



Rutland Branch Newsletter

2026

September

8 BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Hosted by Uppingham with Brooke & Braunston ringers

Wednesday September 2nd. 7.30pm.

A practice for ringing on 8 bells - Plain Hunt and Methods

These practices are held on first Wednesday in every month.

All Welcome

SAVE THE DATE

For a Social Event on

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

Pub Supper - The Fox , North Luffenham

with the option of ringing the North Luffenham bells before 18.00 - 19.15

This is for all Rutland Branch members of all levels of ability, learners and new ringers welcome.

The Menu will be provided next month for you to make choices for pre-ordering.

For more information contact Nicky Vickers nickyvickers1878@gmail.com

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

Mon 7th Gt Easton. 14th Caldecott. 21st Gretton. 28th Harringworth.

Mon 7th Edith Weston. 14th Edith Weston. 21st *no practice*. 28th Empingham. 7pm starts

Wed 2nd *8 bell practice Upp*. 9th Braunston. 16th Brooke. 23rd Braunston. 30th Brooke.

Thurs 3rd Uppingham. 10th North Luffenham. 17th Uppingham. 24th Lyddington (6.30pm)

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

Thursday 1st October Uppingham

Monday 5th October Great Easton.

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
Wednesday 30th September
to suevw@sky.com

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QUARTER PEALS & PEALS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Ryhall, Rutland

St John the Evangelist

Saturday, 1 August 2026 in 2h 52 (11–1–5 in F)

5040 Treble Dodging Minor

7m: 1 extent each Primrose S, Munden S, Marple D, Allendale S, Surfleet S, Oxford Tb, Norwich S.

1. Simon Dixon
2. Paul M. Mason
3. Julie A. Tarling
4. Nicholas R. Wilson
5. Nicholas A. Churchman
6. Richard I. Allton (C)

Organised as a 60th birthday treat for Paul Mason

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

Lyndon, Rutland

St Martin of Tours

Sunday, 2 August 2026 in 15m (6–0–23 in A)

360 Summer Fete Treble Place Minimus)

1. Anthony D. Walker
2. Robert Simpson
3. Mark Mumby
4. Luke Tobin (C)

First blows in new method.

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Rung preceding the opening of Lyndon's Annual Summer Fete

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Uppingham, Rutland

St Peter & St Paul

Wednesday, 5 August 2026 (14–2–2 in E)

1274 Plain Bob Triples

1. Stephen Gullick
2. Mark Webb
3. Thomas Saunders
4. Sue Baker
5. Ian Bell
6. Matthew Mack
7. Richard Beadman (C)
8. Kerry Nimmons

Rung to welcome the new Rector of Uppingham, Rev'd Canon Allison Twigg

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Brooke, Rutland.

St Peter

Sunday 23 August 2026, 2h 48min

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Richard Beadman (C)
- 2 Paul M Mason
- 3 Alan Ellis
- 4 Simon J Dixon
- 5 Ian Bell
- 6 Richard I Alton

Rung in memory of John Beadman, Tower Captain for 28 years following restoration of the bells in 1990.

Congratulations to Rutland Ringing Master, Ian Bell, on successfully achieving his second peal - **60 years** after ringing his first!

Visit to Taylor s Bell Foundry

Thursday 21st August 21, 2026

A group of us met at the museum entrance of the Bell foundry Loughborough at 12 45 pm . We had a short introductory video and then divided into small groups for a fascinating tour of the making and the history of bells . Our guide gave us excellent explanations and we watched demonstrations of the making of the parts including the wheel and headstock and the functions of a bell . It was fascinating watching the bell tuner of whom there is now only one in the country ...so skilled but more and more though managed electronically .

We then returned to the video room to watch a video of actual bell casting before going out on to the balcony to watch this molten copper and tin mix at 1400 “ C being poured into the bell mould which is buried underground . After the bell mould is full the residue is made into ingots and the whole left to cool for 4 days . Our guide was excellent and the grand finale was being allowed to ring the bells in the bell tower alongside the factory .

All in all a totally fascinating and extremely well run day ,much appreciated by all of the group.

Celia Foulkes

ANOTHER ART-*ist* IN RUTLAND BRANCH!

On a (thankfully cooler) Saturday morning in early August, Ian Bell successfully demonstrated his ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) teaching skills to assessor Rebecca Odames.

Many thanks to Alison Hicks, Ian's diligent and enthusiastic trainee for her supreme efforts.

Huge congratulations Ian, a worthwhile accreditation further confirming your excellent teaching of bellringing and dedication to your role as Rutland Branch Ringing Master.

