



2022

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

DECEMBER



Wishing A Very Happy Christmas To All Our Ringers and Readers

DATES for DIARIES

Sunday 1st January - Quarter Peal Day

**Saturday 14th January - Branch AGM
Hosted by Gt Casterton**

3.00pm. Pre Meeting Open Ringing at Ryhall

4.00pm Gt Casterton Open Ringing

4.30pm. Service at St Peter & St Paul Church

5.30pm. Tea

Post Meeting. Open Ringing at Gt. Casterton

Ringling Practice Times

Some towers do not have a home practice every week, but share their practice nights with other towers on a rotational basis.

December Practices All commence at 7.30pm.

8th Uppingham, 15th Lyddington.

5th Caldecott, 12th Gretton, 19th Harringworth.

7th Brooke, 14th Braunston, 21st Brooke.

**Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Monday 2nd January.
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QUARTER PEALS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Braunston, Rutland

All Saints

Friday, 18 November 2022 (10–0–25 in G)

1320 Pudsey Block Delight Minor

- 1) Ian Bell
- 2) Sue Baker
- 3) Alan Ellis
- 4) Stephen Gullick
- 5) Thomas Saunders
- 6) Richard Beadman (C)

Rung for Children in Need

First quarter in method for all

First inside of a table bob method for Sue Baker



RUTLAND BRANCH COMMITTEE

In just a few week's time we will be holding our 2023 AGM. (January 14th). We will have some vacancies on the committee and invite nominations from new ringers as well as the more experienced among you. You just need to be a Rutland Branch member, willing to offer a bit of time for the benefit of the Branch.

The committee meets approximately 4 times a year, on a Friday evening so as not to clash with local practice nights. So if interested, get in touch with Alan Wordie alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com

We would also like to hear from any experienced ringers willing to assist with recruitment and become involved with the teaching of new ringers. The coronation of King Charles III on 6th May next year provides a possible focus for recruitment. The CCCBR has started putting together some materials to help support this under the headline "Ring for the King".

These can be found here: <https://cccbr.org.uk/bellringing/ring-for-the-king/>

Many towers in our county are needing more ringers, making recruitment a high priority for us. So if you have experience of teaching or just willing to help in anyway, please contact Alan Wordie alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com

Mary Davidson sent this quote, which may interest some...

'The Victorian historian J A Froude remarked that perhaps the only twelfth-century sound we would recognise today is the pealing of church bells.'

(They spoke old Norse or Norman French which later merged into English.)

Plea from your Chairman Alan Wordie

There are around 100 active members of the Rutland Branch and that is really good news. In addition there are various new ringers working into membership which will increase membership during early 2023.

Please can I ask the 25 or so members who have not yet paid their subscription for 2022 to make a payment/donation of the due amount (sub is £7 and donations can be anything you feel is correct) for the 2022 year. Our Treasurer sets out below where the subs are applied and Guild rules on the subscription. Any questions please ask Alan Wordie by email.

Our financial relationship with the guild , in terms of the subs and donations we receive at branch can be summarised as follows :

At Guild (where 75% of subs and 50% of donations are sent) the £5.25 subscription is used as follows:

- *Bell Fund. In 2021 grants had been paid for 3 towers in the Guild and approved for a further 6. The support from Guild allows PCCs to further fund raise to achieve the works.*
- *Training Fund. A very useful centralised fund for grants which can be requested to help branches promote training of new ringers and development of existing ringers.*
- *General Fund. This is used to assist the management of the Guild (11 Branches), liaison with CCCBR, annual reports and other incidentals.*

The balance of £1.75 per person under pensionable age (fixed at 75) is retained by the Branch and used for incidental costs, promotion and support if a Tower request help from the Branch Committee.

Note: Junior membership subscription is £3.50

There is no subscription for the over 75s, but Guild and Branch has always encouraged ringers to make a donation and continue to be a part of the ringing community (whether still ringing or not). This is generally well supported by those over 75.

Guild has a number of fundraising initiatives (including raffles and quizzes), which historically it has fallen to Tower Captains to sell and account for cash receipts. About 15 years ago Rutland suggested to members (retired and not retired) when making their annual payments they might also like to make a donation (at the time it was suggested to top up to £10 or more) and this let TCs off the task of selling raffle tickets etc. This has worked well.

Gift Aid. When becoming members, the form completed asks if subs and donations might be gift aided. The Guild recovers the tax and this saves the Branch treasurers an additional headache. All tax payers are encouraged to gift aid to PDGCBR and advise the Branch Treasurer if not doing so already.

