



# St Martin's Guild Yearbook 2026

Review of 2025  
Issued Spring 2026





# 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:



## 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 2026

|                                                             |                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President                                                   | The Bishop of Birmingham, The Right Reverend Michael Volland                   |
| Life Vice Presidents                                        | John Anderson, Richard Grimmatt, Richard Jones, Simon Linford, Christine Mills |
| Master                                                      | Eleanor Linford<br>smgcbr@gmail.com                                            |
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| Independent Examiners                                       | Thomas Horton, James Mundy                                                     |



# Meet the Team for 2026



**President:** The Bishop of Birmingham

**Life Vice Presidents:** John Anderson, Richard Grimmett, Richard Jones, Simon Linford, Christine Mills



## **Master: Eleanor Linford**

I have been ringing at St Martin's since we moved to Birmingham in 2006 and have become more involved with the band at Moseley since ringing restarted post-pandemic. Helping at Birmingham School of Bell Ringing sessions as a parent of a student has led more recently to becoming a tutor. Ringing has been my main hobby for nearly 40 years and continues to stimulate and delight; being Guild Master is a huge honour with a long list of eminent predecessors to live up to.

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## **Ringing Master: Rachel Mitchell**

I started ringing at Bootle, a challenging light eight near Liverpool in the late 90s. Being the daughter of two ringers meant I didn't have much choice in the matter, though now I wouldn't be without it. I have met my closest friends through the hobby and am lucky enough to ring with some of the most talented people in the country every week. It is a huge privilege to be the ringing master of the St Martin's Guild, and I hope to continue the hard work of the ringing masters that came before me!

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## **Secretary: Sand Cooper**

I was taught to ring at Solihull in the 1970s by a previous Master of the Guild, Tom Warner: it's lovely to have this link to the past. I joined the Guild soon afterwards but moved away as a teenager. It was good to come back to my ringing home though some years later. I love teaching new ringers and get a real buzz as they gain confidence. Since I stopped working I have found time to challenge myself again and have rung at more towers and arranged ringing for myself through the 'Three Events Challenge'.

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## **Treasurer: Malcolm Paulson**

I started ringing in 2011 when I was looking for a new hobby after realising that I was getting too old to play football. I was taught by the current St Martin's Guild Secretary at Solihull and joined the Guild in 2012. I didn't realise how much I'd get into ringing. I now love it almost as much as Sheffield Wednesday!

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# 2025 Stats & Facts

19  
Full  
Members  
elected

15  
Associate  
Members  
elected

Over 40  
practices and  
events  
organised

67  
Peals rung for  
the Guild

## Members elected during 2025

### Full Members

Isabella Beaumont, Joanne Bramall  
Susan Butler, Gill Campbell  
Robert Carr, Jackson Day  
Ben Harris, Jen Harris  
Vera Hau, Andy Kinman  
Nikolai Komar, Allie Lyo  
Jakob Oprsal, Edmund Roberts  
George M Salter, Alison Shah  
Ian Slater, Benjamin Wigley  
Benjamin Williams

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### Associate Members

Adrian Baker, Clare Baker  
George Bull, Angel Chiu  
Maggy Douglas, Aleksander Good  
Thomas Howard, Poppy Jones  
Molly Mullaney, Caroline Orlowska  
Ted Pitman, Elizabeth Porter  
Reza Salami , Anthony Williams  
Micelle Zhou

# 2025 around the Guild

## Midlands Youth Contest

The second annual Midlands Youth Contest, held in Nottingham on 15 March 2025, was a fantastic day out! The Brumdingers had a pre-arranged late slot to accommodate a variety of morning commitments, including a music rehearsal, open day and another striking contest.

With five towers open at various times, ringers were darting here and there, though the contest itself was at St Mary's, Clifton (8). Some of us took a stroll to Corpus Christi (6) where we had a go on some tiny (and terrifying) bells. Afterwards, some of our team made a quick dash to Beeston (10) while the rest of us walked back. Despite negotiating a late draw, we actually missed our slot because one car's journey back from Beeston to Clifton took longer than expected, leading to a bit of a panic.

Thankfully, we swapped our slot with the Oxford team (which Elliot rang for!) so all was well. The other six of us (in ringing order: me, Max, Thomas, James, Charlie(c), Lex) just had time to don our classic Brumdingers bucket hats and sunglasses for the photoshoot before we went up the tower. Up there, even the shortest of us had to crawl to get into the ringing chamber, then we had to guess which bell was which, as we had no way to tell! (We got it correct on the first try, so no embarrassment there!). Despite the rush, we pulled ourselves together and rang our touch of Plain Bob Doubles on the back six, before heading to Bramcote (6), the final tower and venue for tea and results.

After the ringing was cut short due to a broken stay (not by a Brumdingler!) we stuffed ourselves with jacket potatoes and cake, before hearing that we came second in the contest - to Worcestershire - AGAIN... The hosts were excellent, the food was great, and we're already looking forward to next year.

Report by Elizabeth and Victoria Wilby.

## Online Training Resources

Since 2020, Guild members have delivered numerous online training sessions.

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

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



# 2025 around the Guild

## Ringling World National Youth Contest (RWNYC) — Birmingham 2025

Having last hosted the RWNYC in 2017 the SMG Guild Standing Committee minuted that we should never do it again. The logistical challenge was so hard, our resources so stretched, our team so frazzled – we couldn't wish it on our successors! Somehow in the summer of 2024 a number of favours had been called in and we found ourselves preparing to host again. The logistical challenges had changed but they were still there, and a different group of key people had been persuaded to take on the challenge.

The Youth Contest is a very complex event. Our role was clear though. Find space for about 50 hours of ringing at about a dozen towers, at least three of them ringing all day, ideally young ringer friendly but also special enough to create a good experience, all accessible using public transport if possible, plus locations for mobile belfries. Then we would need about 100 volunteers to cover a wide variety of roles throughout the day from a Guild membership of 350, a couple of dozen of whom needed to be able to ring on 16 at the Bull Ring to the standard required by our Ringing Master! As the saying goes “the difficult we can do immediately – the impossible may take a little longer.”



Despite some periods of high stress in the build-up, the day was a huge success with Brumdingers winning the 6-bell method contest being the icing on the cake. Simon Linford who had masterminded the whole plan along with Stephanie Warboys who lead at St Martin's and Arthur Reeves as mini-ring coordinator warrant the largest vote of thanks alongside the 100 or so volunteers from inside and outside the Guild.





