



Rutland Branch Newsletter

2026

October

8 BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Hosted by Uppingham with Brooke & Braunston ringers

Wednesday October 7th. 7.30pm.

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

These practices are held on first Wednesday in every month.

All Welcome

Autumn Social Event

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

Pub Supper - The Fox , North Luffenham

This is for all Rutland Branch members of all levels of ability, learners and new ringers welcome.
The Menu will be provided soon for you to make choices for pre-ordering.

See page 2 for more details.

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

Mon 5th Gretton. 12th Caldecott. 19th Gt Easton. 26th Harringworth.

Mon 5th Edith Weston. 12th *no practice*. 19th *no practice*. 26th Empingham. 7pm starts

Wed 7th *8 bell practice Upp*. 14th Braunston. 21st Brooke. 28th Braunston. 30th Brooke.

Thurs 1st Uppingham. 8th Lyddington (6.30pm) 15th Uppingham. 29th Seaton

*Please note no specific practice at North Luffenham on 22nd
but there will be the opportunity to ring before the pub supper.*

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

Thursday 5th November Uppingham

Monday 2nd November 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
Saturday 31st October
to suevw@sky.com

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Autumn Social Event

Everyone's welcome to come along for an open ring at North Luffenham and then to come to the Fox pub for a Rutland Ringers Supper, on Thursday 22nd October.

Ringin' from 6 o'clock followed by a sumptuous meal at the cosy and welcoming Fox pub at 7.30.

Come with your tower team, non-ringing partners or alone - you are all welcome!

Just email me at nickyvickers1878@gmail.com and I'll reserve your seats.

There's no booking fee, it's just to help us organise the best evening.

Please let me know by 12th October, and I will send you the new, seasonal menu.

Choose the course(s) you want by Saturday 17th October.



A Date for your Diaries

It may seem like a long way off just yet but we have the Branch AGM planned for January 9th 2027. Please make a note of the date.

Before then the Branch Secretary is required to submit a general report to the Guild, a summary of our year in the Rutland Branch.

Has there been any notable achievements during the year in your tower?

Have you held any interesting events?

Rung for any significant celebrations ?

Carried out any major work in your tower.?

If you can answer yes to any of those questions then please let me know. It would be nice to include them in the newsletters and in the final report of the year.

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Caldecott Split-Practice Monday 9 November 7.30pm

For various reasons we have lost several experienced ringers over the last eighteen months, making it very difficult for individual towers to muster enough ringers to ring some methods, especially Treble Bob and Surprise. Yet we do have enough ringers across the branch collectively to ring such methods.

Following a very successful Treble Bob Hunting Workshop in September we now need to create opportunities for those learners to gain more experience of trebling to methods such as Kent Treble Bob.

The Split-Practice at Caldecott will commence at the regular time of 7.30pm with rounds, call changes and plain hunt until 8pm when we will concentrate on methods. After 8pm there will still be opportunities for less experienced ringers to be involved.

Please arrive on time so we can fully support learners. Feedback please after the practice as I am hoping we can repeat this format at other towers across the branch on their practice nights.

Ian Bell, Rutland Ringing Master.

In Memorium

JANE WRIGHT

Some of you will remember Jane Wright who rang at Uppingham for many years, who died on Monday [7/9/26] just 3 days short of her 97th birthday.

Jane learnt to ring in Lyddington when she lived there with her husband Charles who was vicar. During their time in Lyddington they raised the money for the installation of a 6th bell. When Charles retired, they moved down to Winchester, but Jane returned to Rutland after Charles died, and resumed ringing at Uppingham church, until shoulder problems forced her to stop.

Sadly, she developed Alzheimer's disease, and finally was unable to manage on her own. She moved into residential care at Wisteria House a year ago, where she was beautifully cared for, and where she died peacefully at the end of a long and well lived life.

She will be much missed.



A memorial service will be held at St Peter & St Paul Church, Uppingham, on Tuesday 17th November at 11.30am.

It is hoped that a Quarter Peal will be rung prior to the service in memory of Jane.

Workshops

Our programme of workshops continued during September. Thank you to Tower Captains and experienced ringers for your support. In particular, I must thank Cathy Dixon, our Guild Training Officer, for organising and leading our Treble Bob Hunting workshop. Kent Treble Bob ringers came from far and wide to support our learners; thank you all for your time and sharing your experience.

We still have a few candidates requiring Plain Hunting and Plain Bob Doubles workshops. We will combine the two topics at Seaton on Saturday 7 November, 10am to noon.

Planning for 2027 continues apace. If you would like us to organise a workshop for a specific method, please make your Tower Captain aware. *Ian Bell*

Association of Ringing Teachers

Are you interested in helping to teach new ringers? It is some time since we held a Module 1 session at Uppingham, taking new recruits through to competent bell control. We continue to have new people interested in learning to ring coming forward; it would be really helpful to have a few more ART qualified people within the Branch to help train.

For those who have completed Module 1, would you be interested in the Module F2 which covers rounds to call changes?

If sufficient people are interested, it is possible to organise another Branch event. It is also possible to collaborate with colleagues in Lincolnshire to achieve adequate numbers for an event, especially for F2.

More information on bellringing.org *Ian Bell*

Central Council Ringing Census 2026

As reported in the latest edition of The Ringing World (4th September) and at the recent Central Council conference, there is going to be a worldwide Ringing Census taking place from 16-22 November 2026. The aim of the census is to give the Central Council "a current picture of how many people are ringing, where they are ringing, what their ringing looks like, and how they feel about being part of the ringing community".

There will be opportunities for both individuals and towers to respond voluntarily to the request for information which will be gathered by digital means. However, to ensure that there is an unbiased response, there is a list of 500 towers globally who will be encouraged to take part. To help those towers, local facilitators known as voluntary enumerators will be trained up. For example both Cathy and Simon Dixon are signing up for this role.

For more information, please visit <https://cccbr.org.uk/census/> or contact your CC Reps Cathy and Simon Dixon

GUILD 8 Bell Practice upcoming

The next Guild 8-bell practice is to be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday 14th November 2026. Ringing will be from 10:30am - 12:30pm. This is a great opportunity to progress 8-bell ringing standards across the Guild, and I hope you can encourage your talented ringers to get involved. Please ask any potential attendees to contact Helen Manktelow (ringing_master@wellingborough.pdg.org.uk) who will be running the practice.