



2023

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

JUNE

Wednesday 7th June 7.30pm
Branch Practice at Cottesmore
Plain Bob Minor & Steadman Practice

For all who wish to concentrate on those methods. All are welcome.

Thursday 15th June 7.30pm
Triples and Major practice at UPPINGHAM
For all who would like to ring on 8 bells.

Plain Hunt - Triples - Major methods.
All welcome

Sunday June 18th at 6.00pm

There will be a Bell Service at St Peter's Brooke
Celebrating the anniversary of the refurbishment of the tower
and the addition of two new bells.

Ringling from 5pm-6pm

All welcome and please join us for refreshments following the service.

Ringling Practice Times

Where towers share their practice nights with others on a rotational basis.

June Practices All commence at 7.30pm.

5th Harringworth 12th Caldecott. 19th. Harringworth. 26th Gretton.
7th Braunston. 14th Brooke. 21st. Braunston. 28th. Brooke.
1st Uppingham. 8th Seaton. 15th Uppingham. 22nd Lyddington. 29th Seaton

Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Friday 30th June
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QUARTER PEALS & PEALS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Uppingham, Rutland

St Peter & St Paul

Thursday, 4 May 2023 in 47m (14-2-2 in E)

1274 Plain Bob Triples

1. Sue Webster
2. Cathy Dixon
3. Sue Baker
4. Simon Dixon
5. Ian Bell
6. Michael Pollard
7. Thomas Saunders (C)
8. Richard Beadman

For the Coronation of King Charles III

First of Triples, 1,5

First as Conductor, 7

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Braunston, Rutland

All Saints

Saturday, 6 May 2023 in 46m (10-0-25 in G)

1320 King Charles Delight Minor

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

Rung to celebrate the coronation of King Charles

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Ryhall, Rutland

St John the Evangelist

Sunday, 7 May 2023 in 42m (11-1-5 in F)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Rachael Szyszka
2. Helena-Katie H Scholes
3. Ethan Szyszka
4. Roger N Scholes (C)
5. Julian P van Geersdaele
6. Paul Szyszka

First quarter peal 6

First quarter away from cover 1

First quarter "inside" 2 and 3

Rung by an all village band to celebrate the Coronation, the previous day, of their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

The following local ringers would like to be associated with this tribute: Rebecca Goff, Esme Scholes, Jack Cutforth, George Stubbs and Tim Holt.

Seaton, Rutland

All Hallows

Thursday, 11 May 2023 in 2h 43 (10-0-21 in G)

5040 Surprise Minor (8m)

(1) London; (2) Netherseale; (3) Beverley, Surfleet; (4) Westminster; (5) Norwich; (6) Bourne; (7) Cambridge.

1. Ruth Curtis
2. Lewis D. Benfield
3. Paul F. Curtis
4. Nicholas A. Churchman
5. Peter G.C. Ellis (C)
6. Robert J. Crocker

Rung for the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Ryhall, Rutland

St John the Evangelist

Thursday, 11 May 2023 in 2h 52 (11-1-5 in F)

5040 Surprise Minor (8m)

(1) London; (2) Carlisle; (3) Beverley, Surfleet; (4) Westminster; (5) Ipswich; (6) Norwich; (7) Cambridge.

1. Robert J. Crocker
2. Ruth Curtis
3. Nicholas A. Churchman
4. Paul F. Curtis
5. P. Barry Jones
6. Peter G.C. Ellis (C)

Rung for the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Ringling for the Coronation

With 34 towers in our County of Rutland it was a feat of organization and communication to ensure that some ringing took place in all towers over the weekend of the Coronation. 36 performances were recorded on Bellboard. Huge congratulations to Sharon Bromilow and Alan Ellis for all the admin undertaken behind the scenes, for the tower captains and tower teams who rang over the Coronation weekend, and for all the recent learners who achieved a level of ringing to be able to join in to demonstrate to friends and family what it is they have been learning. It appears 122 ringers contributed to the ringing in Rutland, with 27 new trainees being able to participate also. Well done all the teachers.

For the 14 or 15 still being taught keep going and we will arrange more rounds and call change practices to allow some concentrated time with you surrounded by good ringers – that way you can feel the rhythm and find the balance every time.

Mary Poyner of Whissendine rang for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 11 in 1953. In 2023 for King Charles 111, she chimed the three clock bells sited in their garden, recalling events of 70 years ago.

In celebration of the Coronation of King Charles 111 and Queen Camilla, two peals were rung in Rutland. At Seaton and at Ryhall. Three Quarter Peals were recorded: Uppingham; Braunston and Ryhall. These gave opportunities for several “Firsts” to be attempted and achieved. Thomas Saunders of Uppingham completed his first Quarter Peal as conductor.

Sue Webster & Ian Bell, their first Quarter Peals in Triples.

Paul Szyszka rang his first Quarter at Ryhall, with Ethan Szyszka and Helena-Katie Scholes ringing ‘inside’ in a Quarter Peal for the first time

Thank you all. Rutland as a Branch has grown in numbers and achievement. Onwards and upwards now.

