



# Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

## June 2021

### Return to Ringing

#### Guidelines for May 17<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup>

**The Rule of Six applies indoors.** This means that only six people from different families can meet at one time. (However, if only two families are meeting together, the total can exceed 6 persons). In practice this means that ringing sessions should be pre-arranged for 6 people, rather than drop-in.

**Hands – Face – Space rules apply.** Hand sanitisation should take place before ringing and before changing ropes. Face coverings should be worn at all times inside. Social distancing in the tower should be 2 metres at all non ringing times. But whilst ringing, “1 metre plus mitigations” will be acceptable.

#### Recheck before every session: “is it safe for me to ring?”

Ask oneself the following questions each time, before ringing:

1. Do I (or anyone in my household) have a temperature or fever?
2. Have I (or anyone in my household) lost the sense of taste or smell?
3. Do I (or anyone in my household) have a new continuous cough?
4. Have I (or anyone in my household) been in contact with anyone that is confirmed Covid-19 positive in the last 7 days.
5. Have I had a positive Lateral Flow Test in the past 7 days?

If the response to any of these is YES, then we should NOT ring until the possibility of Covid-19 infection has been excluded and any quarantine period has been completed.

#### Restrict ringing time to 45 minutes, whilst maintaining good tower ventilation.

During these weeks, longer periods of ringing should be restricted to planned episodes undertaken by low risk individuals, whilst researching the effectiveness of ventilation in a particular tower, using high-quality CO2 monitoring equipment (some guidance is being developed for this, including example monitors to use and what to do with them).

The latest guidance from the CCCBR is available here. <https://cccbr.org.uk/coronavirus/>

#### Saturday 3rd July - Preston

The event at Preston on July 3rd will be held in compliance with the coronavirus guidelines / restrictions in place at the time. Consequently it could be subject to change.

The people of Preston have put in a lot of hard work and effort to return their bells to a good working order. If permitted to go ahead as planned, this event provides an opportunity for us to ring together again and for the Rutland Branch to demonstrate our appreciation of their work. *Alan Ellis, Ringing Master*

Refreshments are planned, so we do need to have some idea of who might be there.

**If you think you may be attending on Saturday 3rd July please inform Sue Webster [suevw@sky.com](mailto:suevw@sky.com)**

**Items for the next newsletter to Sue Webster  
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## **Rutland Bell-ringers update 7 June 2021**

**Dear fellow ringer,**

Without pre-empting the Government at a recent committee meeting we discussed returning to ringing and there are already requests for bells at funerals and weddings so we need to get ready.

First we must not forget we are all volunteers and there is no demanding anyone returns to ringing if they are concerned (in any way) about mixing or ringing in smaller towers (for instance).

Where ropes are greater than 1 metre apart, with ringers sanitizing hands as they enter the church and/or belltower and ringer wearing face coverings then the advice is ringing can be undertaken with care and due consideration and this is the proposal in Rutland from 21<sup>st</sup> June (subject to the Government guidance). Where possible doors and windows should be opened to encourage a flow of air in the tower.

I would urge all tower captains who are planning to start ringing again to clear this with the church incumbent, responsible church warden or member of PCC.

I am aware some of those towers who normally run practises are planning to start again on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June and to avoid large numbers, we will advertise the programme and ask those planning to join the practice to let the tower captain know.

You will see in the newsletter the bells at Preston are to be rung on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July with open ringing between 1030 and 1200. This will need to be managed and numbers in the tower restricted, but Preston is hoping to encourage those who want to ring their bells to join in.

There are plans to invite villagers to “have a go” and see if a Preston team of learners might be created.

Once we are all clear on the future guidance we will be considering how to teach new recruits. We can start with the technical, tower and belfry (suitably distance) viewings and demonstrations of ringing. When we can stand closer together we can then start teaching bell handling.

Anyone interested in learning – please just ask.

Finally, over the next few weeks we should all take our ringing sensibly, and ease back into it without pulling muscles or getting rope-burn!!!

I do hope this message is clear and we will see some and eventually all of you ringing again soon.

