



# St Martin's Guild Yearbook 2021





# SMG at a glance

The St Martin's Guild (SMG) is a voluntary association of bell ringers, centred on the wider Birmingham area, with the objectives of:

- Maintaining ringing for church services
- Practising, encouraging and advancing the art of change-ringing
- Providing a fund to support belfry restoration and improvement projects within its area

## For more information

Website: <https://stmartinsguild.org>

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/smgcbr>

Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/smgcbr1>

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## Who we are

SMG members represent numerous towers within the wider Birmingham area, each housing bells suitable for change ringing. SMG is a member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) and works alongside other national and regional bell ringing bodies.

## When were we formed?

The Guild was created in 1755, the date of the first peal of 5000+ changes known to have been rung by members of the principal Birmingham change ringing society, The Society of St Martin's Youths. The current Guild is in direct line of descent from this society.

## Why?

In a nutshell, SMG is about working together and forging a collective identity for the region's bell towers. In times of recruitment challenges and conflicting demands on individuals' time, collaboration is more important than ever. Sharing our knowledge and expertise makes us collectively stronger, and creates new opportunities for exciting joint projects.

## Our aims

- Help maintain strong local bands of ringers who ring for church services
- Maintain the heritage of ringing as an art by training new ringers
- Provide a rewarding and enjoyable activity for its members
- Demonstrate excellence in ringing and achieve the highest standards of performance
- Push forward the boundaries of change ringing achievement and ambition
- Support the improvement of bells and ringing infrastructure through the provision of funds

## How we are funded

SMG is a subscription-based member organisation.

## Charitable status

SMG's Bell Restoration Fund is a registered charity (Registered Charity Number 508571)

## President, Vice Presidents and Officers of the Guild for 2022

President	The Bishop of Birmingham, The Right Reverend David Urquhart
Life Vice Presidents	John Anderson, Richard Grimmett, Richard Jones, Simon Linford, Christine Mills
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Trustees (General Fund) Trustees (Bell Restoration Fund)	John Anderson, John Fielden Don Finnemore, Anthony Daw
Independent Examiners	Steven Horton, Thomas Horton

# Meet the Team for 2022



**President:** The Bishop of Birmingham, The Right Reverend David Urquhart

**Life Vice Presidents:** John Anderson, Richard Grimmatt, Richard Jones,  
Simon Linford, Andrew Stubbs



## **Master: Clare McArdle**

I joined the St Martin's Guild in the 1970s, not long after learning to ring at Harborne. Although I have dabbled with peal ringing, my main focus has been to help to improve the standards of teaching across the Guild. I am very proud of the success of the Birmingham School of Bell Ringing, both for the quality of teaching that is delivered and the opportunities we are able to offer mentoring people learning to teach. My work in this field has been recognised by the Association of Ringing Teachers – I am an ART tutor and sit on the ART Management Committee.



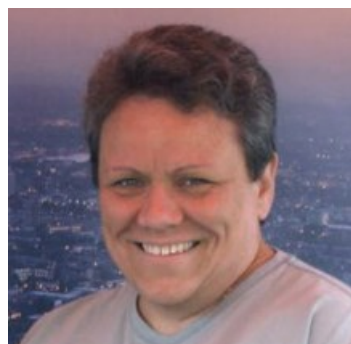
## **Ringing Master: Phil Ramsbottom**

Having joined the St Martin's Guild in 2013, I quickly found myself organising ringing activities ranging from elementary theory sessions up to entry level quarter peals on higher numbers for the benefit of helping ringers to progress. Along with many others I also teach at the Birmingham School of Bell Ringing which was founded at around the same time. I take great pleasure in helping ringers to discover new and different ways of learning the many facets of this wonderful ancient craft.



## **Secretary: Arthur Reeves**

I am a member at St Martin's, St Philip's Cathedral, and St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham city centre, though I like visiting other practices as often as I can. I enjoy many aspects of bell ringing: the music we create itself; the challenge of learning new things; the commitment to a team; the personal drive to keep getting better; and certainly not forgetting the social opportunities to meet new people. Bell ringing certainly has something for everybody, so if you haven't had a go then get in touch!



## **Treasurer: Tracy Stevens**

I learnt to ring in October 2008, requiring a new hobby following a sporting injury. I soon became hooked by the art of campanology. I ring at Harborne where I am also Assistant Tower Captain and in 2011 I became the Guild's Treasurer, a position I enjoy. I have also completed the ITTS Modules for teaching bell ringing and am a full member of the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART)



# 2021 Stats & Facts

**8**  
**Full**  
**Members**  
**elected**

**2**  
**Associate**  
**Members**  
**elected**

**55**  
**Guild practices**  
**and online events**  
**organised**

**26**  
**Peals rung for**  
**the Guild**

## Members elected during 2021

### Full Members

Ben Sassons, Castle Bromwich  
Alistair Benfold, Edgbaston  
Joseph Berry, Edgbaston  
Hannah Johnson, Edgbaston  
Casey McLellan, St Paul's  
Stella Smith, Kidderminster  
Richard Hurst, Stourbridge  
Alex Parsons, Stourbridge

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### Associate Members

Graham Stubbs  
Elizabeth Somerville

# 2021 around the Guild

## Recognition for the St Martin's Guild

Since 2016, the Association for Ringing Teachers (ART) have recognised individuals and groups through their annual ART Awards. There are a broad range of awards open to all ringers. It is a rigorous process with a formal application and a judging panel. With so much talent out there, it is competitive and awards are highly sought.

Vicky Wilby generously nominated the St Martin's Guild for the Inspiring Leadership in Ringing award. This award recognises that 'leadership breeds success, moves us forward and helps a wide range of endeavours to flourish at individual, tower, regional or national level'. The application focused primarily on the work the Guild has carried out throughout 2020 including bringing ringers together with weekly training opportunities, our use of social media and the re-designed website to improve communication, the 'big social' events including the bake-off and photo competition as well as more one-to-one efforts to ensure members have been supported through this difficult period.

Ringers from across the World met online in March for a highly uplifting evening. It was remarkable to listen to all of the wonderful work that individuals and groups have carried out in spite of the fact that physical ringing cannot go ahead. The evening was led by Stephanie Warboys, the ART Awards Leader, along with ART's chair, Lesley Belcher, and the judging panel.

We are delighted that the St Martin's Guild was recognised as joint winners in our category. In her acceptance speech, Clare highlighted that this award recognises a large group of people: from the leadership of Guild officers (both past and present) to members and non-members who turn up and support. Our Guild really is only as strong as its collective membership. As well as the awards, over £2,000 of award money was generously distributed to the various winners too and we have £250 to put to good use.

You can read Vicky's application here: <https://ringingteachers.org/recognition/awards/2021-winners/St-Martins-Guild>  
And more about the ART Awards here: <https://ringingteachers.org/recognition/awards>

## Online Training Resources

Guild members have been busy delivering online training sessions throughout 2020.

All resources (including video recordings, slides and supporting documents) can be found on the Guild website:

**<http://www.stmartinsguild.org/teaching/training-and-resources/>**



## National Day of Reflection

What a privilege it was to be able to toll a bell for the Marie Curie National Day of Reflection, on Tuesday 23rd March. The bell ringers supported the event by tolling the 10th bell once for every 1000 lives that have been lost in the UK, within 28 days of a positive COVID test.

We participated by marking the end of the minute of silent reflection when the bell was tolled slowly, 126 times. The Church of England partnered with Marie Curie, to mark the 1st anniversary of the first lockdown with a national day of reflection, to support those bereaved and hope for a brighter future. It was really humbling to see the support that the tolling received with several members of the Solihull band and parish standing and listening from the churchyard whilst the bell was rung.

Report by Sand Cooper.



