



2023

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

SEPTEMBER

**Branch 6 Bell practice
Thursday 7th September
Gt CASTERTON - 7PM**

Focus - Plain Bob & Grandsire Doubles

All Welcome - Note earlier start time

**Tuesday 21st September 7.30pm
Triples and Major practice at OAKHAM
For all who would like to ring on 8 bells.**

**Plain Hunt - Triples - Major methods.
All welcome**

(Uppingham on 19th October - Oakham on November 21st)

**Wednesday 4th October 7.30pm
Branch 6 Bell practice
COTTESMORE**

Concentrating on Plain Bob Minor & Stedman

Ringling Practice Times

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

September Practices All commence at 7.30pm.

4th Caldecott. 11th Gretton. 18th Harringworth. 25th Caldecott.

5th Brooke. 13th Braunston. 20th Brooke. 27th Braunston.

7th No practice. 14th North Luffenham. 21st Uppingham. 28th Lyddington.

**Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Saturday 30th September
suevw@sky.com**

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Rutland Branch Autumn Tour 30 September 2023

We have an Autumn ringing tour, agreed with the towers which are close to Rutland in Thrapston and Kettering Branches. The programme is provided in a separate attachment. Some 8 bell towers as well as 6 bell towers, all very welcome for all or part of the tour. There will be a small "cap" so we can leave a contribution to the towers' ropes, so please bring some change for that.

Lunch will be at the Snooty Fox Lowick. The menus can be found at <https://thesnootyfox.co.uk>. We have been advised to book ahead and so if you can book a table and book your meals (lunch stop is between 1230 and 2pm) that will be excellent.

Please contact Alan Wordie (alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com) or Tracey Lawson (tjlawson63@yahoo.co.uk) when you book, so we have an idea how many will be at lunch. This will enable us to liaise with The Snooty Fox which does get busy on Saturdays, so please book or at least arrive early to avoid disappointment.

On the bellringing side all are welcome and we are inviting Kettering and Thrapston to join us if they wish.

Alan Wordie

Saturday 7th October 2023 at North Luffenham

Improve your bell striking

Between 11am and 1pm at North Luffenham on 7th October (in lieu of the planned striking competition) there will be a Branch meeting to explain (jargon bust) how Striking Competitions are judged and for teams (or they can be made up on the day) a chance to practice their call changes and striking whilst being "judged" from outside the tower and feed back given to the band afterwards.

This is especially beneficial to those who have recently learned the art of change ringing. It should help with concentration, watching ropes, awareness of rhythm and little and big bells following each other.....and listening to your bell strike and adjusting if required.

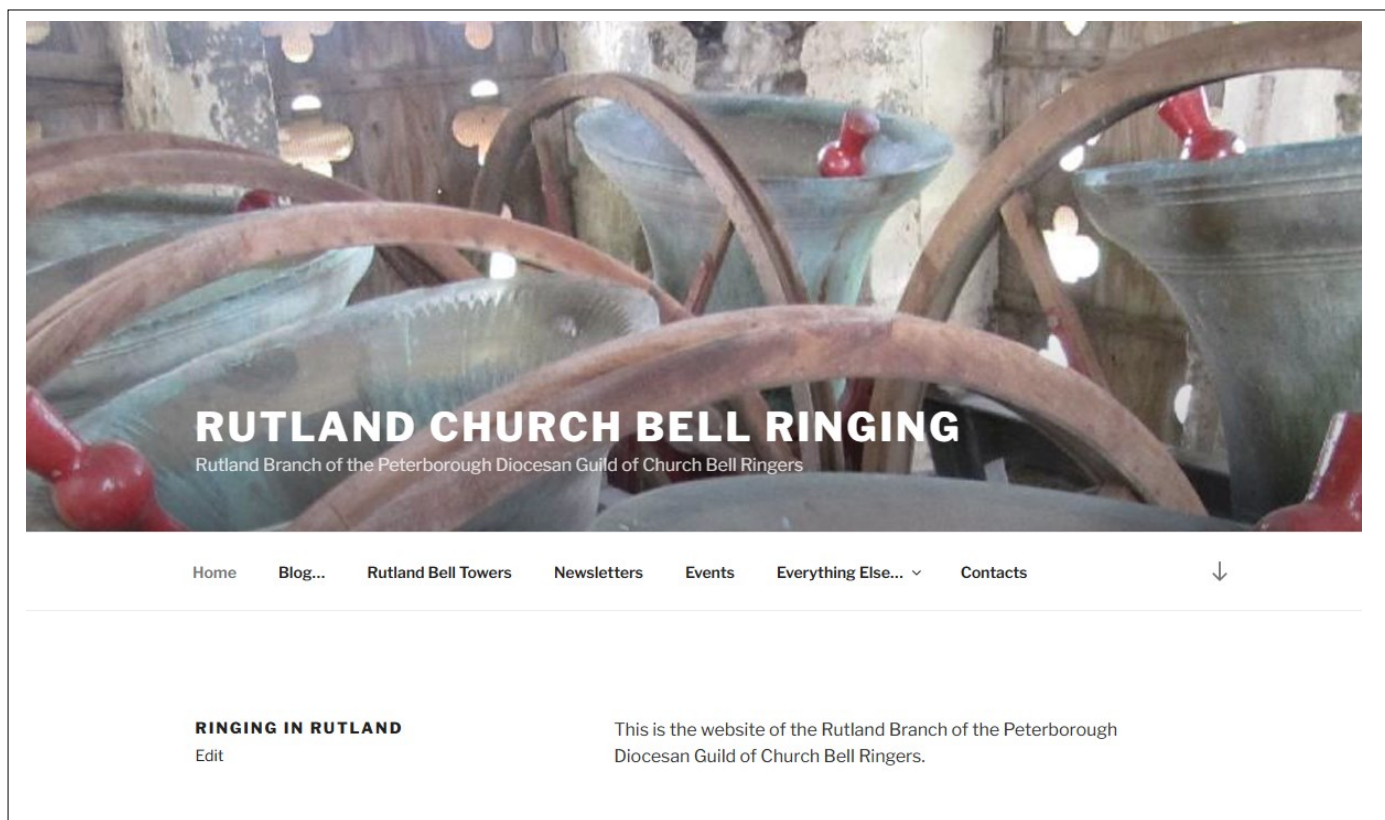
Learning this now and practicing over the next 6 months could mean you become good enough to win the NEW 2024 Guild Centenary Trophy created to mark the event and encourage call changing as well as method ringing every April. Anyone can enter from the Guild. This includes you!

