



Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter September 2020

Coronavirus (COVID 19) Return to Ringing

The CCCBR update on 21st August included references to face coverings. The view remains, that because face coverings reduce the risk of transmission of the virus to our fellow ringers, anyone who is unable to wear a face covering should not ring.

Not all churches are open for services,. Opening is very much down to individual Dioceses and incumbents, taking into account several local factors. However ringing does not have to be for a service provided the incumbent is happy to have the bells rung.

Bells are a powerful reminder that the church is still there in the heart of our communities. There is a specific requirement in the Church of England guidance document that ringers have read this guidance and have undertaken the ringing risk assessment.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers
21st August 2020

<https://ccabr.org.uk/coronavirus/>

The full guidance on returning to ringing can be found here:

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The general rules are as follows:

- 2m spacing between ringers (which will generally mean alternate bells)
- 1.5m spacing allowable if ropes fall in a straight line (ringers facing inwards not towards each other)
- Adjacent bells can be rung by ringers from the same household.

Update August 28th

There has been no change to the guidance this week. Updated guidance

Note that **ringing is still limited to 15 minutes** but does not have to be for a service, provided it is with the permission of the incumbent.

Guidance on the use of simulators is being written and will be available next week.

Items for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
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THINGS WE COULD DO TO REDUCE RISK of CROSS INFECTION

1. Consciously avoid touching our faces when in the tower
2. Use Hand Sanitizer regularly and allow it to dry fully before and after ringing activities. For example: • Before entering the tower • On entering the ringing room • Before and after touching rope spider to release ropes, pulling off clock hammer wires etc • Before and after ringing • Before and after returning ropes to a rope spider, releasing clock hammers • After exiting the tower
3. Don't spit on or lick hands during ringing
4. Limit risk from ropes by having each bell be rung by a single ringer during the course of any day's ringing and by having no more than one set of ringers ring at any one tower on any one day.
5. Declutter the ringing room and reduce the number of items that could harbour virus. Examples of things that should probably be removed from ringing rooms might include books, tins of sweets or biscuits, the tower kettle and mugs.
6. Where an Ellacombe chime is used it should be washed down thoroughly before and after each session. This is because the rubber covers on the ropes of an Ellacombe apparatus will harbour virus for a longer period than rope. Hand hygiene advice should also be followed. Only one person should use the apparatus at each session to reduce risk further.

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Ringing World Performance donations - new suggested donation

David Grimwood, Chairman of The Ringing World Ltd, has reported a loss of performance donations to Ringing World, resulting from the suspension of ringing in recent months. The suggested donation for performances of peals and quarter peals is being raised to a 75p donation per ringer for performance.
Source: BellBoard. August 2020

QUARTER PEALS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Whissendine, Rutland

Saturday, 15 August 2020

1296 Minimus (3 methods)

18 extents each of Reverse, Double and Plain Bob

1–2 Mary C Poyner

3–4 Harry Poyner (C)

Rung to remind us of an important event which took place on 15 August 1959 at SS Peter and Paul, Syston, Leicestershire.

We send our congratulations to Harry & Mary Poyner. The "important event" for which they rang was their 61st Wedding anniversary.



VJ DAY 15th August 2020

Whilst VE Day (Victory in Europe) marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still engaged in bitter fighting in the Far East. Victory over Japan would come at a heavy price, and Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the day Japan surrendered on 15 August 1945, which in effect ended the Second World War.

The plan to ring in all the towers in Rutland on VJ Day wasn't possible with the current Covid 19 restrictions in place. However, a few towers did ring to mark 75 years of the ending of WW2, whilst observing social distancing measures and wearing face masks/coverings.

Caldecott Mary Davidson, Judy Lea, John Nicolls, Brian Newman
Plain Hunt with decaying rounds into the 11:00 silence.

Gt Casterton Ann Archer, Don McGarrigle, Jon Peacock
Call changes for about 20 minutes followed by tolling in rounds 25 times (making a total of 75 tolls).

Hambleton A single bell was chimed 75 times. The declaration was read and a group of socially distanced hand bell ringers from Ketton and Hambleton performed 4 methods and a selection of forces related music / songs.

Ketton David Rippin chimed 75 times on bell No 4 to mark 75 years since the end of the war. The Rev Olwen Woolcock said a prayer and read out the declaration from Bruno Peek, which was followed with the chiming.

Tinwell Simon Forster chimed a single bell 75 times, a bugle played last post and reveille either side of the silence, and the declaration was read through a megaphone.

Uppingham Sue Webster, Ted Phillips, Thomas Saunders, Brian Newman
Ringing of rounds after a wreath laying ceremony.

Whissendine Janet Underwood, Peter Furness, Dave Brown, John and Julia Brookes.
Half muffled ringing for 25 minutes. before a small wreath laying ceremony.
Prayers were led by Rev Deborah Marsh.



Short ceremonies were held in Whissendine, Oakham & Uppingham. Wreaths were laid at the war memorials in each location by Dr Sarah Furness, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, and Richard Cole, High Sheriff of Rutland.





PETERBOROUGH GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Virtual AGM to be held via
Zoom on Saturday 19th
September at 6 pm. Full
details available at:
www.pdg.btck.co.uk/AGM2020

Contact the Secretary to
register and receive joining
details:
secretary@pdg.org.uk

The AGM is to be held virtually via Zoom on Saturday 19th September 2020 at 6 pm.
Full details will be available at: www.pdg.btck.co.uk/AGM2020.

Items of AOB, nominations and matters arising to be submitted to the Secretary in advance, to be received by 14th September.

All members intending to attend are required to register with Secretary to receive joining details:
secretary@pdg.org.uk or 01832 735266

The Exec debated the various options open to the Guild. It was felt that a physical meeting held too many limitations and risks at the present time. The constitution requires an AGM to be held, so a virtual meeting was the only option. Other societies have successfully held their AGM via Zoom, so we can learn from best practice. We are aware that some people would appreciate some assistance, so will be providing step by step guides to joining. We hope to host some practice sessions as well. Members should be aware that they do not have to have a webcam to join and contribute to the meeting. It is possible to join via a telephone line only, although that would preclude the option of voting.

The Summer Festival, postponed to 3rd October, has been cancelled for 2020. The inability to ring 8 bells and to ring consecutively makes a striking contest impossible at present. Towcester will hold the trophy for a bonus year. No, they don't get their name on it again.

If there are any questions, please get in touch.

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