



Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

August 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'Bong For Your Burger'

Branch Picnic/BBQ

Saturday September 28th 2019

Orchard House
Lyndon road, Hambleton
LE15 8TJ.

Branch Picnic/BBQ

Owing to availability of organisers, the picnic/ barbecue has been rescheduled to 28th September. Celia Foulkes is kindly opening her garden and being our host. I shall be on hand with my trust Weber and cooking tongs to distribute burgers & sausages.

There will be ringing at Hambleton at 2.00pm.
The picnic starting around 3.00pm.

Can I **PLEASE** ask that you let either myself, Hui-Yen Bloodworth, Araminta Mathias or Celia Foulkes know of your intention to attend.

We will need to know numbers in plenty of time for preparing food. Equally, if anyone can help with food and/or anything else on the day it would be greatly appreciated.

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Branch Autumn Ringing Tour

Saturday 5th October

10.00am - 5-00pm.

Wittering, Nassington, Wandsford, Castor

Peterborough Diocesan Guild Summer Festival & 8 Bell Striking Contest 21st September 2019 Hosted by the Wellingborough Branch

2:30 to 3:30 - Open ringing at Stanwick

4:00 - Contest at Rushden

With buffet tea in the church hall, followed by a business meeting and the results.

7:30 Open ringing at Wellingborough

To enter a Team-

Contact Simon Dixon, Guild Ringing Master

On 01933 403855 or sjdixon07@btinternet.com

Team Entries to be received by 10th September, the draw to be held in advance.

Names for tea to Jenny Ball on 01933 673483
or jennyaball@btinternet.com

Branch Major & Triples Practices

The next date is :

Tuesday 6th August 7.30pm. Oakham

Thursday 5th Sept 7.30pm Uppingham



Uppingham intermediate 8 bell practice

Every 3rd Thursday. 7.30pm.

The next practice is on 15th August

All are welcome

The last few months have seen fewer numbers attending our branch practices. I would encourage anyone to come if they would like to, of all abilities. Because the more we have, the more varied ringing we can try AND support all learners.

Items for the June newsletter, please, by

Saturday 31st August

to Sue Webster suevw@sky.com

Branch Summer Tour - 'The Sleaford Circle'

Despite the onset of early showers, spirits did not get dampened over the Branch Summer Tour around the Sleaford area.

The morning began at Great Hale, a reasonably heavy 6 that haven't really seen much active ringing recently, but work had been done on them by the Tower Captain for our visit. They were a tricky six to handle and the key to mastering them was to keep the speed and momentum as the bells did not allow you to 'float' them at either stroke. That said, we managed call changes and change ringing and our hosts were very kind on providing tea and refreshments.

Our band was around 12-14 in number when we moved onto Sleaford. A fine 8 where we were able to expand our repertoire to Plain Bob Triples/Major and Grandsire Triples. The tower is a lovely environment with a beautiful vaulted ceiling, plenty of room for ringers and to the cunning eye Norwich Surprise Major nicely printed out, which several of us took note of on our phones so we could revise over at some point in the future with a nice cuppa.

The band then adjourned for lunch at the New Inn, Folkingham where the pub and staff provided some excellent food and service. They made us feel very welcome and everyone who attended the lunch felt more than replete for the afternoon event. I would strongly urge you to go and try their pies - you won't be disappointed!

A walk, all of 50 yards, to Folkingham church, a medium weight 6 that didn't sound too bad but had a couple of tricky bells, not to handle but for the treble being very close to the clock case. We did find a couple of fantastic memes which were very comical and appropriate for bell ringing, particularly when it comes to dodging....I'll leave you to work it out!

*A dodge requires the undivided
co-operation of two people,
not the wishful thinking by one
and a lot of hard work by the other.*

The band moved to the second 8 of the day at Billingborough. A much lighter 8 than Sleaford and very 'tuneful' and the debate soon started over whether they were a musical box, or a little 'tinny'. Again, we rang some lovely call changes at this Tower, but my particular fascination was over the huge clock pendulum which swings from the ceiling of the ringing chamber right down to waist level in the room. Whilst the swing area is protected by a safety rail/cage the real challenge was focusing your ropesight as the huge pendulum swung back and forth.

It was less of 'an elephant in the room'....but more of a pendulum!!!!

The anticipated highlight of the tour was to finish at the Abbey Church of Sempringham. Located, literally, in the middle of a field. The church is on a site that once was a huge Monastic Abbey complex going back to Norman times, but thanks to a certain Henry VIIIth only the church remains. Without either water or electricity, the only option was of candles or gas light. Access to the ringing chamber was by a very tight staircase which, understandably, was a little claustrophobic. That said, we lit the candelabra (which also acts as the rope spider) to help with the light and provide atmosphere.

Everyone in the band felt this 6 were perhaps the best for sound of the tour and culminated in a fine touch course of Plain Bob Minor.

Everyone who came on the day agreed that it was a lovely tour and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A great day out.