Come along and practice.

Alan Wordie & Brian Newman

Rutland Branch Website needs some help!

Are there any web skills out there? I am sure that you will all have seen our website, but it is in need of some TLC to keep it up to date, alive and relevant.



We are currently hosted by TSO, using WordPress, using simple fixed menus - but the site could do with being updated to improve security (HTTPS) and needs to be updated more frequently with news and articles. If you would like to run our site, please let me know and I will show you how it all works at the moment. It doesn't need to be complicated ☺ as long as it is useful to our ringers and people who are interested in joining us.

Many thanks

Ted

Website admin (webmaster@rutlandbellringing.org)

Peal & Quarter Peals

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Peterborough, City of Peterborough

St Mary

Wednesday, 2 August 2023 in 2h 50 (8–3–17 in A)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Don Morrison (no.1947)

1. Susan E. Marsden
2. Helena M. Thorpe
3. Nicholas A. Elks
4. Thomas P. Saunders
5. Nicholas T. Smith
6. William S. Croft (C)
7. Keith W. Brown
8. James F. Thorpe

First Peal: 4.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Oakham, Rutland

All Saints

Sunday, 20 August 2023 in 53m (24–2–9 in E)

1274 Plain Bob Triples

CCCB

- 1 Susan Baker
- 2 Janice Atkinson
- 3 Alan Ellis
- 4 Thomas Saunders
- 5 Mark Webb
- 6 Neil Buswell
- 7 Louis Totaro (C)
- 8 David Braunton

*In memoriam of Jean Bell (previously Buswell) née Hoy, Bell ringer of Oakham.

* In memoriam of Elizabeth Nicholls who passed away 15th August 2023, Bell ringer of Oakham.

*To mark the 20th Anniversary of the passing of Clive Buswell, Bell ringer.

* To mark the 30th Anniversary of the passing of Samuel Robert (Bob) Hoy, Bell ringer and previous Tower Captain of Oakham.

*To celebrate the 60th Birthday and 45 years of ringing for Janice Atkinson.

*To celebrate 30 years of ringing for Louis Totaro, Tower Captain of Oakham.

PDGCBR100 Centenary year events



To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, a monthly schedule of events has been planned for 2024.

