



# JUNE

## **BRANCH 6 BELL PRACTICE**

**Wednesday 5th June. 7.30pm**

**Braunston**

**Surprise Methods**

*Cambridge, Primrose and London Surprise.*

*If anyone wants to try something different then we are ringing Carter doubles.*

## **BRANCH 8 BELL PRACTICE**

**Thursday 20th June 7.30pm**

**Uppingham**

**Triples and Major Methods.**

**For all who would like to ring Triples & Major methods**

## **Ringling Practice Times**

**June Practices** All commence at 7.30pm. Unless otherwise stated.

**Mon 3rd Gretton. 10th Harringworth. 17th Caldecott. 24th Gretton.**

**Mon 3rd Edith Weston. 10th, 17th & 24th Empingham. (Practices starts at 7pm.)**

**Wed 5th Braunston. 12th Brooke. 19th Braunston. 26th Brooke.**

**Thurs 6th Uppingham. 13th North Luffenham. 20th Uppingham. (Branch). 27th Lyddington.**

Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster  
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June 6th 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**

### **Plain Hunt Theory and Practice**

By the time this is printed Alan Wordie will have run 2 theory sessions for those ringers who now aspire to move forward from rounds and call changes to plain hunt (which will lead easily into learning methods if you wish). Alan provides a personalised theory session looking at how Call changes are simply bells changing position (on command) and how that can become an uncalled method if all ringers are clear on how the method (even the simple form plain hunt) is formed and why following your place (or counting ROPES) is an easier way to progress than memorising the bells to follow.

The personal approach allows trainees to progress at their own pace and by understanding the theory go back to the tower and achieve rope-sight.

The aim is to run a (maybe 2) practical sessions in June so the initial course trainees can progress.

All those interested in joining the PH programme please email [alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com](mailto:alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com) with your mobile so you can be added to the PH WhatsApp group and learn what is arranged, where and when.

*Alan Wordie, Branch Chairman.*

## Guild News & Events

### Open Towers Day on 11th May

A very successful day, with approximately 100 visitors visiting our Guild towers, involving 30 towers covering all of the ten branches in the Guild.



**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.

The Rutland Branch have been offered an hour slot from 13:00-14:00 in which we 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)

### Dates for the Diary

**Guild AGM** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Harlestone 2:00, Pitsford 3:00, Moulton 4:00, service 4:30 then tea. AGM 5:45 then evening ringing at Moulton.

**Guild 10 bell practice.** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. 10:30, Towcester.

### Branch events.

**Guildborough Branch Practice.** Saturday 1st June 3:00 Spratton, 6:00 Cottesbrooke

**Rutland Branch practice.** Wednesday 5th June 7:00 Braunston

**Thrapston Branch.** Practice Friday 7th June 7:30 Islip

**Wellingborough.** Striking contest, Tuesday 11th May, 6:30 Mears Ashby

**Wellingborough.** Surprise Practice, Saturday 15th June 10:30 Irthlingborough

**Kettering.** Branch Practice, Saturday 15th June, 3:30 Cottingham

**Daventry.** Branch Practice, Saturday 15th June 3:00 Badby, 6:30 Eydon

**Culworth.** Branch Practice Saturday 15th June, 6:30 Eydon

Also to remind you, all Guild officers are elected each year at the AGM. While almost all officers are willing to stand again, that should not prevent someone coming forward who wants to take on a role. All the officers' job descriptions are available on the website, alongside the current position holder. <https://pdg.org.uk/homepage/officers>

One role where the current holder is standing down is PRO. If you know of someone who has a talent for communicating ringing to the wider world, do get in touch. We're more than happy to talk about what is involved. *Helen Allton. Secretary: Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.* [secretary@pdg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pdg.org.uk)

## 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 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 Diocesan Guild Centenary Open Tower Day

I am informed by the organisers of the Guild Open Towers day well over 100 ringers were touring the area to ring at the 30 Open Towers.

Rutland has been especially commended by the organisers for the exemplary stewarding of parking, welcoming and ensuring ringers were arranged into groups such that there was almost non-stop ringing (catering for all levels of ringer and with a great variety of methods achieved).

Thank you from the Chairman and Guild organisers to all Rutland ringers and volunteers for this stand out performance by Rutland branch.

On the day, the towers of Caldecott, Preston and North Luffenham were open for the visitors.

*Alan Wordie*



North Luffenham

### What were you doing on 11th May?

I was at the beautiful church of St John the Baptist in North Luffenham, one of a small team of people helping to open the tower to all comers. By about 4.45 I was put in mind of the sight of my son, waiting for the first guest to arrive for his 6th birthday party. He stood at the end of the garden path looking eagerly up and down the road and singing "happy birthday to me..."

I might have been feeling a teeny bit nervous. Would we be flattened by hordes of tired and irritable ringers all wrung out but desperate to tick off one more tower? Or would we rattle around feeling a bit awkward while all the ringers headed home, sated by other, earlier towers? As it turned out, there was a steady stream of enthusiastic and appreciative ringers from far and wide - Hampshire, the Lake District and Exeter were all represented in the visitors' book, as well as those from our own guild. We even allowed people in from Leeds. There were almost 50 of them in all, and the village of North Luffenham was treated to an hour of joyful ringing. What a wonderful way to celebrate the centenary.

Thanks to Alan Wordie, the lovely Helen and James Thorpe and to Tracey Lawson for a most enjoyable time - and to the brave lads in hi-viz, Peter and Gus. I look forward to being roped in again next time.

*Nicky Vickers*

## PEALS & QUARTERS

### Hambleton, Rutland

St Andrew

Wednesday, 8 May 2024 in 2h 55 (10–2–6 in G)

#### 5040 Doubles (21m)

Two extents each Reverse, Canterbury, Grandsire, New, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon, Westminster, Blackburn, St Hilary, Dragon, St Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Huntley, St Simon's, St Martin's, St Osmund, Eynesbury, Reverse Canterbury, Plain.

1. Sally A. Brown
2. Paul F. Curtis
3. Robert J. Crocker
4. Alan Regin
5. Peter G.C. Ellis (C)

### Cottesmore, Rutland

St Nicholas

Wednesday, 8 May 2024 in 2h 56 (14–0–3 in F)

#### 5040 Spliced Surprise Minor (14m)

(1) London, Wells; (2) Carlisle, Northumberland; (3) Beverley, Surfleet; (4) Lightfoot, Rossendale; (5) York, Durham; (6) Westminster, Allendale; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich.

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## CENTENARY QUARTER PEAL CHALLENGE

*Towers who have already achieved a QP -*

*Seaton  
Ridlington  
South Luffenham  
Lyndon  
Uppingham  
Ashwell  
Tinwell*

### 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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