



St Martin's Guild Yearbook 2023

Review of 2022

Issued Spring 2023





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 2023

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Meet the Team for 2023



President: The Bishop of Birmingham

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



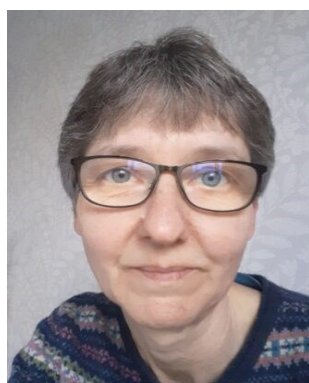
Master: Eleanor Linford

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 has re-started 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.



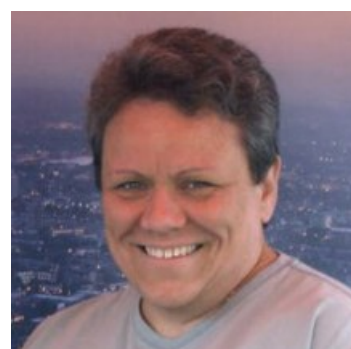
Ringing Master: Phil Ramsbottom

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: 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'.



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 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)



2022 Stats & Facts

3
Full
Members
elected

17
Associate
Members
elected

55
Practices and
events
organised

70
Peals rung for
the Guild

Members elected during 2022

Full Members

Sonia Field
Rachel Mitchell
Michael Parker

Associate Members

David Brown
Sue Butler
Vicky Cheshire
Austin Cole
George Ellis
James Ellis
Emma Harris
James Knight
Lucian Lupsan
Diane McAndrew
Pam Moore
Steve Moore
Philip O'Shea
Alex Rivas
Andy Shiel
David Stone
Anna-May Trogstad

2022 around the Guild

News from Sheldon

After a long break for Covid, our Special Practices resumed at St Giles, Sheldon, in February 2022. Four of us were beginning to call Plain Bob Minor so I arranged an evening dedicated to doing just that. I called in help from at least six different towers in order to make this possible. By the end of the evening four of us who were comparatively new to calling had called at least two different touches of Bob Minor; not only that but we had all chosen different touches of Bob Minor. To cap off the evening, Alan and I provided refreshments which included home-made scones and cake, tea and coffee so most of us were able to stop and socialise which was something many of us had not been able to do for a very long time.

My March practice did not go to plan. I had organised this one to give two ringers who were competent at ringing plain courses of Plain Bob Doubles the chance to learn what happens at a bob. For different reasons neither ringer was able to make it on the day, but as we still had eight ringers we decided to make the most of it and so we practised calling Plain Bob Minor again. Despite the last-minute change of plan we all agreed it had been very worthwhile and of course we enjoyed the cake and hot drinks afterwards, but especially the chat with friends.

I am so grateful to all the ringers who regularly turn up when requested to these practices. Without their help it would not be possible. Even with the break forced on us by Covid restrictions, I have seen a noticeable improvement in our ringing ability.

So – if you are thinking that you need practice at some aspect of your ringing I hope you will, like me, organise some ringing sessions and complete your ‘Three Events Challenge’.

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/>

Ruth's 1000th quarter peal at Knowle

The footnote to the Quarter Peal at Knowle on 16 October 2022 marked the celebration of Ruth Shepherd's 1,000th QP on the bells. Whilst this is a notable landmark, what is not recorded is that Ruth has been arranging the (almost) weekly QP attempts at Knowle for the evening service since the late 1980's when her sons started ringing. During that time, there have been nearly 1,400 QPs scored at Knowle, the vast majority of which were with ringers 'booked' by Ruth!



2022 around the Guild

Shirley Parish Street Party for the Platinum Jubilee

The parish of St James the Great, Shirley had decided to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by holding a street party in the road between the church and Church House in the afternoon on the Saturday of the Jubilee weekend (4th June), thus closing the road off to traffic for the first time I can ever remember.



The parish had also asked the ringers at St James to mark the opening of the street party with some appropriate ringing, so we put our heads together to determine how best to do this with the resources we had available. In the end we decided to have an extended session of about half an hour's ringing on 8, starting with a touch of Grandsire Triples, followed by some well-struck Call Changes, which included Tittums, Whittingtons, Kings and Queens. The concluding piece was a touch of Plain Bob Triples. It was generally agreed that the standard of ringing was very good, so we then went down to join in the party out in the street. All in all, a suitably appropriate way to mark the Platinum Jubilee, and goodness knows when the road will again be closed off like this: probably not in my lifetime!

Report by Richard Andrew.

New shoots sprouting at Kingsbury

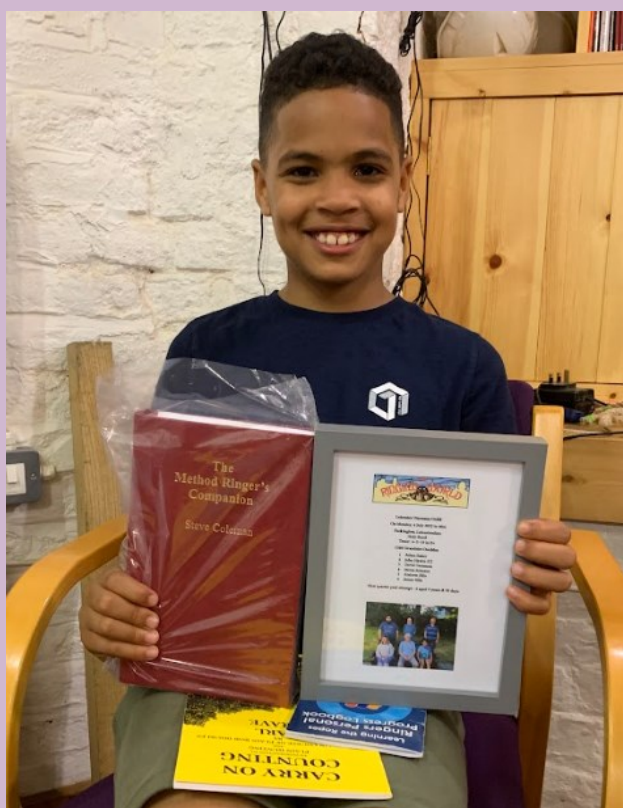
What an eventful twelve months since October 2021. Kingsbury tower was really in the doldrums, with only three local ringers for Sunday service. We were grateful for Phil Ramsbottom's thoughts on our situation. We were also extremely grateful that David Jackson, with the tremendous support of his wife, Anne, agreed to be our Tower Captain.

