



2023

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 8th November 7.30pm

Branch 6 Bell practice

BRAUNSTON

Concentrating on Surprise Methods

Primrose Surprise Minor, Christmas Eve Place Minor, Carter Doubles

Tuesday 21st November 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

Rutland Branch

AGM

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY 2024

3.00pm - 7.30pm.

Edith Weston.

Full details in next month's newsletter

Ringling Practice Times

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

November Practices All commence at 7.30pm.

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

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

2nd Uppingham. 9th North Luffenham. 16th Lyddington. 23rd Lyddington

30th Uppingham.

**Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Thursday 30th November
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Interested in becoming a Bellringing Teacher?



Training and support for bellringing teachers and ringers

A course on learning how to teach bellhandling and how to support new ringers is being planned with the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART).

For more information see their website <https://bellringing.org/>

It will be held in Uppingham, utilising the Church Hall and the Ringing Chamber for theory and practical sessions, on Saturday 27th January. 2024. The course will run all day, 9.15 to 5pm.

Rutland Branch has 4 potential teachers keen to join the course. There are 8 or 10 places available, we do have some existing teachers as mentors (who join the course to understand the ART methods) who will take up a few of the places. This leaves another 3 or 4 slots for anyone who would like to join the course (M1) and go on afterwards to teach at their tower or in a group as and when local ringers wish to learn the art of bellringing.

The course will be advertised to a wider audience in about 3 weeks' time. Meanwhile Rutland comes first, so anyone wanting to join the course please contact Alan Wordie (07802 215 294 or alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com)



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

Ringling 2030 is a major project to create a sustainable future for change ringing. It is about considering what we need ringing to be like in 2030, what we need to change in order to get there, and then making sure we effect that change.

“Former Central Council President Simon Linford launched the ‘Ringling 2030’ project at the 2022 Council meeting, saying that with the pandemic having had a critical impact on ringing we really need to address the long running demographic trends of ringing if we want ringing to survive into the future. “

Links to a couple of articles on CCCBR website.

<https://ccabr.org.uk/2023/10/29/understanding-ringing-from-the-external-perspective/>

<https://ccabr.org.uk/2023/10/29/a-new-direction-for-the-marketing-of-bellringing/>

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

The worsening weather often encourages branches to undertake some more social activity than ringing in a sometimes(!) cold church. Towcester branch held their quiz at the weekend, which a team of Interlopers (their name, not mine) from Culworth branch joining us in Cold Higham village Hall. And they're not the only branch taking that approach, Daventry are holding a quiz on 11th November (names to Alison by the 9th November), while Wellingborough have their quiz on 9th December. And a couple of branches have a dinner in the next month or so, again, Towcester start the trend at the end of November. Maybe see you in a party frock sometime before the end of the year.

Talking of poor weather, Daventry Town Council organised a Feel-Good festival in the town. This was for the second time of asking, having originally been postponed from August due to storm Antoni. This time Storm Babet moved the location into William Parker School halls. A rota of helpers manned the ringing display and a number of names of interested potential ringers were taken. First sessions were held this week. Well done all.

Guild Newsletter

The Guild newsletter was distributed to branches at the Summer Festival, so hopefully a copy has made it to your tower. The latest edition can be found here: https://pdg.org.uk/newsletters/newsletter_202309.pdf
Next print deadline is before the end of the year.

Articles can be submitted at any time to newsletter@pdg.org.uk

ART Awards

The Annual ART awards are now open for nominations. There are 6 different categories and £3,000 in prize money to be awarded. Who do you know who needs to have their trumpet blown? Nominations forms and criteria are available on the website: <https://bellringing.org/2023/09/29/the-2024-art-awards-are-open/>

CCCBR news

A couple of articles looking at various aspects of the ringing 2030 project.

<https://cccbbr.org.uk/2023/10/29/a-new-direction-for-the-marketing-of-bellringing/>

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By the next update we'll have rung for Remembrance day. May your muffles be fitted on the same side and not slip. It is one of those days when your performance will be noticed – ring well.

Dates for the Diary

Guild 10 bell Practice Saturday 11th November 10:30 Higham Ferrers. This is Remembrance day and the bells will be half muffled. We will concentrate on Caters, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Double Norwich CB Caters <https://www.ringing.org/method/?title=Double%20Norwich%20Court%20Bob%20Caters> and Little Grandsire Caters <https://www.ringing.org/method/?title=Little%20Grandsire%20Caters>.

These last two have two hunt bells.

Peterborough Branch 8 bell Practice Friday 3rd November 7:30 Castor

Guiltsborough Branch Practice Saturday 4th November 3:00 Yelvertoft

Rutland Branch 6 bell practice Wednesday 8th November 7:30 Braunston

Wellingborough Surprise Practice Saturday 18th November 10:30 Rushden

Wellingborough Branch Practice Saturday 18th November 2:30 Great Doddington

Towcester Branch Practice Saturday 18th November 10:30 Whilton

Culworth Branch Practice Saturday 18th November 3:00 Aynho

Daventry Branch Meeting Saturday 18th November 3:00 Flore, 6:30 Weedon Bec

Northampton Branch Practice Saturday 18th November 7:00 Dallington

Kettering: Evensong ringing, Peterborough Cathedral, Sun 19th November 2:10 meet outside the West Front

Rutland Branch 8 bell practice Tuesday 21st November 7:30 Oakham



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