



# Northern Branch Newsletter



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February 2021

Happy New Year everyone. I've started drafting this on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan and the weather is extremely mild. It's almost making me think that spring is on its way. Warmer weather always makes me feel more positive and a New Year is always a time to look forward and plan ahead.

Last weekend Mark hosted our Branch AGM and it went well. We were lucky to have the Guild Master Chris Turner join us. Apart from wanting to say hello and well done for all keeping in touch whilst we're not able to meet in our towers, he informed us that he is the Ringing Returns Champion to the Central Council on behalf of the Lincoln Guild. They are looking forward and making plans for when we can get back to ringing. Any ideas you may have about returning and recruitment can be put to him and taken forward. One definite plan that is being looked at is a Return to Ringing Festival in the Autumn.

Also taking us forward is a new (possibly improved!) committee. Andy Bennett is now the President of the Northern Branch and as he has taken up this post, David Newson from Grimsby has joined Jenny Bennett and Ashley Reeson as committee members. Mark remains our secretary and Andrew is still the Ringing Master. Roger retired as our treasurer and David Hibbert from Caistor/Grasby has moved in to that role. David used to be the independent examiner of the accounts and Kevin Dixon from Grimsby has offered to take on that job. Amy Dixon is still the Safeguarding officer and Jay Burns has joined us as the Junior Branch committee member. All of us are doing these jobs voluntarily but I like to think we are approachable to make the most of us. We are due to have a committee meeting mid-February so let us know if there is anything you want us to discuss.

Part of that meeting will be planning for the year ahead. I am contemplating some ideas of how we can get together even if it's only virtually at the moment. But would love to hear from you all as to what you would like to take part in. It could be a virtual party, a Ringing Room session or a quiz or game. Let me know as I would like to plan an online event as early in February as possible.

Linda Howden is chiming a bell for 10 minutes or so at Barton at the moment before Services. St Mary's are looking at running a YouTube channel but haven't quite got the microphone system set up for on line services just yet. What's happening in your churches? Or your villages that we all might want to hear about?

While I am here can I remind you that as Membership Secretary for the Guild I shall be chasing all members in the next few weeks to ensure I have an up to date membership form for you. If any of your details have changed, please complete a form and get it to Mark as soon as possible please?

And although we are having a subscription holiday in 2021 you can still make a donation to the Guild if you would like. You can do that by sending me an email to ask for the form.

Anyway, enough of my wittering, stay safe

Until Soon



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