# Guild Outing to Nottingham

We had such a good day in the October sunshine riding the trams between Nottingham's towers. We travelled by a mixture of train and car before jumping onboard, the trams were really efficient, clean and with our day passes it was all very straightforward. I was travelling with 2 good friends from Solihull and despite already having spent an hour chatting in the car on the way, we were still at it on the tram, so it was handy that by chance Charlie joined us at the University stop and kept us on track and even walked us to All Saints our first tower.

A huge thank you to all those that looked after the ringing during the day. Everyone was catered for, lots of help on hand where needed and a good number of rings each. Rachel looked after us at All Saints, the University Tower where the ringing room came complete with a flashing coloured light, a string of lights at the top of the stairs, several stuffed toys including a duck in hat and scarf but, the star of the show was their mascot Gerald, a giraffe complete with red wig and gold glasses, which simply had to be tried on!

Then it was back on the tram to the centre of Nottingham. Sadly, Little John the Council House clock bell wasn't chiming that day but instead there was time to grab coffee and even cake before heading off to St Peter's. We needed to arrive together but inevitably there were a couple of stragglers so, I was left at the bottom to guard and hold the door. I met the string quintet who had just given a concert before we arrived. They were lovely even though I almost got squashed behind the church doors as they came out with their various instruments. I met a gentleman who was interested to learn to ring who asked if there were people really ringing the bells or was it just a recording? And I met the lovely Rev Ian, local parish priest who was overjoyed to hear us and asked me to thank the band.

At St Peter's Eleanor arranged a mini striking competition with two bands of mixed abilities which Simon was deputed to judge. He declared a draw as the first team had fewer rows with all the bells in rounds but the best rows were very good. Whilst by contrast, the second team had rounds most of the time but none of the rounds were quite as good as the best of Team 1's. Interestingly he felt a computer would probably judge Team 2's ringing the best despite Team 1's having the best rounds in their piece. Hence the draw. All's fair in love and war...

Time for lunch. With everyone matched up we went off in groups for everything from street food in the Old Market Square, the cafe at St Peter's and more. There was even time to shop for a change of clothes because the day really was much warmer than anticipated! (You'll have to examine the photos to see what I'm talking about ) Most of us ended up at Keen Microbrewery, a stone's throw from the tower door at St Mary's. A fun brief walk across the transept roof before completing the journey up the tower gave an opportunity for photos across the skyline. Simon looked after us here. A tricky ring, not always easy to pick out the sound of the bells. The tenor was very light set, only Graham and Lucas managed to set it first time. We understand the local tower keeper had been making many adjustments to try and improve things, a new slider having been fitted making the slightest difference between set and, oh no not quite! A fairly heavy bell at 35cwt, it wasn't the easiest to ring. Here we had a range from rounds and call changes to Bristol Max, followed by the team photo.

Then off to the Lace Market tram stop and on to Beeston. Arriving in dribs and drabs, no James, no time for beer first! What a lovely 10. Somewhat squashed into the ringing room, Matthew set about organising us making sure all that could, had rung some changes so plain hunting was added to the repertoire. Then yes, time for beer and food at The Star pub before heading to the station/trams and home.

Such a great day spent in warm sunshine, in good company and so well looked after in every respect. Eleanor, you're a star, thank you for your hard work in making all the arrangements for the day and thanks for the inspired idea of a dedicated WhatsApp group. Some very silly photos shared and updates sent which other Guild members were probably glad not to have had pinging on their phones all day!

Report by Sand Cooper.





## The 137th Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner: Saturday 22 February 2025



We like to think the St Martin's Guild isn't like other bell ringing organisations. It has removed its direct Diocesan link, it is getting bigger not smaller, ringing more peals not fewer, and it successfully manages to combine high level Black Zone achievement with grass roots recruitment and training. And it still has an annual dinner, the latest of which was held on 28th February.

This annual dinner remembers one organised for the great Henry Johnson's 80th birthday in 1889, which was also notable for being the event at which Sir Arthur Heywood launched the idea of the Central Council. Each year the St Martin's Guild grants the honour of Chairing the 'HJ' to a different person in recognition of local or national contribution to ringing, and this year the honour went to Michael Wilby, a stalwart of the Birmingham ringing scene for many years and current organiser of the weekly Cathedral peals and the ever so slightly competitive Birmingham 12 bell contest band. This was no 'Buggins' turn' – it was high time Michael's contribution was recognised in this way.

Michael chose links with history as a general theme. Could we trace a link back to Henry Johnson? Well, the Guild's senior Life Vice President John Anderson certainly got nearly there, because he could remember ringing with Albert Walker who was a key figure in Birmingham in the 1920s, and Albert was known to have been doing his early ringing in Birmingham before Johnson died, when Albert was 14. Did they meet? We don't know for certain, but it seems likely.

With ringing dinners getting fewer and further between, the St Martin's Guild works hard to keep the dining tradition alive, with just occasional forays into alternative formats. As with the 2024 dinner, this year we had over 90 sitting down at the Burlington Hotel, which has got the hang of our requirements and idiosyncrasies, including



turning off the piped music, giving us vegetarian as well as vegan options, and of course letting us bring our own beer.

We tried having an HJ dinner without proper beer once and we won't be quick to try it again! It is not trivial to arrange, and even less trivial to get the polypins from the Wellington cellar to the venue which David Hull, David Blick and I can attest to. It was appreciated by the diners though, and with so many students present, the fourth polypin was never a serious sales risk.

In a series of wine takings, Michael was able to highlight and celebrate a wide range of achievements over the last 12 months across the spectrum, including those who ring in the Monday night peals at the Cathedral, participants in handbell weekend, those who have rung their first quarter peal, our steeplekeepers, those who organise extracurricular practices, recruitment and training initiatives, those who have taken part in regional and national striking competitions with great success – the Guild's strength is broad and deep.

Report by Simon Linford.



*Life Vice Presidents John Anderson and Simon Linford.*



## Ringing Master's Report for 2025: Rachel Mitchell

As with my report at the last AGM, I'm now pleased to say I've been Ringing Master of the Guild for another successful year filled with events.