Tracey Lawson

MARKET OVERTON- New Practice Session

A new practice session has started at Market Overton

This is a ground floor ring with a heavy set of 5 bells 14–2–18 (745 kg).

The plan is for a ringing practice to be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 2pm - 3.30pm, Initially it will be aimed at improving call changes and plain hunting. All welcome.

PLEASE NOTE for September only

This month the practices will be on 21st and 28th. (3rd and 4th Monday). 2pm as usual.

Lynn Lane

RUTLAND BRANCH STEWARD

A reminder that our Rutland Branch Steward is now Gus Lawson. To get in touch with Gus

Gus.lawson64@gmail.com Or message 07773 427772

ALAN WORDIE - HANDBIKE CHALLENGE

Land's End to John O'Groats

I have just completed 901 miles and 42,500ft of climb in my handbike challenge, riding from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease Assoc (MND) - part for research and part for living assistance.

My Just Giving and Instagram pages with lots of pictures and comments are still live.

Please consider supporting the work of the MND Association and see how difficult my challenge was.

A huge thank you to those who have donated and helped along the way.



[handbike321lejog4mnda](https://www.justgiving.com/page/handbike321lejog4mnda)

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16th July depart Land's End

3rd August 2026 Arrive John O'Groats





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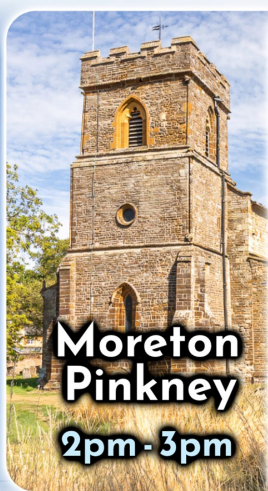
SUMMER FESTIVAL

12th September
2026

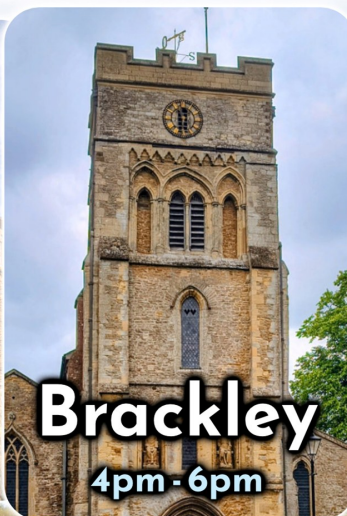
**Striking
Competition**

**Afternoon
Tea**

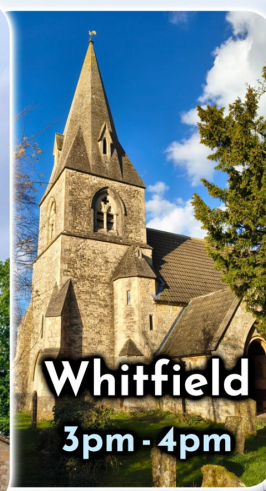
**Guild
Meeting
at 6pm**



**Moreton
Pinkney
2pm - 3pm**



**Brackley
4pm - 6pm**



**Whitfield
3pm - 4pm**

**Followed by
evening
ringing at
Middleton
Cheney**

**Team entries to
events@culworth.pdg.org.uk (by 5th September)**

**Names for tea to
secretary@culworth.pdg.org.uk**

The Culworth Branch have arranged to open a couple of towers for you *En Route* to the Competition:

2pm Open Ringing at Moreton Pinkney *Ring of 6, 6cwt, Ground floor*

3pm Open Ringing at Whitfield *Ring of 6, 7cwt, Ground floor*

Then at **4pm** we all converge on Brackley for the 8-bell Branch Striking Competition, a 13cwt ring.

Each Branch can enter a band to compete for the historic Harry Wooding Memorial Trophy.

Please let Robert Wood know on events@pdg.org.uk by 5th September that you will be entering a Team. During the Competition the Church Hall will be open serving teas.

Names for Tea please to Andrew North secretary@culworth.pdg.org.uk by 10th September, including any special dietary requirements.

At **6pm** we will convene in the Church Hall for a short Business Meeting **(Agenda attached)**

At the end of the Meeting the Judges will announce their verdict on all the ringing, and the Trophy will be awarded to the winning Branch.

Certificates will also be presented to each Branch entering a team.

Following the Meeting (c. 7:30pm) the bells at Middleton Cheney will be available. *Ring of 6, 22cwt, Stair*

Please do join us for what is sure to be a great day out, even if you aren't ringing in a team. You can still "grab" 3 towers in the area.

Alistair Donaldson

President

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

