



## Rutland Branch 2023 Newsletter for December



**Wishing a Very Happy Christmas to All**

### **Rutland Branch AGM SATURDAY 13th JANUARY 2024**

- 3.00 - 3.45pm. Ringing at North Luffenham**
- 4.00 - 4.30pm. Ringing at Edith Weston**
- 4.30 - 5.10pm. SERVICE, St Mary the Virgin, Edith Weston**
- 5.15 - 6.00pm. TEA**
- 6.00 - 6.30pm. MEETING**
- 6.45 - 7.30pm Ringing.**

**All are welcome, including trainees.**

It would be helpful if you could communicate whether you will attend or not, to assess how many for tea. Donations of sweet and savoury items, cakes for the tea will be greatly appreciated.

Please respond to- Tracey Lawson [tjlawson63@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tjlawson63@yahoo.co.uk)

If any special dietary requirements are needed please let Tracey know.

**Branch 6 Bell practice  
Focus on Plain Bob Doubles  
Thursday 11th January at 7.00pm.  
Gt Casterton/Ryhall (tower - tbc)**

### **Ringing Practice Times**

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

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

**4th Gretton. 11th Harringworth. 18th Caldecott.  
6th Braunston. 13th Brooke. 20th Braunston.  
7th no practice 14th North Luffenham. 21st. Lyddington**

**Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster  
by Sunday 31st December  
[suevw@sky.com](mailto:suevw@sky.com)**

**[www.rutlandbellringing.org](http://www.rutlandbellringing.org)  
Webmaster: Ted Phillips  
[webmaster@rutlandbellringing.org](mailto:webmaster@rutlandbellringing.org)**

## Rutland Branch in rude health

As we prepare for a New Year (fast forward through Christmas) you should all be very pleased with the numbers of regularly rung and serviceable bells, of ringers young and old, and a programme of ringing throughout the Branch which caters for all levels. 2024 is the centenary of (our) Peterborough Guild and, when the programme for next year is unveiled at the AGM, there are some great opportunities to ring around the Guild as well as some extra events and ringing within Rutland. As a member of the Branch you are a member of the Guild and vice versa. You will all be welcomed wherever you go.

Last Thursday there was a wonderful practice with ringers from Uppingham and the local villages and we were joined by ringers from Ashley, East Carlton and Wilbarston who wanted to ring on 8 bells rather than 5 or 6. The cross boundary practice was enjoyed by all and just goes to show there are in fact no boundaries. A huge thank you to Sian and Tanya for the festive pies and mulled vino. Ahhh is that why we had visitors?

As your committee pulls the draft programme together (for you to debate and agree at the AGM) we will table the Guild events, as well as the monthly progression practices (Doubles, Minor, Stedman, Surprise and Major/triples), but in addition there will be arranged 3 or 4 sessions to look at the theory and then practice Plain Bob Doubles. So all of you who have recently learned to ring and are venturing into plain hunt...keep up the good work and we will endeavour to help you ring methods.

Sue has kindly summarised the timings of the Rutland Branch AGM on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January in Edith Weston (very central) and ringing beforehand at North Luffenham from 3pm. All members can vote so do come along and ensure what is being arranged is what you want.

Because Edith Weston is too proud to ask for cake/tea contributions then may I ask all those who would like to – bring along a donation for tea. That will be wonderful. I am told that is the role of Chairman....to ensure there is a good tea at the AGM! I look forward to seeing as many of you who can at Edith Weston at the beginning of 2024.

Meanwhile good luck with all our Christmas ringing, parties, rude and good health.

Regards

Alan

**Advance Notice.....**

**Put the date in your diary.**

**Rutland Branch Annual Dinner - Friday 22nd March 2024. Venue tbc.**



## PEALS

Glaston, **Rutland**

St. Andrew

Tuesday, 14 November 2023 in 2h 40 (7–1–22 in B<sup>2</sup>)

**5040 Spliced Surprise Minor (20m)**

(1-3) Morpeth, Newcastle, Lincoln, Coldstream, Rosendale, Annable's London; (4-5) Lightfoot, Netherseale, Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York, Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull.