Our last AGM, held at Smethwick Old Church, was well attended with a packed tower for general ringing after the meeting.

The regular guild practices are well attended with lots of people making progress in their ringing. The Higher Numbers at Solihull, Special Practices arranged by Margaret Burling at Sheldon, Midweek Moseley practices run by Steve Horton, and the Surprise Major practices at Edgbaston have offered a range of opportunities.

There have been a couple of workshops specially arranged for some members to focus on specific achievements. An ART level three-targeted workshop and a special Stedman focused practice we organised to target specific aims.

The spring outing was a home fixture in May with ringing at St Philip's Cathedral, St Martin's in the Bullring and St Paul's in the Jewellery Quarter. It's events like this that remind me how lucky we are to have some incredible rings of bells right on our doorstep, and we gave lots of people a chance to ring on 16. Though the most impressive part of the day was how efficiently the business meeting was run after the ringing was done.

The Ringing World National Youth Contest was held in Birmingham this year and without the gargantuan effort of our members this would not have been the success it was. Well done to the organisers, and to our Brumdingers for winning the 6 bell competition. An additional well done to those that rang in the first all-Brumdingers quarter in September at Edgbaston.

While on the subject of competitions, the cathedral band were pipped to the post by Melbourne in the Robert B Smith Trophy, an impressive achievement given that two of the band were Brumdingers. At the National Twelve Bell Contest, Birmingham produced a piece of ringing of which they were rightfully proud but were narrowly beaten into second place by the exceptionally well prepared and rightfully jubilant local band.

Our very own Lucas Williams arranged a super successful ART M1 course at Edgbaston this year which was fully booked. Thanks to Lucas for all his effort.

Our Autumn outing took the guild to Nottingham for a tour of four of the city's towers. We were treated to some excellent bells, beer and weather. Thanks to Eleanor for organising.

Finally I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts in organising, running and attending all the events throughout the year. The Guild has only been made what it is by you.

I'll be stepping down at the next AGM, so we will be looking for the next Ringing Master... If anyone is interested, please get in touch. Here's to another successful year for the Guild.



## SMG Library and Archives

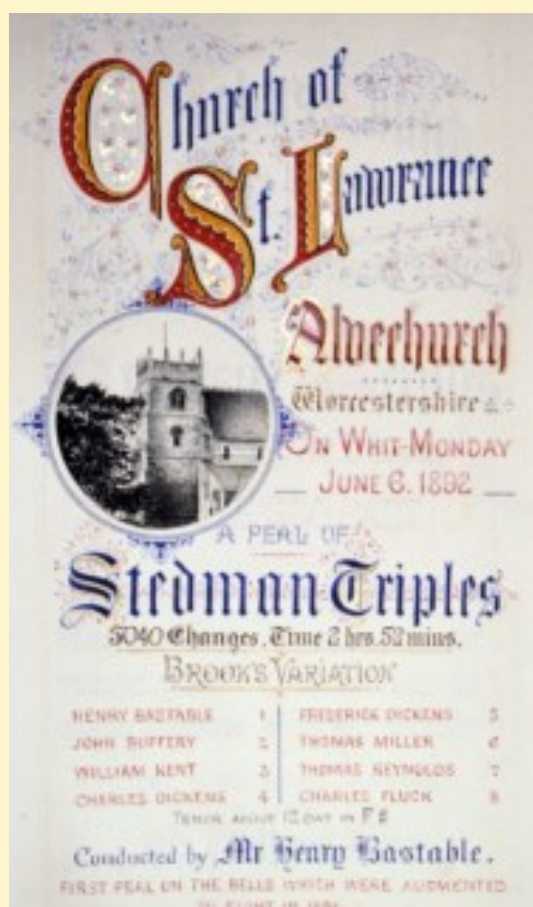
The St Martin's Guild library is one of the largest and most impressive of its kind.

As a collection of wide-ranging ringing-related materials, it is intended to be a resource for both practical ringers and those with more historical interests to pursue.

The collection comprises printed books and pamphlets, electronic material, and archival items.

Contact the SMG Archivist for further information, or see the library pages at:

<https://www.stmartinsguild.org>





## Treasurer's Report for 2025: Malcolm Paulson



£5,374  
General Fund



£34,886  
Bell Restoration  
Fund

### Membership

We have 277 members (7 up on 2024). All members should receive and email in the next few weeks requesting the membership fees for this year. Please use membership MOJO. A link to MOJO will be in the email you receive and a link to MOJO can be found on the Guild website. The easiest way to login is by using your email address, (you don't have to remember a password). Total subscriptions collected in 2025 were £1,930.00 which is about the same as 2024. For 2025 it is proposed to increase the subscription to £12 with a 50% concession rate. With the Central Council increasing their subscription in 2026 to £1 per member, it is thought that this increase will be enough to cover this increase as well as other rising costs.

### General

Donations of £146 were received. The Guild website does have a number of books available for people to buy. We have sold 15 Diagrams Book from the Snowdon series to people outside of the Guild, making a small profit. New pricing was introduced in 2025 where non Guild members have a higher price.

### Insurance

Handbell insurance and Public Liability insurance were both renewed. Our Public Liability insurance covers all ringers engaged in Guild activities

### 100 Club

At last year's AGM it was decided that the surplus from the 100 club could be used for other appropriate purposes. At the end of 2024 the surplus from the 100 club was £1,399. £480 was spent supporting learner ringers and helpers on residential courses. This left £919 that was transferred to the BFF at the end of the year. The 100 club surplus for 2025 was £1,270.

### Bell Restoration Fund (BRF)

The BRF supported one tower this year with an expenditure of totalling £404. This meant a net inflow of funds of £741.86. The fund currently holds funds to the value of £34,886.43. We currently have two future applications in progress to support Coleshill and St Paul's Jewellery Quarter.

### Bank change

We successfully moved the Guild bank accounts to Metro Bank. We no longer have separate bank accounts for the 100 club and the Henry Johnson Dinner. However, Metro have now informed us that they too are going to start charging. The charges are less than those at Lloyds and they also offer a higher rate of interest on the savings account. It is my intention to move the BRF accounts away from Lloyds to Metro Bank so that all the accounts are in the same place. Hopefully this will happen early in 2026.