## Guild Bake-Off

The 2020 Guild Bake-Off set the bar very high, but the 2021 version has done just as well, with a great crop of entries, both from the junior, and not-so-junior, bakers. This year's winners were Matthew Healy for the junior bakers (his Dragon Cake is below – and I wonder what order you'd eat that in!), while Vicky Wilby triumphed for the adult bakers, with her Luscious Lemon Bars.

A total of £200 was raised for the Trussell Trust (foodbank charity), so a big thank you both to the bakers and to those who judged and made donations.



# Brumdingers' Update

The Brumdingers continue to meet at Moseley on Thursday evenings, with some of the less experienced going to a parallel practice at Harborne. In all we have about 12 young ringers regularly going to one or other of these sessions, and as the oldest are only in Year 9 that bodes well for the future. It has made a big difference at Moseley on Sunday morning to have some of the youngsters joining, and wedding earnings are starting to become a focus! Amid the general chaos that is a Thursday night 'practice' we still manage to give out Learning the Ropes certificates, with the latest successes post resumption being Cian's level 1, Caoimhe's level 2 and Orson's level 3. More are in the offing. What we wouldn't give for a nice easy 10cwt eight with room to stand behind people rather than what we actually have to contend with.

We were a little depleted for a trip to Worcester for the youth contest, so we joined up with three members of the Lancashire Lads and Lasses who also wouldn't otherwise have had enough. With the Red Roses of Lancashire joining with our ringers from the home of chocolate, the joint team was called the 'Cadbury Red Roses', and a couple of boxes of said confectionary made its way to Worcester (but not back). Max Earthquake was the youngest participant in the entire competition by some distance and did very well on her debut. The evening finished with about 100 young ringers larking around on College Green in Worcester, wrapping their leaders in toilet roll, playing with a giant parachute, playing football, and generally doing things that adult organisers of young ringer entertainment would not have thought of!

Report by Simon Linford.



# The 133rd Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner: Saturday 27 February 2021



The Henry Johnson Dinner was held on Saturday 27th February 2021. Due to the current emergency this took the form of an online 'after dinner' event, much like the College Youths dinner in November 2020. Attendees were welcome to recreate the set courses at home for themselves and even to dress for dinner. Online events have become something of a new normal in the Guild, as a weekly program of talks and tutorials are given on all aspects of our art. The visiting ringers who gave talks were kindly invited back to be a part of this online dinner.

The event was conducted by Clare McArdle, Guild Master, who welcomed the 100 or so attendees. Clare said that though we obviously all would have preferred to gather in person, the online event was still a nice substitute. In fact, Clare went one step further by pointing out that this online event – the 133rd Henry Johnson Dinner in a row – was to be viewed as a celebration of how ringers adapt to their situation. So there we have it: a potentially negative situation turned into a positive celebration; and how appropriate for such a viewpoint to come from the St Martin's Guild, itself an example to all territorial associations of how to adapt and evolve in changing times. For a long time the St Martin's Guild ringers have been at the forefront of ringing and ringing innovation: in composition and method design; in striking; in the Birmingham School of Bell Ringing; in unrivalled efficiency in management and organisation; as a thinktank of fresh ideas to meet modern needs.

James Ramsbottom and Casey McLellan then performed a pre-recorded (I think!) musical duet. A very entertaining and uplifting performance, bringing hope to better times ahead. I think the words 'as you swing to the left and swing to the right, remember the curfew must never ring tonight' was etched on our minds for some time afterwards! We then took the opportunity to congratulate the couple on their engagement. Clare then gave the toast to the memory of Henry Johnson. Often this is done in silence, but this year the same words were used as those spoken at the 1921 dinner.

This year's handbell touch was a video and photo compilation of the Brumdingers' online and handbell ringing activities since the pandemic. We enjoyed some call-changes on 16 (impressive!), an

excellent course of Bob Minor on handbells (containing only one adult), and even Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star! The photos of churchyard handbell ringing were a reminder of the freedom we had back in the summer of 2020 when life almost returned to a semi-normal. Well done Brumdingers and keep up the good work! Janet & Steve Horton were to have chaired this year's dinner, had it been held in the normal format. Hopefully that can go ahead in 2022. For this year's online event Janet was the main speaker and regaled us with a feast of anecdotes from previous Henry Johnson dinners, with a few University of London stories thrown in for good measure. One that stood out with distinction was the UL 'Lindarella' pantomime, in which Janet played Prince Charming and Steve was an ugly sister. The titular main character is now a well-known ringer in the Bedfordshire area. Given that our current historians are researching Henry Johnson, we can but wonder what the future historians will make of our own time. As Janet put it, the things we remember most about these events tended to be what went wrong. More seriously Janet spoke to the memory of Andrew Stubbs, who was a much-loved friend to so many of us and a huge supporter of ringing in Birmingham and elsewhere. A true gentleman who will be greatly missed.

In keeping with the positive spirit of this online event, Janet ended by paraphrasing Doctor Who: 'Every HJ Dinner is the last dinner'. A great message, though I don't recognize the Doctor Who reference. Is it from the Steven Moffat era, Janet? Clare McArdle then concluded by giving well-deserved thanks to all those who made this positive and uplifting event possible. With the hope that ringing – and social events like these – will return in the not-too-distant future, it does feel that the tide is starting to turn. The event ended with a compilation of photos from previous Henry Johnson dinners, showing lots of familiar faces smiling and enjoying themselves.

And with that, the dinner ended by the click of a button. Suddenly I found myself back in my own home again with no memory of how I made the journey back. But then again, similar experiences have been reported after ringing dinners long before 2021. Long may it continue.





# Ringling Master's Report:

## Phil Ramsbottom

During the last 12 months the ringing scene has been, to say the least, 'interesting'; other words that also spring to mind are unusual, different and challenging. While there were restrictions, we had no option other than to get on and do the best we could. Looking back on the level of activity during the early part of 2021 I think the Guild can be rightly proud of what it achieved; it is a credit to everyone who supported and/or led the on-line activities that were taking place at the time.

We began the year with re-runs of the theory based on-line presentations from the previous year, with a few new ones thrown in for good measure. Whilst attendance was not as high as for the previous year, it allowed for far greater audience participation. The experience has demonstrated the real potential of on-line presentations as a convenient and concentrated means of putting across the theory of bell ringing to small groups and individuals. If any Guild members would like to improve their theory knowledge, in general or method specific, please get in touch and we can arrange something.

Following on from 2020, Ringing Room sessions continued apace through the first half of 2021. What began as a couple of sessions each week spiralled up to around ten at the final count, not including peals or quarters. Speaking of the ones in which I was involved, these were all of a progressive nature. By July, with the easing of restrictions, there was a welcome return to the Thursday morning open ringing at Moseley which was well attended. These have continued through the remainder of the year, with the usual mix of standard fare and some forays into less well-known but simple enough methods such as Barking Little and Ashford.

September saw the launch of Wednesday evening weekly workshop/practice events. These range from rounds and call changes to entry level 10 bell ringing, though this isn't cast in stone. Foundation skills including bell handling and a 12 bell practice have also been held. The workshops will hopefully start up again on 19 January and as with the presentations, I'd be interested to hear if anyone has any special requests.

