



Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

July 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Branch Summer Ringing Tour Saturday 6th July 2019

'The Sleaford Circle'

Gt Hale, Sleaford, Folkingham,
Billingborough & Sempringham

lunch menus on pages 5 & 6

Please let Louis Totaro know if you will be going.
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10.00am - 11.00am Great Hale, Lincolnshire.
St John the Baptist, (GF), 6, 11-2-11 (589kg) in F#.
Grid Ref: 52.97140 / 0.29155 NG34

11.00am - 12.00noon. Sleaford, Lincolnshire.
St Denys, (T), 8, 19-1-0 (978kg) in Eb.
Grid Ref: 52.9965 / -0.40911 NG34

12.30pm - 2.00pm LUNCH:
at The New Inn, Folkingham, Lincolnshire NG34 OSW

2.00pm - 3.00pm Folkingham, Lincolnshire.
St Andrew (T), 6, 11cwt (~560kg) in F#.
Grid Ref: 52.89034 / -0.40940 NG34

3.00pm - 4.00pm Billingborough, Lincolnshire,
St Andrew, 8, 7-3-11 (399kg) in Ab.
Grid Ref: 52.89404 / -0.33994 NG34

4.00pm - 5.00pm Sempringham Lincolnshire,
Abbey Church of S Andrew, 6, 7-0-23 (366kg) in G#.
Grid Ref: 52.88212 / -0.35701 NG34 OLW
Note: This tower has no electricity, so as a special
treat we will be ringing by candlelight/torch.

Branch Summer Tour - 6th July 2019

There hasn't been a huge response for the tour, probably
10-12 hope to make it on the day.

This is very borderline for whether a tour is feasible, or
not, as a core of experienced ringers is needed to make it
workable in 6 and 8 bell towers.

If there are any of you who decide to come along, even at
this late stage in planning, then I really need to know and
have your menu choices over the course of this next
week.

Much work goes into planning these events by myself and
Alan and it is naturally disappointing if these cannot be
supported to their full potential. We begin planning
branch events from Autumn onwards for the following
year. All ringing events such as tours and events are
extremely useful to ringers new and old; for experience,
for learning and sharing new tips, for team-building and
for enjoyment. I can therefore only suggest that you do
give these due thought and support and embrace the
wider world of ringing out there!

Thank you to those who have already replied - it is much
appreciated.

*Louis Totaro, Ringing Master
Alan Ellis, Deputy Ringing Master*

Branch Major & Triples Practices

The next date is :

Tuesday 6th August 7.30pm. Oakham

**Unfortunately, we have to cancel the practice
scheduled for 4th July at Uppingham**



**Uppingham intermediate 8 bell practice
Every 3rd Thursday. 7.30pm.
The next practice is on 18th July
All are welcome**

A plea from the Membership Secretary

There are STILL some subscriptions unpaid for this
year 2019. If you know you haven't paid yet, could
this be remedied please?

Sue Baker, Membership Secretary

Items for the June newsletter, please, by

Wednesday 31st July
to Sue Webster suevw@sky.com

Guild AGM - Seaton

As customary within the Guild calendar, Rutland Branch took its due turn amongst the ten branches to host the Guild Committee and members for their Annual General Meeting. The itinerary for the afternoon was ringing at Belton on the 6, followed by ringing at Uppingham on the 8, with members then congregating at Seaton for the thanksgiving service.

The event was well supported and between 70 and 80 squeezed themselves into Seaton Village hall, where they were welcomed and well provided with a fulfilling tea which was waiting for them. The AGM meeting took around 1 1/2 hours and was led and well administered by the re-elected Chairman, Geoff Pullin.

Whilst the meeting covered a variety of issues covering the Guild and anticipated election of officers, personal highlights for Rutland came in the form of honorary 50-year membership certificates awarded to Roger Scholes and Peggy Jennings. Both members gave personal thanks to the audience and Roger had prepared an excellent speech reminiscing his 50 years of ringing in the Guild. Congratulations to both members.

I think Rutland Branch did ourselves very proud. My personal gratitude and a big thank you to everyone who helped, hosted and supported in your own way.

