



2023

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

OCTOBER

Wednesday 4th October 7.30pm

Branch 6 Bell practice

COTTESMORE

Concentrating on Plain Bob Minor & Stedman

CALL CHANGE PRACTICE

Saturday 7th October

NORTH LUFFENHAM 11am -1pm.

.... Striking competition rules

DETAILS OF THIS EVENT ON PAGE 2

Thursday 19th October 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

(Oakham on November 21st)

Ringling Practice Times

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

October Practices All commence at 7.30pm.

2nd Gretton. 9th Haringworth. 16th Caldecott. 23rd Gretton. 30th Haringworth

4th Brooke. 11th Braunston. 18th Brooke. 25th Braunston.

5th North Luffenham. 12th Uppingham. 19th Uppingham. 26th Lyddington.

**Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Tuesday 31st October
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Saturday 7th October 2023 at North Luffenham

Improve your bell striking

(exploring the mysteries of striking competition rules)

11am on Saturday 7th October a branch practice has been arranged, predominantly for those who have recently learned to ring, to understand the rules of scoring in a striking competition, having a go at a small “competition ring” of call changes and being scored, whilst at the same time improving your striking.

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.

Please let Brian Newman or Alan Wordie know if you are to join the practice and please can a number of our “professional ringers” join in so we can split into groups and not have teams who are all new ringers (with the consequences on the striking).

Hopefully, based on this practice, Rutland can enter a Call Changes team (or two) for the Guild striking competition on 13 April 2024

Alan Wordie alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com

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Castor Ringing School (CRS)

Just along the A47 towards Peterborough, Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers (PDGCBR) holds a ringing school at the church of St Kyneburgha, Castor on a Saturday between 10:00 and 12:00 most weeks of the year. <https://petbells.org.uk/ringing-school/>. Parking and entrance is shown at the following link <https://petbells.org.uk/castor/>. There are also teashops and pubs to enjoy in the village.

The school is an additional option for who have recently learned to handle a bell and want to hone their early and intermediate ringing skills in a relaxed, friendly and encouraging environment. The teachers are accredited with the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART).

Bell handling is taught on a one-to-one basis. When progressing to rounds, call changes and plain hunt with experienced ringers, a tutor is alongside to instruct and guide. Useful tips can be learned every time you visit and you progress at CRS and your local towers in Rutland.

Learners sign up online for the sessions, which allows tutors to plan the time according to their specific requirements.

Once enrolled in the ‘Learning the Ropes’ training (ART website) there is access to some excellent resources, quizzes, information and an online shop.

After school, the local coffee house reserves a table especially for thirsty ringers. This social aspect of ringing at CRS is the perfect way to end a fun-packed couple of hours on a Saturday morning!

Tracey Lawson.

Rutland Ringing Tour Saturday 30th September

A valiant few from Rutland, not down with Covid or involved in two weddings that afternoon, joined by ringers from Thrapston Branch (morning) and Kettering Branch (afternoon) as well as Simon and Cathy Dixon our Guild Ringing Master and PRO, enjoyed quite a bit of ringing at Islip (6), Thrapston (8), Weldon (8), Geddington (6) and Corby (6). Many different methods were rung and it was a joy to see one of this years new ringers ringing the treble on 8 to Bastow Triples.

With only 7 ringers from Rutland it would be very good to hear whether members would like to have another small tour arranged for Spring 2024 or if this is something there is no interest in.

I must say ringing in 5 towers during a day is a great ringing experience, whilst also discovering villages and the areas close to our homes but not necessarily where we might explore naturally.



Developmental Practices

The branch practices where we come together and focus on Doubles, Surprise, Stedman, Triples and Major at different practice nights during each quarter continue this month with:

Cottesmore 7.30pm Wednesday 4th October is the next practice focusing on Minor methods (not Surprise) and Stedman. Those attending please look up Bobs and Singles.

Uppingham 7.30pm Thursday 19th October is 8 bell branch practice.

The aim is to ring Triples (including Stedman) and Major methods.

They have been very successful and appreciated so far over 2023 and as we all gain in confidence on the specific methods, you are urged to look at Bobs and Singles, so these can be practiced and if necessary explained.