We started running two practices a month (2nd & 4th Fridays). This falls in with the current services on the 2nd & 4th Sunday. We wanted the village to get used to hearing the bells again. We have received marvellous support from local towers and "things" are looking much better. David thought it would be wise to ask Taylor's Foundry for a report on our 53 year old bells. Simon Adams was incredibly helpful in this respect and, although a considerable amount of work is needed, this has been sanctioned by the church council and DAC. The work starts on 17th October 2022 and we look forward to continuing our ringing progression sometime in November.

Report by Elaine Lane.



Birmingham School of Bell Ringing: 2022 in pictures



Brumdingers' Update

In Summer 2022 there was much focus on the Ringing World National Youth Contest. Practices had been moved to Harborne to get a more realistic experience and so that Max could stay at her home tower. The test piece was tactically simplified, and the band were imbued with the confidence to help each other with their striking. On 2 July 2022 a group of ten young ringers and seven supporting adults set off for Exeter on a very early train.

All the extra effort paid off, because after a few years of propping up the table, the team stormed up the leader board with a joint 5th place finish out of 16 teams in the call change competition. Max at age 9 would have been one of the youngest in the entire competition, and our team was still much younger than those that were placed higher. The team was:

1. Elizabeth Wilby
 2. Charlie Linford (C)
 3. Max Earthquake
 4. Caoimhe Brophy
 5. Sara Paulson
 6. Orson Gee
- First reserve: Susan Webb

On the train home, as Charlie, Caoimhe and Orson were studying OFCOM's official list of rude words banned before the watershed, others were discussing tactics for next year, when they would move up to the method ringing competition, and how many years there were left in order to win it. With Elliot, James and George coming through the ranks the team could be well placed for a few years yet.



The trip to Exeter was not just about the competition ringing, though. All the bands were provided with individual programmes to visit other towers, ring on some mini rings, and find tea and cake shops in between. Susan had set her sights on ringing the tenor at Exeter Cathedral and achieved it, ringing the tenor off the box as one of the local ringers strapped from the floor.



So, with thanks to all the helpers, supporters, and parents, a very successful day out.

Report by Simon Linford.



The 134th Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner: Saturday 26 February 2022



I'd booked a room in the Macdonald Burlington hotel weeks before the event and as I was preparing to leave home in Worcester I received a WhatsApp message saying, 'Will get to the hotel for 6, lots of drinkies xxx'. It was from Rachel Mahoney and I was looking forward to seeing her in her cocktail dress and Ewan in a suit. As I got dressed-up, up in the room, it was amusing to think that last year I'd sat at my computer at home in a t-shirt and jogging bottoms for the 'alternative, online thing' – this time it was a proper event at which to see and be seen. The next message I received from Rachel was, 'We're by the bar xx' – at three minutes past six – no surprise there!

The Macdonald Burlington is an odd mixture of tired Edwardian opulence and 1990s kitsch. The Horton Suite was the latter. Entirely windowless, brightly lit and with a carpet that would take on a life of its own after one too many – more of a conference venue than a dinner venue. But the dresses, suits and bow ties more than made up for the environment. It was lovely to realise that there was almost no-one I didn't recognise out of the 100 plus in attendance. There was a fair amount of chuntering, however, about the complete lack of 'real' ale at the bar..! A pre-dinner gin and tonic would have to do – and there was a delicious Peaky Blinder Spiced Dry Gin – apt, in the heart of Birmingham.

At about 7pm we were ushered from the bar area into the main hall and found our tables. I was seated beside one of the few people I didn't recognise and introduced myself and asked his name. The response was unexpected, 'You may not know me but I know you. My grandmother was the midwife at the birth of your father and his identical twin brother'. Ah... ok, but I don't recognise you - where are you from..? Again, the response was... odd – 'I'm from Oxford and you'll find out why I'm here, later'.

After a while everyone stood and applauded as the 'top table', led by Steve and Janet Horton, came in from the bar area. With a welcome from Janet, dinner began. The food was excellent – and surprisingly hot. A tomato soup with basil oil was followed by a chicken supreme dish and sticky toffee pudding. And the service was perfect – almost imperceptible. As the after-dinner coffee and tea were being served the speeches began. The Horton double act proposed The Queen and the memory of the late Henry Johnson before there was an interval to allow for mingling for a while.

After this, Janet proposed 'The Church' and then we were serenaded by three leads of Littleport Little Surprise Maximus on the newly restored Blews handbells – and I finally

discovered why the gentleman with whom I'd shared dinner was here. He was Bernard Stone and he had recently refurbished the bells. He was the guest of the St Martin's band. Interestingly, he had decided that the tenor bell was a poor casting and it had been recast. We heard both the old bell and the new one during the touch – Alistair Cherry was ringing the tenors and nonchalantly turned and swapped the old one for the new one between one change and the next. To be honest, I couldn't hear any difference during the ringing but was able to ring both of the bells later, and there was a noticeable weakness in the old bell. Is this a common phenomenon in tower bells – bells that sound poor on their own can often be perfectly acceptable when rung with others..?