## 100 Club Report for 2025: Clare McArdle



| January 2025      |        | August 2025         |                 |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Eleanor Linford   | £49.00 | Michael Wilby       | £49.50          |
| Christine Barnell | £14.70 | Steve Askew         | £14.85          |
| Geoff Ridgway     | £4.90  | Mike Dodson         | £4.95           |
| February 2025     |        | September 2025      |                 |
| Jen Hickman       | £49.00 | Joanne Goodall      | £49.50          |
| Olly Bouckley     | £14.70 | Colin Baugh         | £14.85          |
| Angie Wakefield   | £4.90  | Sonia Field         | £4.95           |
| March 2025        |        | October 2025        |                 |
| Margaret Burling  | £49.50 | Jeff Webb           | £49.50          |
| Rebekah Horton    | £14.85 | Eleanor Linford     | £14.85          |
| David Flint       | £4.95  | Deborah Chard       | £4.95           |
| April 2025        |        | November 2025       |                 |
| Luke Daniel       | £49.50 | Olly Bouckley       | £49.50          |
| Derek Harrison    | £14.85 | Luke Daniel         | £14.85          |
| Rebekah Horton    | £4.95  | Mike Rigby          | £4.95           |
| May 2025          |        | December 2025       |                 |
| Margaret Burling  | £49.50 | Luke Daniel         | £49.50          |
| John Eaton        | £14.85 | Vicky Wilby         | £14.85          |
| Stephen Shipley   | £4.95  | Margaret Burling    | £4.95           |
| June 2025         |        | Christmas 2025      |                 |
| Alison Hodge      | £49.50 | Olly Bouckley       | £94.88          |
| Janet Horton      | £14.85 | Rowena Shipley      | £47.44          |
| Trish Everett     | £4.95  | Tamsin Lane         | £47.44          |
| July 2025         |        | Will Bosworth       | £11.86          |
| Malcolm Paulson   | £49.50 | Luke Daniel         | £11.86          |
| Olly Bouckley     | £14.85 | Sonia Field         | £11.86          |
| Olly Bouckley     | £4.95  | Jonathan Townsend   | £11.86          |
|                   |        | <b>Money Raised</b> | <b>£1324.40</b> |

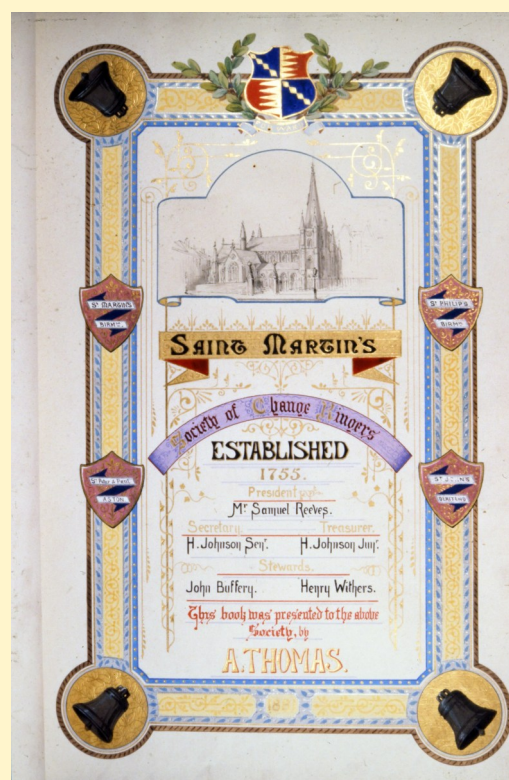
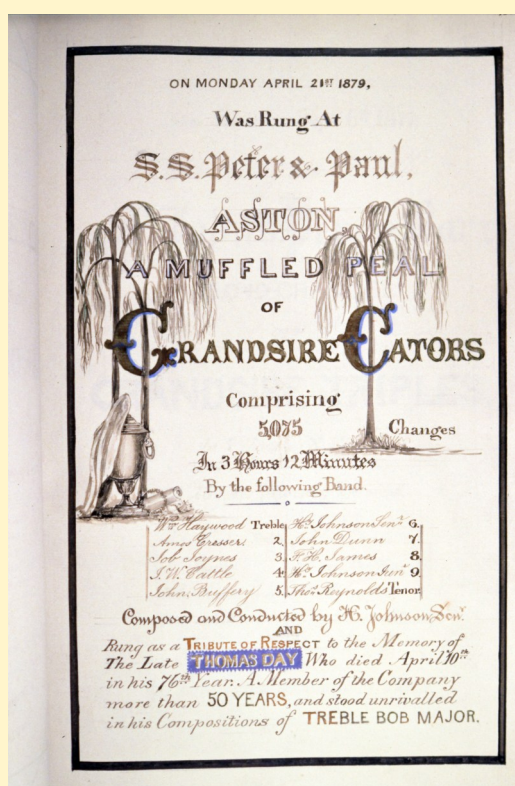


## Archivist's Report for 2025: Mark Eccleston

In previous years I have begun the Archivist's Report by noting the value and importance of our historic library. The bulk of our collections are housed in the ringing chamber at St Martin's, with some additional modern items held in the School Room at St Paul's. As a Guild we should feel very proud of this resource. Our historic research collections are amongst the very best collections in the country; but please do remember that more modern items can be borrowed by any Guild member. We hold many training volumes, and we have items which are suitable for new recruits as much as for more experienced ringers. I have not arranged for the binding of the 2024 issues of The Ringing World. These will be bound, alongside the 2025 issues, during 2026. We use a specialist binding company based in Gloucester and the 2025 issues of The Ringing World have been gifted to the library by an anonymous donor.

Our library continues to grow through purchases, gifts, donations and bequests. I'm particularly grateful to those Guild members who, over the years, have contacted me to offer new additions for our collections. As always, I encourage members to make use of the Library.

If any member is interested in learning more about the library, please contact me or take a look at the relevant webpage on the Guild website: <https://stmartinsguild.org/heritage-and-history/library-and-archives/>





## Safeguarding Officer's Report for 2025: Trish Everett



Safeguarding continues to be a high priority for the Church of England. I have continued to give safeguarding support and advice as required, and continue to liaise with the diocesan safeguarding team. Safeguarding training requirements for Bellringers continue to be:

**Basic Awareness:** ALL ringers

**Foundation:** ALL Tower Captains, Bell ringers supervising or teaching under 18s

These courses can be accessed via the Church of England Safeguarding training portal: the link is <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> The guide to using the portal is <https://www.cofebirmingham.com/content/pages/documents/guide-to-using-the-training-portal-and-creating-a-profile-edited-june-2023.pdf>

**Leadership:** Tower Captains of 'major' towers, (e.g. Cathedral) and/or with young (under 18) bell ringers in their tower. For the Guild this is considered to be Birmingham Cathedral, St Martin's, St Paul's JQ, Moseley and Solihull. The leaders of Brumdingers will also complete this training.