Alan Ellis is planning a tour in the Autumn and I would encourage as many of you as possible to support this one, regardless of your ringing ability. These tours are a great social event, so do give serious consideration to coming along on the next one.

Louis Totaro





The Bellringers Ode

**When go is called we don't depart
At stand it's time to sit
Our hunt does not involve a fox
By blows no-one is hit**

**Royal for us involves no kings
Though queens there may be found
No-one is tempted to revolve
When comes the call go round**

**When striking we are hard at work
Our covers don't conceal
Five courses do not make a feast
But just a quarter peal**

**A single ringer may be spliced
A spliced one still unwed
And when we shout to someone "Bob"
It may be Joe or Fred**

**When leading wrong we may be right
When in we're not at home
Delight may bring us all to grief
Surprise may well be known**

**So if you watch us at our task
And hear the words we call
There's only one you'll know and love
The merciful "That's all".**

QUARTER PEALS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

St Mary

Monday, 29 July 2019 in 42m (8–3–17 in A)

1260 Doubles (11 Methods)

Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, St Nicholas

Winchendon Place, St Remigius, Huntley Plave,

Eynesbury, St Osmund, St Martin, St Simon and

Plain Bob

1. Jean Tinsley
2. Diana Street
3. David Banks (C)
4. Stuart Weston
5. Andrew Christie
6. Julian Burton

70th birthday compliment to Jean and 10th wedding anniversary to Jean's daughter Elizabeth & Richard.



Julian, Stuart, Jean, Diana and David

Quarter Peal Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Jean Tinsley, who rang her first quarter peal with a band at St Mary's, Peterborough. She trebled to 7 spliced doubles methods in quite a rapid 42 minutes. As a mark to a certain birthday milestone, Jean kept this quiet from quite a number of us but I like so many in the branch are so pleased for her in achieving this milestone.

To be admired is Jean's dedication, enthusiasm and, dare I say, 'dogged' determination to achieve this goal.

It can be, at times, hard for any learner to keep the belief and perseverance in themselves to progress. Jean is a fine example to keep going, week after week. This achievement is truly deserved.

Louis Totaro

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Uppingham, Rutland

St Peter & St Paul

Monday, 5th August 2019 (14–2–2 in E)

1274 Plain Bob Triples

1. Alan Ellis
2. Juliet Cunningham
3. Sue Baker
4. Peggy Jennings
5. Louis Totaro
6. Thomas Saunders
7. Richard Beadman (C)
8. Brian Newman

First quarter on an inside bell for Sue Baker.

Rung in memory of Roland Cook who conducted Juliet's first peal.

In Memoriam

ROLAND COOK

It is with sadness that I have to report that Roland Cook of Great Glen died on 16 July. Those of you who knew him and rang with him will remember him as an incredible ringer and conductor.

He was a lovely man and a good friend to many, many ringers and he will be greatly missed. R.I.P.

As published on the Peterborough Guild website <http://www.pdg.btck.co.uk/>
See under Social Regulations in the menu list

How often do you walk into a tower and see a notice or be told that

“Our insurance doesn’t allow/ cover ...”?

At the 2019 ART Conference in Worcester, Marcus Booth, Church Underwriting Manager at Ecclesiastical Insurance and also Tower Captain at Almondsbury, near Bristol, tried to demystify some of these perceptions by outlining how Ecclesiastical approaches ringing as a whole.

The starting place is that bellringers will normally ring at their ‘home’ church. However, we know that ringing is a sociable activity and ringers may choose to visit another church to ring their bells, either on a Sunday or on a practice night or for a peal or quarter peal and therefore insurance arrangements may be called into question.

Ringers are covered as standard under the Employers Liability section of a church policy as “authorised volunteers”, i.e. people who give their time voluntarily to serve a specific need of the church and who are accepted and sanctioned by the PCC. In general, this would include:

- The resident band ringing for any occasion
- Visiting ringers attending a practice night or Sunday service ringing
- Visiting ringers invited to ring for a specific event by the church, vicar or PCC, for example where there is no resident band in place
- Visiting ringers on a tower outing, peal or quarter peal attempt where the appropriate agreement has been obtained from the Tower Captain/ PCC/ Vicar. (For an organised tower outing by a specific church band it is possible that the “home” church insurance may respond as this activity would be deemed to be a form of church outing)
- People conducting tower tours
- People performing maintenance (unless being paid as a separate organisation), such as cleaning, clock winding or other tower activity.

Ringers would also be covered by the Church’s own Public Liability cover for any liability for accidental bodily injury to or death of a third party or accidental loss of or damage to third party property. Again, in general this would include:

- Visiting ringers or bands where the liability arises out of a failure of duty of care or a breach of the Occupiers’ Liability Act by the church or resident band, e.g. failing to maintain the bells or ringing chamber so that an accident occurs
- Any non-ringing visitor to the tower, e.g. someone on a tower tour or open tower event
- Any contractor or other third party present at the request of the Tower Captain, vicar, PCC, etc.

