



## Rutland Branch Newsletter

2024

# FEBRUARY

### BRANCH 6 bell PRACTICE

Methods are Minor and Stedman

Cottesmore

Wednesday 7th February. 7.30pm

Open to all who wish to ring those methods.

### RUTLAND BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

Friday 22nd March

6.30 for 7pm.

The Barnsdale

The Avenue, Exton, Oakham LE15 8AH

Details on page 2

### Ringling Practice Times

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

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

**Mon** 5th Gretton. 12th Harringworth. 19th Harringworth. 26th Caldecott.

**Wed** 7th No practice. 14th Brooke. 21st Braunston. 28th Brooke.

**Thurs** 1st Uppingham. 8th North Luffenham. 15th Uppingham. (Branch)

22nd. Uppingham 29th. Lyddington. (29th. QP at Uppingham)

**Mon** 5th, 19th, 26th Empingham. Edith Weston 12th. Practices starts at 7pm.

Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster  
by Thursday 29th February  
suevw@sky.com

[www.rutlandbellringing.org](http://www.rutlandbellringing.org)  
Webmaster: Nigel Barrett  
[webmaster@rutlandbellringing.org](mailto:webmaster@rutlandbellringing.org)

## RUTLAND BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

This year the Annual Rutland Branch Dinner is on Friday 22nd March at the Barnsdale.

The event promises to be an evening of good food and great company. We will meet at 6.30pm, and dinner will be served at 7.00 in the Rigate Room (on the first floor, no lift access).

A three-course meal will be followed by a speech by Keith Townsend, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Tickets are £37.50 each, excluding drinks. There are 40 places for this event, which is sure to be popular, so book your place soon.

To reserve your place, email Tracey Lawson ( [tjlawson63@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tjlawson63@yahoo.co.uk) )

AND send your payment to the Rutland Branch bank account

**SORT CODE: 40-43-05 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 31507540 ACC NAME: PDGCBR - RUTLAND).**

PLEASE email your menu choice, and any allergies or intolerances, to Tracey

[tjlawson63@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tjlawson63@yahoo.co.uk)

by March 1 at the latest.

Venue: The Barnsdale  
The Avenue  
Exton  
Oakham  
LE15 8AH

Here is a precise **what3words** address

///line.nosedive.darling <https://w3w.co/line.nosedive.darling>





## RUTLAND BRANCH - QUARTER PEAL CELEBRATION CHALLENGE

In celebration of the Guild centenary many events planned to take place throughout the year. A list of events is on **page 7** of this newsletter. Full details are to found on the guild website.

<https://www.pdg.org.uk/events>

A suggestion was put forward at our AGM in January, and well received, that by the end of the year we have attempted and hopefully achieved .....

### Quarter Peal at every tower in Rutland

There is no obligation for any individual, but SHOULD THEY WISH, every member of the branch has the opportunity to participate in a Quarter Peal.

It is for Towers to decide on a date that suits them. It might be to coincide with a special event, or just when their ringers feel ready.

New, inexperienced ringers may feel that they would like to have a go later on in the year. Support can be given between now and then to build confidence and achieve this significant step in their ringing experience.

This is a great opportunity for those who have recently learned to ring bells, to ring a QP either plain hunt on the treble, tenor behind or inside with bobs etc. There is time to achieve during the year, but volunteering early will help those polishing your skills to be able to ring and help achieve the Rutland aim.

If you are interested then please tell your Tower Captain, or one of the contacts below, so you can receive the correct training to be able to reach this milestone moment.

Willing volunteers welcomed.

### There are alternative options for ringers who do not feel ready for a Quarter Peal.

It might be more favourable to ring 100 changes for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There is an achievable option for everyone who wants to take part at any level. No-one is excluded, it is for ALL.

The Guild website has suggestions for 'Centenary Touches'

<https://www.pdg.org.uk/centenary-touches>

If any Tower Captains or Towers would like to ring but haven't enough ringers for a full band, assistance from some of our more experienced ringers can be available. Just ask!

Please contact Sue Baker ([secretary@rutland.pdg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rutland.pdg.org.uk))

Sian Ryan [sianryan@hotmail.com](mailto:sianryan@hotmail.com)

or Thomas Saunders [thomaspsaunders@gmail.com](mailto:thomaspsaunders@gmail.com)

If anyone has any thoughts, ideas or suggestions to add please contact -

Sue Baker ([secretary@rutland.pdg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rutland.pdg.org.uk))

## Chairman's Report

### Rutland Branch AGM

A huge public thank you to Edith Weston for arranging the AGM service and tea in the village hall. Reverend Doctor Pippa was brilliant as was our organist Diana. Especial thanks to Sharon for North Luffenham ringing, Hilary for Edith Weston ringing, Tracey and her team for the food and hot drinks. All perfect.

