



Northern Branch Newsletter



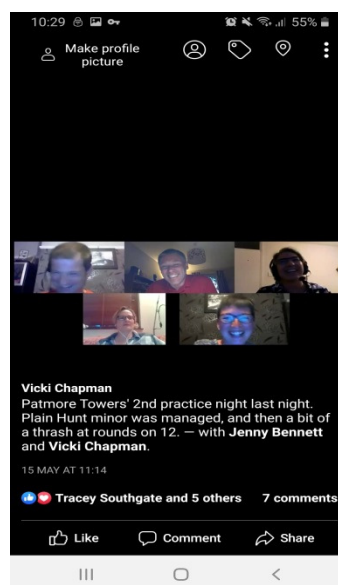
Branch News

Hello Everyone

Here I am again writing to you on behalf of the Branch Committee in the hope that this finds everyone well and safe. I think I can safely say that this lockdown situation has gone on longer than many of us thought it would.

Last Monday evening the Northern Branch Committee held their meeting via Zoom, the virtual meeting software. It went really well and was so lovely to see each-others faces. I think we achieved as much as if we had been in the room together. Part of the meeting is to discuss the diary of events and obviously there is not much we can discuss and plan for at the moment. But we all agreed that I would send out another newsletter to keep everyone in the loop as best we can. It would be nice to hear from Branch members if you're using virtual software to keep in touch, or email, or telephones. Let us know which you're using, if any, and we can share that with the rest of the Branch.

Since I last wrote Barton are still sharing a weekly email and jigsaw puzzle swap. Andy and I are participating in RingingRoom.com with friends and family from Essex. It's like Abel for 6 or more 'players' and you chat to each-other at the same time over Skype or Zoom.



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Now, if anyone wants to have a try, please get in touch with me and I'll set something up. Also, I'd be very keen to host a branch get together via video conferencing if anyone is interested. Partly because I'd like to see people, but also because I'd like us to stay connected. We don't have to talk ringing either, we can discuss how much cake we've eaten, how marvellous our gardens are looking after all this time spent tending to them in the glorious weather, or even do a short quiz. We could make it a party and get dressed up, bring your own drinks of course. If you want to take part and have some time spare, please send me your email address and I'll arrange something.

Grimsby Minster have been holding zoom practice nights every Wednesday. They have used various instruments/implements to make sounds to replicate bells to help them practice. They have also 'stepped' out Grandsire Doubles by using their stairs! They are also using Ringing Room to practice call changes, Plain Hunt and Grandsire. They recommend it saying it's a great tool for inexperienced as well as experience ringers.

As I mentioned before the Branch committee are thinking of ways we can celebrate getting back in to our towers as soon as this lockdown is lifted. Suggestions so far include general ringing where as many members as possible get together for a huge general practice, maybe at Grimsby. Another is that we have a Quarter Peal week or fortnight, ringing as many quarter peals as we can across the Branch. This is just the start of celebration ideas. The Central Council are looking at a campaign similar to Ringing Remembers called Ringing Returns for when this is over, keep your eyes on the Central Council website for updates. Make sure you check the Guild website too for messages from the Guild Master. Again, please let us know if you have anything planned at your tower, or if you have any other ideas. Does anyone have a large garden where they would be happy to host a party?

Joke of the month:

Person 1, Where's my Nammerdo?

Person 2, What's a Nammerdo?

Person 1, It bangs in nails

(Say out loud, it makes more sense



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Anyway, enough of my wittering. Please feel free to interact with this via the Branch Secretary (Mark) or directly to myself (email below) keep in touch

But most of all, stay safe

Until Soon

