

## **Peterborough Branch Ringing Master's Report**

Well it's been a strange year for bell ringing, as it has for everything else. We started off the new ringing year with two, well attended, 8 bell practices in February and March 2020, but then all planned events for 2020 had to be cancelled. In addition to the 8 bell practices, this included workshops on Striking and on Ringing Up and Down in Peal; social events such as the Branch outing and the afternoon tea ring; and the Branch Ringing at the Cathedral for Evensong. Unfortunately I cannot see any Branch events taking place for many months to come, but if we can, I suggest we run planned 2020 events in 2021.

The very helpful Guild advice on return to ringing after the first lockdown was communicated to all Tower Captains and Correspondents in the Branch, and I then dealt with any queries or provided advice, as requested. I am aware of some Towers rang for Sunday services during the period between lockdowns with all necessary precautions in place, however, many others are yet to return. The good news that we were allowed to ring for Christmas services was circulated as soon as it was received.

This will be my last report, as I will stand down as Branch Ringing Master at the AGM in January 2021. I would like to thank everyone in the Branch for their support over the past 3 years, particularly James as Deputy Ringing Master, and the experienced ringers. Without their support we would not have been able to run the 8 bell practices and various workshops, all of which are much appreciated by those who attend.

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