



Northern Branch Newsletter



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December 2020

Hello Everyone

So here we are in December already. I can't decide if this year seems longer or has gone quicker. December is usually a month when we'd be planning all sorts of festive ringing. We'd be ringing for Carol Services, Christingle's, Midnight Mass as well as Christmas Day and possibly New Year. I fear that this won't be happening for many of us this year, sadly.

Hopefully we can all take heart that we are healthy and well and able to communicate through the ether. Personally I find it a marvel of modern technology that I can see faces through my computer screen and hold an almost 100% smooth conversation with real people.

I think you all know about the virtual online platform that is Ringing Room. I'm afraid I'm a bit obsessed with it to be honest. I participate in 5 sessions a week! Anyone who wants to have a practice at any time, feel free to ask. Some of you may think it's not for you or you would rather be on the end of a physical rope, but I am finding that it is helping to fill the gap. And there is the social side to it too.

Mid November saw a fair few of us join in the Branch Social on zoom. It was great to get a catch up with faces we haven't seen for most of this year, to hear news of how folks are and what's happening in their part of our little world. I hope that future events that are planned virtually are as well attended.

In fact..... Ashley has offered to provide us with some Festive Fun via zoom on Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm. Further details shall be winging their way to your mailboxes in due course. Please put the date in your diary and maybe turn up in your festive party outfits.

Mark (Branch Secretary) still has some Guild Cards and Calendars for sale. Please contact him ASAP if you want to purchase any.

The Guild committee held a virtual meeting in November and you are probably all aware now that we shall be having a subs holiday in 2021. If you still feel inclined to donate to the Guild you can do so. This is probably done best on line, via email and bank transfers, but if anyone is having difficulty with this format but still wants to donate, feel free to contact one of the Branch officers and we'll try to help.

The Branch committee also met on line in November and are trying to plan how we go forward in to 2021. Please get in touch with any of us if there is anything you would like included in this newsletter or at a more formal meeting. We are also on the lookout for anyone who wants to join us on the Branch committee. Not much effort required, just some enthusiasm. The Branch AGM in January will be held on line via zoom and Mark shall be sending further details nearer the time. But get your thinking caps on. All the committee posts are up for election even though some people are still willing to stand. So if you think you are able or you know someone who could do one of the jobs, get your nominations ready.

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Other sources of information to remember include the Guild Website <https://ldgcb.org.uk> so you can keep up to date with all that the Guild is planning going in to 2021 as well as what is happening in other branches. Another site that some of us are keeping an eye on is the Central Council <https://cccbr.org.uk> Here you will find weekly updates and advice on Ringing during these times. They are also running YouTube competitions and asking for ringers from all groups to be part of a consultation on how the Central Council moves forward. Please check them out periodically so that you can remain informed. As a Branch we also have a Facebook page called North / North East Lincs & The Wolds Bellringers. Please use this as a source for sharing news and info in one centralised place.

I'll just leave you with these, for which I offer no apologies:

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

What does Santa have to do if he gets a call from Track and Trace?

Elf-isolate

Anyway, enough of my wittering, stay safe

Until Soon



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