There are also other localised special practices being run by others on a regular basis, - Shirley, Sheldon and Solihull spring to mind and there may of course be others which I'm not aware of. It's excellent to see others taking the initiative and setting up events such as these which can only have a positive effect. Workshops are all well and good, but when learning to play any musical instrument it's really important to get some quality practice in between weekly lessons. Whilst this isn't quite as straightforward with bells, it's worth remembering that any ringer who has reached a basic level of competence can ask to use a tower and bells to arrange a ringing session, along with some help from other ringers, to benefit themselves. The idea of the Three Events Challenge is to encourage members to arrange such events exactly for this purpose. Imagine what you could achieve by having a whole 90 minute ringing session to yourself. I am pleased to see that some members are taking up the challenge and I look forward to many more green shoots and the future growth that can come from this opportunity. If you haven't already, please take a look at the information which on the website via: <https://stmartinsguild.org/calendar-news-and-events/the-three-events-challenge/>

Looking forward, in 2022 we have the HM Queen's platinum jubilee in June, the ART conference coming to Birmingham in May, and the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in the summer and these will provide plenty of ringing and recruitment opportunities - there will be more on this in due course. More immediately though, the weekly workshops will continue, providing opportunities for members to improve ringing skills and, equally importantly, their method knowledge (ie. not just the Blue line). I would also like to see more members arrange events for their own benefit and I'm keen to help and support members in achieving this.

In closing, a huge 'thank you' to all the willing helpers who have added real value to the quality of the workshops and presentations on offer throughout the year - you know who you are. Also a very grateful 'thank you' to the standing committee who have provided me with support and encouragement above and beyond, often without the need to ask. Finally, as I've said before, the Guild has held all these events because you, the Guild members, have supported them and for which you all deserve a huge 'thank you'.



## Treasurer's Report:

### Tracy Stevens



£1784 subs were collected in 2021, 44 members are unpaid. 2 members have paid for a couple of years in advance. Merchandise sales were £3.

**Apportionments:** at the 2021 AGM it was agreed that the library would receive £150.00

**Donations:** have been received from LVPs and life members in lieu of subscriptions and personal generous donations from members to the general fund. We are also thankful to those who donated at the virtual HJD totalling £240.10, this will be used to subsidise junior and BUSCR tickets for this year's dinner.

**Zoom:** the Guild has subscribed to an annual Zoom account costing £110.92. If any tower wishes to use this account please do get in touch.

We continue to provide **Public Liability Insurance** for members and Associate members. We also insure the Guild's Handbells which are currently residing at the Linford residence.

**The 100 Club** has raised £1442 this year and this has been transferred to the Guild account and ring-fenced for projects/events. Clare will report further on the 100 club.

**The BRF** received £2147.55 from a Discounted Gift Trust set up by Andrew Stubbs.

**AmazonSmile** has raised £48.45 for the BRF. Thanks to members who have used Amazon Smile.

With no call on the BRF for over two years and no proposals at this time. I recommend that we continue suspending apportionment to the Bell Restoration Fund rather than increase member subscriptions to cover new expenses, the net decrease in income to the BRF amounts to £450 for this year.



# 100 Club Report:

## Clare McArdle



January 2021		August 2021	
Vicky Wilby	£54.50	Michael Wilby	£54.00
Richard Andrew	£16.35	Vicky Wilby	£16.20
Eleanor Linford	£5.45	Bernadette O'Dwyer	£5.40
February 2021		September 2021	
Sarah Vernon	£54.50	Leo Fielding	£54.00
Rowena Shipley	£16.35	Will Davies	£16.20
Janet Horton	£5.45	Clare McArdle	£5.40
March 2021		October 2021	
Tom Horton	£54.50	John Gwynne	£54.00
Michael Wilby	£16.35	Bernadette O'Dwyer	£16.20
Ruth Shepherd	£5.45	David Large	£5.40
April 2021		November 2021	
Richard Lewis	£54.00	Richard Lewis	£54.00
Angie Wakefield	£16.20	Alison Edmonds	£16.20
Arthur Reeves	£5.40	Steve Pugh	£5.40
May 2021		December 2021	
Gill Fielden	£54.00	Will Davies	£54.00
Clare McArdle	£16.20	Alan Cottrell	£16.20
Eleanor Linford	£5.40	David Flint	£5.40
June 2021		Christmas 2021	
Mike Dodson	£54.00	Catt Smith	£103.92
James Ramsbottom	£16.20	Carl Jenkins	£51.96
Keith Whitehead	£5.40	Christine Barnell	£51.96
July 2021		Mike Rigby	£12.99
Angie Wakefield	£54.00	James Ramsbottom	£12.99
Ann Smart	£16.20	Gill Fielden	£12.99
John Anderson	£5.40	Mike Dodson	£12.99
BRF total	£1,430.90		
Prizes donated	£10.80	BRF total	£1,441.70



## Archivist's Report:

### Mark Eccleston

2021 has been a fairly quiet year for the Guild Library. Our digital archive continues to grow and, as reported last year, recordings of past training sessions and talks are accessible on our YouTube channel. Links to these recordings can also be found on the Guild website: <https://www.stmartinsguild.org>

Perhaps the most significant piece of work undertaken during 2021 was a reorganisation of the storage of our archival materials. Approximately half of our archival papers are now housed in acid-free enclosures and are now stored in a more ordered way within the bookcases in the ringing chamber at St Martin's. The rehousing project should conclude during 2022.

The Guild's issues of *The Ringing World* for both 2019 and 2020 were bound during 2021, maintaining our complete set of this title. Many thanks to Clare McArdle for donating these issues to the Guild library.

Our library continues to grow through purchases, gifts, donations and bequests. I'm particularly grateful to those Guild members who have contacted me to offer new additions for our collections. As always, I encourage members to make use of the library. The Guild holds items suitable for new recruits as well as experienced ringers. There are printed books, DVDs, CDs as well as manuscript items. Most items can be borrowed. If any member is interested in learning more about the library, please contact me or see: <https://stmartinsguild.org/heritage-and-history/library-and-archives/>

#### New Accessions for 2021

Catalogue no	Title and other bibliographic details
NA762	The Little Purple Ringing Book (A5 edition, produced by <i>The Ringing World</i> ), 2021
NA763	Change Ringing (C. A. W. Troyte), 4 <sup>th</sup> edition
CD764	Pendulums: music for <u>bellringers</u> , improvisers and electronics (Andrew Woodhead), 2020
NA765	The Ringing World (bound), 2019
NA766	The Ringing World (bound), 2020



## Safeguarding Officer's Report: Trish Everett



No safeguarding issues or concerns have been raised this year - due in part to the limited amount of ringing able to be done during periods of lockdown. I continue to liaise with the diocese, and am part of the safeguarding training reference group, being involved in supporting some leadership training sessions.

The Church of England's national safeguarding team is in discussion with the CCCBR about specific requirements for bell ringers and Claire Wesley (safeguarding training lead for the diocese) has emailed the team to ask if this has now been agreed.

The current position is that the following training is required:

- \* Basic Awareness - for all bell team members
- \* Foundation - additional for Tower Captains and also for bell ringers who teach children and young people
- \* Leadership - additional for Tower Captains who take a lead role in shaping the culture

Information on how to access the basic awareness and foundation on line training is available at <https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f0f763ab8605/content/pages/documents/guide-to-using-the-training-portal.pdf>

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# Central Council

## Representatives' Report:

Richard Andrew and James Ramsbottom

2021 has been another year where the Covid pandemic and issues arising from it have dominated ringing activities as a whole, and also the activities of the Central Council, which has continued to liaise with the relevant authorities in the Church of England and other churches across the UK as appropriate in order to give updated guidance to the ringing community regarding ringing in response to the changing Covid situation through the year.

In connection with Survival and Recovery in ringing, the Council has joined forces with ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) to produce a series of initiatives to help bands to stay together during the pandemic. These include a toolkit giving access to training and other ideas to help bands. Another initiative has been to support a network of Recovery Champions across the country who are focusing on recovery planning in local areas.

On a different topic, the Council is aiming to build a library of suitable images to satisfy requests from various media for images of bells, bellringing and churches, and so a Photo Competition has been run during the year in various stages focusing on different topics such as 'Ringers in Action', 'Bells in Art', 'Bells and Installations' and 'Ringing throughout the Seasons', and a good number of images has resulted from this.