Progressing ringing skills and methods

For those who want to learn how to ring methods and ringers wanting to progress their ringing there are in the programme a series of practices (generally during the week) with one aimed at learning or improving doubles ringing (on 5 with tenor behind), another focussing on minor ringing (plain bob, Little Bob, St. Clements and Stedman doubles), and the 3rd focussing on Surprise ringing and treble bob on treble.

Thank you to Great Casterton/Ryhall, Cottesmore and Braunston for hosting these practices and those who are helping to develop method ringing in Rutland.

June progression practices

7 June (Wednesday) Cottesmore 7.30 to 9.00pm. This is a Minor/Stedman practice. Methods to include Plain and Little Bob, St. Clements and Stedman Doubles (method diagrams attached)

21 June (Tuesday) Oakham 7.30 to 9.00pm. This is a Triples and major practice.

Here are the links to the Minor methods and pdf attachment for St Clements.

Plain Bob Minor www.ringbell.co.uk/methods/pb6.htm

Little Bob Minor www.ringbell.co.uk/methods/lb6.htm

Stedman Doubles www.ringbell.co.uk/methods/st5.htm

St. Clements Bob Minor (pdf attached)

GUILD NEWS

The next Guild event is the AGM. Details below. Names to tea to Helen Allton by the Thursday 7th please.

secretary@pdg.org.uk

The AGM is open to ALL members, it is your chance to elect the Guild's officers and have your say on what is going on. If you have any items to raise, or just have a question, please get in touch. All the details are available on the website . <https://pdg.org.uk/homepage/agm-2023>

CCCBR news

The President's latest blog is available here: <https://cccb.org.uk/2023/05/18/presidents-blog-79/>

There is a new page available aiming to provide guidance on belfry projects. Produced by the CCCBR Stewardship & Management Workgroup, offering advice to anyone considering a project to install bells or undertake restoration work on a bell installation. It will evolve with new information as it becomes available.

<https://belfryprojects.cccbr.org.uk/>

Ridgman Trophy

On Saturday 17th June, the Guild is hosting the Ridgman Trophy at Towcester. This is a regional striking contest held on 10 bells and is open to Guilds and associations that border the Ely Association. Quite a large trophy is on offer. Should be a good opportunity to listen to some good ringing.

<https://ridgmantrophy.elyda.org.uk/>

Coronation Ringing

We have ringing at 199 towers and featuring over 900 people. That's almost three quarters of the towers in the diocese. Excellent effort by all concerned. The ringers at St Mary's Peterborough, Great Oxenden & Rothwell each rang and named a new method to mark the occasion.

In the 13 peals and 27 quarters there were a number of notable achievements. At Nassington and Gt Oakley the first peals since augmentation were rung and at Aynho the first peal in the tower since 1955 was rung.

First Peal: Hilary Hardie (Nassington) & Deborah Bray (Castor)

First Quarter: Josh White (Earls Barton), Garth Ratcliffe (Bozeat), Andrew Green (Bozeat), Paul Szyszka (Ryhall), Howard Murphy (Cold Ashby)

First Quarter away from Cover: Rachael Szyszka (Ryhall)

First Quarter Inside: Helena-Katie H Scholes (Ryhall) & Ethan Szyszka (Ryhall)

First Quarter of Minor: Lynda Jaycocks (Lubenham)

First Quarter of Triples: Sue Webster (Uppingham) & Ian Bell (Uppingham)

First Quarter of Major: Jane Robinson (Cathedral)

First Quarter of Surprise: Janet Donaldson (Saddington)

First Quarter as Conductor: Thomas Saunders (Uppingham)

Dates for the Diary

Guild AGM. Saturday 10th June. Culworth branch. Open Ringing at Greatworth from 2pm. Ringing and Service at Marston St Lawrence at 15:30. Tea and Meeting (at 17:30) in Marston St Lawrence Village Hall.

Evening ringing at Moreton Pinkney.

Guild 10 bell practice Saturday 8th July. 10:30 Rothwell.

Guild Intermediate Practice Saturday 8th July 7:30 Weedon Bec

Peterborough Branch 8 bell Practice Friday 2nd June 7:30 Castor

Guildsborough Branch Practice Saturday 3rd June 3:00 Spratton, 6:00 Cottesbrooke

Peterborough Branch Cathedral Ringing Sunday 4th June Meet outside the West Door at 2:00

Rutland Branch 6 bell practice Wednesday 7th June 7:30 Cottesmore Focus Plain Bob Minor & Stedman

Wellingborough Striking contest Wilby Tuesday 13th June 7:30 Wilby

Wellingborough Surprise Practice Saturday 17th June 10:30 Orlingbury

Daventry Branch Meeting Saturday 17th June 3:00 Whilton 6:30 Norton

Culworth Branch Practice Saturday 17th June 7:30 King's Sutton

Rutland Branch 8 bell practice Thursday 15th June 7:30 Uppingham

Towcester Branch Practice Thursday 22nd June 7:30 Greens Norton