The handbell ringing was followed by the Guild tribute to Andrew Stubbs. This was proposed by Steve Horton, with a response by Michael Church and also by a family member, Heather Richards. Although Andrew had sadly died after a short illness on 2nd April 2020, it had been decided that his life should be celebrated at the first post-pandemic Henry Johnson Dinner to be held 'in-person'. Pre-pandemic, Andrew used to join the Cathedral Sunday service ringers in the coffee shop after ringing – so, although I only knew him from short chats in the coffee shop in his latter years, it was good to hear more of his life. Amongst many other achievements in ringing, he had been Life Vice President of the St Martin's Guild and had held the position of Master for 11 years. He was described as a man of great influence and wisdom who is sorely missed.

The sombre mood was lightened by the final speech of the evening – the Guild Master, Clare McArdle's, 'Health of the Chairs'. When I read this title in the programme I was a little confused as to what chairs were being referred to... but of course, it was the Hortons, the joint Chairs, the MCs - and great friends of Clare's. Whilst I apologise for remembering little of the speech, I did make a single note on my programme, 'I'm just checking the weather forecast'. It must have been something that stood out at the time but it meant as little to me when I re-read it as it probably means to you now – until I asked Clare about it. It seems that Janet's job means that she has to decide (or at least she is aware of a decision being made) whether or not to grit the roads in Birmingham, each day. She's often 'just checking the weather forecast' when she should be ringing, at Harborne. The connection between this and the excellent job that she and Steve did as joint chairs, has been completely lost to the effects of Peaky Blinder Gin and white wine on my memory – and to time, though. To the health of the chairs..!

Report by Andrew Brown.



Ringling Master's Report for 2022:

Phil Ramsbottom

2022 has seen the Guild's activity return to pre-pandemic level and beyond. What follows is a brief resume.

HM The Queen

As might be expected there was no shortage of extra ringing in early June for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations for HM Queen Elizabeth, including additional general ringing and quarter peals at some towers and, with a peal of Stedman cinques at St. Philip's.

Sadly this was followed all too soon afterwards by the half muffled ringing that followed the announcement in early September of the passing of Her Majesty. Many towers repeated what that had done only a few months earlier with muffled bells, either half or fully. The Guild's collective marking of the Reign of Elizabeth II included peals of Stedman at St. Paul's, St. Philip's and St. Martin's.

Commonwealth Games

Alexander Stadium in Perry Barr was the focal point for the Commonwealth Games hosted by Birmingham last year and, as would be expected, it was an opportunity to celebrate it with bells. In addition to the expected additional ringing, at the request of the vicar two quarter peals were rung at Perry Barr to mark the opening and closing of the games. Two peals were also scored St. Martin's and St. Paul's.

Workshops

The Wednesday evening workshops have continued throughout the year generally accommodating the more 'ground level' end of the spectrum. The events ranged from a bell handling improvers' workshop up to treble dodging minor and pretty much everything in between. Learning some important theory also plays a part in all this. The workshops are always well enough attended and I'm grateful to those of you who come along wanting to develop your skills in some way and to the helpers who are willing to turn up and add much appreciated support.

Following the summer break the workshops were scaled down to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays for two reasons: Firstly, since taking up post I've wanted to visit some of the local practice

nights which I'm now starting to do - I'll touch on this again later; secondly, and this is quite encouraging, I was sometimes competing for helpers with other ringers who were also arranging extra practices/workshops and the like. One instance was someone taking on the Three Events Challenge.

There are also a number of ongoing workshops organized by others, including the monthly event at Sheldon, several workshops throughout the year at Solihull and also the 'Why practice' at Harborne. Topics are many and varied and along similar lines to those run by the Guild. Taking all the workshops together, Guild and those run by others, we had a regular and plentiful supply of learning opportunities throughout the whole of 2022, and I'd like to think more Guild members will take advantage of them in the coming year. There are also plans to introduce a monthly surprise major practice next year, so something else to look out for.

If any Guild member or band would like a workshop covering any particular aspect of ringing, practical or theory, then please get in touch and I'll see what can be arranged.

National 12 Bell Contest

Two years without a contest did nothing to dampen the skills and determination of the 12 bell team who were victorious from Guildford in June, having won the Taylor Trophy by no small margin. All being well I'm sure there will be many of us looking forward to supporting them next year.

Robert B Smith 12 Bell Contest

St. Philip's entered a band into the Robert B Smith 12 bell competition, held this year at St. Margaret's in Leicester. They excelled themselves by coming third for the fourth time in all four competitions.

Other events

The Guild walking tour made a welcome return in July after the covid hiatus. Superbly organised by Mike Dodson, this year about 20 of us took a well-planned route around the North Worcestershire/West Midlands border. As well as ringing at Hagley, Clent and Oldswinford, we had an excellent lunch at The Vine in Clent, and enjoyed the fantastic views from the summit of the Clent Hills, making the climb very rewarding. Many thanks to Mike for taking the time to plan and organise the entire day with near perfect timing, and to really top it all,



for arranging the fabulous weather.

The open ringing at Moseley St. Mary every third Thursday morning continues to be popular. I'm sure the wonderful tea, coffee and cakes has something to do with this. Ringing is aimed at accommodating whoever turns up, from rounds and call changes to Grandsire and occasionally Stedman triples. If you've not previously been and you find yourself at a loose end on a third Thursday morning of the month, then please come along and join in the fun.

The Guild outing at the end of November was to Leicester, with some 20 Guild members enjoying a 'walkabout' ringing tour of the City centre. The Towers included the very nice but challenging 10 at St. Mary de Castro, the challenging but glorious 12 at St. Margaret's and the fabulous 12 at St. Martin's Cathedral, where members posed for a group photo' on the transept roof, en-route to the ringing chamber. Various pubs were visited for lunch and post ringing, and a grand day out was had by all.