The Central Council AGM was again scheduled for early September. For the second year running it had been decided that the meeting would again be held via an online Zoom video conference meeting, as the state of the ongoing COVID pandemic meant that it was still not going to be practical to hold the Central Council weekend at a particular venue in the traditional way. This duly took place on Saturday 4th September with just over 150 Council members in attendance from around the country.

As with last year's online meeting, the agenda had been drawn up so as to avoid any potentially contentious issues which might require extended discussion not easily handled in an online environment, and so there were only two motions on the agenda, both relating to matters of a housekeeping nature. The first motion covered amending the Council's Rules and Standing Orders to allow for the possibility of only one Independent Examiner being elected rather than two. The second motion proposed that the Council Executive "be encouraged to publish and maintain a list of its decisions that are currently in force", ideally in one place such as the CC website. Both motions were carried with large majorities.



Much of the rest of the meeting was taken up with the annual reports of the CC Executive and Workgroups. In the Executive Report, the President (Simon Linford) pointed out that quarter peals were now being included in the annual Performance Analysis for the first time, and that quarter peals can often give a better view of grass roots ringing than peals.

The Workgroups' updates for May to August 2021 followed, and one theme common to several of these was the need for further people to become involved, as there is more than enough work for current workgroup members to do. After a short break, the President presented the Forward Plan for 2022. He commented that Covid guidance was coming to an end, although there was still interest in monitoring CO2 levels and ventilation in towers. Other highlights included an update on progress in developing a Mobile Belfry 2.0 that can be taken around festivals and schools as it will be easily transportable and quickly erected. There was also reference to the 'Cast of 1000' which was set up to provide support to ringers seeking to progress in ringing Surprise Major – this had worked well in Ringing Room during lockdown and plans were now in hand to roll it out to towers (further details on this initiative can be found on the Council's website at [cccbr.org.uk/cast-of-1000](http://cccbr.org.uk/cast-of-1000)).

A national Call Change Competition will also be set up – a suitable date is being sought in 2022 for this. On the issue of reducing the size of the Council, in the latest consultation, respondents felt that on balance the Council should be smaller, but there was no clear idea on how best to do this.

In the last section of the meeting, David Kirkcaldy, the Deputy President, advised that the 2022 CC AGM is planned to be a face-to-face meeting at Trent University, Nottingham. So, for next year's CC AGM in September, we are hoping that it will be third time lucky and that we will all be able to go to Nottingham and have a Council meeting in the traditional way, with everyone in the same room. The weekend is being planned to follow the format successfully trialled at Goldsmith's College, London, for the 2019 meeting weekend, so the CC AGM is planned to take place on Saturday 3rd September, with a Roadshow event planned for Sunday 4th September.

The Ringing World AGM followed after the main CC AGM had finished. This latter meeting was chaired by Paul Jopp, the new Ringing World chairman who has been in post since January. Key points from this meeting included the fact that donations to the Ringing World were down by over £29K compared to the previous year, largely due to there being far fewer ringing performances. Company reserves, built up over a number of years, have had to be tapped to address this. However, on the plus side, office costs were down due to staff working from home more. Also, a new print contract had been agreed with Pyramid Press, based in Nottingham, starting from September – this would yield a modest annual saving, but also a significant increase in quality. In his Chairman's Report, Paul Jopp commented that when he joined the RW, he had been very impressed with what the staff had done to keep the paper going through the pandemic. In particular, the work of the editorial team (Will Bosworth and Christopher Teasdale) had been absolutely fantastic and he gave special thanks to them for this.

Fuller reports on the CC AGM and also the Ringing World AGM for 2021 were published in Ringing World issue no. 5759 (10th September 2021).

# Obituary: Brian Ellender (1927-2021)



Brian was born in 1927 in east Coventry and learnt to ring in Coventry in 1944. He met Ros in the ringing chamber when she was just 15 and they were married six years later when he was 25. Brian died on the 16th June 2021, just before their 68th wedding anniversary. They set up home in Hemel Hempstead but after two or three years moved to Hampton in Arden.

It was in 1956, after they'd only been in the village a short while, that the then incumbent asked Brian if he would become Ringing Master, a position he retained until 2008. He ran an easy going tower where visitors were always welcome. Brian was not a prolific peal ringer - ringing 26 peals - but could ring and conduct the more complex methods and rang at other local towers when needed.

His commitment was to Sunday ringing at Hampton, and he taught many ringers over the years including myself to whom he handed the mantle of leadership when he retired (no I don't plan to emulate Brian's 52 years of captaincy!). I fondly recall his love of smart suits with colourful linings and endless selection of ties for every occasion. Brian continued to ring until 2016 when ill health prevented him from continuing, however he still maintained a healthy interest in the bells and the ringers, ever hopeful he could return up the tower.

Brian also rang handbells, both change ringing and tunes. He had a magnificent set of handbells which came out at our wonderful Ringers' Christmas Parties. Brian polished his bells and after Ros' magnificent food, out came the music and we rang carols into the night.

Brian was very active in village life; School Governor, Chairman of the PTA, acting Father Christmas, member of Probus, Rotary and the PCC as well as a sidesman. He was a trained architect and became Surveyor for the Diocese of Coventry; he knew all the churches there well. He also worked for the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust on their properties. After retirement Brian had one final commission, to design the church extension at Hampton. The church at Hampton is his memorial, not only has he a plaque in the tower celebrating his 50 years as Tower Captain but the extension is a permanent reminder of a true gentleman, kind, calm but with a wry sense of humour.

Tribute by Bridget Osmond.

# Guild peals rung during 2021

No.	Rung	T/H	Location	Rows	Method	RW Ref
1	30 Mar 2021	H	Sutton Coldfield, 19 College Hill	5040	Cambridge Surprise Royal	5738.0341
2	31 Mar 2021	H	Sutton Coldfield, 19 College Hill	5002	Bristol Surprise Royal	5738.0341
3	22 May 2021	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5376	Superlative Surprise Major	5750.0618
4	23 Jun 2021	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5040	Cambridge Surprise Royal	5751.0644
5	19 Jul 2021	T	Walsall, St Matthew	5016	Stedman Cinques	5754.0719
6	16 Aug 2021	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5040	Bristol Surprise Maximus	9998.0000
7	09 Sep 2021	T	Edgbaston	5040	Spliced Delight Minor (35m)	5761.0878
8	13 Sep 2021	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5042	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	9998.0000
9	26 Sep 2021	T	Brinklow	5024	Spliced Surprise Major (7m)	5770.1073
10	27 Sep 2021	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5042	Spliced Surprise Maximus (3m)	5764.0947
11	04 Oct 2021	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5088	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5765.0967
12	08 Oct 2021	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (36m)	5766.0987
13	11 Oct 2021	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5000	London No.3 Surprise Royal	5769.1054
14	20 Oct 2021	T	Honiley	5040	Spliced Delight Minor (35m)	5768.1035
15	01 Nov 2021	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5041	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5784.0209
16	02 Nov 2021	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5090	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5770.1074
17	05 Nov 2021	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Spliced Treble Bob Minor (29m)	5770.1073
18	07 Nov 2021	T	Coseley	5152	Bristol Surprise Major	5777.0037
19	08 Nov 2021	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5082	Bristol Surprise Royal	5772.1119
20	15 Nov 2021	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5016	Spliced Maximus (6m)	5771.1094
21	19 Nov 2021	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (71m)	5771.1094
22	22 Nov 2021	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5016	Spliced Maximus (6m)	5772.1119
23	26 Nov 2021	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5760	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (147m)	5773.1168
24	29 Nov 2021	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5009	Stedman Cinques	5783.0191
25	30 Nov 2021	H	Selly Oak, West Midlands, 21 Fladbury Crescent	5040	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	5773.1169
26	03 Dec 2021	T	Stretton on Dunsmore	5040	Spliced Delight Minor (35m)	5777.0037