It is hoped this brief explanation of how subscriptions and donations are applied to the various functions of Guild and Branch management will help members to ensure payments are made every January (due at the AGM) and with the majority of payments received electronically (once the first electronic payment is made the following years are easy) this has become a simple operation. Prompt electronic payment of sub+donation (under 75s) or donation (over 75s) helps everyone - however cash or cheque are still accepted.

Hot off the press today : the Oakham and Stamford branches of HSBC are scheduled for closure, which means banking of cheques and cash will be difficult, Corby being the nearest branch. This accentuates the need to press for 100% of membership funds to be paid by bank transfer. Currently it stands at about 95%

Bank details are: Rutland PDGCBR Sortcode 404305 Account 31507540

Reference your name and tower

Thank you so very much for your 2022 contributions.

Alan Wordie Chairman Rutland PDGCBR Alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com

Last month we reported the death of David Wilson, Ann Archer, Tower Captain of Gt Casterton, has written this account of his life and ringing.

In Memorium
David Edward Wilson
13th May 1938 - 12th October 2022

I am sorry to report that David Wilson passed away at home with his family close by on Wednesday 12th October 2022.

David was born in Oxford, the youngest of three children, into a devout Congregational family. He attended Chapel regularly with his family until at the age of 13 years he passed the common entrance exam to St Edward's School in Oxford as a boarder. He even came home on Sundays to the Congregational Chapel for the services there. Consequently there was no ringing in his childhood.

He was awarded a five year electrical engineering apprenticeship at Associated Electrical Industries in Rugby training as an electrical engineer before gaining Chartered Engineer. His first job at AEI was in International Sales of electric motors. He lived in Singapore and Malaysia, working for the Borneo Company, for six years before returning to Hereford in 1969.

He met his future wife Jennifer, at a Welsh Society dinner, and they were married after only seven months in September 1972. Jennifer introduced David to bell ringing which he thoroughly enjoyed, rising from complete beginner to Tower Captain in Marden, Herefordshire by 1977 where he taught both adults and children to ring the bells.

At the Millenium, David rang half muffled bells before midnight and open ringing afterwards at Wellington, Herefordshire jointly with several other towers from the Lugg Valley ringers.

As a regular ringer at Hereford Cathedral, it is quite possible that I may have rung with him in the early 2000s when visiting Dorothy and Vic Chamberlain.

David and Jennifer moved to Stamford eight years ago to be closer to their son and his family. He started ringing with us at Great Casterton Church soon afterwards and was a very welcome, competent ringer for our band.

David was a quiet man and remained very calm under pressure. He will be sorely missed from our church community.

Ann Archer (Tower Captain Great Casterton)

GUILD NEWS

ART awards

The annual ART awards are open for nominations again. There are a range of awards, there's no need to be an ART teacher or ringer to nominate someone for an award. Have a look at the criteria and think about who you could nominate. We should be celebrating success and centres of good practice; this is an opportunity to do just that.

All the details can be found here: <https://cccb.org.uk/2022/11/15/the-art-awards-are-back/>
And here: <https://www.ringingteachers.org/awards>

CCCB news

Two President's blogs for you to catch up on.

<https://cccb.org.uk/2022/11/02/presidents-blog-70/>

<https://cccb.org.uk/2022/11/22/presidents-blog-71/>

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Guild news

Look out for branch AGM details for January. They are on the Events page of the website and we'll add finalised details as we receive them. <https://pdg.org.uk/events>

Branch AGMs are an opportunity for you to express an opinion on what you want to see from your branch and your Guild. If you feel that there is something missing from your ringing life, get involved and suggest what you'd like to see happen. New ideas are always appreciated.

Dates for the Diary

Guild 10 Bell Saturday 14th January, 2023. 10:30 – 12:30 Northampton St Giles

Wellingborough Saturday 10th December Surprise Practice 10:30 Wilby

Wellingborough Saturday 10th December Branch Quiz 19:30 Earls Barton Church Hall

Culworth Monday 12th December Branch Carol Service Ringing at Brackley 19:00, Service at 19:30

Culworth Saturday 17th December Branch Practice 15:00 Syresham

Daventry Saturday 17th December Branch Practice & Carol Service Ringing at Byfield 15:30 Tea at 17:00, Carol Service at 18:00

Kettering Saturday 17th December Branch Practice 15:30 Arthingworth, 16;45 Desborough

Helen Allton

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