



2023
Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter
MARCH

Thursday 16th March 7.30pm

Triples and Major practice at Uppingham
All welcome

ANNUAL BRANCH DINNER

Date: Friday 24th March 2023

Time: 7.00 for 7.30pm

Venue: The Black Bull, Market Overton LE15 7PW

Cost is £25 per person for a 3 course meal. All members, trainees, partners & family welcome.
Please email menu choices to john.tomalin1943@btinternet.com by Wednesday 15th March

Saturday 25th March. 1.30 - 3pm Preston

Rounds & Calls

A progression event - for our new ringers

To increase confidence in ringing in a band, with experienced ringers around them.

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.

March Practices All commence at 7.30pm.

2nd Uppingham. 9th Seaton. 16th Uppingham. 23rd Lyddington. 30th Lyddington

6th. Gretton. 13th Harringworth. 20th Caldecott. 27th Gretton

1st Brooke. 8th Braunston. 15th Brooke. 22nd. Braunston. 29th. Brooke.

Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Friday 31st March
suevw@sky.com

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It's that time of year - Subscriptions are due

We politely and gently ask Tower Captains to ensure their team members are fully paid up.

The rate for 2023 remains unchanged at £7 for an adult member, £3.50 for a junior. For those over 75 a subscription isn't required to be paid BUT we encourage a similar payment by way of donation.

Details on how to pay on line can be found on the website, and are detailed below.

Any queries to me, Simon Forster. With HSBC closing many branches, bank transfer is becoming the order of the day. When you pay, it is helpful if you could send an email to the treasurer Simon Forster at forster.ketton@talktalk.net saying which tower, whether it is a donation as above, and whether it can be Gift Aided. Clearly even a £7 subscription can be rounded up or otherwise increased, the extra will be treated as a donation.

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

(you can use the following shortened name accepted by the bank : PDGCBR - RUTLAND)

REFERENCE BOX : YOUR NAME & TOWER

Simon Forster, Treasurer, Rutland Branch

News from KETTON

“Some sad news relating to David (Twink) Rippin, who is a well known and very popular ringer around Rutland. He is Tower Captain at Ketton and had been on the committee for many years until recently. On 1st March, he was rushed to hospital after suffering from a serious illness where he is slowly improving. He has a long road of recovery ahead, but he is going in the right direction. Our thoughts and prayers are with David and his wife Margaret.”

The Ketton Tower and Handbell Ringers

QUARTER PEALS

Non to Report this month.

Ringling at North Luffenham

Vic Arnold has stepped down as Tower Captain for North Luffenham for health reasons and is not currently ringing. On RW Bellboard Vic is accredited with ringing 2 Peals and 23 Quarter Peals. The first is recorded as taking place at North Luffenham in 2004 and the last entry in 2013. His favoured place was ringing the Tenor. We all send our best wishes to Vic in his ringing retirement, although I'm sure he will continue to observe and support Rutland ringing with interest.

Sharon Bromilow has taken on the role of Tower Captain at North Luffenham. In recent months there hasn't been much ringing taking place at North Luffenham, partly due to Vic being unwell, Covid and other factors, but this is changing.

On Tuesday evenings Wing and Hambleton have been sharing practice sessions and North Luffenham joins that grouping, with practices on a rota basis.

"The bells were rung on Tuesday 21st February for the first practice session. To mark the occasion, and as it was Shrove Tuesday, Celia Foulkes looked after us all and brought along pancakes for everyone to enjoy. Simon Forster provided hot coffee for all. It really was a lovely evening and well represented with 14 people turning up to support North Luffenham and myself in my first stint as Tower Captain of North Luffenham. Special thanks also to Harry who worked tirelessly to tidy, rearrange and spring clean the ringing chamber as I was not able to following my recent back operation. A safety check and inspection of the bells and bell chamber was carried out before the event, during which the Treble stay was found to have a crack in it. So special thanks to Ted and Harry for changing the Treble stay in readiness for ringing. "

Sharon Bromilow



Calling all (previous/lapsed) ringers of any standard – – never mind the gap since last ringing!

Do you know of any friends or relatives who have rung bells in the past, to whatever standard, who might want a couple of half hour refresher sessions over the next few weeks ready to join with Rutland bellringers when we target to have every tower ring out and every ringer however new ringing for the King.

We welcome those who might want to use a previously learned skill on such a momentous day (or in the days leading up to it).

Please contact Alan Wordie (alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com or 07802 215 294 or Brian Newman brianjasie@yahoo.co.uk or 07960 169 967)

Welcome and well done all trainees

A huge welcome and well done to all the new trainees who have stepped forward to take the challenge of learning to ring church bells. By all accounts everyone is progressing very well with various teachers in towers around the Branch area of Rutland. The aim is for as many as possible to be ringing safely and by themselves, but that will not discount those not quite at that level, to still ring with someone alongside should the “bell drop”.

Since Autumn last year there has been 9 of you who have successfully become Members and you continue to progress well. On the verge of becoming Members we have another 10 – 11 and a few weeks behind a further 10 - 12 ringers all keen to Ring for the King. And there is no reason why all 30 new ringers should not ring for the coronation in 8 weeks’ time.

Well done. Fantastic effort by trainees and the teachers

Local media contacts

Does anyone have contacts with the local media whether paper or film format? It would be excellent to follow up locally the newspaper articles and BBC Morning TV reports we all saw a few weeks ago on/in national media.

A gathering of all recent trainees with comments and interviews would be a simple way of messaging what we are doing – during the weeks build up to the Coronation.

Please contact Sue Webster (suevw@sky.com)

GUILD NEWS

There is news about the Central Council meeting in Ipswich. By virtue of our membership, the Guild is entitled to send 4 representatives to the Central Council meeting. This year the Guild's 4 Central Council Representatives are elected. There is a vacancy, Jane Sibson is standing down after years of service (Thank you Jane). If you can see yourself as an advocate for the Central Council to the Guild - and a voice of the Guild to the Central Council, now is your chance to be involved. There's more information about the next meeting here: <https://cccbr.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2023-annual-meeting/>. Nominations need to be sent to secretary@pdg.org.uk by a proposer and seconder. Ideally before the GMC, but the deadline is the AGM in June.

Ringling for the Coronation

There is a poster that has been circulated to tower contacts and branches. If you're planning on ringing for the Coronation, putting a poster up and advertising when you are ringing can be positive communication with the neighbours and the wider community. Maybe start talking to the local organisations to see what they are planning for the weekend and tie in with local events. The poster is attached, should you not have seen it.

In touch with your fruity side? There's a campanologist category at the Dalemain marmalade awards. <https://cccbr.org.uk/2023/02/04/campanologist-marmalade-award-2/>

Dates for the Diary

Guild 10 bell Practice: Saturday 11th March 10:30 Peterborough Cathedral

Guild Spring Meeting: Saturday 22nd April. 14:00 Open Ringing at Mears Ashby, 15:00 Contest at Orlingbury.

Northampton: Branch Practice Saturday 18th March 7:00 West Hunsbury

Not all branches have provided their calendars for the rest of the year as yet, check out the events page of the Guild website, which will be updated as information arrives. <https://pdg.org.uk/events>

Helen Allton

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