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Welcome, readers, to this short newsletter.



Message from Ian Kerwin, District Master

I'm not one for computer games, Zoom meetings and the like, so unfortunately my bell ringing life has suffered and along with being made redundant and starting a new business back in the building trade I won't have the free time that has previously allowed me to embrace and enjoy my hobby.

I think I've done four years as District Master and whilst I've never been sure about it, I have enjoyed my time (or most of it) and hope that I have made some contribution to the District and Association. However, I won't be standing for re-election as Master and have also stepped down as a Trustee from the Charmborough mini ring.

I do enjoy teaching bell handling and hopefully once these crazy times have settled down and time permitting and if there is the need I will be able to do this again. So after an awful year let's hope we can look forward to 2021 and activities starting to return to a new normal.

Ian Kerwin, District Master



District Activities

The unprecedented times prevailing since early in the year have clearly led to the cessation of virtually [no pun intended!] all ringing activities as we know them – no practices, meetings, competitions, courses, social occasions etc. However, all is not lost and being the resourceful folk that we are, some towers have managed to maintain a modicum of ringing and sociability.

So apart from the Ringingroom activities, don't forget that for the foreseeable future the District has a WhatsApp group and monthly Wednesday lunchtime themed Zoom meetings, as a way of keeping in contact, so if you would like to join in either or both of these please do let me know.



Annual District Meeting – Saturday, 30th January 2021

The ADM due to take place at 4.00pm on Saturday, 30th January 2021 will be held via Zoom, further details to follow.

As you will have seen from Ian Kerwin's message, he will not be seeking re-election as District Master. The current officers in the roles of Deputy District Master, Treasurer and Secretary have indicated their willingness to re-stand in their present, or alternative, officer role. If any members wish to stand as a District Officer please complete the attached nomination form and return to me by Monday, 11th January 2021.

Those standing for District Officer positions of Master, Deputy Master, Secretary and Treasurer, will be Members of the Management Committee and, therefore, will act as EACR Charity Trustees. As such, regulations do require the completion of the nomination form together with the attached Charity Trustee Declarations form.



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Two other extremely important roles in the District are those of Maintenance Officer and Education Officer. If you think you would be interested in being involved in either of these roles, please let me know.

New ringing members can be elected at the ADM and nomination forms are attached for completion; please email or post to me prior to the ADM.



Association Officers

Nominations for Association Officers need to be made in writing to the General Secretary by 1st February 2021. Association Officers nomination forms as well as the Trustee Declaration Form will need to be submitted as part of any proposal.

These positions are:

- Master
- General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Property Trustees x3
- Technical Adviser
- Education Officer
- Public Relations Officer
- Central Council Representative
- Independent Examiners x2



District Trustees

With rule change motions possibly being submitted at the 2021 AGM to allow the Association organisation and management to be modernised, each District needs to elect a Trustee to represent their District. The Trustee may be one of the District Officers or another member who has the full support of the District and would attend Trustees Meetings with the full delegated authority of the District. Any person elected as a Trustee must be eligible to stand under Charity Commission legislation. It is important for the District to be represented so please give this role some consideration and should you wish to be nominated as District Trustee, please complete the attached form and return to me.



ART Awards

A reminder that the closing date for applications for the ART Awards is Thursday, 31st December 2020 and are open to everyone to recognise people who are making a difference. Further information and application forms are available from www.ringingteachers.org/recognition/awards



Membership

Membership fees will become due in the New Year. If tower representatives could collect all fees, the following payment methods are available:

- Cheque to either Fred Bone or Andrew Brewster;
- Bank transfer to Association account: Sort code 60-05-13 Account No.22177035.



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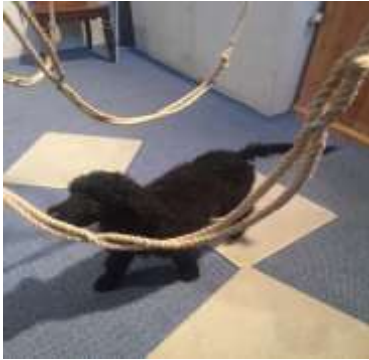
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New Henham Member



Given the current circumstances of 'ringing lockdown' Henham has recently managed to recruit one new member, so a warm welcome to Basil!

Basil belongs to Jo and James Pimblett and joined Jo when she tolled a bell on Remembrance Sunday. I hope he was watching closely!

Finally, on behalf of your District Officers, I wish everyone a good Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing members at the ADM.

Sue Evans

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