*Louis Totaro
Ringing Master*

The final word comes from the Guild's outgoing Secretary, Sue Jones:

*Dear All,
On behalf of the Guild may I thank you all for all the thought and hard work you all put in to the smooth running and successful afternoon and evening we all enjoyed in Rutland last Saturday. It was splendid that there was such a large turnout and you coped extremely well with catering for us all. So much so we didn't leave Seaton until around 11.00pm! Please convey our thanks to all the people concerned.*

*Best Wishes,
Sue Jones
(out going Guild Secretary)*



Peggy Jennings, with her certificate honouring 50 years membership of the Peterborough Guild.



Roger Scholes, addressing the meeting. He mentioned his move from Gateshead to Peterborough as a young man, and recalled the enjoyment he experienced from local ringing, including his first conducting in Rutland in the sixties, to the present day.



Three of the Four Award Winners: Peggy Jennings, (Oakham) Paul Loxston (Bulwick), and Roger Scholes (Harringworth & Ry-hall) with Geoff Pullin, Guild President.

New Simulator for Oakham

Good News - I can finally say it.....we have the new simulator!

The first step in the process was to secure the order for the 8-bell wireless simulator, which arrived just over a couple of weeks ago and is currently sitting on my kitchen table. The next step of the process involves fabricating some removable mounting plates and clapper ties (which Alan Ellis is looking into).

I am temporarily having my old PC revamped which will run the simulator software and allow us to site this at Oakham. We will need to acquire a new laptop to do the same job and thus make the simulator truly portable.

Whilst we secured funding to buy the simulator, additional funds are required to purchase the ancillary materials and new laptop, etc. I am able to report, that having submitted a grant application to the Guild's training fund, I was informed at the Guild AGM that our application has not only been approved but the Guild will provide the balance for all of the funds required - approximately £660!

In the meantime, myself and Alan will be test-bedding the simulator at Oakham to iron out any gremlins and I hope that by the next newsletter I will be able to confirm that we are up and running! *Louis Totaro*

Uppingham Tower Open Day

Sunday 16th June

THREE HOURS, TWO RECRUITS

The Uppingham tower was open for three hours during Uppingham Feast Day, during which time the church was also the venue for face painting and a film show for children.

People coming into the church were met by a visual display explaining bell ringing, and they only had to look up to see a team ringing using the simulator (if you don't know Uppingham church, the ringing is very visible to people and congregation below.) It wasn't long before children queuing for face painting wanted to go up for a closer look and possibly a go! This took us by surprise, but fortunately there were enough helpers to ensure safety.

Meanwhile, three ladies who had seen the advance advertising came with intent. One had her first lesson on the spot and both she and another are now on stream.

Sharing the venue with other attractions was definitely a bonus, as it introduced ringing to a wider audience and was clearly fun. The recruits would have come anyway, but who knows what seeds have been sown for the future.



The Uppingham ringers, being few, were joined by others from around the Branch. Many thanks to everyone. It was a lot of hard work but yielded two new recruits to bell ringing. So worth the effort.

The two promotional banners are available from the Guild, on a first come first basis. The Rutland Branch has recently acquired some free standing display boards for use by towers holding recruitment events.

*Sue Webster, Monica Spence, Thomas Saunders, Brian Newman & Alan Ellis
Helen Pollard & Mike Pollard also helped, but left before the photo call!*

News from CCCBR

Nominations for President – a note from Christopher O'Mahony



Today CCCBR Secretary Mary Bone has circulated the formal notice of our 2019 Annual Meeting.

Some may wonder why the notice invites nominations for the position of President.

Although it's always been my longer term intention to return downunder to the land of my birth, a change in my personal circumstances has brought this intention forward. There's no conspiracy theory, no political flouncing, no threat of impeachment proceedings – call it plain old homesickness if you like. So, it's time for me to pass the torch, with my resignation taking effect from the end of the CCCBR weekend on Sunday 8th September.

Rest assured CCCBR, and indeed ringing in general, is in great shape. It's been a privilege, albeit a daunting one, to help steer the Council through its biggest reforms in over a century, and the evidence of a renaissance in ringing is all around us. But this task is far from over.

