



2022
Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter
MARCH

**PDGCBR
Rutland Branch**

Annual Dinner

Friday 25th March 2022

7.00 for 7.30pm

The Olde White Hart, Lyddington

Cost is £29 per person for a 3 course meal including Coffee/Tea

With this newsletter you have been sent a menu and a sheet for your choices, so that we can pre-order.

Please return your menu choices to John Tomalin by **Friday 18th March**,
john.tomalin1943@btinternet.com

or by post to Dog Kennel Cottage, Burley Park Way, Oakham, LE15 6FB

Payment can be by cheque to Tomalin or by bank transfer

Details are in the letter with the menu choices.

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

**Items for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Thursday 31st March
suevw@sky.com**

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Message from the Chairman,

New Ringers

A huge congratulations to all the learners and teachers who brought the ringers on to ringing rounds without too much assistance. We will be arranging some rounds and call change days with good ringers surrounding the learners so they can progress to being safe, comfortable and confident.

New Learners

It is time to look for the next wave of learners and if you know of anyone interested in learning to ring for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this summer then please direct them to the web site where there is a link for those interested in learning. We can start another course in a few week's time.

2022 subs and donations

Thank you to all members who have paid their subs (£7 adult up to 75 years of age) and £3.50 for a student, and the many who have topped up their payment with a donation towards funds. The extra £3, £5 or £7 donation makes a big difference and allows support of our towers when and where needed. I am aware of a couple of towers in Rutland Branch who benefit from a small assistance from Guild and Branch. The donation allows all towers to be helped and for the art and maintenance of bells and bellringing to be maintained. We are but a link in the chain starting from the date our respective bells were cast through to when called on now. Thank you.

For those still to pay subs please go to the website for payment details. Once you have set up a BACS payment it becomes very simple to repeat the payment every January. I will be asking the Treasurer for a list of those who have, and have not, paid as it is respected throughout the Guild when fees are fully paid. Tower Captains can you help encourage this please.

Branch practices

Does anyone have any special requests for theory or practical workshops we might provide to help progression? I am sure if one of you suggests a theme, there will be many others joining the event. Please ask?

Guild 8 Bell competition in September

The Guild 8 bell striking competition is to be held in Uppingham in September and your branch will be entering a team with the aim (high) of winning!! Consequently all those who want to progress in 8 bell ringing and, over the next 6 months, could be a part of the local team striking clearly and crisply with rhythm, please come to the monthly Uppingham and Oakham practices. The dates are on the website.

Website

I have referenced the website this month on a few occasions. This is <http://rutlandbellringing.org> and worth bookmarking and opening occasionally.

With very best wishes to you all

Alan Wordie

Striking Competitions

Dates for later in the year - Saturday 17th September, when we have our own Rutland Branch 6 bell striking competition. I'm hoping that as many towers as possible will take part.

The following weekend, on Saturday 24th September, the branch is hosting the Guild Summer Festival and 8 bell striking competition at Uppingham. As we are the hosts I believe we should enter a team.

I do have one or two who have kindly agreed to be part of the team but we still need more to come forward so that the branch can be represented. We can then have the bells at Uppingham to practice on.

Brian Newman, Ringing Master

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE RINGING

Sunday February 6th marked 70 years since The Queen acceded to the throne on the death of her father King George VI.

Twelve towers in Rutland rang on February 6th in acknowledgement of the occasion. Some for normal Sunday service and another two chimed.



Braunston	Sunday morning service
Brooke	3.00pm ringing for Sunday service and the Queen
Caldecott	Single bell chimed 70 times in the morning.
Gt. Casterton	Call changes and Plain Hunt finishing with 'Queens'
Hambleton	Rounds on 4 bells
Harringworth	5.00pm. Included 2 new ringers from Lyddington, who have learned to ring during the last 3 months.
Ketton	Chiming of Bob Doubles
Lyddington	4.00pm. Call changes
Oakham	Sunday morning service. Call Changes and Plain Bob Minimus
Seaton	4.30pm Call changes and Plain Bob Doubles
Uppingham	3.30pm Call changes
Whissendine	Ringling on 4 bells for Sunday morning service

QUARTER PEALS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Edith Weston, Rutland

St Mary

Sunday, 20 February 2022 in 39m (7-0-13 in A)

1260 China Wedding Doubles

This new variation, rung for the first time, is Primrose Bob with a Grandsire Single. Code: 868c

- 1 Taliya Rubendran
- 2 Diana Street
- 3 David Banks (C)
- 4 Stuart Weston
- 5 Andrew Christie
- 6 Julian Burton

First blows in this new variation and named especially for Jean and Andrew Tinsley's 20th wedding anniversary, albeit a year late.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Ashwell, Rutland

St Mary

Saturday, 12 February 2022 (9¾ in G)

72 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Simon Adams
- 2 Graham Nabb
- 3 Sue Baker
- 4 Joshua Tomalin
- 5 Paul V. Stannard
- 6 Louis Totaro (C)

First complete and successful ring for this peal of bells since 1976, previously deemed un-ringable.

Ashwell St Mary

Just to clarify, the ringing at Ashwell was purely a test ring. The handling is not very good and there is still a lot of work required to the frame and fittings.

More ringing is not recommended at the present time, with plans for further renovation work ongoing.

Louis Totaro is acting as Tower Correspondent

ASHWELL St Mary

Bells rung again

On February 12, 2022 the Ashwell Bells were rung again – see [Bell Board](#) for details. This was the first ringing recorded since 1976!

The ring of 5 bells at Ashwell dates from the early 18th century; it was increased to 6 in 1850 by the addition of a new Treble weighing 3cwt 3qr 25lb by the Whitechapel foundry, which was hung over the previous Treble (now the second) in an extension to the existing frame - see picture. The whole project cost £26 0s 8d.

Louis Totaro and Brian Farr have been working on the bells, with the guidance of Simon Adams from Taylors, to assess whether the un-ringable tag is correct. Quoting from *Time in Rutland*, "The bells at Ashwell Church have not been used for full-circle ringing since the 1970s owing to the condition of the frame, and a defect in the tower structure."

After quite a bit of time spent inspecting and titivating, it was deemed that a test ring was possible, and so we may soon hear this lovely ring sound again in the village. Thanks to Louis, Brian and Simon for their hard work and persistence.



Note however, that the bells are still under monitoring and repair, and not available yet for general ringing.

The Tower Correspondent is Louis Totaro. He will be able to provide further information as renovations progress.



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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GUILD NEWS

Dates for your diary:

This will be a regular item, featuring Guild events and branch happenings that are coming up in the next few weeks. You can check for details on the Guild's events page for more details. <https://pdg.org.uk/events>

Saturday 12th March at 10:30 to 12:30 at Towcester. A chance to try ringing on higher numbers for those confident in ringing on 8 and to test out those method muscles for those with some familiarity on 10. Method range can extend up to Bristol and London Surprise Royal (on a good day, with enough people).

Peterborough: Friday 4th March at 19:30 at Castor. Branch 8-bell practice

Guildsborough: Saturday 5th March at 15:30 at Cold Ashby, then from 18:30 at Kelmarsh.

Central Council news

The President's latest blog is available. <https://ccbr.org.uk/2022/02/16/presidents-blog-53/>

Heritage Open days can be a way of spreading the word about ringing and generating some positive engagement with the community – and you may find a recruit or two. Registration is open from 1st March for the annual event in September. The Guild can help with publicity materials if you have a plan to try and open your tower.

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