

## Northern District Committee Meeting – notes

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (by Zoom)

Attending: Steph Pendlebury (District Secretary), Richard Pendlebury, Chris Westwood, Elaine Farrow (District Ringing Master)

### Online resources

Chris has been looking for helpful online videos and other resources, but has been struggling to find anything useful – would be good to signpost to good resources, e.g. via Facebook and *Northern News*. Publicise things like Fun with Bells podcast, and CC watch-list of interesting videos.

### Online ringing

Agreed that it's not feasible to attempt to run online ringing activities – not possible to e.g. ring handbells via video calls (the lag is too bad, and not everyone has access to handbells), and Ringing Room probably isn't going to be useful as many even established ringers have difficulty with it.

### Communications with members

Consider more frequent (e.g. monthly/fortnightly) *Northern News* editions. Although sending too many emails causes some people to unsubscribe (at which point we can't send them anything), there are currently no emails going out about events, so overall the number of emails will be the same or fewer.

We know that a lot of the people on the postal list of *Northern News* (24) do actually have email – could contact them individually to ask them if they'd like to (at least temporarily) change their contact preferences so that they receive the newsletter. Agreed to – as a one-off – post a small-print version of NN with an "update contact preferences" slip to encourage people to switch to email.

### Online training and social activities

Discussed potential for listening workshop/talk online, and also a quiz. Coleman's Hatch have been running a weekly quiz, which hasn't had very good take-up (but only 10 people involved). Could get someone who's come back from a break in ringing to give a short talk online or interview in NN about coming back to ringing.

Could have a poll (in the newsletter email, rather than the newsletter itself) – here are some ideas, what are people interested in?

### *Follow-up call: Steph and Rosie after the online meeting*

Rosie had a gap in ringing – she'd be happy to be interviewed for *Northern News* about returning to ringing.