Going slightly 'off grid' about 20 Guild members enjoyed an evening's ringing at Tong in Shropshire on a balmy August evening. The church is a fabulous attraction in its own right, but also houses a super 12cwt ring of six bells and the 11th heaviest bell in the world hung for full circle ringing. Weighing in at just shy of 46cwt it is only usually rung on four days of the year and our visit was planned to take place on one of them, St. Bartholomew's day, the patronal festival of the church. I'd be happy to arrange this again next year if there is sufficient interest.

Communication

I mentioned earlier that I have been visiting some of the local practice nights, primarily as a way of doing some fact finding on my part across the different towers in the Guild and to explore how local towers and the Guild might better engage.

Through my fact finding, the towers visited to date mainly receive Guild emails, but it seems messages get lost in transmission. For example, the feedback is that there are those who might like to attend workshops but are not aware of what's happening, when and where. We might want to think about whether there are other ways we can communicate to members to better hit the spot.

I'd welcome feedback from anyone (individuals or bands) with any thoughts they may have as to how to go about fixing this and I look forward to hearing further.

Next year

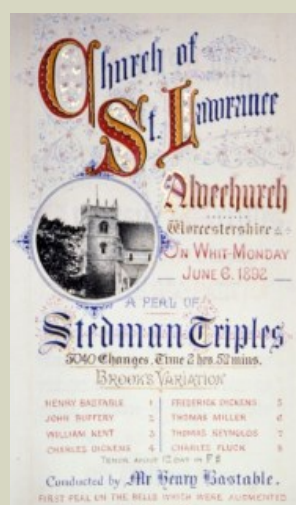
For 2023 I plan to continue workshops on the current basis ie every two weeks and to keep promoting and supporting the Three Events Challenge. See: <https://stmartinsguild.org/calendar-news-and-events/the-three-events-challenge/> if you're not already familiar with it. On a wider front the Association of Ringing Teachers is holding their annual conference in Birmingham in March and of course we'll have a Coronation to ring for on and around 6th May, something I'm sure we're all very much looking forward to.

Vote of thanks

In closing can I please thank everyone for their collective support of the Guild during the last year in whatever capacity it may have been, - the list is long and varied. The Guild has held the events it did because you, the Guild members, have supported them and for which you all deserve a huge 'thank you'.

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 2022: Tracy Stevens



- £1641 subs were collected in 2022, 36 members are unpaid. 2 members have paid for a couple of years in advance.
- Donations have been received from LVPs and life members in lieu of subscriptions
- Zoom – The Guild has now cancelled the zoom account.
- 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 last year raised £1442. From this surplus the guild donated £250 to the central council mobile belfry appeal and £200 to the Brumdingers to support their travel costs to the annual RWNKYC. The remaining £991.70 has been transferred to the BRF as per the members' wishes. This year the 100 club has raised £1490 and this has been transferred to the guild account and ring-fenced for projects/events. Clare will report further on the 100 club.
- AmazonSmile has raised £27.29 for the BRF. Thanks to members who have used Amazon Smile.
- Kingsbury Bell ringers have requested support with work on their bells. With the agreement of both BRF trustees, the Standing Committee offered 10% (£610) of the costs incurred to date and has offered to support planned future works.

Proposals agreed at the January 2023 AGM

Membership:

- Annual subscription to remain at £10 with 50% concession rate as per rules.
- Associate membership currently equivalent to the annual subscription

Apportionments to:

- I am not proposing we apportion any funds to the BRF or Library for this financial year. If the Archivist requires any funds during the year the guild will support.

Peal fee:

- To remain at zero



100 Club Report for 2022: Clare McArdle



January 2022		August 2022	
Bernadette O'Dwyer	£51.50	Steve Pugh	£50.50
Michael Wilby	£15.45	James Ramsbottom	£15.15
Rowena Shipley	£5.15	Carl Jenkins	£5.05
February 2022		September 2022	
Peter Bennett	£51.50	Carl Jenkins	£50.50
David Hull	£15.45	Arthur Reeves	£15.15
Malcolm Paulson	£5.15	Sarah Vernon	£5.05
March 2022		October 2022	
David Ingram	£50.50	Margaret Burling	£50.50
Chris Mills	£15.15	Chris Mills	£15.15
AJ Barnfield	£5.05	Paul Bibilo	£5.05
April 2022		November 2022	
John Anderson	£50.50	David Ingram	£50.50
Steve Askew	£15.15	Colin Baugh	£15.15
John Cranmer	£5.05	Catt Smith	£5.05
May 2022		December 2022	
Gill Postill	£50.50	Jonathan Healy	£50.50
David Ingram	£15.15	Michael Wilby	£15.15
Andrew Brown	£5.05	Brenda Thomson	£5.05
June 2022		Christmas 2022	
James Ramsbottom	£50.50	AJ Barnfield	£97.28
Sarah King	£15.15	Tony Daw	£48.64
Richard Lewis	£5.05	Janet Horton	£48.64
July 2022		Eleanor Linford	£12.16
John Townsend	£50.50	Chris Mills	£12.16
Simon Linford	£15.15	Richard Lewis	£12.16
Simon Linford	£5.05	Margaret Burling	£12.16
BRF total	£1,337.60		
Prizes donated	£152.47	BRF total	£1,490.07



Archivist's Report for 2022: Mark Eccleston

Work to care for the Guild's invaluable collection of archives, rare books and modern works continues. Our archive collections – comprising a complete record of administrative papers charting the history of the Guild since its formation in 1889, along with papers of individual ringers, photographs, newspaper cuttings etc – are particularly important. In many cases, these materials are unique. I have continued to repackage these archives in acid-free folders and, whilst I was unable to complete this job during 2022, I hope to conclude the rehousing work in 2023.

The Guild's issues of The Ringing World for 2021 and 2022 will be bound next year, maintaining our complete set of this title. Many thanks to Clare McArdle for donating these issues to the Guild library: Clare's generosity is very much appreciated.