**Enhanced DBS check:** Required for Tower Captains/bell ringers who are supervising or teaching young (under 18) ringers. Where bell ringers practice/ring weekly a check of the barred list for the child workforce is also required. Where 'vulnerable adults at higher risk of abuse' (e.g. those with care and support needs) are being supervised/taught, consult the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator/diocesan safeguarding team re DBS eligibility.

Safeguarding advice for bell ringers is available:

- \* from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers: <https://cccbr.org.uk/safeguarding/resources/>
- \* from the St Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers: <https://stmartinsguild.org/our-guild/safeguarding/>
- \* on the Church of England Birmingham website: <https://www.cofebirmingham.com/safeguarding>

It is worth noting that the Code for Ringing which the CCCBR have produced can be freely used and adapted by towers and ringing societies who wish to develop their own code of conduct. It summarises the values of the ringing community and its expectations of all who ring, in their interactions with other ringers and when representing ringing at large.

It states the following: Every ringer, ringing leader and ringing society plays their part in creating a safe, welcoming environment and in representing ringing to both church and public. 15 This recommended checklist for ringing societies summarises the values of the ringing community and its expectations of all who ring, in their interactions with other ringers and when representing ringing at large.

### ALWAYS

1. Create a tower environment where all feel safe, respected, welcomed and valued.
2. Create a positive learning environment where feedback is timely and supportive.
3. Respect your surroundings, the tower, church and the community where you ring.
4. Understand and observe others' personal boundaries.
5. Ring responsibly, with the well-being of your band and visitors in mind.
6. Look out for others' safety, raise concerns promptly and know what to do if you witness unacceptable behaviour.
7. Make sure all your interactions, online or in person, show empathy and courtesy.
8. Consider the impact of your words and actions on others; apologise if you're at fault.



9. Uphold the safeguarding policies of your parish and the ringing societies to which you belong.
10. Take pride in being part of the ringing community.

**NEVER**

1. Engage in, trivialise or endorse any form of abuse, bullying or harassment, or let these go unreported.
2. Engage in banter or language which could make someone feel demeaned, threatened or unwelcome, whether in person, by phone, online or via social media.
3. Undermine, ridicule or intimidate a less experienced ringer.
4. Personalise disagreements; deal with the issue, not the person.
5. Allow your decisions as a ringer to be compromised, by prejudice or any other cause.
6. Act unlawfully in your role as a ringer or in a way that brings ringing into disrepute.

If you witness unacceptable behaviour and are not sure how to respond, contact your parish or association safeguarding officer. Where someone is in immediate danger or requires urgent attention, call your local authority's children's or adult social services team, or the police on 999. officer. Where someone is in immediate danger or requires urgent attention, call your local authority's children's or adult

For Safeguarding queries or advice, Trish Everett can be contacted as follows:  
07968 362501; Email: [trish\\_everett@hotmail.com](mailto:trish_everett@hotmail.com)



## Central Council Reps' Report for 2025: Richard Andrew, Simon Linford

A detailed report was included in the 2025 AGM meeting papers.

This year's Central Council AGM weekend was held in Sheffield from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th September and was hosted by the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers who are celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2025.



# Guild peals rung during 2025

67 peals were rung for the Guild during 2025.  
A detailed report of these peals can be found  
here:

[https://stmartinsguild.org/heritage-and-history/  
peal-records/](https://stmartinsguild.org/heritage-and-history/peal-records/)



## Directory of Guild Towers

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

Bells: 12, 24-2-18 in D  
Practice Night (PN): Thursday 19.45–21.00  
Service Ringing (SR): 10.15–10.45  
Contact: Margaret Griffin  
0121 266 2918; 07950 535250; cliffordgriffin15@gmail.com

### **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; hkcookie55@gmail.com

### **BARSTON, St Swithun (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: Ken Perry  
01564 898739; 07941 052256; kenperry.kp44@gmail.com



*Barston, St Swithun*

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

Bells: 8, 15-3-6 in F  
PN: none  
SR: 11:10-11:30  
Contact: Graham Kelly; g\_r\_kelly@yahoo.co.uk

### **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: Vicky Wilby; victoria.wilby@gmail.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, 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  
07714 789836; gill42@hotmail.com



*Birmingham, St Paul*

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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



*Boldmere, St Michael*

### **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



*Bournville, St Lazar*

### **BRIERLEY HILL, St Michael and All Angels (SO916868)**

Bells: 8, 14-1-13 in F  
 PN: Friday 19.45–21.00  
 SR: 10.00–10.30 (2nd and 4th Sundays)  
 Contact: Jenny Sunter  
 07429 341174; bells@brierleyhill.org

### **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  
 0121 323 4906; catmat30@hotmail.com



*Curdworth, St Nicholas*

### **EDGBASTON, St Bartholomew (SP057848)**

Bells: 8, 10-0-14 in G  
 PN: Friday 19.30–21.00 (term-time only)  
 SR: 10.00–10.25 (term-time only)  
 Contact: BUSCR Committee; buscr.committee@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: 10.00–10.30  
 Contact: Church Office  
 0121 306 4820; reception@stbarnabaserdington.org.uk



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*Great Barr, St Margaret*

**GREAT BARR, St Margaret (SP048958)**

Bells: 6, 9-1-15 in G  
 PN: Friday 20.00-21.30  
 SR: 10.30-11.00  
 Contact: Denise Large  
 large\_d@sky.com

**GRENDON, All Saints (SP287009)**

Bells: 6, 11-2-14 in F#  
 PN: Monday (alternates—check beforehand)  
 SR: by arrangement  
 Contact: Dan Blunn  
 07447 468635; dblunn90@gmail.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; 17.30–18.30 (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: no ringing at present  
 SR: no ringing at present  
 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 872407; 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; 17.30–18.30 (usually Quarter Peal)  
 Contact: Stephen Shipley; kpcbells.sec@gmail.com

