



Rutland Branch Newsletter

2026

APRIL



RUTLAND BRANCH ARE HOSTS

for

SPRING FESTIVAL & 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 4 - 6pm

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

Mon 6th Gt Easton. 13th Seaton. 20th Gretton. 27th Harringworth

Mon 6th Edith Weston. 13th Edith Weston. 20th Empingham. 7pm start.

Wed 8th Brooke. 15th Braunston. 22nd Brooke. 29th Braunston.

Thurs 9th North Luffenham. 16th Uppingham. 23rd Lyddington.(6.30pm)

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

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

Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday) Gt Easton.

Wednesday 6th May Uppingham - Open 8 bell. (no ringing at Brooke/Braunston)

Thursday 7th May Uppingham

*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
Thursday 30th April
to suevw@sky.com

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GUILD SPRING FESTIVAL

At Braunston and Brooke towers

Dear fellow ringers -

On the afternoon of Saturday 11th April, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (PDGCBR) Spring Meeting incorporating 2 striking competitions is coming to Rutland.

I know there are some tower captains entering teams into the competitions. One competition is for method ringers and the second for rounds and call change ringers (i.e. those who have possibly learned to ring quite recently). I wish all Rutland competitors the best of luck and above all have fun, smile and listen for good striking for the 6 or 7 minutes of your piece.

The method ringers will be at Braunston and the rounds and calls ringers will be at Brooke. After the competitions tea will be served in Braunston village hall, followed by the meeting and announcement of the competition results.

As the host branch we are organising the tea, the parking arrangements in the 2 villages, and looking after the two judges (who will be hidden for the duration of the competitions. Nicky Vickers is heading up the tea team based in Braunston Village Hall and I know she is collecting names of helpers and cake bakers!

We also need about 7 or 8 helpers in hi viz jackets to direct cars to where there is space to park, answer questions, act as helpers with judges etc. at both Braunston and Brooke. Ian has arranged parking in a farm-yard close to Brooke church. With parkers, runners and helping with access to churches we anticipate the need for 7 or 8 helpers from 2pm onwards. I am aware of 3 volunteers so far.....if there are others please email Alan Wordie at email: alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com and nearer the time we can all agree our villages and roles and help make the Spring meeting and striking competition a Rutland success.

I hope you can help both the outdoor team (my team) Alan Wordie alan.wordie@enduranceproperty.com and Nicky's indoor tea team on email: nickyvickers1878@gmail.com

"Refreshments will be available 4-6 in the Braunston Village Hall. If you would like to bring something to share, that would be wonderful! Please let me know as soon as possible (Sue W's email) to help the team with planning and to minimize duplications and food waste." nickyvickers1878@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Alan Wordie



The Weaver Shield



The Centenary Trophy

QUARTER PEALS & PEALS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Braunston, Rutland

All Saints

Tuesday, 17 March 2026 in 43m (10–0–25 in G)

1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor & Plain Bob Minor

1. Deborah Bray
2. Diana Street
3. Yolande Hasselo
4. Jane Robinson
5. David Banks
6. Andrew Christie (C)

A morning adventure into Rutland for our Canadian friend. QP 1 of 3

4: First of Double Oxford.

This performance is linked to the event [Peterborough Diocesan Guild — Yolande's Early Spring Visit to Blighty](#)

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Brooke, Rutland

St Peter

Tuesday, 17 March 2026 in 41m (8–1–2 in A)

1260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor

1. Jane Robinson
2. Deborah Bray
3. Diana Street
4. Yolande Hasselo
5. David Banks
6. Andrew Christie (C)

A morning adventure in Rutland. QP 2 of 3.

This performance is linked to the event [Peterborough Diocesan Guild — Yolande's Early Spring Visit to Blighty](#)

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Wing, Rutland

St Peter & St Paul

Tuesday, 17 March 2026 in 38m (6–3–22 in B²)

1260 Calgary Doubles

Calgary Doubles is Shipway Place with Grandsire Single, Antelope Single and a Wallflower Single. (100 c/f/g)

1. Jane Robinson
2. Diana Street
3. Yolande Hasselo
4. Andrew Christie
5. David Banks (C)

his new variation, Calgary Doubles, was named and rung for the first time and is Shipway Place with Grandsire Single, Antelope Single and a Wallflower Single. (100 c/f/g).

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred, Yolande's husband.

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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

WORKSHOPS

Plain Bob Minor - A workshop on is planned for Saturday May 2nd. If interested in participating in this opportunity let us know. Email suevw@sky.com

Bell Handling Refresher - Is anyone interested in improving their ringing technique.? There may be newer ringers who would like to revisit basic bell handling to improve on techniques learned. This workshop is open to all, regardless of how long you have been ringing. We plan to run refresher sessions on a Saturday morning at Uppingham. email suevw@sky.com or Ian Bell bellprivate@outlook.com if interested.

ROUNDS & CALL CHANGES

Across the Branch we have several new ringers who, having mastered their basic bell control, are ready to move on to ring rounds and call changes.

For our Tower Captains running a practice night is not an easy task, as they are catering for a range of abilities; rounds to surprise methods. I would like to offer some more support to those starting to ring rounds and call changes to help their progress.

On the first four Friday evenings of May, 7pm-8pm, (*avoiding the fifth Friday as it will be Bank Holiday weekend*), we will run workshops focusing purely on rounds and call changes. As with our other workshops, we will surround learners with more experienced ringers for support.

Each Friday evening session will be at a different tower. This will give learners experience of ringing on different bells, I'm hoping that experienced ringers local to each tower will also support the sessions.

The first session on Friday 1st May will be held at Braunston. Sue will notify you next week as to the other towers as they are confirmed.

As usual we will allocate places on a first come first served basis. Participants are welcome to attend as many sessions as they wish; ideally all four to gain the maximum opportunity. Subject to demand we can arrange further sessions; I would like to complete this series in May before people start disappearing for the holidays!

If you think this is for you let us know bellprivate@outlook.com or suevw@sky.com

Ian Bell, Branch Ringing Master