***Alan Wordie – Chairman PDGBR Rutland Branch***



**The Sanctus Bell**  
Church St Peter & St Paul Preston  
c 1400 foundry of John Barber, Salisbury

St Peter & St Paul, Preston, Rutland

## OPEN DAY 2021

### CELEBRATING THE RESTORATION OF PRESTON CHURCH BELLS

**Saturday 3rd July 10.30 -12noon**

During 2020 the bells at Preston church were extensively refurbished and rehung by Taylors of Loughborough. The funds to complete the works was raised from trusts and charitable organisations, without whom the work on the bells would not have been possible.

In celebration, an open tower event is being held in July, - pandemic regulations permitting. Members of the public are invited to visit the church throughout the day to see exhibits about the bells and to witness bell ringing in action. This will this first real chance of the newly restored bells being rung in earnest since their overhaul.

- All ringers are welcome to come along for general ringing 10.30—12noon.
- Exhibition in church
- Real time video of the bells in the belfry as they are being rung
- Light refreshments being served in church.
- During the afternoon there will be “try and see” opportunities for anyone interested in ringing.
- 2-6pm there will be a village fete in the field by the church.

On Sunday morning 4th July a Quarter Peal will be rung 9.45—10.30am.



## **Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers**

[www.pdg.org.uk](http://www.pdg.org.uk)

### **Guild News**

Time to get your clicking fingers out. Ecclesiastical Insurance are running their "Movement for Good" campaign for the third year. This awards donations of £1000 to 500 charities. The Guild was successful in 2019, with your help we could be so again. All you need to do is click this link: [https://www.movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=258271&ct=heritage\\_arts%22](https://www.movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=258271&ct=heritage_arts%22) and the website will open. Click on the button that says and it will take you to the relevant area of the page. You should find the Peterborough DG information already populated, just select Charity type "Heritage Arts" All you need do is complete the rest of the form for us to be nominated. The more nominations, the better chance of being selected.

### **Guild AGM**

Just a reminder, the AGM will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm via Zoom. All attendees will need to register and all details can be found here: <https://www.pdg.org.uk/agm-2021> Any nominations, matters arising and any other business to be sent to the Secretary in advance.

There are 2 posts where the current holder is standing down, and for which nominations are needed, PRO and Newsletter editor. Role descriptions are on the AGM page.

There is a further post, a new one, of Safeguarding Officer, and the role description for this can be found on the AGM page.

If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch with the secretary, [secretary@pdg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pdg.org.uk)

### **CCCBR**

<https://cccb.org.uk/>

#### **CCCBR updates:**

The President's Blog, edition 34. <https://cccb.org.uk/2021/05/18/presidents-blog-34/>

The Central Council advises of 2 upcoming events that ringers may wish to plan to get involved with. Should you have an Ellacombe apparatus, 26<sup>th</sup> June marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its invention. If you have an example, you may want to be involved, by ringing it at noon (suggested) on that date. <https://cccb.org.uk/2021/05/21/ellacombe-bicentenary-celebrations/>

The NHS was founded on 5th July 1948. To mark its founding, the day has been assigned as NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers' Day. Ringers are encouraged to ring at 8pm that evening. You can ring 73 times (once per year) or ring for a few minutes.

<https://cccb.org.uk/2021/05/28/nhs-social-care-frontline-workers-day-5th-july-2021/>

### **Photo Contest**

After last year's YouTube contest, the CCCBR is looking to form a collection of photos available for use in publicity and similar. The first subject is "Ringing through the Seasons" and the closing date is 4<sup>th</sup> July. Details can be found here. <https://cccb.org.uk/2021/05/23/photo-gallery-competition/>

And that seems like enough to be going on with. Hoping the fine weather continues and that we move towards June in brighter sprits.

Helen Allton, Secretary: Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers

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## **Rutland Church Bell Ringing**

**[www.rutlandbellringing.org](http://www.rutlandbellringing.org)**

### **WEBMASTER REQUIRED**

Peter Furness has been our Branch webmaster for about three years now, but now needs to step down from this role. He re-established the website so all that is now required is ongoing maintenance and updating. The most frequent task is uploading the monthly Newsletter and adding a link to it.

The chairman and committee are very grateful to Peter for all that he achieved on behalf of the Rutland Branch and offer him our sincere thanks.

So we are looking for someone new to take on the job. Ideally it would be beneficial to have a small team of people to continue his work.

If you have some appropriate computing skills we would love to hear from you. Peter is willing to provide support and the benefit of his experience to facilitate a change over. If interested please contact either

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