Thanks also to Chris Fitzgerald for representing the Guild and telling us about initiatives outside Rutland. Of particular note was the programme of events to celebrate the Guild centenary, with activity in each branch of the Guild.

We had over 30 at the AGM, which is a good turnout on a January evening, when we have 123 ringing members, plus 13 trainees almost ready to be welcomed as members.

Rutland bells and bellringing is in good heart and that is as much thanks to all our members. That is you!. There is much on during 2024 so please look at the programme and join in. Practice = progression. We are here to help you all progress.

### 2024 Rutland Branch Committee

At the AGM a full committee of 12 was elected, and it is wonderful to see the individuals ring and live all around Rutland (also Gretton and Harringworth!). This allows the committee to understand where help is required or be available at practices for questions.

We welcome a new member to committee – Nigel Barrett from Gretton – who has taken on the role of managing the web site. The web site is well used by members and visitors looking at the programme, tower correspondents and for Rutland ringing news. Last year we had almost 1,000 “hits” so well worth maintaining it.

Thank you Nigel.

## From the Ringing Master

The Guild's 100th anniversary year is underway with a special event planned in each month of the year. Do put the dates in your diary. All members, at whatever level, are very welcome.

Note especially ....

### **Saturday 11th May : Guild Open Day**

Around 30 towers across the Guild will be open for a set period during the day to allow ringers from within and outside of the Guild to ring. Each tower will have a steward to collect ringing fees and an experienced ringer to supervise the ringing. Day tickets will be available in advance and at the first three towers of the day. There will be several opportunities to stop for refreshments and buy anniversary merchandise during the day. *For more information, and to buy advance tickets, please contact [centenary.pdq.org.uk](mailto:centenary.pdq.org.uk)*

Three of our Rutland towers will be opened for ringing during the afternoon, Caldecott, Preston and North Luffenham. There could be quite a large number of people visiting so many volunteers are needed to help with managing the event, not just involved in ringing. All welcome, experienced and new ringers alike. If you can help on SATURDAY 11th MAY, please contact the Ringing Master at '[brianjasie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brianjasie@yahoo.co.uk)' I would encourage as many as possible to take part and enjoy.

Also for the centenary celebrations, on Saturday 10th August Rutland are hosts for a day of ringing and a picnic at Rutland Water. More details will follow in due course.

Brian Newman  
[brianjasie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brianjasie@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Training the Rutland Teachers Course on Saturday 27 January.**

Uppingham tower hosted an Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) course on 27 January with interested teachers from Rutland and Shropshire. The teacher was Rebecca Odames from Leicester. Everyone had a most educational day and went home buzzing. One was still buzzing at their Monday ringing practices.

Those from Rutland included – Thomas Saunders, Brian Newman, Sally Watts, Alan Ellis, Ian Bell, Ted Philips and Alan Wordie. All are now available to teach the ART way so if you hear of anyone interested in learning to ring please make contact with one of the ART teachers or one of the Rutland Branch committee (see website). The Saturday morning teaching at Uppingham will resume again this month, so anyone interested in learning from any tower or parish - please shout out. Sue has 2 or 3 names already, so there will be a 2024 cohort to join!

Well done the teachers for stepping forward and good luck in transferring your new found skills onto others.



### **Mary Poyner**

We report the death of Mary Poyner on Friday 26th January. Mary was a life-long bellringer of hand and tower bells. She taught many new ringers and rang many peals. During the lockdowns of the covid pandemic she and her husband, Harry, rang several quarter peals on hand bells, in their garden of their home in Whissendine.

She rang for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. In 2023 for the Coronation of King Charles III, she chimed the three clock bells sited in their garden, recalling events of 70 years previous.

Her funeral will be 12 noon on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at Whissendine Church.

There will be open ringing before and after the service. Anyone planning to attend are requested to email [hjpoyner@gmail.com](mailto:hjpoyner@gmail.com) so numbers for refreshments can be estimated.

## PEALS & QUARTERS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

**Seaton** Rutland

All Hallows

Thursday, 11 January 2024 in 43m (10-0-21 in G)

**1296 Spliced Surprise Minor** (6m)

Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose,  
Bourne Surprise Minor

1. Thomas Saunders
2. Steve Millington
3. Sue Marsden
4. Helena Thorpe
5. Nick Elks (C)
6. James Thorpe

Rung as part of the celebrations marking the Centenary of the founding of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

**Lyndon**, Rutland

St Martin of Tours

**720 Lyndon Treble Place Minimus**

10x72

1. Anthony D. Walker
2. Brian E. Plummer
3. Robert Simpson
4. Luke Tobin (C)

First changes in new method, quarter attempt brought round after 10 extents quarter attempt foiled by breaking tail end on 2nd.

