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## Peterborough Guild ~ Open Tower Ringing Day

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Three Rutland towers are hosting on the day.

**Caldecott (4.10 - 5.10pm) Preston (4.30 - 5.30pm) North Luffenham (4.50 - 5.50pm)**

If you can offer help please contact Alan Wordie, Ian Bell, Sue Baker or Sue Webster.

Car parking arrangements, making up ringing numbers, escorting and moving ringers along to allow others in the chamber– help very welcome. There may be as many as 120 ringers in Rutland at that time!!

Alternatively take part in the day's events yourself. (see page 2)

## BRANCH 8 BELL PRACTICE

Tuesday 21st May 7.30pm

Oakham

Triples and Major Methods.

For all who would like to ring Triples & Major methods

## Ringling Practice Times

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

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

**Mon 6th Edith Weston. 13th, 20th & 27th Empingham. Practices starts at 7pm.**

**Wed 1st no practice 8th Braunston. 15th Brooke. 22nd Braunston. 29th Brooke.**

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

**There will be a practice at Seaton on Thursday 30th May.**

Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster  
by Friday 31st May  
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## Centenary Events



Four events to celebrate the centenary of the Guild have been held far and each seemed to be a success – hopefully the other eight will be too. But the organising committee do still need help with some of these.

**May** – the tower open day across the Guild. Organisation for this is well underway with the three individual towers in each branch and individuals in each branch preparing to steward those towers.

**July** – another big event! A chance for Guild members to converge at Stanwick Lakes country park where there is a superb play area for children, an assault course and many pleasant walks. Near the Visitor Centre we have booked a prominent site in which we will set up the Maplestead mini-ring of eight bells and the Guild Wombell. We hope that these will be a popular attraction and encourage members of the public to come along and find out more about what we do. It is possible that the BBC may cover the event as a news item.

We would like to offer the Rutland Branch an hour slot from 13:00-14:00 in which they can have exclusive use of the mini-ring – an opportunity to ring a quarter perhaps or give some members a novel ringing experience (each bell only weighs about 4kg). We are also looking for individuals who would be willing to supervise members of the public having a go at ringing with the Wombell or on handbells. There will also be bell related static displays that need overseeing. *Cathy Dixon, Guild PRO. [pdqcb100@gmail.com](mailto:pdqcb100@gmail.com)*

### **Peterborough Guild Open Tower Ringing Day Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Rutland and all other areas of the Peterborough Guild (9 other branches the size of Rutland) will be hosting open tower ringing on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The towers have a strict timing window to open/close, the aim is for as many visitors as possible to ring at up to 100% of towers.

If there is a best route around the 30 towers without racing – please let us all know?

The programme can be found at the link: <https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100/open-day>

**Anyone wanting to help at Caldecott (4.10pm), Preston (4.30pm) or North Luffenham (4.50pm)**

**Please contact Alan Wordie, Ian Bell, Sue Baker or Sue Webster.**

Help with Car parking, making up ringing numbers and moving ringers along to allow others in the chamber will be very welcome. There may be as many as 120 ringers in Rutland at that time!!

**This is an open day for ringers within the Guild as well as an event that will attract ringers from around the country.**

Otherwise, join in at any tower you choose and take friends along. A contribution of £2 is all it costs for the hour at each tower. Day tickets for the whole day's ringing can be ordered in advance for £20 by emailing [centenary@pdg.org.uk](mailto:centenary@pdg.org.uk) This will gain you a ring at any of the towers you wish to visit.

*Alan Wordie, Rutland Branch Chairman.*

## **PDGCBR100 Centenary year events**

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

### **Date-Location-Event**

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](#).

## Peterborough Guild and Rutland Branch Subs 2024

This is a gentle reminder to the 39 (out of 133) active adult bellringers to please make your payment for 2024 subs.

They were due at the AGM in January and a huge thank you to the many who paid electronically and promptly so far. Thank you also to those who have set the electronic payment to be a standing order every January. At least we cannot forget the sub payment by this route.

So you can make the payment direct to The Branch bank please follow the following process:

1. Go into your own (electronic) bank where you can set up Rutland Branch as a payee.  
[This can then be used every year]
2. Bank details are:
  - a. HSBC Business account
  - b. Name            PDGCBR Rutland
  - c. Sort code      40-43-05
  - d. Account        31507540
  - e. Reference      Your name and tower.
3. Note you may need to ensure your bank is aware this is a proper Business Account – there have been a few cases where the account has not been recognised, and if you are confident you have correctly typed In the Payee name, if there is a “warning message” you should be able to accept it.
4. The sub is £7.00 or £3.50 for junior members. To avoid the need for further fundraising could members kindly donate a little more than the sub, for which a huge thank you.
5. Donations from those over 75 are welcomed to benefit recruitment, training and bells in Rutland and the Diocese.

**It is very important all members have paid their 2024 subscription by the end of April 2024 so the account can be reconciled before the Branch Treasurer looks to transfer the bank account to a bank where bank charges are NOT charged.**

Thank you very much for your attention. Have a good Bank Holiday weekend.

*Alan Wordie, Branch Chairman and Simon Forster, Treasurer*

## 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's CE. 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 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, CCCBR are once again encouraging ringers to Ring Out for Peace on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm (or at a suitable time that day).

Your performances can be submitted to BellBoard .

### Rutland Plain Hunt breakthrough courses

A WhatsApp group has been created for all those who have recently learned bell handling, are now comfortable with rounds and call changes and ready to progress to Plain Hunting. Some of you have been travelling around towers and the Tower Captains have been very supportive of your desire to move forward.

Some towers arrange Plain Hunt practices and some do not have sufficient ringers to surround a ringer who is new to Plain Hunting. Ideally an experienced band will ring around the PH ringer so giving a stability of tempo which allows the learner to feel the speeds, see the ropes and have a good chance of success.

So we are arranging one theory session and 3 open bell practice sessions over the next few weeks.

1. Please join the group by asking Alan Wordie who is Admin on this. [alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com](mailto:alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com)
2. Tell us are you a learner or competent ringer able to help. (we need at least 5)
3. Can you help teach Plain Hunt theory and practical ?
4. Let us know which days are or are not suitable, although Saturday's are tricky for the next few weeks.

The rest is down to you. Good Luck and keep practising in the meantime.

*Alan Wordie, Branch Chairman.*

## PEALS & QUARTERS

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

**Tinwell** Rutland

All Saints

Tuesday, 23 April 2024 in 49m (9–3–17 in G

**1296 Tinwell Treble Place Minimus**

18x72

Composed by L Tobin

1. Valerie S. Wild
2. Anthony D. Walker
3. Robert Simpson
4. Luke Tobin (C)

For St George's Day

First quarter in new method

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*Towers who have already achieved a QP -*

*Seaton*

*Ridlington*

*South Luffenham*

*Lyndon*

*Uppingham*

*Ashwell*

*Tinwell*

**CENTENARY QUARTER PEAL CHALLENGE**

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers 1924—2024**

### **RUTLAND BRANCH - CENTENARY QUARTER PEAL CHALLENGE**

#### **A Quarter Peal at every tower in Rutland**

At the beginning of the year we set a challenge for a QP to be rung in every tower in Rutland during this year. To date 7 towers have achieved this. **27 to go!**

Please consider taking part. There are opportunities for newer ringers to achieve their first Quarter.

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!**

There are achievable options for everyone who wants to take part - at any level. Some towers are setting dates for Centenary call changes.

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

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