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President's Blog

I hope that you are all keeping well and staying safe during this lockdown. Janine and myself are keeping busy doing jobs in the garden, decorating the house and with lots and lots of walking. My "fit bit" is working well and I have now passed the 1 and a half million steps mark in just under six months - about 750 miles!!

I joined the Scarborough Branch for their AGM meeting via ZOOM the other week and was allowed to say a few words as well. I hope that all the Branches might consider inviting me to their AGMs as well !!

A BIG thank you to everyone who completed the recent Survey sent out by the Education Committee. Since then, you should also have received details of online courses being run by the Education Committee and I hope that you will attend some of these courses and encourage some (or all) of your less experienced ringers to have a go as well. I hear from the Survey that ringers who are going to join our Association would like it to be at a General Meeting rather than at a Branch Meeting. So I look forward to meeting you all at our next ringing General Meeting along with your tower captains. Please come to the towers that are open on the day as well - the Association Ringing Master will ensure that you get a good ring !!

Many of you will remember the excellent " Newsletter" that Bob Cater edited. It ran for ten years until 2015. Many of us were very disappointed when it finished. I think it might be time for its resurrection !! Firstly we need a volunteer Compositor to put all the items together. If you are interested in doing this very rewarding task, PLEASE do get in touch with our General Secretary or myself for more information.

As many of you will have heard, our YACR Report Editor, Margaret Perrott, has had to resign her post due to ongoing illhealth. If you are interested in taking on this enjoyable and demanding task and can use a computer competently get in touch with Simon Plows or myself for more details. Your first year would be "shadowing" our "stand in Editor", so it will be a gentle start !!

Finally, can I assure all members that Covid19 does not travel via Zoom, as I have been asked recently.

Please stay safe, and I do hope that I will ring with you all sometime during 2021.

In the meantime I am hoping that we will be allowed to ring over Christmas time, we await further news. Have a Good Christmas and lets have a good 2021.

**Best wishes,
Barrie Dove
YACR President**