-1234-14.34.14-34-34-14,14

Rung also for the LDGCB Elloe Deaneries Group

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

**Ridlington**, Rutland

St Mary Magdalene and St Andrew

Tuesday, 23 January 2024 in 46m (7-1-24 in B<sup>2</sup>)

**1296 Ridlington Treble Place Minimus**

18x72

1. Robert Simpson
2. Brian e. Plummer
3. Luke Tobin (C)
4. Anthony D. Walker

First quarter in new method

-1234-14.34.14-----14,14

Many thanks to the Churchwarden and Tower Captain for the delicious refreshments after the quarter



A visiting band, all members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers and from the Elloe Deaneries Branch from around the Holbeach Spalding area, rang a quarter peal at St Mary Magdalene and St Andrew church in Ridlington on 23rd January.

They rang a brand new method, the first time it has ever been rung and named it -

Ridlington Treble Place Minimus.

Congratulations to them.



## PDGCBR100 Centenary year 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

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.

**From Alistair Donaldson**

**President Peterborough Diocesan Guild**

### **Train the Trainers Course—Saturday 30th March. At Rothwell.**

We need more ringers to ring our bells – and so we need more trainers to teach Bellringing.

Would you like to teach someone to ring your bells?

If so we have the ideal course for you!

The Guild is putting on a course run by the Association of Ringing Teachers to train and support ringers wishing to become competent Trainers.

The Course takes place at **Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell**

On **Saturday 30th March**, starting at 9:15am, finishing by 5pm.

To find out more and to book your place go online to :

<http://tinyurl.com/Rothwell-M1> or contact Alistair Donaldson on [president@pdg.org.uk](mailto:president@pdg.org.uk)

Hurry – only 12 places available!

To book your PDG priority place use PIN code **1682**

## From the Guild

### Guild 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The next event is a barn dance in Moulton Community Centre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February. The dancing will be from 7 pm and will be to a live band, Kelly's Eye. The tickets are £15 each and includes a ploughman's supper, with a choice of meat, cheese or vegan. There will be a bar and a games room for when you need to take a breather. Tickets available from [centenary@pdg.org.uk](mailto:centenary@pdg.org.uk). Open to all, non-ringers can dance too, you know. Bring your friends for what should be an entertaining evening.

### CCCBR news

The President wants for one more ringer <https://cccbbr.org.uk/2024/01/18/presidents-blog-88/>  
The news that the government is considering signing the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage has prompted activity to see if bellringing might be eligible. There's one more change to join a CCCBR meeting to discuss the implications. <https://cccbbr.org.uk/2024/01/18/what-is-intangible-cultural-heritage-and-why-does-it-matter-to-bellringing/>

### ART conference

The ART conference is the first weekend in March, at Hanbury. <https://bellringing.org/2024/01/13/book-your-place-at-the-art-conference/> No need to be an ART member to attend either day.

### ART Training

If you want to learn to teach bell handling or already do but want some ideas and support, there's an ART M1 training course being held at Rothwell on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, from 9:15 to 5:00. There are 12 places available, and initial booking is limited to PDG members, use code 1682. <https://events.bellringing.org/en/events/module-1/teaching-course-module-1-rothwell-northamptonshire> Cost is £25 per person.

### Guild Newsletter

This was circulated in hardcopy and should be arriving in your tower soonest. It is also available to read online. [https://pdg.org.uk/newsletters/newsletter\\_202401.pdf](https://pdg.org.uk/newsletters/newsletter_202401.pdf)  
Next print deadline late March, so get your snippets of news to the branch or the newsletter editor soonest.

## Dates for the Diary

**Guild 100th Anniversary event** Saturday 10th February Moulton Village Hall, Barn dance with live band & ploughman's supper. Starts at 7 pm. Tickets are £15 in advance from [centenary@pdg.org.uk](mailto:centenary@pdg.org.uk)

**Guild 100th Anniversary event** Sunday 9th March Nene Valley Challenge, Thrapston area.  
Ringing at a variety of towers in the morning followed by a light lunch.

**Guild 10 bell Practice** Saturday 9th March 6:30 Location Moulton (note this is an evening practice)

**Guildsborough Branch Practice** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 3:00 East Haddon

**Rutland Branch practice** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7:30 Cottesmore, focus Minor & Stedman.

**Kettering Branch Practice**, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2:00 Warkton, 3:15 Grafton Underwood (tea & cake)

**Wellingborough Branch Practice**, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2:30 Orlingbury

**Daventry Branch Practice**, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 3:00 Byfield for ringing service & tea,  
6:30 Woodford Halse

**Rutland Branch 8 bell Practice** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30 Uppingham

**Towcester Branch Practice**, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30 Grafton Regis

Helen Allton Secretary: PDGCBR e-mail: [secretary@pdg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pdg.org.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PDGCBR](https://www.facebook.com/PDGCBR) Website: [www.pdg.org.uk](http://www.pdg.org.uk)