



# Go Lincolnshire!

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD NEWSHEET AND DIARY. APRIL 2020

### **Message from the Guild Master, Chris Turner**

Hello everyone,

I am writing this short message the day after our PM installed a total lockdown across the country. These are indeed awful times. Ringing as we know it will not recommence for months, so we all have to find other things to do. My wife has already suggested a bit of decorating would not go amiss, but unfortunately, the likes of B&Q are now shut so I cannot get any paint! Phew.

Joking apart, for some the next few months will be tough. Our ringing family needs to pull together and I have no doubt whatsoever that we will do just that.

I send you all good wishes and I hope, with friendship and support for each other, we can all get through this unprecedented situation safely and that happier times are not too far ahead.

Keep safe.

Chris

### **RWNYC**

A group of 11 young ringers got together for an initial practice for the competition which was to have been held in York in July. The group rang really well and showed great progress with change ringing since last year. Sadly the competition has been postponed, probably cancelled for this year. Similarly the Ridgman Trophy 10 bell competition has been cancelled as has, of course, the Guild AGM

### **Future newsheets**

Obviously the news from around the Guild is going to be very thin over the coming months. So please, if you have anything you think might be of interest to other ringers, or might amuse or educate them, I would be very pleased to receive your items. [sue.faulk-at-btopenworld.com](mailto:sue.faulk-at-btopenworld.com)

### **Some alternatives to "normal" ringing**

Sam Napper has had a go at "ringing" a set of earthenware mugs in order to celebrate the birth of Peter Jones. Chris Turner tapped his handbells to rounds and "rather poor" plain hunt on 6 to welcome his new grandson, Ralph. Hopefully he's going to try to improve his striking!

**100 club:** £10 25 Jenny Kirkby £5 59 Sandra Underwood

### **News from the branches for March:**

#### **Central:**

A QP was rung at Washingborough to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Graham and Mary Whittaker of Washingborough. Graham was Tower Captain here in the 80s. It was a first of Lincolnshire for Claire and Bill Holbrook. Another was rung at Potterhanworth. Many congratulations to them both. Another QP was rung at Potterhanworth to congratulate Andrew and Ellie Blacklock on the birth of their daughter.

#### **Southern:**

2 new methods were rung to peals at Sproxtton this month. One of Grundisburgh Alliance was in memory of eminent ringer George Pipe and was Judith Rogers' 500<sup>th</sup> peal for the Guild. The other was named Gibside Surprise major. Terry Maddison had planned hip surgery in the middle of March just before hospitals closed their doors because of Covid 19. He is now home and convalescing, and has been pleased to receive phone calls. Members are making an effort to keep in touch whilst not ringing using Facebook, email (including group emails from regular practice nights attendees) and phone calls. One group made contact with 'retired' member Jim Haw, who has been happy to be in touch again.

#### **Eastern:**

A QP was rung on 29<sup>th</sup> February for the band to grab the date and to enjoy ringing together as a group of ringers who have a significant role in teaching, helping and encouraging new ringers in the area. At Sutterton a silent and non-conducted QP of PBD was a 1<sup>st</sup> for most of the band and amazingly, 1<sup>st</sup> as cover for highly experienced ringer Sylvia Taylor. A QP at Freiston was Jo French's 300<sup>th</sup> and her 1<sup>st</sup> of Minor as cond. It was also Sam Napper's 100<sup>th</sup> Q. The Branch had a very successful practice at Fishtoft, (probably a record turnout for a March meeting) starting with an introduction to change ringing on handbells, led by Kate Meyer and Val Wild. Refreshments were on offer as people arrived, making for a very warm welcome from the Fishtoft band, under tower captain David Bennett. From 6.30 to 8.30 the church bells were rung led by Ringing Master Tony Barker. A short meeting, chaired by new secretary, Colin Simpson, dealt with Branch business and election of new members, who were warmly welcomed.

#### **Northern:**

An all ladies band rang a 120 at Barton for the International Women's Day. William Lennox conducted his 1<sup>st</sup> QP of Minor at Caistor.

#### **Elloe Deaneries:**

At Edenham Luke Tobin rang his 1<sup>st</sup> QP of Lincolnshire Major, and at Sempringham his 1<sup>st</sup> of York S Minor.