Special thanks to Richard Jones, my predecessor in this role, who has kindly rationalised some oversize materials stored in plan chest drawers in the clock room at St Martin's. With the best will in the world, I would have been unable to dedicate the time to do this myself: thank you, Richard.

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. The Guild holds items suitable for new recruits as well as experienced ringers. There are printed books, DVDs, CDs as well as manuscript items. The majority of items can be borrowed. 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/>

New Accessions for 2022

Catalogue no	Title and other bibliographic details
NA767	Change Ringing on Handbells. Volume 2: Advanced Techniques (Tina Stoecklin and Simon Gay), 2022



Safeguarding Officer's Report for 2022: Trish Everett



I have continued to provide advice and guidance on Safeguarding issues as required. 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 began working on its new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework several years ago and the final version became effective in January 2022. The Parish Safeguarding Handbook has been the “bible” on safeguarding in Church of England settings. Going forward, the Church have advised that the new Framework is the definitive document on current policy and the Parish Safeguarding Handbook will be updated to reflect it.

The new Framework applies only to Church of England settings and those ringing in towers belonging to other churches should check their local church policy. However, the safeguarding policies of all denominations in the UK are ultimately driven by government regulation and all church policies are therefore broadly similar. The new framework applies equally to all church officers, lay helpers and volunteers (including ringers).

The current position is that the following training is required:

Basic Awareness for all bell team members. It covers safeguarding principles; recognising potential issues; recognising barriers which may prevent issues being addressed; raising a potential Safeguarding concern.

Foundation additional for Tower Captains and also for bell ringers who teach children and young people and covers safeguarding practice in respect of your own role and responsibilities; analysing/ responding to reports of a potential safeguarding concern; wider safeguarding support and governance arrangements.

Leadership additional for Tower Captains who take a lead role in shaping the culture and addresses adjusting your style of leadership to reflect best safeguarding practice; the role of leadership in promoting healthy and safe communities; the impact of abuse on individuals' lives; how faith, beliefs, and values underpin good safeguarding behaviours.

You can access the training portal here: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

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

Tower captains who undertook the Leadership training in 2020 which the Guild organised with the diocese do not need to do the Foundation training.

CCCBR and Safeguarding

The Central Council has produced a guide for clergy, PCCs and Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers which explains how ringing ‘works’, through individual towers, territorial and non-territorial bell ringing associations, and the work of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The guide focuses particularly on how church bell ringers are trained, safeguarded and organised. “From Practice to Perfect” was distributed to all Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers in December 2022 by Lisa Clarke, National Safeguarding Learning and Development Manager for the Church of England. The Central Council have also produced guidance to individual ringers and ringing societies in the safeguarding section of their website, including their detailed approach to safeguarding training which can be found here: <https://ccabr.org.uk/safeguarding/resources/safeguarding-in-church-of-england-settings/>

Contact details for the Guild's Safeguarding Officer are:

Trish Everett | Email: trish_everett@hotmail.com | Mobile: 07968 362501 | Landline: 0121 449 1088



Central Council Reps' Report for 2022:

Richard Andrew and James Ramsbottom

With the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic well and truly behind us, the AGM of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held in person for the first time in 3 years on Saturday 3rd September 2022. It was held at the Clifton campus of Nottingham Trent University in Nottingham, a location originally planned for 2021.

The format of the day was different from previous years, notably with a much shorter AGM. Whereas this used to occupy almost the entire day, it was now consigned to an afternoon-only slot. The morning became much more sociable, starting with informal displays made by each of the Council Workgroups about what they do, which stimulated lots of conversation about plans for the future, whilst being provided with a good supply of tea, coffee and biscuits.

The formal aspect of the day started with the AGM for The Ringing World. Although the company is still in financial deficit, it made a good profit this year. A lot of this came from sales of merchandise and donations from publications of ringing performances. Expenditure was also down due to changes of contracts with printers and new software.

4 new books have been published – The latest compilation of The Education Column series by David Smith, The Core 7 and Beyond by Simon Linford, The Little Purple Book by Richard Smith, and an updated Criblines book, full of blue lines of popular methods. The Youth Contest will be going to York in 2023 and London in 2024, with the 2023 contest being the last one organised by David Hull. Richard Wallis and Claire Roulstone both retired from the board of directors. Graham Bradshaw joined as a director and Mary Bone joined as company secretary. After lunch, the Council AGM began. Since small societies (those with 75 members or fewer) were now allowed to be affiliated with the council, an application to affiliate had been received from the Welsh Colleges Guild, which was accepted.

The workgroups then gave more formal reports on their activities over the past 12 months. In particular the Young Ringers workgroups had been very active, working with the new Young Change Ringers Association to connect with existing young ringers and working with the Scouting Association. At the time of the meeting it was unknown that 2023 would become a coronation year, but the Public Relations workgroup has subsequently launched the Ring for the King campaign as its latest recruitment drive, aiming to get as many bells as possible rung on Saturday 6th May 2023. The Council President then gave his report for the year. Plans for a mobile ring of bells and a National Ringing Centre in Northampton continue to move forward. A new national striking competition – The National Call Change Competition – will have its inaugural event on Saturday 3rd June 2023, to be held at St. Mary's Moseley.

The first motion proposed at the AGM was to change to subscription rate for societies based upon their membership numbers. The current rates were based on the number of representatives a society can have, rather than the number of members it has. It was felt that this was unfair on smaller societies, who tended to pay more per ringer for affiliation to the council. This motion would be of benefit to smaller societies but may be detrimental to larger ones. However, the two largest territorial societies – the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers – were both happy with this change, along with most others present, and the motion was carried. The second motion called for a review of the standing orders of the council. It was 5 years since the CRAG report was adopted, and one of the important points within the report was that a review is made of the rules after 5 years. There was already a known list of issues raised, and this motion was also carried. The last item worth reporting on was that the current president announced his intention to stand down at the 2023 AGM, having served 4 years as president by then.

