



MARCH

BRANCH 6 BELL PRACTICE

Surprise Methods

The current methods being rung are - Primrose and London Surprise .
also spliced Plain Bob, St Clement's and Little Bob.

Wednesday 6th March. 7.30pm

Braunston

Open to all who wish to ring those methods.

BRANCH 8 BELL PRACTICE

Tuesday 19th March. 7.30pm

Oakham

Triples and Major Methods

For all who would like to ring on 8 bells

RUTLAND BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

Friday 22nd March 6.30 for 7pm.

The Barnsdale. The Avenue, Exton, Oakham LE15 8AH

For more info contact Nicky Vickers nickyvickers1878@gmail.com

Ringling Practice Times

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

March Practices All commence at 7.30pm. Unless otherwise stated.

Mon 4th Gretton. 11th Caldecott. 18th Gretton.

Mon 4th Edith Weston. 11th & 18th Empingham. Practices starts at 7pm.

Wed 6th Braunston. 13th Brooke. 20th Brooke.

Thurs 7th Uppingham. 14th North Luffenham. 21st Lyddington.

No practices are held in Holy week w/c 25th March

**Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Sunday 31st March
suevw@sky.com**

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RUTLAND BRANCH - CENTENARY QUARTER PEAL CHALLENGE

A Quarter Peal at every tower in Rutland

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

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.

This is a great opportunity for those who have recently learned to ring bells, to ring a QP either to plain hunt on the treble, tenor behind or inside with bobs etc. 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.

By volunteering early, support can be given to help polish your skills, enabling you to help achieve the Rutland aim during this year.

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 100th 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)

Sian Ryan sianryan@hotmail.com

or Thomas Saunders thomaspsaunders@googlemail.com

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

Sue Baker (secretary@rutland.pdg.org.uk)

Towers already achieved a QP - Seaton, Ridlington, South Luffenham, Lyndon & Uppingham

OTHER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - Ray Bailey

90th Birthday celebrations for Ray Bailey were held at Brooke on the 14th February.

Ray began ringing in the 1970s at Langham and he is still ringing today. He has been Tower Captain of Langham since the 1980s taking over from Fred Hubbard, only very recently relinquished this role.

For many years Ray was Branch Steward, during that time he helped Nick Meadwell with a number of bell restorations including Hambleton, North Luffenham, Great Casterton and Brooke.

Ray has many musical hobbies and we wish him continued enjoyment of all that he does and thank him for his dedicated service to the Rutland branch of bellringers.



PEALS & QUARTERS

Lincoln Diocesan Guild
South Luffenham Rutland
St Mary the Virgin
Tuesday, 20 February 2024 in 48m (5 in C)
1296 South Luffenham Treble Place Minimus
18x72
Composed by L Tobin

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

First Quarter in new method
-1234-14.34.14-1234-34-14,14
Also rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church
Bellringers Elloe Deaneries Minimus Group

Lincoln Diocesan Guild
Lyndon, Rutland
St Martin of Tours
Tuesday, 27 February 2024 in 45m (6-0-23 in A)
1296 Lyndon Treble Place Minimus
18x72
Composed by L Tobin

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

First quarter in new method

Lincoln Diocesan Guild
Ridlington, Rutland
St Mary Magdalene and St Andrew
Tuesday, 27 February 2024 in 46m (7-1-24 in B²)
1296 Ridlington Treble Place Minimus
18x72
Composed by L Tobin

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

With grateful thanks to the Churchwarden, Tower
Captain and parishioners of Ridlington for the warm
welcome and refreshments before and after a
successful quarter peal .

Peterborough Diocesan Guild
Uppingham, Rutland
St Peter & St Paul
Thursday, 29 February 2024 in 48m (14-2-2 in E)
1280 Plain Bob Major

1. Ann Archer
2. Cathy Dixon
3. Steve Millington
4. Stephen Gullick
5. Ian Bell
6. Alan Ellis
7. Richard Beadman
8. Thomas Saunders (C)

Rung to celebrate 100 years of the Peterborough
Guild.

First of Major, **5**
First of Major as conductor, **8**



CENTENARY QUARTER PEAL CHALLENGE



PDGCBR100 Centenary year events

centenary.pdg.org.uk The dedicated email address for information and to register interest for events.



Date-Location-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 the Guild

As part of the Guild's centenary, we are going to make a change to the Guild's 6 bell striking contest, to take place on Saturday April 13th. In order to encourage band with less experience, we're going to introduce a new, Centenary Trophy. This will be awarded to the highest placed band ringing call changes. The current Weaver Shield will be presented to the highest placed method ringing band. This aims to encourage bands that might feel they might not produce their best ringing while ringing methods to enter a band. Good striking is important no matter the complexity of what is being rung and well struck call changes are a challenge for all bands. I went to see the maker this afternoon and it is going to be an impressive piece that will look good in any tower. No pictures, that would spoil the surprise. There's plenty of time to get practising...