Some ringing events, others are non ringing social events

There is a dedicated email address for enquiries, information, and to register interest for events, centenary_pdg.org.uk

Date-Location-Event

- Sunday 14th January 2024 Peterborough Cathedral [Guild Choral Evensong](#)
- Saturday 10th February 2024 Moulton Village Hall [Social Event](#)
- Saturday 9th March 2024 Nene Valley around Thrapston and Oundle [Nene Valley Challenge](#)
- Saturday 13th April 2024 Guilsborough Branch [Spring Festival](#)
- Saturday 11th May 2024 Across the Guild [Guild Open Day](#)
- Saturday 8th June 2024 Northampton [Guild AGM Day](#)
- Saturday 13th July 2024 Stanwick Lakes [Day Out](#)
- Saturday 10th August 2024 Rutland [Tour and Picnic](#)
- Saturday 14th September 2024 Daventry [Summer Festival](#)
- Saturday 12th October 2024 Kettering Park Hotel [Guild Centenary Dinner](#)
- Saturday 9th November 2024 Syresham Village Hall [Quiz Night and Fish & Chip Supper](#)
- Saturday 28th December 2024 Towcester [Carol Service](#)

A range of clothing is available to mark the centenary. See the pdgcbr website for details and how to order. <https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100/centenary-year-merchandise>

They are hoping to place the main order after the Summer Festival later this month, to be available for distribution at the first event in 2024.

Other merchandise include a calendar featuring Guild churches, mugs featuring the anniversary logo and a jigsaw.

GUILD NEWS

Guild Summer Festival

The Guild's Summer Festival and 8 bell striking contest takes place on Saturday 9th September in the Towcester branch. Ringing to take place at Weedon (now confirmed) from 2 pm, Cold Higham from 3 pm and then the contest and tea at Towcester from 4 pm. A short meeting will be followed by evening ringing, also at Towcester. Branches wanting to enter should get in touch with Simon Dixon by Saturday 2nd September, master@pdg.org.uk More information and a poster is available on the guild website:

<https://pdg.org.uk/latest-news/guild-summer-festival-2023>

See you there – even if you're not ringing, it's an opportunity to try some different bells and socialise with ringers from across the Guild.

Guild 100th anniversary

At the Summer festival you'll also be able to buy merchandise for the 100th anniversary in 2024. We have ceramic mugs, a calendar for 2024 for sale and clothing available for order now. There are jigsaw puzzles to follow, watch this space... Calendars feature 14 towers from across the Guild in an A4 landscape format, with the calendar being spiral bound. Each month features a full page image and a full page for the calendar and space for your hectic social schedule. They are £5 each (P&P, if required £2 extra). Order form attached. We'll also be handing out leaflets of events and asking people to register interest. You can use your new calendar to note the events you're planning on attending.

Events are here: <https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100>

Merchandise here: <https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100/centenary-year-merchandise>

Central Council items

This year's Central Council meeting is Saturday. <https://cccb.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2023-annual-meeting/> Motions to reduce the size of the council and the elections are the most notable items. If you have any comments or questions you want raising at the CCCBR meeting, do get in touch with our reps cc_reps@pdg.org.uk

Young Ringers Practice & Pizza

A little advance notice. On 23rd September, Daventry branch are hosting an event for young ringers (from 10 to 25 ish). It's an opportunity for younger ringers to meet and ring with other young ringers outside of their tower/branch. While organised by the Daventry branch, all young ringers are welcome. This is at Daventry tower and will start at 3:00. Donations are invited towards the costs of refreshments & pizza. Please spread the word to your younger ringers. Ringing will be run by Miles Baker, with support from DBS checked adults in the branch. The previous event was a success, and this should be just as good. I'm tempted to lie about my age and sneak in...Parents are welcome to stay or to leave their offspring, whichever they feel more comfortable with. Poster attached. Any queries to Justin Baker ringing_master@pdg.org.uk

Dates for the Diary

Guild 10 Bell Practice Saturday 9th September. 10:30 Daventry

Guild Summer Festival Saturday 9th September Contest 4:00 pm Towcester, for competition, tea, meeting and Evening ringing. Ringing at Weedon Bec from 2pm & Cold Higham from 3 pm.

Thrapston Branch Practice Friday 1st September 7:30 Islip

Guiltsborough Branch Practice Saturday 2nd September 3:00 Sibbertoft, 6:00 Welford

Rutland Branch 6 bell practice Thursday 7th September 7:00 Great Casterton

Kettering: Branch practice Saturday 16th September 2:00 Ashley 3:00 Wilbarston

Daventry Branch Meeting Saturday 16th September 3:00 Nether Heyford 6:30 Flore

Culworth Branch Practice Saturday 16th September 7:30 Chacombe

Rutland Branch 8 bell practice Tuesday 19th September 7:30 Oakham

Young Ringers Practice & Pizza Saturday 23rd September 3:00 Daventry

Culworth Branch 8 bell Practice Saturday 30th September 7:30 King's Sutton



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