Composed by P G C Ellis (No 1111, 1125a)

1. Ruth Curtis
2. Ian Butters
3. Paul F. Curtis
4. Alan Regin
5. Peter G C Ellis (C)
6. Robert J Crocker

Exton, **Rutland**

St Peter & St Paul

Tuesday, 14 November 2023 in 3h 4 (12–2–10 in G)

**5040 Surprise Minor (7m)**

One extent each Wells, Sandiacre, Morpeth, Lightfoot, Warkworth, Primrose, Bourne.

1. Paul F Curtis
2. Ruth Curtis
3. Robert J Crocker
4. Ian Butters
5. Alan Regin
6. Peter G C Ellis (C)

St James Guild

Uppingham, **Rutland**

St Peter & St Paul

Monday, 20 November 2023 in 2h 51 (14–2–2 in E)

**5088 London Surprise Major**

Composed by S J Ivin (no 14)

1. Paul N Mounsey
2. Judith M Rogers
3. Ruth Curtis
4. Ian K Bushell
5. David J Dearnley
6. Ian Roulstone (C)
7. Paul F Curtis
8. Claire F Roulstone

250th peal of London Major: 7

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

**Harringworth**, Northamptonshire

St John the Baptist

Wednesday, 29 November 2023 in 2h 54 (10–2–4 in F)

**5040 Surprise Minor (7m)**

7m: 1 extent each Wells, York, Allendale, Bourne, Annable's London, Cambridge, Norwich.

1. Nicholas R Wilson
2. Paul M Mason
3. Helena M Thorpe
4. Alistair M Donaldson
5. James F Thorpe
6. Richard I Allton

Peal rung in recognition and celebration of over 800 years of worship and stewardship in St. John the Baptist Church, Harringworth.

## EVENING OF CHIMING & HANDBELLS - KETTON 7 NOVEMBER 2023

A group of 20 local ringers from the Ketton area gathered to have a go at chiming the church bells, and try their hand with our very nice set of 20 handbells.

Attendees were a mixture of experienced chimers who don't ring elsewhere, and experienced ringers who have never chimed before, with a similar mixture for the handbells.



After splitting into two groups each led by the experienced ringers, half climbed the spiral stairs to the bell chamber and the others played handbells in the main church, with a swap around after a welcome break for chilli con carne, baked potatoes, soup, tea and cakes.



Most people picked up the basics quickly, and the plan is to repeat the event on a monthly basis, but without the food !



At the end of the event, everyone went to the Railway pub next door to compare experiences and give feedback !

*Simon Forster, St Mary's Church, Ketton*



## 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.



[centenary.pdg.org.uk](http://centenary.pdg.org.uk) The dedicated email address for information and to register interest for events.

### 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 pdgcb website for details and how to order.  
<https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100/centenary-year-merchandise>  
Other merchandise include a calendar featuring Guild churches, mugs with the anniversary logo and a jigsaw.

## OTHER GUILD NEWS

### Fundraising

Benefact are running their movement for Good campaign again this Christmas. Draws for £1000 run through to the 18<sup>th</sup> December. You can nominate the Guild on this link:  
[https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=250569&ct=heritage\\_arts#nominateACharity](https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=250569&ct=heritage_arts#nominateACharity)

### CCCBR news

A couple of videos for advertising ringing have been available for a while now via YouTube These are now available via the CCCBR website. <https://cccb.org.uk/2023/11/26/discovering-bellringing-enjoyment-films/>

### Dates for the Diary

**Guild 10 bell practice** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 10:30 Location Kettering

### Guild 100th Anniversary event -

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January Peterborough Cathedral Ringing 2:00, Evensong 3:30, reception afterwards.

**Guild 100th Anniversary event** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February Moulton Village Hall,

Barn dance with live band & ploughman's supper. Tickets in advance from [centenary@pdg.org.uk](mailto:centenary@pdg.org.uk)

**Guilsborough** Branch Practice Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 3:00 Welford

**Wellingborough** Surprise Practice Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10:30 Wollaston

**Culworth** Branch Practice Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3:00 Whitfield

**Daventry** Branch Ringing, tea & Carol Concert Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3:30 Whilton, Concert 6:30

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