# Directory of Guild Towers

**ASTON, SS Peter & Paul (SP082899)**

Bells: 12, 24-2-18 in D  
 PN: Thursday 19.45–21.00  
 SR: 10.15–10.45  
 Contact: Don Finnemore,  
 0121 386 2361; 07831 295246; donaldfinnmore@yahoo.co.uk

**AUSTREY, St Nicholas (SK296063)**

Bells: 5, 13-2-00 in F  
 PN: Wednesday 19.30–21.00 (1st only)  
 SR: none  
 Contact: Heather Cooke  
 01827 830548; cookes.austrey@tiscali.co.uk

**BARSTON, St Swithin (SP207780)**

Bells: 6, 5-2-3 in C  
 PN: Thursday 18.45–20.00  
 SR: none  
 Contact: Mary Daymond  
 01676 523951; randmdaymond@hotmail.com

**BICKENHILL, St Peter (SP188824)**

Bells: 6, 9-2-0 in A  
 PN: none  
 SR: none  
 Contact: The Vicar



*Bickenhill, St Peter*

**BIRMINGHAM, RC Cathedral of St Chad (SP070877)**

Bells: 8, 15-3-6 in F  
 PN: none  
 SR: 12:00 (approx)–12.45  
 Contact: Alan Burbidge  
 alanburbidge@btinternet.com

**BIRMINGHAM, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter (SP065875)**

Bells: 10, 12-2-13 in F#  
 PN: Thursday 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 17.45–18.30  
 Contact: Angie Wakefield; stpaulbhamringersec@gmail.com

**BIRMINGHAM, St Martin (SP073866)**

Bells: 16, 39-1-19 in C  
 PN: Tuesday (1st & 3rd) 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 10.00–11.00  
 Contact: Clare McArdle  
 07810 544949; claremcardle151@gmail.com

**BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St Philip (SP070870)**

Bells: 12, 31-0-21 in D  
 PN: none  
 SR: 08.30–09.00; 2nd & 4th 10.15–10.55  
 Contact: Gill Postill  
 0121 744 6217; gill42@hotmail.com



*Birmingham, St Chad's Cathedral*

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**BOLDMERE, St Michael (SP109938)**

Bells: 8, 13-3-14 in F  
 PN: Wednesday 19.00–20.00  
 SR: 17.30–18.00  
 Contact: David Reeves  
 0121 354 6264; d.reeves@talktalk.net

**BOURNVILLE, St Lazar (Serbian Orthodox) (SP034809)**

Bells: 3, 9-1-23 in Ab  
 Tuning: 1, 3, 5 of 5; no stays or sliders.  
 Contact: The Church

**CASTLE BROMWICH, SS Mary & Margaret (SP142899)**

Bells: 8, 10-3-14 in Ab  
 PN: Wednesday 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 09.30–10.00  
 Contact: Ben Sassons  
 07786 030413; bimsassons@gmail.com

**COLESHILL, SS Peter & Paul (SP201891)**

Bells: 10, 14-0-0 in F  
 PN: Tuesday 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 10.00–10.30  
 Contact: Sue Rogers  
 01675 462272; john.suerogers46@btinternet.com

**CURDWORTH, St Nicholas & St Peter ad Vincula (SP177928)**

Bells: 3, 7½cwt in A  
 Contact: Revd Matthew Rhodes  
 The Rectory, Glebe Fields, Curdworth, B76 9ES  
 0121 323 4906; catmat30@hotmail.com

**EDGBASTON, St Bartholomew (SP057848)**

Bells: 8, 10-0-14 in G  
 PN: Weds 19:30-21:00 (check out of term-time)  
 SR: 09.45–10.30; 17.45–18.30 (check out of term-time)  
 Contact: Nicola Hibbert; nicolaehibbert@gmail.com

**ERDINGTON, RC Abbey of SS Thomas & Edmund (SP112923)**

Bells: 8, 15-3-16 in F  
 PN: Friday 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 10.10–10.30  
 Contact: Paul McEvilly  
 0121 3533942; 07973 952213; paulmcevilly46@gmail.com

**ERDINGTON, St Barnabas (SP110917)**

Bells: 8, 15-1-15 in F  
 PN: Tuesday 18.30–19.30  
 SR: 10.00  
 Contact: David Hill-Ilderton  
 07730 191329; nasus-caerulus@live.co.uk



*Curdworth, St Nicholas*



*Edgbaston, St Bartholomew*



*Erdington, St Barnabas*

# Directory of Guild Towers



*Handsworth, St Mary*

**GRENDON, All Saints (SP287009)**

Bells: 6, 11-2-14 in F#

PN: none

SR: by arrangement

Contact: Michael Allsop

01827 830086; michael.allsopp1@btinternet.com

**HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, St Mary (SP203808)**

Bells: 8, 12-0-22 in G

PN: Monday 20.00–21.00

SR: 10.30–11.00

Contact: Bridget Osmond

01564 778847; bridget.osmond@gmail.com

**HANDSWORTH, St Mary (SP055904)**

Bells: 8, 15-2-22 in F

PN: Wednesday 20.00–21.00 (visitors phone to check)

SR: 10.40–11.00

Contact: Rosemarie Seadon

0121 357 3280; rosemarie.seadon@gmail.com

**HARBORNE, St Peter (SP028839)**

Bells: 8, 12-3-24 in F#

PN: Monday 19.00–21.00

SR: 09.15–10.00; 17.45–18.30 (usually Quarter Peal)

Contact: Tamsin Lane

07760 100107; tamsin\_lane@hotmail.com

**KINGS NORTON, St Nicolas (SP048790)**

Bells: 10, 17-1-6 in E

PN: Tuesday 19.45–21.00

SR: 09.45–10.30

Contact: Catherine Taylor; 07749 519033; c.r.taylor@bham.ac.uk

**KINGSBURY, SS Peter & Paul (SP215963)**

Bells: 8, 17-1-00 in E

PN: Friday 19.30–21.00 (2nd and 4th only)

SR: 10.30–11.00 (2nd and 4th only)

Contact: Elaine Lane; 01827 873810; 07814 624372; elainelane14@gmail.com

**KNOWLE, SS John the Baptist, Lawrence & Anne (SP183767)**

Bells: 8, 9-3-7 in G

PN: Monday 19.30–21.00

SR: 08:45-09:30; 17.00–18.00 (usually Quarter Peal)

Contact: Judi Taylor; judithctaylor56@gmail.com



*Knowle, SS John the Baptist, Lawrence & Anne*

**LAPWORTH, St Mary (SP163711)**

Bells: 6, 10-1-2 in G

PN: Thursday 20.00–21.00

SR: 10.25–11.00

Contact: John Cranmer

01564 782425; john.cranmer@btinternet.com

# Directory of Guild Towers



*Moseley, St Anne*



*Packwood, St Giles*

**LEA MARSTON, St John the Baptist (SP204927)**

Bells: 3, 6-1-8 in B

Contact: The Vicarage, Nether Whitacre, B46

**MIDDLETON, St John the Baptist (SP176984)**

Bells: 3, 8-3-1 in G

Contact: Revd Matthew Rhodes

The Rectory, Glebe Fields, Curdworth, B76 9ES

0121 323 4906; catmat30@hotmail.com

**MOSELEY, St Anne (SP074836)**

Bells: 6, 7-0-5 in Bb

PN: Tuesday 19:00-20:15

SR: 10.30-11.00

Contact: Stella Tew

07759 223832; stellatew@yahoo.co.uk

**MOSELEY, St Mary (SP077832)**

Bells: 10, 18-0-9 in F

PN: Monday 19.30-21.00

SR: 09.15-09.55

Contact: Trish Everett

0121 449 1088; 07968 362501; trish\_everett@hotmail.com

**NETHER WHITACRE, St Giles (SP231924)**

Bells: 6, 12-0-0 in G

PN: Thursday 20.00-21.30

SR: 10.30-11.00

Contact: Hazel Fellows; 01676 542697

**NEWTON REGIS, St Mary (SK279074)**

Bells: 3, 9-0-5 in G

Contact: Revd Stephen Banks, New Vicarage, Main Road, Austrey, Atherstone, CV9 3EB; 01827 830254

