, only 2 of the band had accomplished this on tower bells previously. A great cheer went up when it came round.

Janet and Stephen Clarke rang 120 Plain Hunt \Minor on handbells for the 50th anniversary of Janet's first peal. Between them they only had 3 hands available, we'll expect PB Major once Stephen is fully capacitated. Handbell bands scored 4 peals during August – fresh air, accompanying birdsong, horses hooves and morning meet ups evidently suit them well.. Chris Sharp and Sue Faull rang their 300th peal together.

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