

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter for January

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022!**

Rutland Branch AGM 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

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The ringing and AGM meeting is for all Rutland ringers, regardless of how long you have been ringing. New ringers are very welcome. The service will be in Caldecott church. Tea and the meeting will take place in the village hall.

Caldecott ringers and friends will be providing tea after the service, in the village hall. It would be very helpful for those catering to know how many to expect. So, please let us know whether or not you are likely to attend. A small charge will be made for tea to cover costs of the hall hire, etc.

Replies to Caldecott Tower Captain - Brian Newman brianjasie@yahoo.co.uk

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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
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AGM MATTERS

Rutland Branch Bellringers AGM - a briefing note from The Chairman.

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3pm. The afternoon arrangements will start with ringing in GRETTON where Sally has a number of new interested ringers and it will be good to both show them some rounds, calls and methods, but also be able to wrap a competent team around those who are progressing well. There will be an opportunity for method ringing (doubles) for those who may not have rung at Gretton before. This is a GF ring of 5.

4pm. Ringing prior to the annual service will commence at CALDECOTT and all are very welcome to ring. A GF ring of 6.

4.30pm. Annual Service.

5.15pm. Tea in the village hall (100 yards from the church) **5.45pm - 6pm.** Tea cleared

6pm. AGM

6.45pm Ringing afterwards at Caldecott.

Covid - 19.

It has been decided the AGM will proceed at Gretton and Caldecott with all the usual hand washing and sanitisation, social distancing, face coverings and maximum air circulation (subject to temperature) and all ringers and members are very welcome.

We are aware there will be some who would rather not risk mixing at this time and this is respected. We are unable to run the AGM both in person and virtually (the hybrid option) however with this newsletter there is attached an Agenda, Minutes of the 2021 meeting, draft 2022 programme and voting and nominations sheet. Anyone wishing to partake in the meeting but unable to attend please do not hesitate to contact Helen Pollard or the Chairman Alan Wordie with your voting or comments.

We will endeavour to have Reports from the Treasurer, Steward and Ringing Master on the website or at least emailed to you all, ahead of the AGM. These will contribute to the Committee Report to be submitted to the Guild in the next few weeks.

Committee vacancies

The committee would welcome volunteers for Social/Tour Secretary or Web-site co-ordinator. These positions do not require the ability to conduct or ring advanced methods (in fact an enthusiastic ringer of rounds will be wonderful) so maybe speak to a member of the committee or the Chairman to see if you can help. It is possible one of the committee members without office may take on one of the roles. Willing volunteers always welcomed.

Business as usual

We all hope 2022 will allow a return to normality and with this in mind we are looking to offer a teaching programme to welcome new ringers and to advance those who have started during 2021. Anyone interested in learning, returning after few years/decades, or teaching - please let us know.

Please email Sue Webster (PR) or Alan Wordie or anyone on the committee (see web-site).

Stay safe

I do hope the 15th will be a warm day so we can stay safe and healthy and many of you will join the AGM and Service. To those who will be there in spirit I wish you well and look forward to seeing you very soon and during the year at the events the Master has arranged.

Alan Wordie, Rutland Branch Chairman

RINGING in 2022

Most towers are back ringing, albeit with participants wearing face coverings/masks. Lets hope that this new year will see the return of normality in our towers and ringing.

Hopefully subscriptions and donations will reach pre pandemic levels in 2022. To this end, Tower Captains will be contacted for details of who is ringing, with a view to encouraging members to contribute. Given that our costs should also get back to normal levels. Towers will be visited on a practice night to get a good understanding of the members involved. *Simon Forster, Branch Treasurer*

QUARTER PEALS

None to report.