Guild peals rung during 2022

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rung</u>	<u>T/H</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rows</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>RW Ref</u>
1	04 Jan 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5002	Bristol Surprise Royal	5802.0649
2	10 Jan 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5040	Cambridge Surprise Royal	5779.0080
3	12 Jan 2022	T	Honiley	5760	Spliced Delight Minor (42m)	5780.0108
4	14 Jan 2022	T	Edgbaston	5760	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (147m)	5780.0108
5	23 Jan 2022	H	Selly Oak, West Midlands, 21 Fladbury Crescent	5184	Spliced Surprise Major (8m)	5781.0131
6	25 Jan 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5040	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5781.0131
7	31 Jan 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5042	Bristol Surprise Maximus	
8	08 Feb 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Stedman Triples	5786.0248
9	19 Feb 2022	T	Lichfield, Cathedral	5002	Stedman Caters	5785.0230
10	21 Feb 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5040	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5785.0229
11	22 Feb 2022	T	Honiley	5040	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (46m)	5785.0229
12	28 Feb 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5040	Orion Surprise Maximus	5786.0248
13	01 Mar 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5016	Spliced Maximus (6m)	5786.0249
14	11 Mar 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (42m)	5788.0294
15	14 Mar 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5040	Rigel Surprise Maximus	5788.0294
16	16 Mar 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5040	Cambridge Surprise Royal	5788.0295
17	16 Mar 2022	T	Kelmarsh	5040	Spliced Delight Minor (14m)	5789.0318
18	22 Mar 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5040	Bristol Surprise Royal	
19	28 Mar 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5040	Spliced Maximus (6m)	5790.0338
20	29 Mar 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5040	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5790.0339
21	29 Mar 2022	T	Honiley	5760	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (147m)	5790.0338
22	30 Mar 2022	T	Kelmarsh	5040	Spliced Delight Minor (35m)	5790.0338
23	04 Apr 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5003	Stedman Cinqes	5792.0385



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24	08 Apr 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5760	Spliced Delight Minor (42m)	5792.0385
25	04 May 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5040	Stedman Triples	5795.0455
26	04 May 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5040	Bristol Surprise Royal	5795.0455
27	08 May 2022	T	Edgbaston	5058	Spliced Surprise Major (3m)	5798.0505
28	09 May 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5016	Spliced Maximus (10m)	5796.0477
29	16 May 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5090	Zanussi Surprise Maximus	5798.0505
30	20 May 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5760	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (147m)	5798.0505
31	28 May 2022	T	Kidderminster	5019	Stedman Cinques	5800.0603
32	30 May 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5070	Stedman Cinques	5799.0528
33	02 Jun 2022	H	Selly Oak, West Midlands, 21 Fladbury Crescent	5056	Cambridge Surprise Major	5799.0530
34	13 Jun 2022	H	Sutton Coldfield, 19 College Hill	5040	London No.3 Surprise Royal	5801.0626
35	14 Jun 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5120	Spliced Surprise Royal (4m)	5801.0626
36	17 Jun 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Surprise Minor (7m)	
37	19 Jun 2022	H	Birmingham, The Woodman	5152	Cooktown Orchid Delight Major	5802.0649
38	27 Jun 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5088	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5803.0671
39	28 Jul 2022	T	Birmingham, St Martin	5022	Stedman Cinques	5808.0786
40	07 Aug 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5040	Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (120m)	
41	08 Aug 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Spliced Delight Minor (35m)	5809.0809
42	15 Aug 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5016	Spliced Maximus (6m)	5810.0832
43	05 Sep 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5042	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5813.0894
44	12 Sep 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5004	Stedman Caters	5814.0917
45	18 Sep 2022	T	Birmingham, St Martin	5096	Stedman Cinques	
46	23 Sep 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Surprise Minor (26m)	5815.0960



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47	26 Sep 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5040	Bristol Surprise Maximus	5816.0979
48	10 Oct 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5042	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	5818.1018
49	11 Oct 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5040	Stedman Triples	5818.1019
50	14 Oct 2022	H	Selly Oak, West Midlands, 21 Fladbury Crescent	5080	Spliced Triples & Major (5m)	
51	14 Oct 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5040	Bristol Surprise Royal	9998.0000
52	15 Oct 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5040	Zanussi Surprise Maximus	9998.0000
53	15 Oct 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5120	Eagle Nebula Surprise Royal	9998.0000
54	16 Oct 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5016	Spliced Maximus (6m)	9998.0000
55	17 Oct 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5016	Spliced Maximus (6m)	5819.1040
56	19 Oct 2022	T	Birmingham, St Paul	5040	Spliced Surprise Minor (41m)	5819.1040
57	25 Oct 2022	H	Birmingham, Ringing Room of St Philip's Cathedral	5016	Spliced Maximus (6m)	5820.1062
58	29 Oct 2022	T	Stourbridge, St Thomas	5009	Stedman Cinques	
59	29 Oct 2022	T	Edgbaston	5024	Bristol Surprise Major	5820.1062
60	07 Nov 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5080	Stedman Cinques	
61	13 Nov 2022	T	Yardley, Birmingham	5088	Lessness Surprise Major	
62	21 Nov 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5016	Spliced Maximus (10m)	
63	28 Nov 2022	T	Birmingham, St Philip	5088	Spliced Treble Dodging Maximus (4m)	
64	29 Nov 2022	H	Aston, The Bartons Arms	5040	Stedman Triples	
65	29 Nov 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5040	Bristol Surprise Maximus	
66	04 Dec 2022	T	Edgbaston	5184	Spliced Surprise Major (5m)	
67	05 Dec 2022	T	Little Eaton, St Oulton Campanile	5016	Spliced Maximus (6m)	
68	06 Dec 2022	H	Birmingham, St Paul, Jewellery Quarter	5120	Spliced Surprise Royal (4m)	
69	18 Dec 2022	T	Coseley	5120	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)	
70	31 Dec 2022	T	Coseley	5088	Lessness Surprise Major	



