Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers

Rugby District Ringing Master's Blog - April 2023

It's been a busy month in the Rugby District with an even busier May to follow!

April ringing activities

Our young ringers kicked off the month by joining a Coventry Spires mini tour on 3rd April. They rang open on the 6 at Lighthorne and then at Kineton on the simulator. It was interesting when the sound was asjusted to the bells of Liverpool Cathedral!

Our young ringers also attended Coventry Spires practices at Brinklow on 16th April, St Nicholas Warwick on 23rd April and Stoke (Coventry) on 20th April and are making really good progress ringing on 8.



Josh and Joe at St Nick's

A well-attended district practice was held on 21st Apr 2023 at Newbold. We rang a range of things including rounds and call changes, Stedman triples, plain hunt and even attempted Double Norwich Caters with mixed success! Great to see two of our youngsters there too.



Rugby District hosted the Coventry Guild AGM on 22 Apr 2023, with ringing at Monks Kirby and Brinklow. The service, refreshments and meeting were held at Brinklow and thanks to Rosie Griffiths and the Brinklow ringers for looking after everyone.



Joe and Ethan conquered Monks Kirby!

We rounded off the month with a tour, ringing at Nether Heyford, Weedon Bec, Braunston and Willoughby on 29th April. 19 people attended and we even had a visitor who spotted that there was ringing from the notice on Bellboard!

Thanks to Kim Gibbard for arranging the bells and some lovely weather!



Nether Heyford



Barnaby and Joe cheering Nick up 😊



Weedon Bec



Braunston



Willoughby



Ethan “Three Boxes” Smith ringing the 5th at Willoughby and wearing his Mum’s boots, having forgotten his trainers after football!



Willoughby west window



The historic carillon at Willoughby

Coming up in May

"Ring for the King" is our big event and we have arranged for all the bells in the District to be rung at some point over the weekend. There is some open ringing where all are welcome and some towers need some support. The table below includes at the information for the District and the link has information for the whole Guild.

[When We Are "Ringing For The King" - Coventry Diocesan Guild (coventrydg.co.uk)]

Tower	Date	Time	What are we ringing	Any ringers required?	Volunteer ringers	Contact
Bilton	6th May 7th May	0800 1600 1145	QP General ringing For coronation picnic	No		David Price
Brinklow	6th May	Before coronation	General ringing	No		Tom Griffiths
Bubbenhall	6th May	1500-1545	R&C tour between Ryton, B'hall and Stoneleigh	All Welcome		Bob Taylor
Church Lawford	6th May	1430-1500	General ringing	No		Janet Dew
Clifton	6th May	0930 1930	General ringing Quarter	No No		Alison Collins
Dunchurch	6th May	1400	General ringing	No		Simon Benton
Hillmorton	7th May	1000	Sunday service	Paul to arrange		Paul McNutt
Leamington Hastings	6th May	TBC	General ringing	No		Ian Sewell

Monks Kirby	5th May 6th May	1800-1900 1900-2000	Service ringing General ringing	3-4 ringers needed 3-4 ringers needed	Andrea & Eddie Haynes Bill & Eddie Haynes	Tony Gillias
Newbold	6th May	1630	Quarter after wedding	Nick aranging		Avril Harris / Nick Brett
Rugby Parish	6th May 7th May	1430 1700-1800	General ringing Quarter	Yes Christine arranging	3 x Haynes	Christine Homer
Ryton	6th May	1600	R&C tour between Ryton, B'hall and Stoneleigh	All welcome		Bob Taylor
Stretton	6th May	Before coronation	General ringing	No		Lyndsey Brett
Willoughby	8th May	1400-1500	General ringing	Yes	Andrea, 2 Clifton lads, Kim, Bill, Eddie	Kim Gibbard
Wolston	5th May	1930	Quarter or general ringing	Keith to arrange		Keith Chambers

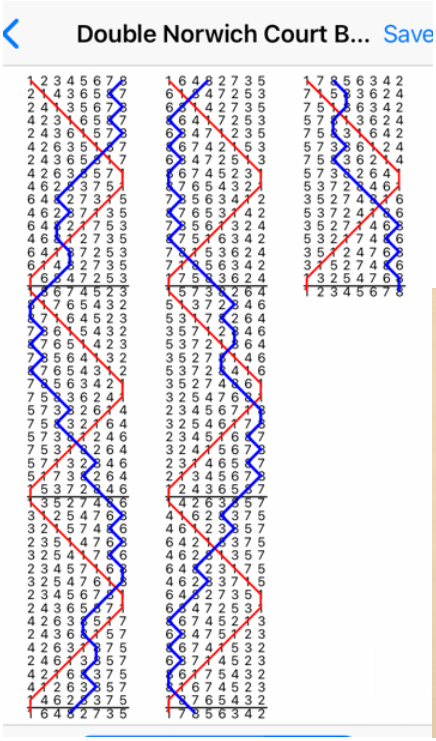
Please come along to Wellesbourne at 4pm on Monday 8th for Guild ringing and social!

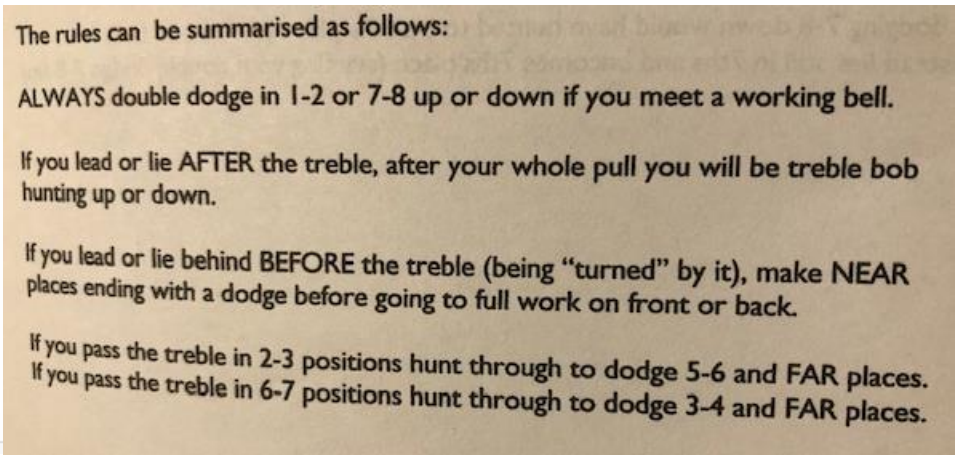
There is open ringing for a Civic Service at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 7th May from 1430 – 1600 and all are invited to come along and ring for this special occasion.

We have a District meeting and social on Saturday 13th May from 1600-1800 at Dunchurch. All welcome!

There's an advanced practice at Brinklow on Friday 19th May from 1930 – 2100. Special methods are Double Norwich Court Bob Major (DNCBM) and Bristol.

In preparation for this, here are some handy hints about learning DNCBM – it's symmetrical around 8ths place bell and is a double method. It's important to learn where the treble is passed and the rules for what to do when you do!





Feedback

The monthly blog is now posted on the guild website each month as well as being sent out by Avril. Content from this will also be used to inform the Guild newsletter, but if you have any other news from your towers, please send to Avril.

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