**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



*King's Norton, St Nicolas*



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*Moseley, St Anne*



*Nether Whitacre, 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: The Church

**MOSELEY, St Anne (SP074836)**

Bells: 6, 7-0-5 in Bb

PN: Tuesday 19.00-20.15

SR: 10.30-11.00

Contact: Trish Everett

07968 362501; trish\_everett@hotmail.com

**MOSELEY, St Mary (SP077832)**

Bells: 10, 18-0-9 in F

PN: Monday 19.30-21.00

SR: 09.15-09.55

Contact: Sharon Wall

sharonmcwall@gmail.com

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

Bells: 6, 12-0-0 in G

PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00

SR: 10.30-11.00 (check location for 5th Sundays)

Contact: Hazel Fellows; 01676 542697

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

Bells: 3, 9-0-5 in G

Contact: The Rectory

07596 933488; rector\_all\_souls@btinternet.com

**NORTHFIELD, St Laurence (SP025794)**

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

PN: Friday 19.30-21.00

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

07798 882466; clive.taylor1953@btinternet.com

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

Bells: 8, 13-3-22 in F  
 PN: check with Tower Contact  
 SR: check with Tower Contact  
 Contact: Mike Taylor  
 07710 445009; mnt030849@aol.com

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

Bells: 8, 11-2-11 in F#  
 PN: Monday (alternates—check beforehand)  
 SR: 09.30–10.00  
 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 (except Bank Holidays)  
 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: Russell Moore  
 07831 353855; warden@stpatriksearlwood.org.uk

**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 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 09.15–10.00  
 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*



*Rowley Regis, 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 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 09.45–10.30  
 Contact: Colin Baugh  
 07733 010406; colinbaugh2@icloud.com

**SHUSTOKE**, St Cuthbert (SP243910)  
 Bells: 6, 12-0-0 in G#  
 PN: Tuesday 20.00–21.00  
 SR: 09.30–10.00  
 Contact: Keith Woodward; 07884 448411

**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; janet147@gmail.com

**SOLIHULL**, St Alphege (SP153792)  
 Bells: 12, 21-1-11 in Eb  
 PN: Tuesday 19.30–21.00  
 SR: 10.15–11.00; 16.15–17.00 (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: 09.30–10.00  
 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: Mary Tipping  
 01564 742216; 07963 833301; marytstables@outlook.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 Thompson; 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: Simon Adams  
 0121 786 1242; simon@spireviews.fsnet.co.uk

