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Greetings ringers, and I hope you are all keeping well.

By the time you receive this newsletter you will have seen the email circulated earlier containing the latest guidance for a return to ringing, effective from 4th July 2020. Clearly, serious consideration needs to be given to the many aspects of returning to ringing, above all the need to keep everyone safe.

However, having said that, it is a step forward and I have already heard from two towers regarding their plans to return to ringing for church services and it will be interesting to know how towers have achieved this whilst adhering to the guidance, so do please let me know about your planned returns or how the ringing went. It would be good to circulate this information, particularly to towers who have not yet 'made that leap'.

Meanwhile, a number of ringers are using ringingroom.co.uk for their virtual 'ringing fix' – it certainly takes some getting used to – obviously in my case, once a slow learner always a slow learner! Perseverance and patience definitely required!

However, in the meantime, the fortnightly Wednesday lunchtime Zoom meetings are going really well with a different Chair and discussion topic at each meeting. If you would like to join the meeting, please do let me know and I will send you an invitation.

A reminder that the District does have a WhatsApp group for ringing or other chat, so again, let me know if you wish to join – you will need to confirm your mobile telephone number.

Sue Evans



Ringing, Teaching and Learning Resources

There's no physical ringing at the moment but there's a lot going on to keep ringers interested, to help them continue learning, and to keep bands together.

ART has produced a list of resources and ideas that you and the bands within your ringing society might find either useful or inspiring. Why not have a look and share with your members if you like what you see? And if you're doing something (however small) that you think others might benefit from, then please let us know and we'll add it to the list: <http://ringingteachers.org/resources/COVID19-ringing-support>

ART also produces two online magazines and the May editions contained lots of stories, tips and ideas about keeping going in this new, strange ringing environment:

- Tower Talk – written by new ringers for new ringers:
http://ringingteachers.org/download_file/view/1682/1358
- ART WORKS – written for ringing teachers everywhere
http://ringingteachers.org/download_file/view/1681/1359

Lesley Belcher

Association of Ringing Teachers Chair



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CCCBR Stewardship & Management Workgroup

The CCCBR Stewardship & Management Workgroup offers advice to ringers and ringing societies about the handling of personal data to comply with GDPR legislation ie General Data Protection Regulation.

We are looking for someone to join the Workgroup as a specialist who would be willing to offer advice on GDPR. Ideally, they would have a good working knowledge of the legislation and how it is implemented in practice, probably in a ringing society or similar organisation such as a relatively small voluntary group.

The workload is unlikely to be large as most ringing societies have already set up their operations to comply with GDPR since 2018 when the Act came into force. The key requirements will be to remain alert to any changes in the legislation, update CCCBR guidance on GDPR periodically, share examples of cases that may be of interest for ringers, and respond to specific enquiries about GDPR matters.

If you are interested, then please contact the Workgroup Lead for more details:

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Thank you for your interest.

Alison Hodge



What have you been doing during lockdown?

Fred and Mary Bone have handbells and asked if anyone would like to have a go. Anne Sloan and I [Ro Kelsell] started on one bell each, Anne on the 3 and me on the 4. We managed to ring a few rounds of Plain Hunt on 6.



It was a lovely afternoon and it was nice to meet up and we hope to get together and practice again next weekend.

Ro Kelsell

Sawbridgeworth



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Churches Conservation Trust - Exclusive offer to bell ringers

Champing is the simple and unique concept of camping overnight in beautiful historic churches. From Orkney to Dartmoor there are 20 locations across the UK run by the Churches Conservation Trust. The Trust is offering the Bell Ringers community an exclusive of 20% off Champing booked from now until 31st July for stays up to the end of season 2021 using code BELLS20. Great for holidays and ringing outings further afield. Bookings can be made online for this season at <https://champing.co.uk/> or if wanting to book for next year call 0207 841 0436 or email the team at champing@theccct.org.uk. With all the uncertainties this year, all bookings are fully flexible, with free amendments and cancellations.



Evening Zoom meeting

I was asked if it would be possible to arrange an evening Zoom meeting for those ringers who could not make the lunchtime session. However, there was very little response to my email so I won't be setting this up for the time being but if in the future sufficient ringers indicate their interest, I can certainly take this forward.



Annual Report 2019

I had delivered to me [thanks, Ian Cresshull] the Annual Reports for 2019. I would like to get these distributed as soon as possible and am happy to do a drive around the District to effect this. However, it would be impossible for me to get to all the individual contacts/towers in one day and what would, therefore, be more than helpful is if some tower contacts could agree to take reports for their surrounding area and distribute to other tower contacts, safely of course; that way all members should get their reports. Please let me know if you can assist in this way and I can work out the logistics. I was hoping to get around the District early next week.

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