The need for a central ringing organisation has never been greater – to act as an advocate for ringers nationally and internationally, to liaise with key third parties in church, government and elsewhere, to provide guidance and support for societies, towers and individual ringers, to encourage excellence in all things ringing. And the need for suitably qualified, motivated, passionate and charismatic leadership is essential in carrying this work forward.

As well as President, we are inviting nominations for a number of positions. As ever we are keen to attract individuals who bring specific qualifications and skillsets that can help us to promote an environment in which ringing can flourish. To paraphrase the late John F Kennedy:

Ask not what ringing can do for you, rather ask what can you do for ringing?



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The New Inn, Folkingham

01529 497211

Homemade Pies/Panini's/Omelettes

Steak and Ale Pie

Chunks of steak with carrot and onion slowly cooked in 'Guinness' and topped with puff pastry

Cottage Pie

Lean minced beef with carrot and onion in a thick gravy, topped with creamy mashed potato

Fish Pie (gf)

Smoked Haddock, Haddock, Salmon and Prawns in a rich parsley sauce topped with mashed potatoes and cheese, served with garden peas

Shepherd's Pie (gf)

Lean minced Lamb with carrot and onion in thick minted gravy, topped with creamy mash

Country Chicken Pie

Chicken with carrot, leek, onion, celery and smoked bacon in a white wine and cream sauce, topped with puff pastry

Lancashire Pie

Pieces of tender lamb with carrot and onion in minted gravy, topped with either puff pastry or sliced potatoes

'Quorn' Chicken and Leek Pie (v)

'Quorn' chicken pieces in a leek and mustard sauce, topped with puff pastry

'Quorn' Mince Cottage Pie (v)

'Quorn' Mince with carrot and onion in a thick gravy, topped with mashed potato

All Pies £11

Pies served with freshly prepared vegetables, or, hand cut chips and garden peas

Stripped Rump Steak or Boston Sausage Panini (v) (gf)

Served with fried onions, hand cut chips and salad

Steak £9 Sausage £8

Toasted Panini's with hand cut chips and house salad (v) (gf)

Choose your fillings from Home Cooked Ham, Mature Cheddar, Tomato, Onion, Bacon, Tuna and Sweetcorn, or, Prawn and Rose Marie Sauce (cannot be toasted)

£9

Omelette with hand cut chips and house salad (v) (gf)

Using 3 eggs, can be served plain, or choose from ham, cheese, mushroom, onion and tomato

£10

Homemade Puddings

£5.25

Check the Chalkboard for today's selection

The New Inn, Folkingham

01529 497211

Lighter Bites

Stripped Rump Steak or Boston Sausage Panini

Served with fried onions, hand cut chips and salad

Steak £9 Sausage £8

Toasted Panini's, Toasted Sandwiches or Sandwiches with hand cut chips or 'Pipers' Crisps and house salad

Choose your fillings from Home Cooked Ham, Beef, Mature Cheddar, Tomato, Onion, Bacon, Tuna and Sweetcorn, or,
Prawn and Rose Marie Sauce (cannot be toasted)

£9

Omelette with hand cut chips and house salad

Using 3 eggs, can be served plain, or choose from ham, cheese, mushroom, peppers, onion and tomato

£10

Summer Salads

with hand cut chips or new potatoes

Homemade Quiche

Home Cooked Ham, or Beef

Hot Chicken and Bacon with Caesar Dressing

Apple, Walnut and Stilton with Honey and Balsamic Dressing

Mature Cheddar

Prawn with Rose Marie Sauce

£9.50

Scampi and hand cut chips

Served with garden peas or house salad

£10

Home Cooked Honey Roasted Ham

Served with 2 eggs, hand cut chips and garden peas

£10

Homemade Puddings

£5.25

See the Chalkboard for today's selection

Cheese Board £6.50

As all our food is cooked to order there will be waiting time, we try to keep this to a minimum

Before you order please speak to our staff if you have a food allergy or intolerance

Most of our meals can be adapted to Gluten Free

Meat and Free Range Poultry supplied by Carl Dunham Butchers, Boston; Fish supplied by Paul Vincent, Grimsby;
Boston Sausages, Mountains of Boston