**NORTHFIELD, St Laurence (SP025794)**

Bells: 10, 14-1-13 in F#

PN: Friday 19.45-21.00

SR: 09.25-09.55

Contact: Graeme Lanfear

07973 866862; lanfearbg@aol.com

**PACKWOOD, St Giles (SP170728)**

Bells: 8, 6-3-14 in Bb

PN: Friday 20.00-21.30

SR: 10.30-11.15 (except 1st)

Contact: Clive Taylor

01564 772573; clive.taylor1953@btinternet.com

# Directory of Guild Towers

**PERRY BARR, St John the Evangelist (SP068920)**

Bells: 8, 13-3-22 in F  
 PN: Monday 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 09.45–10.25  
 Contact: Rev Barrie Scott  
 vicar@st-johns-perry-barr.org.uk

**POLESWORTH, Abbey of St Editha (SK263024)**

Bells: 8, 11-2-11 in F#  
 PN: Monday (check advised)  
 SR: 09.15–10.00  
 Contact: Father Philip Wells  
 01827 892340; polesworthabbey@aol.com

**ROWLEY REGIS, St Giles (SO970874)**

Bells: 8, 10-1-0 in G#  
 PN: Monday 19.45–21.00  
 SR: 09.45–10.15  
 Contact: Alan Roberts  
 7 South Avenue, Stourbridge, DY8 3XY  
 01384 376622

**SALTER STREET, St Patrick (SP123749)**

Bells: 5, 8-0-21 in A  
 PN: none  
 SR: by arrangement  
 Contact: Barbara Philp  
 07734 228500

**SECKINGTON, All Saints (SK260074)**

Bells: 4, 5-3-24 in A#  
 PN: none  
 SR: by arrangement  
 Contact: Anne Bufton-McCoy  
 01827 830053

**SELLY OAK, St Mary (SP037822)**

Bells: 8, 12-1-17 in G  
 PN: Wednesday 19.45–21.15  
 SR: 09.00–10.00  
 Contact: Joanne Goodall  
 bells.stmaryssellyoak@gmail.com

**SHELDON, St Giles (SP152847)**

Bells: 8, 8-1-8 in Ab  
 PN: Friday 20:00-21:00  
 SR: 09.30–10.00  
 Contact: Terry Nicholls  
 0121 743 2639; www.st-giles-sheldon-bells.co.uk



*Perry Barr, St John the Evangelist*



*Sheldon, St Giles*

# Directory of Guild Towers



*Smethwick, Old Church*



*Sutton Coldfield, Holy Trinity*

## **SHIRLEY, St James the Great (SP119788)**

Bells: 8, 6-1-1 in Bb

PN: Thursday 19.45–21.15

SR: 09.15–10.00

Contact: Colin Baugh

0121 744 1361; colinbaugh@blueyonder.co.uk

## **SHUSTOKE, St Cuthbert (SP243910)**

Bells: 6, 12-0-0 in G#

PN: Tuesday 20.00–21.00

SR: 09.30–10.00

Contact: Maurice Woodward; 01675 463358

## **SMETHWICK, Old Church (SP020877)**

Bells: 8, 7-1-1 in B

PN: Thursday 19.45–21.00

SR: 09.45–10.15

Contact: Janet Horton

0121 429 1918; janet.horton@virgin.net

## **SOLIHULL, St Alphege (SP153792)**

Bells: 12, 21-1-11 in Eb

PN: Tuesday 19.30–21.00

SR: 10.00–10.30 (2nd: 10.15–11.00); 16.00–17.00 (Quarter 1st Sunday)

Contact: Sand Cooper

sand.cooper@outlook.com

## **SUTTON COLDFIELD, Holy Trinity (SP121963)**

Bells: 8, 23-1-17 in Eb

PN: Wednesday 20.00–21.00

SR: 17.00–17.30

Contact: Paul McEvilly

0121 353 3942; 07973 952213; paulmcevilly46@gmail.com

## **TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, St Mary Magdalene (SP113705)**

Bells: 8, 12-1-25 in F#

PN: Tuesday 19.45–21.00 (irregular)

SR: 10.00–10.30

Contact: Alan Hartley; alan.easemor@gmail.com

## **WISHAW, St Chad (SP177945)**

Bells: 3, 6-0-6 in Bb

PN: Thursday 19.00–20.00

SR: 09.00–09.30

Contact: Brenda Thomson; 0121 323 2137; jeff178thomson@yahoo.co.uk

## **YARDLEY, St Edburgha (SP135863)**

Bells: 8, 12-2-26 in F#

PN: Wednesday 20.00–21.15

SR: 10.00–10.30

Contact: Mr S E Adams

0121 786 1242; simon@spireviews.fsnet.co.uk

# Guild members for 2021

Members are listed by date of election. The three columns next to each member's name records the number of peals they have rung for the Guild during the year, their total peals for the Guild, and the number of peals they have conducted for the Guild.

1955	Richard J Cann	-	8	-
1956	John A Anderson	-	487	25
1956	David R Ingram	-	59	-
1959	Donald T Finnemore	-	98	3
1960	Colin D Baugh	-	37	1
1961	Maurice F Edwards	-	1273	14
1961	Christine Mills	-	410	-
1961	Charles A S Webb	-	632	5
1962	B Gillian Fielden	-	109	-
1964	Paul L McEvilly	-	58	-
1969	David B Flint	-	58	2
1969	Paul W Webb	-	25	-
1971	Margaret A Edwards	-	139	-
1972	Frances Dodds	1	944	60
1972	Richard B Grimmett	10	526	211
1974	Helen M Crosby	-	2	-
1974	Cynthia Dodson	-	-	-
1974	Michael Dodson	-	25	2
1974	H T Keith Haslam	-	128	-
1974	Rowena J Shipley	-	3	-
1974	Stephen R Shipley	-	94	15
1975	Paul E Bibilo	6	1120	46
1977	Clare McArdle	-	140	2
1977	Sarah L Vernon	-	20	-
1978	Richard L Jones	-	358	4
1978	Jeffrey B Webb	-	59	-
1979	Jonathan P Healy	-	620	7
1979	Ruth E Shepherd	-	9	-
1982	Simon E Adams	-	98	-
1982	Janet A Horton	-	65	-
1982	Stephen W Horton	-	164	2
1983	Sarah C Jones	-	11	-
1983	Philip J Sealey	-	94	-
1983	Catherine R Taylor	1	242	43
1984	M Ann Bailey	-	-	-
1984	Bridget Osmond	-	6	-
1984	Gillian M Postill	-	24	-
1985	John H Cranmer	-	4	-
1985	Paul Needham	-	909	43
1986	Alan F Cottrell	-	-	-
1986	William G R Davies	-	1	-
1986	Terry R Nicholls	-	1	-
1986	Matthew Turley	-	-	-
1987	Julie A Adams	-	10	-
1988	David G Hull	-	361	120
1989	Julia R Cater	2	140	2
1989	Anthony M Daw	-	287	-
1989	Jill Erskine	-	2	-
1989	H Ann Smart	-	9	-
1990	Gwen Albrow	-	4	-
1990	Margaret Burling	-	-	-
1990	Anthea S Edwards	-	381	-
1990	John H Fielden	-	208	14
1990	E Anthea M Tinline	-	9	-
1991	Sandra J Cooper	-	3	-
1992	Christopher A Duckett	-	5	-
1992	Rosemarie Seadon	-	1	-
1992	Michael P A Wilby	16	622	146
1994	Richard J Andrew	-	46	1
1994	Michael Rigby	-	16	1
1994	Peter Sharpe	-	-	-
1994	Linda M Whitehead	-	-	-
1996	Lynda Cranmer	-	1	-
1996	Diane M Hooper	-	1	-
1996	Clive Taylor	-	-	-
1996	John S Warboys	8	323	145
1996	Stephanie J Warboys	17	338	4