The next event is the Nene Valley Challenge on 9th March. Details have been circulated. If you want to set yourself a challenge, or come to help (or both) get in touch.

There was a peal rung at Desborough on Friday 9th February. This was on the 100th anniversary of the first peal for the Guild and was rung using the same method and composition (but not the same ringers). Well done to all concerned on marking the anniversary this way. Not an easy feat. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1697748>

The picture of the original peal band with their peal board can be found here. <https://pdg.org.uk/history/photos>

From Alistair Donaldson

President Peterborough Diocesan Guild

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

Train the Trainers Course - Saturday 30th March. Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell.

Starting at 9:15am - 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

Hurry – only 12 places available! to book your PDG priority place use PIN code **1682**

Dates for the Diary

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)

Guild Spring Meeting Saturday 13th April. 6 bell contest at Cold Ashby from 3 pm. Teams to the Master (master@pdg.org.uk) by the 6th April.

And branch events.

Guildsborough Branch Practice Saturday 2nd March 3:00 Cold Ashby

Rutland Branch practice Wednesday 6th February 7:30 Braunston, focus Surprise

Wellingborough Surprise Practice, Saturday 16th March, 10:30 Orlingbury

Kettering Branch Practice, Saturday 16th March, 2:00 Burton Latimer

Wellingborough Branch Practice, Saturday 16th March, 7:00 Higham Ferrers

Rutland Branch 8 bell Practice Tuesday 19th March 7:30 Oakham

Towcester Branch Practice, Saturday 23rd March, 10:30 Greens Norton

Daventry Branch Practice, Saturday 23rd March, 3:00 Bugbrooke for ringing service & tea, 6:30 Kislingbury

Northampton, Branch Practice 23rd March, 7:00 Harpole

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EVENTS TO RING FOR



St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of Bellringers due to his experimentation in early forging of bells in the 900'sCE. His feast day is 19th May, but in this year that coincides with Pentecost. Instead this year Bell Sunday is on Sunday 12th May.

It is hoped the day will raise awareness, emphasise the importance of the sound of bells in our Communities



The 6th of June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed.

In 1944 Operation Overlord saw over 5,000 ships and landing craft set down more than 130,000 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe.

As part of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, CCCBR are once again encouraging ringers to Ring Out for Peace on 6th June at 6.30pm (or at a suitable time that day). Your performances can be submitted to BellBoard .

St MARY'S, ASHWELL

The Bells re installed

In July of 2023, the bells of St Mary's Ashwell were removed and subsequently taken to Taylors of Loughborough for refurbishment. Up to that date the bell tower was in a very poor state and a great deal of work was needed to make all safe and the bells ring-able again.

Forward to February 2024 and the bells return. The Tower Captain, Louis Totaro, was able to offer a viewing of the bells before they would be rehung. This was a very exciting moment and approximately 20 people took up the opportunity. On February 29th a short 'test ring' was successfully undertaken. Although there is still work to be done, this was a huge milestone achieved.

More photographs can be found on the Branch website www.rutlandbellringing.org



Safeguarding in Church of England Settings

“The Church of England began working on its new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework several years ago and the final version became effective in January 2022.

The Parish Safeguarding Handbook has been the “bible” on safeguarding in Church of England settings. The Church have advised that the new Framework is the definitive document on current policy and the Parish Safeguarding Handbook will be updated to reflect it. “

Key training requirements

BASIC AWARENESS TRAINING (FORMERLY C0)

ALL RINGERS have always been expected to take “Basic Awareness” online training. This requirement is in line with other church volunteers and has always been supported by CCCBR. The new framework makes this mandatory for all ringers and, again, this is supported by the CCCBR.

FOUNDATION TRAINING (FORMERLY C1)

RINGERS IN A ROLE WHICH INVOLVES WORK WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE OR ADULTS AT RISK are still expected to take “Foundation” online training. Again, this is unchanged.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING –(FORMERLY C2)

Anyone regarded as having a “LOCAL LEADERSHIP” role is expected to take “Leadership” training, which can be delivered virtually or in person. Each diocese will determine whether their tower captains have a local leadership role, based on guidance from their parishes and input from the local ringing society or association (see point 2 below)

<https://cccbr.org.uk/safeguarding/resources/safeguarding-in-church-of-england-settings/>

<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/events-training/training/safeguarding-training.php>

Why do we do Safeguarding training?

“Safeguarding training is a proactive measure to protect the vulnerable, uphold ethical standards, and foster a safe and caring environment within the diocese. Safeguarding training raises awareness about how to identify and respond to potential risks and concerns regarding the safety and well-being of individuals, particularly vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, or individual’s disabilities. It helps equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to create a safe environment and protect against abuse, neglect, or harm.”

It is a requirement that Safeguarding training is renewed every three years. The Peterborough Diocese considers that Tower Captains should complete the Leadership module. Undertaking the Domestic Abuse module also, is recommended.

Please follow the links and look at the relevant websites for more information on safeguarding.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers <https://cccbr.org.uk/>

The Peterborough Diocese <https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/>