



2022

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

February



HM Queen's Jubilee

Sunday 6th February 2022 marks the 70th anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth II's accession.

Churches will be holding a special Evensong service to mark the actual day the Queen will have reigned for 70 years. Whilst the main celebratory events are planned for June, the opportunity to mark this day with collective bellringing would be welcomed by the Church of England.

A BellBoard event has been set up, [70th Anniversary of HM Queen's Accession](#), to record your ringing on this day.

The main Jubilee celebrations take place over an extended Bank Holiday, with the late May Bank Holiday being moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June.

Whilst the whole weekend lends itself to plenty of celebratory ringing, in collaboration with the Church of England and the Royal Household, it has been agreed that a focus for collective bellringing should coincide with the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's on Friday 3 June. The timing of the Service has not yet been confirmed but is likely to be in the morning.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

<https://cccb.org.uk/2022/01/12/hm-queens-jubilee/>

Uppingham Practice - We have an Uppingham practice just once a month currently.
The next one will be on Thursday 24th February 2022 at 7.30pm.

**Items for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Monday 28th February**
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AGM MATTERS

Thank you to all ringers who attended the AGM on January 15th at Caldecott. The Officers and committee were elected as follows.

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THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE RINGING

As I'm sure you are all aware this year sees the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession and the CCCBR are asking for towers to ring out in celebration of the event. There are two opportunities to do so. The first is the 6th February, the actual day, the second is during the bank holiday June 2nd to the 6th.

It would be nice for the branch to join in with these events and record the ringing both with the branch newsletter and on the BellBoard site that the CCCBR have created.

On another matter, while I know that we do have some new learners. I would like to record numbers so if you have any in your tower can you please let me know so that the branch can offer support if you would like any. We are hoping to have a further drive to attract new people into ringing after Easter, possibly using the Jubilee to promote the idea, all other ideas would be welcome.

Brian Newman

Ringing Master

RUTLAND BELLRINGERS

HOW TO PAY YOUR SUBS / DONATIONS BY BANK TRANSFER

As we make progress back to normality and looking forward to a more normal year of ringing, I would request that members pay their subscriptions and/or donations as soon as possible by bank transfer, to save the collection and handling of cash.

A reminder : the Guild rule number 2 states that members over the age of 75 need not pay the subscription of £7, but any money they do pay will be classed as a donation (D see below)

Any excess over £7 paid by a member under 75 will also be classed as a donation.

Juniors under 18 or full time student (J see below)

Please use the following details when paying on line :

BANK NAME : HSBC, STAMFORD BRANCH

SORT CODE : 40-43-05

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 31507540

ACC NAME : PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS – RUTLAND BRANCH

this is probably too long to fit in the box on the screen so use the following shortened name accepted by the bank : PDGCBR - RUTLAND

(if an error says the payee doesn't match, please just press the button to accept the difference)

REFERENCE BOX : YOUR NAME & TOWER & S (or D or J)

This last bit advises me whether your money is a subscription (S) or donation (D) based on age, or student status (J), see above.

A brief email would be helpful, to say that it has been done, with a note on whether I can apply for Gift Aid on your payment until further notice. I can also check email details on my member register.

I trust this is all self-explanatory, but feel free to contact me.

Many thanks

Simon Forster Treasurer and Membership Secretary

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Coronavirus Guidance for England after lifting of 'Plan B' restrictions

CCCBR Recommendations 27 January 2022

The Church of England updated guidance for Places of Worship confirms that Bellringing is no longer restricted by social distancing rules, although sensible precautions such as good ventilation and using hand sanitiser, are still recommended.

Face coverings are no longer mandatory in any setting, including Places of Worship. The government guidance to 'consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces' applies to some ringing chambers, particularly if ventilation is poor. They remain a good way of reducing transmission. Anyone can decide to continue wearing a face covering for their own protection, and a whole band may do so if it makes members of the band feel more comfortable.

Ventilation in our ringing chambers is important, and a flow of fresh air is the ideal. Poor ventilation, or even a total lack, is not a barrier to ringing, but you might consider how long you ring for.

Lateral Flow Tests are recommended by the Government when meeting other people. LFTs on the day of ringing (as close to ringing as possible) are a key mitigation for those wishing to ring for longer periods of time, alongside good ventilation.

With no limits on numbers, distancing or duration, the emphasis is on considering which mitigations are appropriate for a particular ringing situation, adjusting the length of time accordingly.

For example, a fully vaccinated band might be comfortable ringing for an extended period of time at a well ventilated tower if all participants have done a LFT within the previous 24 hours.

Teaching youngsters is likely to be for shorter periods, again with a LFT within 24 hours and possibly with a face covering.

GUILD NEWS

Photo Contest

With the weather having had a seasonable turn in which case consider submitting it to the Guild's photo contest. Images will be selected to form a Guild calendar for the 10th anniversary year, in 2024.

Consider sending in your images to be part of this event.

More details available on the website. <https://pdg.org.uk/latest-news/photo-contest>

Guild Update

Just to remind members that they have a say in how the Guild is run. They can propose someone for Guild office unto the Guild AGM in June. That can be in writing (e-mail is acceptable) to the Guild secretary or in person at the AGM itself.

At the 2021 GMC there was a sub-committee created to review the rules that the Guild, the branches and the Bell repair fund follow. This has not been actively pursued during 2021, when meeting was difficult, but is now being revived. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please let the Guild Secretary know.

The next few months see the bulk of the planning activity for the Guild for the year. Any thoughts you have that you would like to see considered are welcome. What do you want to see your Guild do? Let us know, we're good, but we're not very psychic!

Thanks

Helen

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QUARTER PEALS

None to report this month

From our Rutland Towers....

EMPINGHAM

Fundraiser Event

Empingham tower requires some repairs to the bell wheels. To raise funds towards the cost of the work there are plans for a concert in Empingham church on March 12th. Further details to be confirmed.

Nick Meyrick

KETTON



Ketton Hand Bell Ringers provided the closing performance for Wassail at Ketton on January 22nd.

They did their performance in the church porch, ringing a number of different tunes finishing with a superb rendition of '*Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*'.

Probably the most popular tune was '*The Wheels on The Bus*' which resulted in the children, and quite a number of adults, doing the actions.

The afternoon was a great success with £50 being collected for Air Ambulance.

David Rippin

Model Bell Tower

Nick Meyrick of Empingham recalls the Branch once had a model tower which could be used for Open days and recruitment events. Does anyone know if it still exists somewhere? Let us know. suevw@sky.com