



Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter December 2021

Wishing all in our Rutland Branch a very Merry Christmas and Happy Ringing



Rutland Branch AGM 2022 Saturday 15th January 2022

3.00pm. Pre-meeting, open ringing at *St James the Great*. GRETTON. NN17 3BU

4.00pm. Ringing at *St John the Evangelist*, CALDECOTT. LE16 8RS

4.30pm. Service at Caldecott.

Tea

6.00pm AGM Meeting

The ringing and AGM meeting is for all Rutland ringers, regardless of how long you have been ringing.

New ringers are very welcome.

Uppingham Practice - We have an Uppingham practice just once a month currently.

The next one will be on Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Items for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Friday 31st December
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Uppingham - Plain Bob Training Session

The Guild have a group of experienced ringers 'The Flying Squad' who are happy to visit towers across the Guild, promoting good ringing, enabling ringers to progress and improve where the bands are small and need help. Sharing their knowledge and experience for the benefit of others whilst making it fun at the same time.

On a Saturday morning, 4th December, we held a 'Plain Bob ' training event' at Uppingham, led by Guild Ringing Master Simon Dixon and Public Relations Officer, Cathy Dixon.

The morning was a combination of some theory on ringing Plain Bob Minimus, Doubles and Minor via power point presentation, and lots of ringing practice supported by very experienced ringers.

We had eight "students" with ten "helpers", which included four Rutland ringers; Peggy Jennings, Ann Archer, Brian Newman & Thomas Saunders. Each student could say what they wished to ring and gain from the session. With a very competent band around them and a helper standing by for advice if needed, goals were achieved. It was a very constructive, friendly and beneficial morning enjoyed by all.

If anyone is interested in requesting similar help contact Guild Ringing Master Simon Dixon
master@pdg.org.uk

AGM MATTERS

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

We NEED and would like to see new people volunteering to be on the Branch committee this year.

Like all organisations, the Rutland Branch of Bellringers needs people to co ordinate the business matters, look after funds and finance, organise events for the enjoyment of others and generally be a point of contact when queries are raised. We are lucky to have people on the committee who give a bit of time to ensure all runs smoothly. December and January can be the slightly busier months with an AGM in January. We have meetings, on average, four times a year.

"Each Branch shall hold its Annual General Meeting on a Saturday in January for the purpose of receiving a report and audited or independently examined accounts for the previous year, electing officers and arranging a programme of activities for the ensuing year. Members shall be eligible to vote or stand for office only in accordance with Guild Rule 1, in the Branch through which they exercise their membership."

Could you make a commitment to help?

At the AGM in January we will be wanting to appoint a Branch Ringing Master and Secretary. Both Alan Ellis and Helen Pollard have expressed their wish to stand down in the forthcoming year.

We have had a vacancy for a Social Secretary for sometime now. Ted Phillips would welcome anyone with practical skills to assist him in his role as Steward.

New ringers equally as welcome as the more experienced. Associate ringers too.

If interested please let us know.

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UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE UK 2021

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

Bells have traditionally been rung to mark significant moments, both in times of celebration, such as victory in war, and as a warning of impending danger, such as invasion.

Bellringers were invited to Ring Out for Climate initiative at 18:00 on Saturday 30th October, the eve of the United Nations Climate Change conference in Glasgow between October 31 and November 12 2021.

“The climate crisis is not just a national problem but a global one.” “A nationwide ‘ring out for climate’ on the eve of the COP26 can be a warning symbol, but also one of hope.

Simon Linford, President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, commented: “Bellringers understand how important the bells they ring are, not only to the church but also to the local community.” “The sound of bells was missed during lockdown, and it is now being welcomed back as part of the nation’s soundscape.”

Many bellringers across the nation joined in with “*ring out for the climate*”, lending their powerful voice in support of efforts to halt climate change.

The event was a CofE initiative and wasn’t very widely promoted. In Rutland I know of only one tower that rang for this occasion, Gt Casterton. For the band it was the first time that all of their six bells had been rung since March 2020.

Call changes and some plain hunt were rung by:

- (1) Ann Archer
- (2) Irene James
- (3) Tim Holt
- (4) Mick Allman
- (5) Kate Riley
- (6) Don McGarrigle

One other Rutland ringer, Thomas Saunders of Uppingham, rang with the band at Peterborough Cathedral.

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St Peters & Old Black Lion project

Lots of progress on the project in the last few weeks. The CCT is looking to partner with an operator for the pub. As ringers have a certain affinity with pubs, you may know someone who may be able to make a success of this. If so, point them in the direction of the CCT website: <https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-we-do/news/cct-is-seeking-a-suitable-hospitality-operator-for-the-old-black-lion-pub.html>

The project was also granted planning permission and listed building consent for the changes to be made. <https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-we-do/news/planning-permission-and-listed-building-consent-granted-for-old-black-lion-pub-in-northampton.html>

And, finally, the CCCBR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the CCT over the ringing centre element of the plans. This is featured in the President's latest blog:

<https://cccbr.org.uk/2021/11/16/presidents-blog-47/>

CCCBR

The Central Council's Covid guidance team has recently met to consider revising guidance, not least because there is anecdotal evidence that some bands and towers are still more locked down than they may need to be, and the team wants to facilitate responsible ringing as far as possible. The team has a further meeting with the Church of England Recovery Group next week and in advance of that we are interested to hear of any instances of difficulties with guidance, contrary views on ringing guidance from clergy or churchwardens, or any specific issues that you think need to be addressed or clarified as we approach our first 'vaccinated winter'.

Please send any observations directly to simon.linford@cccbr.org.uk

Young Change Ringers Association: The first YCRA event is planned for early January. YCRA is open to ringers aged under 30. <https://cccbr.org.uk/2021/11/19/ycra-event/>

Guild reminders

12 days of giving

As we approach the Christmas season, Ecclesiastical are again running their 12 days of giving campaign in December. You just have to nominate the Guild, and we go into the 12 draws that take place between the 6th & 21st December. The more nominations, the more likelihood there is of us being awarded one of 120 grants of £1000 each. This would go to the Guild's training fund. This has received a number of applications as ringing starts up again.

We've been successful in the last few years; all it needs is you to get your clicking fingers out. The link below takes you to a page with prefilled details, just scroll down the page, complete the form and submit.

https://movementforgood.com/12days/index.php?cn=258271&ct=heritage_arts

Photo contest

Seeing the weather's turned frosty, how about getting out and taking a seasonal picture of your church for the Guild photo contest. Or has it been adorned with festive lights and decorations? Seasonal entries are most definitely welcomes.

January AGMs

Branches should be sharing details of their AGMs now, if they haven't already. Keep up to date with the where and when by looking at the events page of the Guild website. <https://pdg.org.uk/events>. I know that branches are always looking for help and support to arrange the events that are laid on for ringers across the year. They would love you to get involved, if you are able to.

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