## Guild members for 2026

*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.*

|      |                    |    |      |     |      |                     |    |     |     |
|------|--------------------|----|------|-----|------|---------------------|----|-----|-----|
| 1956 | John A Anderson    | -  | 487  | 25  | 1996 | John S Warboys      | 1  | 359 | 176 |
| 1956 | David R Ingram     | -  | 59   | -   | 1996 | Stephanie J Warboys | 3  | 397 | 5   |
| 1959 | Donald T Finnemore | -  | 98   | 3   | 1999 | Tamsin S Lane       | -  | 1   | -   |
| 1960 | Colin D Baugh      | -  | 37   | 1   | 2000 | Steven Maddox       | -  | -   | -   |
| 1961 | Christine Mills    | -  | 414  | -   | 2000 | Sharon L Wall       | -  | 1   | -   |
| 1961 | Charles A S Webb   | -  | 641  | 5   | 2002 | David G Blick       | -  | 2   | -   |
| 1962 | B Gillian Fielden  | -  | 109  | -   | 2002 | Thomas W Griffiths  | 9  | 341 | 8   |
| 1964 | Paul L McEvilly    | -  | 58   | -   | 2003 | Alan S Burbidge     | -  | 543 | 147 |
| 1969 | David B Flint      | -  | 58   | 2   | 2003 | Clive Day           | -  | -   | -   |
| 1971 | Margaret A Edwards | -  | 139  | -   | 2003 | Mark R Eccleston    | 24 | 903 | 443 |
| 1972 | Frances Dodds      | -  | 954  | 60  | 2003 | Susan J Healy       | 5  | 184 | 4   |
| 1972 | Richard B Grimmett | 1  | 549  | 217 | 2003 | Triona Jowett       | -  | -   | -   |
| 1974 | Helen M Crosby     | -  | 2    | -   | 2004 | Luke Daniel         | -  | 12  | 6   |
| 1974 | Michael Dodson     | -  | 25   | 2   | 2004 | Matthew D Hardy     | -  | 74  | -   |
| 1974 | Rowena J Shipley   | -  | 3    | -   | 2004 | Rev Richard Postill | -  | -   | -   |
| 1974 | Stephen R Shipley  | -  | 94   | 15  | 2005 | Margaret Griffin    | -  | -   | -   |
| 1975 | Paul E Bibilo      | 12 | 1188 | 48  | 2005 | Victoria J M Wilby  | 2  | 174 | -   |
| 1977 | Clare McArdle      | 1  | 146  | 2   | 2006 | Ann Davies          | -  | 47  | -   |
| 1977 | Sarah L Vernon     | -  | 20   | -   | 2006 | Clifford Davies     | -  | 105 | -   |
| 1978 | Richard L Jones    | -  | 358  | 4   | 2006 | Jennifer Hickman    | -  | -   | -   |
| 1978 | Jeffrey B Webb     | -  | 59   | -   | 2006 | Rebekah G W Horton  | -  | 4   | -   |
| 1979 | Jonathan P Healy   | 4  | 629  | 7   | 2006 | Eleanor J Linford   | 4  | 134 | 2   |
| 1979 | Ruth E Shepherd    | -  | 9    | -   | 2006 | Simon J L Linford   | 10 | 260 | 82  |
| 1982 | Simon E Adams      | 2  | 101  | -   | 2006 | Lesley Phillips     | -  | -   | -   |
| 1982 | Janet A Horton     | -  | 65   | -   | 2006 | Keith D Whitehead   | -  | -   | -   |
| 1982 | Stephen W Horton   | 26 | 226  | 2   | 2007 | Emily Tamhne        | -  | 6   | -   |
| 1983 | Sarah C Jones      | -  | 11   | -   | 2008 | George R Harrison   | -  | 1   | -   |
| 1983 | Philip J Sealey    | -  | 94   | -   | 2008 | Stacey A Howard     | 1  | 10  | -   |
| 1983 | Catherine R Taylor | 16 | 280  | 43  | 2008 | Jean Willis         | -  | -   | -   |
| 1984 | M Ann Bailey       | -  | -    | -   | 2009 | Gordon R Birks      | 22 | 246 | 30  |
| 1984 | Bridget Osmond     | -  | 6    | -   | 2009 | Catherine F Smith   | -  | -   | -   |
| 1984 | Gillian M Postill  | -  | 24   | -   | 2009 | Robyn Tighe         | -  | -   | -   |
| 1985 | John H Cranmer     | -  | 4    | -   | 2010 | Oliver Bouckley     | -  | -   | -   |
| 1985 | Paul Needham       | -  | 910  | 43  | 2010 | Simon P Felton      | -  | -   | -   |
| 1986 | Alan F Cottrell    | -  | -    | -   | 2010 | Arthur J Reeves     | -  | 57  | 4   |
| 1986 | William G R Davies | -  | 1    | -   | 2010 | Tracy Stevens       | -  | 10  | -   |
| 1986 | Matthew Turley     | -  | -    | -   | 2011 | Thomas M W Horton   | -  | 1   | -   |
| 1987 | Julie A Adams      | -  | 10   | -   | 2011 | Matthew J R King    | -  | 5   | -   |
| 1988 | David G Hull       | -  | 361  | 120 | 2011 | Adam Lubin          | -  | -   | -   |
| 1989 | Julia R Cater      | 1  | 147  | 2   | 2011 | Ethel Lubin         | -  | -   | -   |
| 1989 | Anthony M Daw      | -  | 287  | -   | 2012 | Carl Jenkins        | -  | -   | -   |
| 1989 | Jill Erskine       | -  | 2    | -   | 2012 | Graham R Kelly      | 1  | 28  | -   |
| 1989 | H Ann Smart        | -  | 9    | -   | 2012 | Richard Lewis       | -  | -   | -   |
| 1990 | Gwen Albrow        | -  | 4    | -   | 2012 | Malcolm J Paulson   | -  | 3   | -   |
| 1990 | Margaret Burling   | -  | -    | -   | 2012 | Judith Taylor       | -  | -   | -   |
| 1990 | Anthea S Edwards   | 1  | 382  | -   | 2012 | Michael Taylor      | -  | -   | -   |
| 1990 | John H Fielden     | 1  | 211  | 14  | 2012 | Brenda Thompson     | -  | -   | -   |
| 1990 | E Anthea M Tinline | -  | 9    | -   | 2013 | Christine Barnell   | -  | 2   | -   |
| 1991 | Sand J Cooper      | -  | 3    | -   | 2013 | Nigel Crowther      | -  | -   | -   |
| 1992 | Rosemarie Seadon   | -  | 1    | -   | 2013 | D Rose W Horton     | 7  | 48  | -   |
| 1992 | Michael P A Wilby  | 18 | 733  | 165 | 2013 | Paul Lindley        | -  | -   | -   |
| 1994 | Richard J Andrew   | -  | 48   | 1   | 2013 | Diane Meacham       | -  | -   | -   |
| 1994 | Michael Rigby      | -  | 16   | 1   | 2013 | Philip A Ramsbottom | -  | 6   | -   |
| 1994 | Linda M Whitehead  | -  | -    | -   | 2014 | Alistair J Cherry   | 10 | 232 | 11  |
| 1996 | Lynda Cranmer      | -  | 1    | -   | 2014 | Trish Everett       | -  | -   | -   |
| 1996 | Diane M Hooper     | -  | 1    | -   | 2014 | Eileen Keeble       | -  | 1   | -   |
| 1996 | Clive Taylor       | -  | -    | -   | 2014 | Michael Keeble      | -  | 1   | -   |



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|      |                      |    |     |     |
|------|----------------------|----|-----|-----|
| 2014 | Sophie M Keeble      | -  | 1   | -   |
| 2014 | James P Ramsbottom   | 9  | 207 | 18  |
| 2014 | John Rogers          | -  | -   | -   |
| 2014 | Jenny Sunter         | -  | -   | -   |
| 2014 | Tim Sunter           | -  | -   | -   |
| 2015 | Ruth M Border        | -  | 286 | -   |
| 2015 | Gillian Cottam       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2015 | Lindsay Hickman      | -  | -   | -   |
| 2015 | Adam Knight-Markiegi | 1  | 1   | -   |
| 2015 | Sue Rogers           | -  | -   | -   |
| 2015 | Angela D Wakefield   | -  | 6   | -   |
| 2016 | Emma Clewlow         | -  | -   | -   |
| 2016 | Leo Fielding         | -  | -   | -   |
| 2016 | David Hill-Ilderton  | -  | -   | -   |
| 2016 | Bernadette O'Dwyer   | -  | -   | -   |
| 2016 | Richard Priestley    | -  | -   | -   |
| 2016 | Steven Pugh          | -  | -   | -   |
| 2017 | Guy E Darvill        | -  | 8   | -   |
| 2017 | Graeme Lanfear       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2017 | Dickon R Love        | -  | 117 | 1   |
| 2017 | Neil Taylor          | -  | -   | -   |
| 2017 | Jonathan B Townsend  | -  | 31  | -   |
| 2017 | Judy Yates           | -  | -   | -   |
| 2018 | David J Baverstock   | -  | 58  | -   |
| 2018 | Andrew V Brown       | -  | 22  | -   |
| 2018 | Max Earthquake       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2018 | Alison L Edmonds     | -  | 3   | -   |
| 2018 | Andrew E Else        | -  | 5   | -   |
| 2018 | David Horspool       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2018 | Paul Jopp            | 6  | 118 | 1   |
| 2018 | Charlotte D Linford  | 6  | 36  | 3   |
| 2018 | Rosalind A Martin    | -  | -   | -   |
| 2018 | Tim M Martin         | -  | 1   | -   |
| 2018 | Paul McNutt          | 7  | 273 | -   |
| 2018 | David L Smith        | -  | -   | -   |
| 2018 | David M W Threlfall  | 1  | 49  | -   |
| 2018 | John Tolley          | -  | -   | -   |
| 2019 | Jane Morris          | -  | -   | -   |
| 2019 | Lex Earthquake       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2019 | Jane Aykroyd         | -  | -   | -   |
| 2019 | Rob Lynock           | -  | -   | -   |
| 2019 | Sarah King           | -  | -   | -   |
| 2019 | Sara C Paulson       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2019 | Ann Pyke             | -  | -   | -   |
| 2019 | Margaret Whiteley    | -  | 17  | -   |
| 2020 | Stephen G Askew      | 18 | 38  | -   |
| 2020 | Oliver C Bates       | 30 | 169 | 44  |
| 2020 | Peter S Bennett      | -  | 39  | 5   |
| 2020 | Denise Carr          | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | Jeffrey Carr         | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | Joanne Goodall       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | Heather Griffiths    | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | Alison M Hodge       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | David J Large        | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | Denise J Large       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | David J Pipe         | 4  | 619 | 203 |
| 2020 | Kathryn Price-Feraud | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | Gillian Stead        | -  | -   | -   |
| 2020 | Helen Surr           | -  | -   | -   |
| 2021 | Elizabeth F M Wilby  | -  | 1   | -   |
| 2021 | Richard J Hurst      | 17 | 69  | 1   |
| 2021 | Casey McLellan       | 5  | 28  | -   |
| 2022 | Vicky Cheshire       | -  | -   | -   |
| 2022 | Sonia Field          | -  | -   | -   |

