

2022

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter



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Second Saturday Sessions Organized by the Guild - Open to All

May 14th 2022

Two separate sessions are being run, if anyone is interested in either session, contact Simon Dixon (master@pdg.org.uk) to let him know and we'll be in touch with more details.

Please note that there will be a small fee of £2 per student to go towards a tower donation.

Session 1 – Basic Bell Maintenance

This is aimed at those who are interested in the mechanics of the bells and would like to learn a bit more, especially about how to keep the bells and fittings in good working order. It will be a mainly practical session held up in the belfry and would suit new recruits as well as existing ringers.

Session 2 – Beyond Plain Bob

For those ringers who have been confidently ringing Plain Bob (Doubles or Minor) and want to find out how to learn and ring other methods, such as St Simon's Doubles, St Clements and Single Oxford Bob Minor. It will be a combined theory and practical session.

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

Uppingham Practice - The next Uppingham Branch practice will be on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 7.30pm.

Items for the June newsletter to Sue Webster
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JUBILEE RINGING



CCCBR has not offered any guidance on Jubilee ringing, however, Peterborough Guild are planning to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's II Platinum Jubilee by having all the bells in the Peterborough Diocese rung to mark the occasion.

It was suggested (in a letter in the national press) that all bells should be rung simultaneously from 19:52 to 20:22 i.e., a half hour period one evening. But there is a problem with the maths! There are over 1500 bells in the Peterborough Diocese, which covers Peterborough, Northamptonshire and Rutland, but less than 1000 ringers.

The following plan is being proposed-

- Ringing events in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee to be advertised on special posters produced for each tower
- Collation of all ringing efforts for the newsletter
- Certificates for towers that want them
- Report on activities to be distributed for publication e.g., Ringing World, Cross Keys

In Rutland we envisage there being much demand for the bells to be rung and we hope all those who can ring will be able to participate, and all ring-able bells will be rung.

Many towers are planning to ring on Thursday 2nd June in the evening, but it will be challenge to ring in all of our towers at the same time. The celebrations span the four days of the weekend and some may choose plan their ringing to coincide with other activities happening in their village/town.

Please let me know suevw@sky.com what your ringing plans are for the Jubilee weekend and whether you need more ringers to make up a full band. Let us have as many of our towers as possible ringing at some time over the Jubilee weekend.



Guild Jubilee Ringing Scheme

The Guild are inviting individuals to spend 70 days training to become a church bell ringer to mark the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Those enrolling on the scheme will be asked for a registration fee of £20, which will be used to cover all tuition costs and, upon a successful outcome, will include Guild Jubilee merchandise. After completion of a successful 70-day training period it is hoped the new ringers will be able to join their local tower and continue to receive instruction.

For more information on this scheme please see <https://www.pdg.org.uk/jubilee-ringing>

Guild Spring Meeting & 6 Bell Striking Competition - April 23rd

The Rutland branch was able to field one team for the 6 bell competition this year and it was the Lyddington benefice team. We were a scratch team to enable the branch to participate in the annual event, which this year was hosted by the Kettering branch and held at Wilbarston. Our team was placed 10th when the results were announced with 55%, Rushden won with 84%.

The competition was followed by a tea in the village hall which was enjoyed by all.



The Team - Sue Baker, Thomas Saunders, Alan Ellis, Brian Newman Ted Phillips, Steven Guick.

Guild Newsletter

The Guild has produced a newsletter twice a year since 2009. The editor Jonathan Stuart has given it a new look and it is usually produced twice a year, in Spring and Autumn. This current issue was due for release in February, but was unavoidably delayed. The latest edition will say February on the cover but appears on the website under April. It is available to view at <https://www.pdg.org.uk/latest-news/newsletters>

Uppingham Cake and Plant Stall

After a gap of two years (for obvious reasons!) our Bellringers Annual Cake and Plant Stall returns this year.

Saturday 28th May 2022 8.30 - 12md. Uppingham Market Place.

We will be pleased to see anyone willing to support our fundraising efforts, either visiting the stall or by contributing a cake. Fingers crossed for fine weather.

Sue , Ted & Thomas



GUILD NEWS

Spring Meeting:

The Spring Meeting on 23rd April was an excellent day out. The rather overcast weather perked up for the afternoon. There were 10 teams, 3 towers, lots of ringing, an excellent tea and around 80 people present at some point during the afternoon. It was quite a shock to be faced with a church full of people for the meeting. Well done to all those who took part and congratulations to Rothwell on winning a tight competition. They hold the Weaver shield for the next year. Thank you to Stephanie Warboys for judging and for her constructive comments - it's never an easy task. Kettering branch put on an excellent event and well done to all who contributed on the day and beforehand. The raffle raised £189 for the Bell Fund.

It was lovely to see so many of you. I hope you enjoyed it.

Newsletter

The Guild's latest newsletter was distributed to branches at the meeting. They are being shared in physical format through branches. It is also available electronically through the website, see here: https://pdg.org.uk/newsletters/newsletter_202204.pdf

There are additional copies available. If there is a location in your locality that would make a sensible place for a copy, please get in touch with Cathy Dixon, PRO. pro@pdg.org.uk That may be the church, the local drop in centre, the community café etc. etc. There is an opportunity to advertise ringing in a positive light and garner some good will in the community by sharing ringing news more widely. Get in touch if you have a suggestion.

Annual Report

The 2021 Annual report was also distributed to branches. There are copies for towers, life members and officers. Copies are available for members to purchase from the secretary, they are £2 each, which includes post & packaging. They are £5 to non-members. You'll not miss them, they're a nice cheery orange this year.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 14th May, 10:30 – 12:30. Guild 10 bell Kettering (almost certainly!).

Saturday 14th May. Guild Second Saturday Session:

11th June 10:00 Surprise Major Practice at Thrapston. Some fun on the way to the AGM.

Saturday 11th June, 2:00 Peterborough St Mary, 2:30 Cathedral, 3:30 Peterborough St John. 4:00 Service, followed by tea and meeting at 6:00. Evening ringing at St Johns.

And finally...

Rev Richard Coles had his last service at Finedon on 24th April. A band rang a peal after his last service. This was in a new method with most appropriate name. The Rev. Richard joined the ringers afterwards for a photograph (taken by Caitlin Moran) and was suitably pleased with it all. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1512299>

Hope to see you at a ringing event in the near future.

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