



2023

## Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

# APRIL

**Saturday 1st April. 1.30 - 3pm Edith Weston  
Rounds & Calls**

A progression event - for our new ringers  
To increase confidence in ringing in a band, with experienced ringers around them.

For ALL new ringers from across the county.

**Wednesday 12th April 7.30pm.**

**Branch Practice**

**Surprise Methods Practice at Braunston**

For anyone who like to try ringing surprise/delight methods,  
with tuition would and guidance for those that wish it.

All are welcome.

The methods to be rung and prepare for are:

King Charles Delight, Oxford Treble Bob

and Cambridge for those wanting to ring their first Surprise method

**Tuesday 18th April 7.30pm**

**Triples and Major practice at OAKHAM**

All welcome

### 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.

**April Practices** All commence at 7.30pm.

**No ringing during Holy Week.**

**13th Seaton. 20th Uppingham. 27th Lyddington.**

**10th Caldecott 17th Gretton. 24th Harringworth**

**12th Braunston. 19th Brooke. 26th Braunston.**

Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster  
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## EVENTS COMING UP IN MAY

Saturday 6th Coronation Day

Thursday 11th Branch 6 bell practice at either Ryhall or Gt Casterton. Plain Bob & Grandsire Doubles

Thursday 18th Branch 8 bell practice at Uppingham. Triples and Major

Saturday 27th. Possible joining with Kettering Branch for a walk/cycle tour. Details will be available soon.

## QUARTER PEALS

**Great Easton, Leicestershire**

St Andrew

28th March 2023 in 43m (9-0-16 in A<sup>2</sup>)

**1260 Plain bob Doubles**

- 1) Sue Kingston
- 2) Steve Millington
- 3) Alan Wordie
- 4) Thomas Saunders
- 5) Richard Beadman (C)
- 6) Ian McKeggie

Rung in memory of Lawrence Parker, many years a ringer in this tower.

## News of a Coronation ringer -

Congratulations to Tessa Simpson, who has been invited to be in the team of bellringers, to ring the ten bells at Westminster Abbey for the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Tessa is the elder daughter of David and Jane Beadman and granddaughter of John and Connie Beadman.

*Connie Beadman*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all new ringers who have stuck with the training and are now a valued member of the ringing and local community.

And also welcome to Andrew Wood who has returned from Canada and been dusting off the cobwebs.

### Autumn 2022

- Peter Lilley
- Barry Hackett
- Jacqui Lilley

### January 2023

- Sam Rider
- Charlie Winstanley
- Nigel Barrett

### February 2023

- Geraldine Durrance
- Jane Cunnington

### March 2023

- Izzy Lloyd
- Elena Astley
- Tanya Sira
- Sian Ryan

### April 2023

- Victoria Brambini
- Jean Goss

## Central Council Church Bell Ringers

**BELL SUNDAY 14th MAY 2023**



St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of Bellringers due to his experimentation in early forging of bells in the 900'sCE. It is this reason we have chosen the nearest Sunday to his feast day (19th May) to introduce Bell Sunday; a day where the contribution of bells and Bellringers to the life of the Church is recognised.

“It is hoped the day will raise awareness, emphasise the importance of the sound of bells in our Communities and how it can help bring Church and Community together, strengthening relationships between Clergy and Bellringers. “

CCCBR are putting together a series of resources to assist with the arrangements - suggestions on how to take an active part in Services or using it as an opportunity to demonstrate bellringing and show people the bells, even use it for a bit of cheeky recruitment.

They ask to let CCCBR know if you will be taking part so you can add you to their map. Use the contact form on the Bell Sunday web page.

<https://ccabr.org.uk/news/>

<https://bellsunday.org/>

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## GUILD NEWS

### Guild Spring Meeting

A reminder that teams for the 6 bell striking contest at the Spring Meeting need to be with Simon Dixon ([master@pdg.org.uk](mailto:master@pdg.org.uk)) by the 15<sup>th</sup> April. This opportunity to ring and meet friends includes the 6 bell striking contest for the Weaver shield. If your tower or group wishes to enter a team, the rules and past winners can be found here: <https://pdg.org.uk/events/competitions>

### The Ringing World

The Ringing World has a survey that it would like ringers to complete. It is about both the magazine and their wider activities – they don't just publish the only weekly magazine about ringing but also do book publishing and run BellBoard and the RWNYC. They are trying to find out what people want to read, what they value about what the activities, whether the printed magazine has a future, and where else they might direct their efforts to serve ringers through news and communication.

This applies if you subscribe to the magazine or not, if you use BellBoard or not. What can the Ringing World do for you? More information can be found here: <https://www.ringingworld.co.uk/images/pdf/RW5836SurveyEyesOn2030.pdf> and the survey is here: <https://www.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=hrFTpPwYTdQEChrPeIW9eQ%3D%3D>

Survey is open to the end of the month. It will take 15 minutes or so to complete.

### Other Ringing News

Saturday saw the National 12 bell striking contest eliminators, held at Cheltenham, Hursley and Melbourne. Towcester entered a team and were drawn at Cheltenham. A tight contest saw them placed 5<sup>th</sup>. The top 3 teams go through to the final, this year in Sheffield. In time the test piece (half a course of Cambridge Maximus) will be available on the 12 bell striking contest website. <http://www.12bell.org.uk/> We might not all be able to ring higher numbers, or take part in such a contest, but good striking is something we can all aim for. Have a listen to the recordings and be inspired. Well done team.

Nearly Easter. Which for some means a week off ringing in Holy Week and for others means ringing half or fully muffled for the same reason. And some towers greet the sunrise on Easter day. That would be a really early (really unpopular) alarm call.

### Dates for the Diary

**Guild Spring meeting** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. 14:00 Open Ringing at Mears Ashby, 15:00 Contest at Orlingbury.

**Guild 10 bell practice** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10:30 Towcester

**Rutland** Branch Progress event Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1:30 Edith Weston. Focus Rounds & Call changes

**Guilsborough** Branch Practice Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3:00 Scaldwell 6:00 Walgrave

**Rutland** Branch 6 bell practice Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7:30 Braunston. Focus Surprise

**Wellingborough** Surprise Practice Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10:30 Ecton. —

Special Methods Annable's London, Allendale & Alnwick.

**Wellingborough** Branch Practice Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7:00 Bozeat

**Daventry** Branch Practice Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 3:00 Weedon Bec including service, tea & meeting

**Culworth** Branch Practice Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7:30 Chipping Warden

**Rutland** Branch 8 bell Practice Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7:30 Oakham

**Kettering** Tower open for the Spring Meeting Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2:00 Cransley

**Culworth** Branch 8 bell Practice Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 7:30 Brackley

Please Note -

Peterborough's 8 bell practice on the first Friday of the month will not be taking place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April as it is Good Friday.

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