1998	William E Dargue	-	-	-
1999	Tamsin S Lane	-	1	-
1999	Jill R E Ramsay	-	2	-
2000	Steven Maddox	-	-	-
2000	Sharon L Wall	-	1	-
2002	David G Blick	-	2	-
2002	Thomas W Griffiths	4	312	6
2002	Martin B R Parry	-	1	-
2003	Alan S Burbidge	-	543	147
2003	Clive Day	-	-	-
2003	Mark R Eccleston	7	832	325
2003	Susan J Healy	1	171	4
2003	Triona Jowett	-	-	-
2003	Seymore Lee	-	-	-
2003	Rosemary Watts	-	-	-
2004	Andrew D Clark	-	5	-
2004	Luke Daniel	-	4	-
2004	Sally Daniel	-	5	-
2004	Matthew D Hardy	-	74	-
2004	William H Mills	-	1	-
2004	Rev Richard Postill	-	-	-
2005	John Davis	-	-	-
2005	Margaret Griffin	-	-	-
2005	Victoria J M Wilby	1	153	-
2006	Ann Davies	-	47	-
2006	Clifford Davies	-	105	-
2006	Joan Garner	-	-	-
2006	Jen Hickman	-	-	-
2006	Rebekah G W Horton	-	4	-
2006	Eleanor J Linford	-	108	1
2006	Simon J L Linford	-	209	60
2006	Lesley Phillips	-	-	-
2006	Keith D Whitehead	-	-	-
2007	Muriel Higgs	-	-	-
2007	Emily Tamhne	-	5	-
2008	George R Harrison	-	1	-
2008	Stacey A Howard	-	7	-
2008	David Reeves	-	1	-
2008	Jean Willis	-	-	-
2009	Gordon R Birks	1	193	-
2009	Catherine F Smith	-	-	-
2009	Robyn Tighe	-	-	-
2010	Oliver Bouckley	-	-	-
2010	Simon P Felton	-	-	-
2010	Jack P Gunning	7	95	2
2010	Arthur J Reeves	-	54	4
2010	Tracy Stevens	-	10	-
2011	Hilary Bloxsom	-	-	-
2011	Gillian Campbell	-	-	-
2011	Hannah Campbell	-	-	-
2011	Kathryn Campbell	-	-	-
2011	Jonathan Hale	-	-	-
2011	Steven Harper	-	-	-
2011	Thomas M W Horton	-	1	-
2011	Matthew J R King	-	2	-
2011	Adam Lubin	-	-	-
2011	Ethel Lubin	-	-	-
2011	Jonathan M P Thorne	-	32	-
2012	Carl Jenkins	-	-	-
2012	Graham R Kelly	-	22	-
2012	Richard Lewis	-	-	-
2012	Malcolm J Paulson	-	2	-
2012	Judith Taylor	-	-	-
2012	Michael Taylor	-	-	-
2012	Brenda Thompson	-	-	-
2013	Christine Barnell	-	2	-
2013	Nigel Crowther	-	-	-

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2013	Roy Followell	-	1	-
2013	John W G Gwynne	-	1	-
2013	Andy Hardy	-	-	-
2013	D Rose W Horton	-	18	-
2013	Paul Lindley	-	-	-
2013	Diane Meacham	-	-	-
2013	Alan Munday	-	-	-
2013	Wendy Munday	-	-	-
2013	Gary Peynado	-	-	-
2013	Rio Peynado	-	-	-
2013	Catherine Pinnock	-	-	-
2013	Robert Pinnock	-	-	-
2013	Philip A Ramsbottom	-	6	-
2013	Steve Sharp	-	-	-
2013	Anne Snaith	-	-	-
2013	John Tanner	-	-	-
2013	Ruth Wilson	-	-	-
2014	Alistair J Cherry	6	166	10
2014	Trish Everett	-	-	-
2014	Eileen Keeble	-	1	-
2014	Michael Keeble	-	1	-
2014	Sophie M Keeble	-	1	-
2014	James P Ramsbottom	8	141	11
2014	John Rogers	-	-	-
2014	Stella Tew	-	-	-
2014	Brian Wevill	-	-	-
2015	Ruth M Border	-	286	-
2015	Daniel T Calvert	-	12	-
2015	Gillian Cottam	-	-	-
2015	Lyndsay Hickman	-	-	-
2015	Adam Knight-Markiegi	-	-	-
2015	Sue Rogers	-	-	-
2015	Angela D Wakefield	-	6	-
2016	Emma Clewlow	-	-	-
2016	Leo Fielding	-	-	-
2016	Pauline Forster	-	-	-
2016	Andy Foster	-	-	-
2016	Colin Frew	-	-	-
2016	David Hill-Ilderton	-	-	-
2016	Sallie Morgan	-	-	-
2016	Bernadette O'Dwyer	-	-	-
2016	Kunal Pal	-	-	-
2016	Richard Priestley	-	-	-
2016	Thomas Priestley	-	-	-
2016	Steve Pugh	-	-	-
2016	Annie Smith	-	-	-
2017	Chris Baker	-	-	-
2017	David C Bassett	-	1	-
2017	Ann Darvill	-	-	-
2017	Guy E Darvill	-	8	-
2017	Helen R Jarvis	-	1	-
2017	Graeme Lanfear	-	-	-
2017	Dickon R Love	-	114	1
2017	Neil Taylor	-	-	-
2017	Jonathan B Townsend	2	12	-
2017	Judy Yates	-	-	-
2018	David Baker	-	-	-
2018	Anthony J Barnfield	-	-	-
2018	David J Baverstock	-	57	-
2018	Graham M Bradshaw	7	43	-
2018	Andrew V Brown	2	20	-
2018	Elaine Cheeseman	-	-	-
2018	Philip J Day	-	4	-
2018	Max Earthquake	-	-	-
2018	Alison L Edmonds	-	3	-
2018	Andrew E Else	-	5	-
2018	Graham G Firman	-	16	-
2018	Katharine J Firman	-	12	-
2018	Michael Gregory	-	-	-
2018	David Horspool	-	-	-