Alan Wordie

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 bring 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. It just needs to be useful to our ringers and people who are interested in joining us. Many thanks.

*Ted Phillips. Website admin
(webmaster@rutlandbellringing.org)*



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 Quiz

The Guild Quiz is now available. This is an annual fundraising venture that raises funds for the BRF each year.

There are 10 questions in 6 areas. The Quiz is available for £1. By submitting answers before the end of February, the most correct answers stand the chance of winning a cash prize of £25, £1- and £5.

Branch are asked to sell these to members, friends etc. It is not ringing specific, so can be sold more broadly than just ringers.

If interested in obtaining the quiz sheet let us know.

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GUILD NEWS

PDG100

With the last of the Guild's event in 2023, our thoughts turn to 2024 and our 100th anniversary. You may have seen the merchandise available to celebrate at the Summer Festival and at various branch events. There are calendars, featuring 14 different churches across the diocese, these are £5 each. There are mugs (also £5) and clothing with the anniversary logo (prices from £11). And there is a jigsaw puzzle of a painting the Guild has commissioned from talented Thrapston artist, Sarah Pendred. It's a fabulously busy image and will be available in 500 (£15) and 1000 pieces (£20). All details can be found here: <https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100/centenary-year-merchandise> and orders can be placed through centenary@pdg.org.uk

We're also taking expressions of interest in the events for the 100th anniversary, mainly so we can make sure there's enough birthday cake to go around. Mail interest to centenary@pdg.org.uk. The first event is at Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 14th January. Ringing at the Cathedral from 2pm, then choral evensong in the Cathedral at 3:30. The Bishop of Brixworth, as patron of the Guild, will give an address. And there will be a reception in one of the transepts afterwards. With cutting of a birthday cake, but maybe not 100 candles!

All the events can be found on the website <https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100> We're also aiming to have a piece of ringing dedicated to the anniversary in each tower in the diocese.

CCCBR news

The CCCBR annual meeting was held the first weekend in September. That saw a change in President, with Tina Stocklin taking over. Her first blog is available here:

<https://cccb.org.uk/2023/09/15/presidents-blog-84/>

The meeting discussed the change in number of representatives (which was rejected), and a survey for Ringing 2030 initiative. It may take some time to be distributed, but please fill it in when you see it. It's important to know where ringers are and what they are ringing in order to know how to progress.

Finally there have been some promotional videos produced. They are available to share, so please consider using them in your next open day or recruitment opportunity.

<https://cccb.org.uk/2023/09/05/recruitment-and-promotional-videos-go-live/>

While we are sharing ringing PR, this piece from the National Churches Trust might be worth bookmarking and sending to those wanting a general introduction to ringing.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/explore/story/ringing-changes>

Ringing for a charity walk

Between the 22nd September & 8th October a group are walking from Staffordshire to Kent to raise awareness of Papyrus, a charity that works to prevent youth suicide and support the bereaved. They are passing through our area between 26th & 28th September, the route takes them between Yelvertoft, West Haddon, Long Buckby, Great Brington, Duston, Hunsbury and Collingtree. If you are able to ring around this time, or place information in a pewsheet the group would appreciate that support. A poster is attached. Contact details are in there, if you want to know more.

Dates for the Diary

Guild Plain Bob Practice Saturday 14th October. 6:30 Desborough

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

Rutland Branch 6 bell practice Wednesday 4th October 7:30 Cottesmore

Peterborough Branch 8 bell Practice Friday 6th October 7:30 Castor

Guilsborough Branch Practice Saturday 7th October 3:00 Brixworth, 6:00 Maidwell

Rutland Branch 8 bell practice Thursday 19th October 7:30 Uppingham

Wellingborough Surprise Practice Saturday 21st October 10:30 Yardley Hastings

Wellingborough Branch Practice Saturday 21st October 7:00 Irchester

Daventry Branch Meeting Saturday 21st October 3:00 Litchborough

Kettering: Branch Practice Saturday 21st October 3:30 Barton Seagrave

Northampton Branch Practice Saturday 21st October 7:00 Church Brampton

Culworth Branch Practice Saturday 21st October 7:30 Evenley

