



# Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

## July 2021

### Ringling will be back soon!

We're not back to ringing in earnest yet, but hopefully we soon will be. In the meantime the rules are still as follows.

#### Guidelines up to July 19th

**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.

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

#### CCCBR

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

Take a look at the latest joint ART/CCCBR Survival & Recovery newsletter featuring refresher workshops, ventilation in ringing chambers, challenges of a recruitment campaign and much more.

<https://cccb.org.uk/2021/06/25/survival-recovery-newsletter-issue-6/>

Simon Linford offers a precis of an article on the correlation between good ventilation, coronavirus transmission and CO2 monitoring in towers. The original article, published in Ringing World, was written by a member of the Council's covid guidance team.

#### PDGCBR

The Guild has purchased a CO2 meter, this is held by the steward. If any tower wishes to borrow it, please get in touch with John Beresford: [steward@pdg.org.uk](mailto:steward@pdg.org.uk)

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

With there being very little ringing in recent months this hasn't been given a lot of attention.

If you have paid your membership subscription for this year, Thank You. If not, just a little reminder that some are still outstanding. *Sue Baker, Membership Secretary*

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

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

### **Guild News**

The AGM was held on 12th June. Thank you to those who did join and participate again.

There are a couple of officer changes:

Jonathan Stuart takes over as the Guild Newsletter Editor and Cathy Dixon is now Public Relations Officer.

The details of holders and how to contact them can be found on the Guild website.

<https://www.pdg.org.uk/homepage/officers>

A write up of the meeting is available on the website. <https://www.pdg.org.uk/latest-news/agm-2021-report>

There remains a vacancy for the new post of Safeguarding Officer. This is an administrative post, no specialist safeguarding knowledge is necessary. The role description has been sent as a separate attachment.

There was an agenda item relating to the plans for St Peter's Northampton & the plans for the Old Black Lion building. You may have seen this referenced in an earlier blog by the Central Council president.

More information is available here:

<https://www.pdg.org.uk/latest-news/national-ringing-centre-at-st-peter-s-and-the-old-black-lions>

### **Guild 100 Club**

The 100 Club was started by Derek Jones in September 1986, since then the numbers have grown to an average of over 100 paid up members. The larger the number of members, the greater the prizes!

The 100 refers to the limit on the prizes and not the number of members.

The draw was suspended for the duration of the lockdowns but is expected to resume from September.

If you are not contributing already do consider joining. The organizer is Cathy Dixon [100\\_club@pdg.org.uk](mailto:100_club@pdg.org.uk)

Subscriptions are £12 per year. This cannot be gift aided. Individuals (over 16 only), groups and towers can join.

**St Peter & St Paul, Preston, Rutland**

### **CELEBRATING THE RESTORATION OF PRESTON CHURCH BELLS**

Sadly it was necessary to cancel the event planned in Preston for July 4th. The village celebrations and church service will not take place, but - **there will be ringing!**

**Saturday 16th October**

***This is also the date earmarked for the Branch Ringing Tour***

**Put it in your diaries - Save the date**

## **Tower Problems**

### **Advice sought!**

Caldecott has jackdaws in the belfry; some of the mesh on the 'windows' inside the spire has become loose and they were actually nesting on the bells; it has been cleared and we hope the restarting of ringing will deter any more but some reattaching of mesh is needed.

Has anyone had a similar problem? If so, do you know of anyone who could do the job for us?

If you can help with any information please contact:

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or

Tower Captain - Brian Newman [brianjasie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brianjasie@yahoo.co.uk)

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## **Rutland Church Bell Ringing**

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

### **WEBMASTER REQUIRED**



We are still seeking someone to manage the Branch website.

The website is well established 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.

If you have some appropriate computing skills we would love to hear from you. Peter Furness 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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