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: Vicky Wilby
 vicky@5040.co.uk

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: 10–10.25 (check out of term-time)
 Contact: Frank Agar; 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
 Contact: David Hill-Ilderton
 07730 191329; nasus-caerulus@live.co.uk



Curdworth, St Nicholas



Edgbaston, St Bartholomew



Erdington, St Barnabas

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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 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: 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

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Moseley, St Anne

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: Trish Everett

0121 449 1088; 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: 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



Packwood, St Giles

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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: The Vicar
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



Perry Barr, St John the Evangelist

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



Sheldon, St Giles

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Smethwick, Old Church

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



Sutton Coldfield, Holy Trinity

Guild members for 2022

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	-	1998	William E Dargue	-	-	-
1956	John A Anderson	-	487	25	1999	Tamsin S Lane	-	1	-
1956	David R Ingram	-	59	-	1999	Jill R E Ramsay	-	2	-
1959	Donald T Finnemore	-	98	3	2000	Steven Maddox	-	-	-
1960	Colin D Baugh	-	37	1	2000	Sharon L Wall	-	1	-
1961	Maurice F Edwards	-	1273	14	2002	David G Blick	-	2	-
1961	Christine Mills	2	412	-	2002	Thomas W Griffiths	6	318	6
1961	Charles A S Webb	3	635	5	2002	Martin B R Parry	-	1	-
1962	B Gillian Fielden	-	109	-	2003	Alan S Burbidge	-	543	147
1964	Paul L McEvilly	-	58	-	2003	Clive Day	-	-	-
1969	David B Flint	-	58	2	2003	Mark R Eccleston	12	844	325
1969	Paul W Webb	-	25	-	2003	Susan J Healy	2	173	4
1971	Margaret A Edwards	-	139	-	2003	Triona Jowett	-	-	-
1972	Frances Dodds	4	948	60	2003	Seymore Lee	-	-	-
1972	Richard B Grimmett	11	537	214	2003	Rosemary Watts	-	-	-
1974	Helen M Crosby	-	2	-	2004	Andrew D Clark	-	5	-
1974	Cynthia Dodson	-	-	-	2004	Luke Daniel	-	4	-
1974	Michael Dodson	-	25	2	2004	Sally Daniel	-	5	-
1974	H T Keith Haslam	-	128	-	2004	Matthew D Hardy	-	74	-
1974	Rowena J Shipley	-	3	-	2004	William H Mills	-	1	-
1974	Stephen R Shipley	-	94	15	2004	Rev Richard Postill	-	-	-
1975	Paul E Bibilo	16	1136	47	2005	John Davis	-	-	-
1977	Clare McArdle	1	141	2	2005	Margaret Griffin	-	-	-
1977	Sarah L Vernon	-	20	-	2005	Victoria J M Wilby	5	158	-
1978	Richard L Jones	-	358	4	2006	Ann Davies	-	47	-
1978	Jeffrey B Webb	-	59	-	2006	Clifford Davies	-	105	-
1979	Jonathan P Healy	1	621	7	2006	Joan Garner	-	-	-
1979	Ruth E Shepherd	-	9	-	2006	Jen Hickman	-	-	-
1982	Simon E Adams	-	98	-	2006	Rebekah G W Horton	-	4	-
1982	Janet A Horton	-	65	-	2006	Eleanor J Linford	4	112	1
1982	Stephen W Horton	3	167	2	2006	Simon J L Linford	6	215	62
1983	Sarah C Jones	-	11	-	2006	Lesley Phillips	-	-	-
1983	Philip J Sealey	-	94	-	2006	Keith D Whitehead	-	-	-
1983	Catherine R Taylor	2	244	43	2007	Muriel Higgs	-	-	-
1984	M Ann Bailey	-	-	-	2007	Emily Tamhne	-	5	-
1984	Bridget Osmond	-	6	-	2008	George R Harrison	-	1	-
1984	Gillian M Postill	-	24	-	2008	Stacey A Howard	-	7	-
1985	John H Cranmer	-	4	-	2008	David Reeves	-	1	-
1985	Paul Needham	-	909	43	2008	Jean Willis	-	-	-
1986	Alan F Cottrell	-	-	-	2009	Gordon R Birks	3	196	1
1986	William G R Davies	-	1	-	2009	Catherine F Smith	-	-	-
1986	Terry R Nicholls	-	1	-	2009	Robyn Tighe	-	-	-
1986	Matthew Turley	-	-	-	2010	Oliver Bouckley	-	-	-
1987	Julie A Adams	-	10	-	2010	Simon P Felton	-	-	-
1988	David G Hull	-	361	120	2010	Jack P Gunning	3	98	2
1989	Julia R Cater	4	144	2	2010	Arthur J Reeves	2	56	4
1989	Anthony M Daw	-	287	-	2010	Tracy Stevens	-	10	-
1989	Jill Erskine	-	2	-	2011	Hilary Bloxsom	-	-	-
1989	H Ann Smart	-	9	-	2011	Gillian Campbell	-	-	-
1990	Gwen Albrow	-	4	-	2011	Hannah Campbell	-	-	-
1990	Margaret Burling	-	-	-	2011	Kathryn Campbell	-	-	-
1990	Anthea S Edwards	-	381	-	2011	Jonathan Hale	-	-	-
1990	John H Fielden	2	210	14	2011	Steven Harper	-	-	-
1990	E Anthea M Tinline	-	9	-	2011	Thomas M W Horton	-	1	-
1991	Sand J Cooper	-	3	-	2011	Matthew J R King	1	3	-
1992	Christopher A Duckett	-	5	-	2011	Adam Lubin	-	-	-
1992	Rosemarie Seadon	-	1	-	2011	Ethel Lubin	-	-	-
1992	Michael P A Wilby	33	655	153	2011	Jonathan M P Thorne	-	32	-
1994	Richard J Andrew	-	46	1	2012	Carl Jenkins	-	-	-
1994	Michael Rigby	-	16	1	2012	Graham R Kelly	-	22	-
1994	Peter Sharpe	-	-	-	2012	Richard Lewis	-	-	-
1994	Linda M Whitehead	-	-	-	2012	Malcolm J Paulson	-	2	-
1996	Lynda Cranmer	-	1	-	2012	Judith Taylor	-	-	-
1996	Diane M Hooper	-	1	-	2012	Michael Taylor	-	-	-
1996	Clive Taylor	-	-	-	2012	Brenda Thompson	-	-	-
1996	John S Warboys	15	338	158	2013	Christine Barnell	-	2	-
1996	Stephanie J Warboys	17	355	4	2013	Nigel Crowther	-	-	-

