



Rutland Branch Newsletter

2026

March

RUTLAND BRANCH ARE HOSTING

THE SPRING FESTIVAL

Guild 6-Bell Striking Competition

Saturday 11th April Starting at 3pm

Method Competition at Braunston for The Weaver Shield

Rounds & Call Changes Competition at Brooke for the Centenary Trophy

Refreshments will served in Braunston village hall in the afternoon.

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

Mon 2nd Gt Easton. 9th Seaton. 16th Gretton. 23rd Harringworth.

Mon 16th Edith Weston. 23rd Edith Weston. 7pm start.

Wed 4th Brooke. 11th Braunston. 18th Brooke. 25th Braunston

Thurs 5th Uppingham. 12th Lyddington.(6.30pm) 19th Uppingham. 26th Nth Luffenham.

Fridays morning practices at Greetham. 10.30pm. (Beginners at 10.00)

No Ringing in Holy Week 30th March - Saturday 4th April inc.

Monday 6th April Easter Monday

Wednesday 8th April Brooke

Thursday 9th April North Luffenham

*If planning to visit a practice do check with the Tower Captain before making a journey.
Occasionally venues have to change at short notice.*

Items for the next newsletter by
Tuesday 31st March
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QUARTER PEALS & PEALS

Leicester Diocesan Guild

Medbourne, Leicestershire

St Giles

Saturday, 31 January 2026 in 43m (8-3-3 in A²)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Sally Watts
2. Rose Parker
3. Steve Millington
4. Andrew Young
5. Terry Iliffe
6. Barry Hackett

Rung with thanks to Stephen Bishop, rector of this parish, who is moving to pastures new after over 25 year in charge of Six Saints circa Holt.

First Quarter Peal: Barry Hackett

Well Done Barry - nicely rung



Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Gt Casterton, Rutland

St Peter & St Paul

Thursday, 12 February 2026 in 43m (5-1-18 in A²)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Sam Ryder
2. Lois Webb
3. Ann Archer
4. Charlotte Peacock
5. Jim Bence (C)
6. Sarah Bence

First Quarter Peal 1. Sam Ryder



Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Edith Weston, Rutland

St Mary

Sunday, 22 February 2026 in 38m (7-0-13 in A)

1260 Silver Wedding Doubles

Silver Wedding is Lancashire Bob with a Chicken Extreme.

1. Taliya Rubendran
2. Diana Street
3. David Banks (C)
4. Andrew Christie
5. Stuart Weston
6. Julian Burton

Rung to celebrate Jean and Andrew Tinsley's Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Exton, Rutland

St Peter & St Paul

Saturday, 28 February 2026 (12-2-10 in G)

1360 Exton Alliance Minor

1. Kerry Nimmons
2. Steve Millington
3. Stephen Gullick
4. Alan Ellis
5. Thomas Saunders
6. Richard Beadman (C)

First in the method for all

GUILD SPRING FESTIVAL

The Spring Festival is on Saturday April 11th and this year it is the turn of Rutland Branch to be the hosts. There are two striking competitions, one a method, to be held at Braunston. The other will be at Brooke for rounds and call changes.

Proceedings are expected to start around 3pm. Tea and refreshments will be served in the afternoon in Braunston village hall.

If you wish to be in a competition band do let Ian Bell know bellprivate@outlook.com

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED - There will be many people from across the Guild attending this event.

We need people to help with :

Stewards for car parking

Runners, tower liaison

Help serving teas

Provision of food for the tea, sweet and savoury items, cakes etc

Sandwich makers

Do support your Branch if you can, by helping with the above. Let me know if willing to help and I will pass your name on to the relevant committee member or Tower Captain.

Thank You in advance Sue Webster suevw@sky.com

News From the Towers....

CALDECOTT

OPERATION PIGEON/WOODWORM.

After what seems to have been an unending saga we hope the end is within sight.

The pigeons are no longer inside the tower, instead they are now wrecking my broccoli plants. The floor has been repaired and treated, I have asked the scaffolders to remove their plant ; some the bosses need replacing or repair.

Once all workman have vacated the site the next thing will be for the Tower Captain and Bell Steward to inspect the bells, decide if they are fit or need a service then re-rope and we hope to start practices.

Signed one utterly exhausted Churchwarden. Mary Davidson

LYDDINGTON

Ringling practices at Lyddington are once in every month, usually on the fourth Thursday in each month, although for this month of March the practice will be on Thursday 12th.

All practices at Lyddington from now onwards will commence at 6.30pm, concluding at 8.00pm.

EIGHT BELL PRACTICE

Starting on Wednesday 6th May, the Wednesday evening practice of Braunston/Brooke will move to Uppingham on the first Wednesday in each month.

We hope that moving to a regular date, rather than the sporadic 8-bell practices, will make it easier for our own ringers to plan their diaries and encourage visitors to join us.

The evening is open to all regardless of ability. Some have enjoyed the opportunity to ring rounds and call changes on 8 bells; hopefully we can also ring some methods to challenge our more experienced ringers.

We already have a request to ring Grandsire Triples.

Please let us know if you have a desire to ring a certain method.

The Uppingham practice on the first Thursday of the month is unaffected.

Ian Bell, Ringing Master

RUTLAND BRANCH

Regular Practice Nights

All practices commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

indicates shared rota

MONDAY

Ashwell GF (6) 7.30-8.30pm

Harringworth GF (6). Caldecott GF (6). Gretton GF (5) *Shared rota*

Seaton GF (6) Practices when a 5th Monday occurs in any month

Edith Weston (6). Empingham (6) 4th Last Thursday in each month , all others at EW. *Shared rota*

NB practices start 7pm.

Ryhall (6) 7pm - 8.30pm.

TUESDAY

Oakham (8)

Wing GF (5). Hambleton GF (5) *Shared rota*

WEDNESDAY

Braunston GF (6) Brooke GF (6) *Shared rota*

Barrowden GF (6)

THURSDAY

Gt Casterton GF (6). *NB practices start 7pm*

Uppingham (8) Weeks 1 & 3. North Luffenham GF (6) Week 2. Lyddington (6) Week 4. 6.30 -8.00pm.
Shared rota (NB No ringing at North Luffenham November - February inclusive)

Seaton GF (6) When there is a 5th Thursday in any month.

Whissendine GF (6) *(no ringing practice July & August)*

FRIDAY

Greetham GF (6) 10.30am. (10.00 for beginners)

If planning to visit a new/different tower it is advisable to check with the Tower Captain beforehand. There may be circumstances that necessitate a variation in time or venue.

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