

Message from the Chairman, Tuesday 17 March 2020

Dear member

The government has advised everyone to avoid 'non essential' travel and social contact. That clearly includes ringing and so the Branch will suspend all practices and meetings for the time being. Your parishes may already have asked you to stop ringing, and if not may do so shortly.

The restrictions seem likely to last for some while, but no one knows how the situation will develop.

The message from the Central Council is quite positive and worth reading. It mentions many ways in which we can exploit the enforced period without ringing to develop our skills and knowledge, and to keep in touch with each other as a ringing community. See: <https://cccbr.org.uk/2020/03/16/coronavirus-covid-19-update/>

The Branch officers will be considering how best we can serve the twin objectives of supporting public health and supporting the long term future of ringing, and we would welcome any suggestions, questions or ideas that you might have.

Equally, if there are ways that you feel the Branch could assist you during this difficult period then please ask.

-- John Harrison --

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