Cover under any Personal Accident section of the church insurance will provide a defined benefit to the insured (i.e. not necessarily the injured party. This is up to the insured to pass this benefit on should they wish) following accidental injury to, or death of any ringer aged between 3 and 80 years and whilst engaged in church business. Ringers older than 80 years are still covered for liability as above and this is NOT a barrier to their continuing as ringers!

We deem it neither practical nor necessary to expect ringers to provide evidence of insurance every time someone attends a ringing session at another church. Some churches may not wish to extend their church liability to cover this scenario and some ringers may not have any form of personal liability to cover this scenario and some ringers may not have any form of personal liability; for example the Personal Liability cover under a Household Insurance policy, minors and students being prime examples.

We would expect the Tower Captain or their appropriate representative to be the ultimate judge of who is safe, competent and able to ring and would support their view as the appointed representative of the PCC

Where a separate legal entity, such as a Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers exists, it should hold appropriate insurance cover in its own name to protect its own distinct legal interests. The church policy may not provide an indemnity to the Guild other than for Property Owners liability, where it owes a duty of care for visitors to their premises, ensuring a safe environment for everyone, regardless of their purpose of visit.

Ultimately, as a general rule if we are the insurer of the church or premises where any insured event has taken place we would pick up any claim under the policy for the church involved and would deal with the circumstances as appropriate, utilising our knowledge and expertise of dealing with church claims. In return Tower Captains and ringers can help us through record keeping, such as log books, keeping maintenance and inspection records, undertaking risk assessments and recording accidents and the circumstances which led to and followed the incident. Also it is helpful to review risk assessments periodically or when things change and particularly after any incident. Finally please report any incidents that result in damage or injury to our Claims Team.

As an ART member you will be covered whilst specifically on ART business and activities or acting as a representative for ART in some capacity. This is because ART holds its own Charity insurance on behalf of its Members, both as a primary cover for Members and also a contingency insurance, in case any of the above does not apply. In return Members are expected to abide by ART procedures, rules and guidelines, for example safeguarding. Questions regarding the scope and cover of this insurance can be directed to Graham Nabb.

This is all based on our general approach to incidents and claims and we appreciate that there may be circumstances where this has not been the case. The aim of the article is really to help ringing and ringers and to facilitate freedom of movement without unnecessary barriers being put in the way. However, the PCC is ultimately the gatekeeper and decision maker and we are just their insurers and cannot overturn any 'local' decisions or intervene in disputes as such. We would always encourage frequent open and constructive relationships and dialogue with your PCC on ringing matters and are always happy to take general queries on ringing. Please see our website. However, bear in mind that the church/PCC is our customer and we would have to establish the precise relationship of the caller before we can discuss specific issues.

General queries we are always happy to help!

Marcus Booth, Ecclesiastical Insurance www.ecclesiastical.com/church

From CCCBR.org

Things to ring for....

Bells can do much more than announcing church services. Ringing for public events is an excellent way to join in with community celebration, and helps to connect ringers with the general public. There are many opportunities for which you can ring – current events, anniversaries of historic events, and notable annual days, including church festivals. There may well be other local events and anniversaries that you could also mark with special ringing, so try to find out about them early enough to plan and publicise your ringing. See also the articles on ringing for public events that are periodically published in *The Ringing World* and available from www.cccbr.org.

Tables listing notable national or international dates are posted on the website to help you plan ahead:

Major Ringing Events

For some events the Council asks for widespread ringing, coordinated across the country (or world for events of international significance). These are either events with such a high profile that the public will expect ringing, or events for which the church or government has specifically requested widespread ringing.

In both cases a coordinated effort and engagement with both national and local media can achieve far higher impact on the public consciousness than purely local initiatives.

Major ringing events are normally announced well ahead so that ringers can plan in advance, and chosen selectively to maximise the impact of publicity, since media agencies can tire of news if they feel inundated. But occasionally external requests for ringing (from church or government) may come at much shorter notice. If an event is controversial (for example the centenary of the 1914 war) the Council consults with ringers before recommending how it should be commemorated.

VE Day 75th Anniversary



The 8th May 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the second World War in Europe. It provides us with an opportunity to remember the sacrifice made at home and abroad which heralded the arrival of peace, despite conflict still taking place in other parts of the world.



The UK Government has moved the early May Day Bank Holiday from the Monday to Friday 8th May so that as many people as possible can take part in the celebrations that day.

At 7pm on 8th May 2020 church bells are invited to ring out for peace.

The Central Council encourages all ringers to respond as they see fit, taking into account the wide variety of local circumstances. Ringing open at 7pm (local time wherever you are in the world) is the ideal and recommended option, but any time that afternoon / evening, and indeed throughout the weekend of events planned, is also supported.

A full programme of planned events is listed on the VEDay75 website and to register your intention to ring go to <https://www.veday75.org/register/> which takes you to a Ringing Out for Peace registration page.

In due course there will also be a Bellboard event set up where you will be able to register and from where you will be able to download a Certificate of Grateful Recognition to record your ringing on the day.

Any further advice received about plans for the weekend will be publicised when they become known.