2018	Eliza M A Hull	-	-	-
2018	Ewan G A Hull	4	8	-
2018	Paul Jopp	6	81	1
2018	Antony R Kench	-	8	-
2018	Charlotte D Linford	-	-	-
2018	Rosalind A Martin	-	-	-
2018	Timothy M Martin	-	1	-
2018	Beverley McAllister	-	-	-
2018	Tony McAllister	-	-	-
2018	Paul McNutt	3	237	-
2018	Simon C Melen	4	51	-
2018	Holly Pyke	-	-	-
2018	Annette Seeley	-	-	-
2018	David L Smith	-	-	-
2018	Julie A Tarling	-	-	-
2018	David M W Threlfall	-	40	-
2018	John Tolley	-	-	-
2018	Clare L S Townsend	-	-	-
2018	Colin Wright	-	-	-
2019	Jane Morris	-	-	-
2019	Karen Bowley	-	-	-
2019	Jonathan Newey	-	-	-
2019	Lex Earthquake	-	-	-
2019	Jane Aykroyd	-	-	-
2019	Rob Lynock	-	-	-
2019	Elaine Cheeseman	-	-	-
2019	Denise Carr	-	-	-
2019	Jeffrey Carr	-	-	-
2019	Robert Mayne	-	-	-
2019	Kay Foley-Davies	-	-	-
2019	Sarah King	-	-	-
2019	Sara C Paulson	-	-	-
2019	Alex Ross	-	-	-
2019	Martin J Whiteley	-	27	2
2019	Lucy J T Gwynne	-	1	-
2019	Margaret Whiteley	-	17	-
2019	Luke G Groom	10	55	1
2020	Stephen G Askew	-	-	-
2020	Oliver C Bates	21	24	2
2020	Peter S Bennett	-	39	5
2020	Denise Carr	-	-	-
2020	Jeffrey Carr	-	-	-
2020	Marianne Fisher	-	-	-
2020	Joanne Goodall	-	-	-
2020	Heather Griffiths	-	-	-
2020	Alison M Hodge	-	-	-
2020	David J Large	-	-	-
2020	Denise J Large	-	-	-
2020	Rachel L Mahoney	1	1	-
2020	Liz Oakes	-	-	-
2020	Rachel Oakes	-	-	-
2020	David J Pipe	-	598	195
2020	Kathryn Price-Feraud	-	-	-
2020	David Roberts	-	-	-
2020	Lesley Roberts	-	-	-
2020	Anthony J Rowan	-	11	-
2020	Chris Shaw	-	-	-
2020	Michael Shaw	-	-	-
2020	Gillian Stead	-	-	-
2020	Helen Surr	-	-	-
2020	Elizabeth Wilby	-	-	-
2020	Jimmy L Yeoman	18	29	1
2021	Alistair Benfold	-	-	-
2021	Joseph Berry	-	-	-
2021	Richard Hurst	-	28	-
2021	Hannah Johnson	-	-	-
2021	Casey McLellan	-	-	-
2021	Alex Parsons	-	-	-
2021	Ben Sassons	-	-	-
2021	Stella Smith	-	-	-

## Life Members of the St Martin's Guild

1955 Richard J Cann	-	8	-
1956 David R Ingram	-	59	-
1959 Donald T Finnemore	-	98	3
1960 Colin D Baugh	-	37	1
1961 Maurice F Edwards	-	1273	14
1961 Christine Mills	-	410	-
1961 Charles A S Webb	-	632	5
1962 B Gillian Fielden	-	109	-
1964 Paul L McEvilly	-	58	-
1971 Margaret A Edwards	-	139	-
1972 Frances Dodds	1	944	60
1974 Michael Dodson	-	25	2
1974 H T Keith Haslam	-	128	-
1974 Stephen R Shipley	-	94	15
1975 Paul E Bibilo	6	1120	46
1977 Clare McArdle	-	140	2
1977 Sarah L Vernon	-	20	-
1979 Jonathan P Healy	-	620	7

Any SMG Full Member can become a Life Member, subject to the submission of an application from two existing Full Members to the Secretary and approval at the next General Meeting.

In making its decision the meeting shall take into consideration the length of membership or service of the prospective Life Member.

## Public Liability Insurance

The Guild has Public Liability insurance for itself and its members. The policy covers 'legal liability for injury to the public or damage to their property'. Such liability could occur for instance if a learner under instruction by you is injured due to your negligence. It would cover injury to non-members while travelling on a ringing trip, e.g. taking learners on an outing (if not covered by a motor policy). It would cover the cost of defending an allegation of abuse. It would cover damage to a building, e.g. a church hall caused by a Guild event, or members damaging a church they were visiting to ring.

It is not a Personal Accident policy, so it does not cover injury to yourself (which is normally covered by a household insurance policy). The indemnity limit is £1,000,000 any one claim, with an excess of £250.

The Policy is the 'Community Group Connect' policy from Ansvar. Ansvar is a general insurer specialising in insuring not-for-profit organisations and connected individuals. It is a business division of Ecclesiastical Insurance.

## Practice nights

### Monday

Hampton-in-Arden (8)  
Harborne (8)  
Knowle (8)  
Moseley St Mary (10)  
Perry Barr (8)  
Polesworth (8)  
Rowley Regis (8)

### Tuesday

Bickenhill (6)  
Birmingham St Martin (16)  
Coleshill (10)  
Erdington St Barnabas (8)  
Kings Norton (10)  
Moseley St Anne (6)  
Shustoke (6)  
Solihull (12)  
Tanworth in Arden (8)

### Wednesday

Boldmere (8)  
Castle Bromwich (8)  
Edgbaston (8, term-time)  
Handsworth (8)  
Selly Oak (8)  
Sutton Coldfield (8)  
Yardley (8)

### Thursday

Aston (12)  
Barston (6)  
Birmingham St Paul (10)  
Lapworth (6)  
Nether Whitacre (6)  
Shirley (8)  
Smethwick (8)

### Friday

Brierley Hill (8)  
Erdington Abbey (8)  
Great Barr (6)  
Kingsbury (8 – 2nd and 4th)  
Northfield (10)  
Packwood (8)  
Sheldon (8)



# Membership

The St Martin's Guild is an individual membership organisation. Although the Guild is not a territorial association, the majority of our activities are focused in Birmingham and the surrounding area.

## Affiliated towers:

Aston (12)	Knowle (8)
Austrey (5)	Lapworth (6)
Barston (6)	Lea Marston (3)
Bickenhill (6)	Middleton (3)
Birmingham, St Chad (8)	Moseley, St Anne (6)
Birmingham, St Martin (16)	Moseley, St Mary (10)
Birmingham, St Paul (10)	Nether Whitacre (6)
Birmingham, St Philip (12)	Newton Regis (3)
Boldmere (8)	Northfield (10)
Bournville (3)	Packwood (8)
Brierley Hill (8)	Perry Barr (8)
Castle Bromwich (8)	Polesworth (8)
Coleshill (10)	Rowley Regis (8)
Curdworth (3)	Salter Street (5)
Edgbaston (8)	Seckington (4)
Erdington Abbey (8)	Selly Oak (8)
Erdington Parish (8)	Sheldon (8)
Great Barr (6)	Shirley (8)
Grendon (6)	Shustoke (6)
Hampton-in-Arden (8)	Smethwick (8)
Handsworth (8)	Solihull (12)
Harborne (8)	Sutton Coldfield (8)
Kings Norton (10)	Tanworth in Arden (8)
Kingsbury (8)	Wishaw (3)
	Yardley (8)

# Join Us

By subscribing you are supporting the work of the St Martin's Guild and also our Bell Restoration Fund. All new members receive a certificate of membership, a Guild pin-badge and, more importantly, you will be covered by the Guild's Public Liability Insurance.

Guild members have access to a range of practical and theoretical training opportunities, as well as a cycle of social events throughout the year including walking tours and ringing outings.

To find out more contact [smgcbr@gmail.com](mailto:smgcbr@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.stmartinsguild.org](http://www.stmartinsguild.org)

There are three types of St Martin's Guild membership: full, associate and life.

## Benefits of Full membership:

- attendance at and participation in, free of charge, all Guild practices, training and development workshops and networking opportunities
- access to templates and guidance documentation produced by the Guild in relation to safeguarding and tower stewardship
- promotion of your tower's own achievements, events and celebrations, through the Guild social media accounts and Annual Review
- input into deciding future priorities for the Guild.