



APRIL

BRANCH 6 BELL PRACTICE

Plain Bob Doubles & Grandsire

Thursday 4th April. 7.00pm

Gt Casterton

Open to all who wish to ring those methods.

BRANCH 8 BELL PRACTICE

Thursday 18th April. 7.30pm

Uppingham

Triples and Major Methods. Including (*by request*) Kent Treble Bob Major

For all who would like to ring on 8 bells

GUILD SPRING MEETING & 6 Bell STRIKING CONTEST

Saturday 13th April

Hosted by Guilsborough Branch

See poster for details

Ringling Practice Times

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

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

Mon 1st Harringworth 8th Caldecott. 15th Gretton. 22nd Harringworth

Mon 1st cancelled. 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th. Empingham. Practices starts at 7pm.

Wed 3rd Brooke. 10th Braunston. 17th Brooke. 24th Braunston.

Thurs 4th *no practice* 11th North Luffenham. 18th Uppingham (*Branch*) 25th Lyddington.

From this month onwards, Seaton will be hosting practices where there is a 5th Monday or a 5th Thursday in a month. There will be a practice at Seaton on Monday 29th April.

Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
by Tuesday 30th April
suevw@sky.com

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webmaster@rutlandbellringing.org

RUTLAND BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner of the Rutland branch of the PDG was held on Friday March 22nd at The Barnsdale hotel. Some 35 guests, ringers with their nearest and dearest, gathered for an evening of conviviality and a great chance to catch up outside the chilly confines of the bell chamber.



Our Chairman, Alan Wordie, welcomed us to the dinner, and each guest's place was marked by a ceramic bell with a more-or-less appropriate nickname.

At least one Tinkerbell admitted she was thrilled with her keepsake, as did a Bellter, a few Clangers and a No-Bell Prizewinner.

After a pleasant meal Alan received our newest recruit, David Wilkins of Edith Weston, into the Guild. Then it was the turn of our guest speaker, Keith Townsend, Fellow of the Royal Society of Astronomy. A few unforgivable bell-ringing puns later, Keith took on the challenge of explaining about the unimaginable "bigness" of the universe. It was a fascinating talk which we all enjoyed with the help of some fetching 3D spectacles.

A most enjoyable evening, organised by Tracey Lawson and Nicky Vickers. Is it too early to mention that next year's dinner will be on Friday 4th April 2025?

A huge THANK YOU to Tracey & Nicky for taking on the task of organizing this year's annual dinner and for doing such a fantastic job.

From Alan Wordie & the Branch Committee, and from everyone who attended the event.



Planet gazing

**David Wilkin receiving his
New Members pack from
Chairman Alan Wordie**





RUTLAND BRANCH - CENTENARY QUARTER PEAL CHALLENGE

A Quarter Peal at every tower in Rutland

This is a great opportunity for everyone. Experienced ringers as well as 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 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 are achievable options for everyone who wants to take part - at any level. No-one is excluded, it is for ALL.

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

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 .

PEALS & QUARTERS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Ashwell, Rutland

St Mary

Sunday, 31 March 2024 in 46m (8–2–20 in G)

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. Sue Marsden
2. Nick Elks
3. Steve Millington
4. Thomas Saunders
5. Simon Adams
6. Louis Totaro (C)

Easter Songs of praise. To celebrate the rehang and installation of the existing peal of bells, with the recast 2nd; all work carried out by Taylor's of Loughborough and local volunteers.

First public ring for over 50 years

Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild

Whissendine, Rutland

St Andrew

Wednesday, 3 April 2024 in 3h 8 (12–2–6 in E)

5040 Minor (7m/v)

7 extents - Single Oxford Bob, Annable's London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob

- 1 Ruth Curtis
- 2 Diana M. Anderson
3. Paul M. Mason
4. David J. Dearnley
5. Paul N. Mounsley (C)
6. Timothy M. Payne

Rung in affectionate memory of Harry and Mary Poyner, whose enthusiasm for bellringing inspired and encouraged many.



CENTENARY QUARTER PEAL CHALLENGE

Towers who have already achieved a QP -

Seaton

Ridlington

South Luffenham

Lyndon

Uppingham

Ashwell

PDGCBR100 Centenary year events

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

Date-Location-Event

- 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](#)



Guild News

Spring Meeting

If it is striking contest season, then the Guild diary follows suit. The next Guild event is the Spring Meeting on 13th April, which includes the 6 bell striking contest. The new trophy is taking shape, still no pictures, that would spoil the surprise. Entries to Simon Dixon by Saturday 6th April, master@pdg.org.uk. As a reminder, the rules are here https://pdg.org.uk/forms/6_Bell_competition.pdf and there's a poster here https://pdg.org.uk/meetings/Spring_Meeting_2024_poster.pdf

I know the Guilsborough branch are getting their ducks in a row for the tea, a range of scrumptious goodies are in the planning. Hope to see you there.

Guild Newsletter

The next Guild newsletter deadline is the 31st March, for distribution at the Spring Meeting. Any news or items of interest can be sent to Jonathan Stuart, the newsletter editor, newsletter@pdg.org.uk. What have you done recently that would make a good item to tell your fellow ringers about? The recent issues have had a wide range of interesting items, but we can only do that with your contributions.

CCCBR news

An update on Bell Sunday, which this year takes place on Sunday 12th May. It's an opportunity for the church family to recognise the impact that bells can have on the community. There are resources to help here. <https://cccbr.org.uk/2024/03/16/bell-sunday-12th-may-2024/>

Dates for the Diary

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.

Guild Tower Open Day Saturday 11th May. Tower Open day across the Guild. <https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100/open-day>

And branch events.

Rutland Branch practice Thursday 4th April 7:00 Great Casterton

Thrapston Branch Practice Friday 5th April 7:30 Islip

Guilsborough Branch Practice Saturday 6th April 3:00 Scaldwell, 6:00 Brixworth.

Rutland Branch 8 bell Practice Thursday 18th April 7:30 Uppingham

Wellingborough Surprise Practice, Saturday 20th April, 10:30 Rushden

Kettering Branch Practice, Saturday 20th April, 2:00 Great Oakley, 15:15 Weldon

Wellingborough Branch Practice, Saturday 20th April, 2:30 Yardley Hasting

Daventry Branch Practice, Saturday 20th April, 3:00 Preston Capes for ringing service, tea & meeting, 6:30

Moreton Pinkney (joint with Culworth)

Daventry Branch Practice Saturday 20th April, 6:30 Moreton Pinkney (joint with Daventry)

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://ccabr.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://ccabr.org.uk/>

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