|      |                       |    |     |    |
|------|-----------------------|----|-----|----|
| 2022 | Rachel J Mitchell     | -  | 6   | -  |
| 2022 | M Michael R Parker    | 6  | 35  | 1  |
| 2023 | Debbie Chard          | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Sarah Chiltern        | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Elliot J Daniel       | -  | 8   | -  |
| 2023 | Andrew J Ellis        | 19 | 232 | 18 |
| 2023 | James T Ellis         | 7  | 13  | -  |
| 2023 | Chris Fitter          | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Kirsty Gifford        | -  | 4   | -  |
| 2023 | Emma Harris           | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Richard Harris        | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Matthew J Healy       | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Thomas E Healy        | 3  | 4   | -  |
| 2023 | John Moore            | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Pam Moore             | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Catherine E Morley    | 2  | 32  | -  |
| 2023 | James C Mundy         | -  | 3   | -  |
| 2023 | Graham Nabb           | -  | 4   | -  |
| 2023 | Lance Palmer          | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | David Reeves          | -  | 1   | -  |
| 2023 | Geoff Ridgway         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2023 | Simon J Ridley        | -  | 3   | -  |
| 2024 | Robin Bone            | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Harvey Butler         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Susan Butler          | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Vicky Cheshire        | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Liz Collett           | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Karin Dannehl         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | John Eaton            | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Derek Harrison        | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Patricia Hicks        | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Annette Jarratt-Knock | -  | 17  | -  |
| 2024 | Emma Lansberry        | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Lucian Lupsan         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Joy McGoldrick        | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Ioan Normington       | 2  | 2   | -  |
| 2024 | Jan Phillips          | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Zoe Rippengal         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Jayne Shipley         | -  | 8   | -  |
| 2024 | Mary Tipping          | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Emma Thomas           | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Joanna Traves         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Robert Traves         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Robert Vaughan        | -  | -   | -  |
| 2024 | Lucas J Williams      | 2  | 5   | -  |
| 2025 | Joanne Brammall       | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Susan Butler          | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Gill Campbell         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Robert Carr           | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Ben Harris            | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Jen Harris            | -  | -   | -  |
| 2026 | Vera Hau              | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Andy Kinman           | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Nikolai Komar         | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Allie Lyo             | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Jakub Oprsal          | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Elizabeth Porter      | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Edmund M C Roberts    | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Reza Salami           | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | George M Salter       | 5  | 12  | 2  |
| 2025 | Alison Shah           | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Ian Slater            | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Benjamin Wigley       | -  | -   | -  |
| 2025 | Benjamin Williams     | -  | -   | -  |

# Life Members of the St Martin’s Guild

|      |                    |    |      |    |
|------|--------------------|----|------|----|
| 1956 | David R Ingram     | -  | 59   | -  |
| 1959 | Donald T Finnemore | -  | 98   | 3  |
| 1960 | Colin D Baugh      | -  | 37   | 1  |
| 1961 | Christine Mills    | -  | 414  | -  |
| 1961 | Charles A S Webb   | -  | 641  | 5  |
| 1962 | B Gillian Fielden  | -  | 109  | -  |
| 1964 | Paul L McEvilly    | -  | 58   | -  |
| 1971 | Margaret A Edwards | -  | 139  | -  |
| 1972 | Frances Dodds      | -  | 952  | 60 |
| 1974 | Helen M Crosby     | -  | 2    | -  |
| 1974 | Michael Dodson     | -  | 25   | 2  |
| 1974 | Rowena J Shipley   | -  | 3    | -  |
| 1974 | Stephen R Shipley  | -  | 94   | 15 |
| 1975 | Paul E Bibilo      | 12 | 1188 | 48 |
| 1977 | Clare McArdle      | 1  | 146  | 2  |
| 1977 | Sarah L Vernon     | -  | 20   | -  |
| 1979 | Jonathan P Healy   | 4  | 629  | 7  |
| 1979 | Ruth E Shepherd    | -  | 9    | -  |
| 1982 | Janet A Horton     | -  | 65   | -  |
| 1982 | Stephen W Horton   | 26 | 226  | 2  |
| 1983 | Sarah C Jones      | -  | 11   | -  |
| 1989 | H Ann Smart        | -  | 9    | -  |
| 2010 | Tracy Stevens      | -  | 10   | -  |

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. 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 a member at a Guild event is injured due to negligence. It would cover injury to a non-member while travelling on a Guild trip, e.g. taking learners on a Guild outing (if not covered by your 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 with the Guild.

# Practice nights

## Monday

Grendon (6—check)  
 Hampton-in-Arden (8)  
 Harborne (8)  
 Knowle (8)  
 Moseley St Mary (10)  
 Perry Barr (8—check)  
 Polesworth (8—check)  
 Rowley Regis (8)

## Tuesday

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

## Wednesday

Boldmere (8)  
 Castle Bromwich (8)  
 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)  
 Edgbaston (8, term-time)  
 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 when attending Guild events.

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.

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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.



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