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2013	Roy Followell	-	1	-	2018	Ewan G A Hull	7	15	-
2013	John W G Gwynne	-	1	-	2018	Paul Jopp	11	92	1
2013	Andy Hardy	-	-	-	2018	Antony R Kench	-	8	-
2013	D Rose W Horton	2	20	-	2018	Charlotte D Linford	4	4	-
2013	Paul Lindley	-	-	-	2018	Rosalind A Martin	-	-	-
2013	Diane Meacham	-	-	-	2018	Timothy M Martin	-	1	-
2013	Alan Munday	-	-	-	2018	Beverley McAllister	-	-	-
2013	Wendy Munday	-	-	-	2018	Tony McAllister	-	-	-
2013	Gary Peynado	-	-	-	2018	Paul McNutt	8	245	-
2013	Rio Peynado	-	-	-	2018	Simon C Melen	13	64	-
2013	Catherine Pinnock	-	-	-	2018	Holly Pyke	-	-	-
2013	Robert Pinnock	-	-	-	2018	Annette Seeley	-	-	-
2013	Philip A Ramsbottom	-	6	-	2018	David L Smith	-	-	-
2013	Steve Sharp	-	-	-	2018	Julie A Tarling	-	-	-
2013	Anne Snaith	-	-	-	2018	David M W Threlfall	-	40	-
2013	John Tanner	-	-	-	2018	John Tolley	-	-	-
2013	Ruth Wilson	-	-	-	2018	Clare L S Townsend	-	-	-
2014	Alistair J Cherry	22	188	10	2018	Colin Wright	-	-	-
2014	Trish Everett	-	-	-	2019	Jane Morris	-	-	-
2014	Eileen Keeble	-	1	-	2019	Karen Bowley	-	-	-
2014	Michael Keeble	-	1	-	2019	Jonathan Newey	-	-	-
2014	Sophie M Keeble	-	1	-	2019	Lex Earthquake	-	-	-
2014	James P Ramsbottom	15	156	12	2019	Jane Aykroyd	-	-	-
2014	John Rogers	-	-	-	2019	Rob Lynock	-	-	-
2014	Stella Tew	-	-	-	2019	Elaine Cheeseman	-	-	-
2014	Brian Wevill	-	-	-	2019	Denise Carr	-	-	-
2015	Ruth M Border	-	286	-	2019	Jeffrey Carr	-	-	-
2015	Daniel T Calvert	-	12	-	2019	Robert Mayne	-	-	-
2015	Gillian Cottam	-	-	-	2019	Kay Foley-Davies	-	-	-
2015	Lyndsay Hickman	-	-	-	2019	Sarah King	-	-	-
2015	Adam Knight-Markiegi	-	-	-	2019	Sara C Paulson	-	-	-
2015	Sue Rogers	-	-	-	2019	Alex Ross	-	-	-
2015	Angela D Wakefield	-	6	-	2019	Martin J Whiteley	-	27	2
2016	Emma Clewlow	-	-	-	2019	Lucy J T Gwynne	-	1	-
2016	Leo Fielding	-	-	-	2019	Margaret Whiteley	-	17	-
2016	Pauline Forster	-	-	-	2019	Luke G Groom	15	70	1
2016	Andy Foster	-	-	-	2020	Stephen G Askew	2	2	-
2016	Colin Frew	-	-	-	2020	Oliver C Bates	47	71	10
2016	David Hill-Ilderton	-	-	-	2020	Peter S Bennett	-	39	5
2016	Sallie Morgan	-	-	-	2020	Denise Carr	-	-	-
2016	Bernadette O'Dwyer	-	-	-	2020	Jeffrey Carr	-	-	-
2016	Kunal Pal	-	-	-	2020	Marianne Fisher	-	-	-
2016	Richard Priestley	-	-	-	2020	Joanne Goodall	-	-	-
2016	Thomas Priestley	-	-	-	2020	Heather Griffiths	-	-	-
2016	Steve Pugh	-	-	-	2020	Alison M Hodge	-	-	-
2016	Annie Smith	-	-	-	2020	David J Large	-	-	-
2017	Chris Baker	-	-	-	2020	Denise J Large	-	-	-
2017	David C Bassett	-	1	-	2020	Rachel L Mahoney	6	7	-
2017	Ann Darvill	-	-	-	2020	Liz Oakes	-	-	-
2017	Guy E Darvill	-	8	-	2020	Rachel Oakes	-	-	-
2017	Helen R Jarvis	-	1	-	2020	David J Pipe	5	603	199
2017	Graeme Lanfear	-	-	-	2020	Kathryn Price-Feraud	-	-	-
2017	Dickon R Love	-	114	1	2020	David Roberts	-	-	-
2017	Neil Taylor	-	-	-	2020	Lesley Roberts	-	-	-
2017	Jonathan B Townsend	10	22	-	2020	Anthony J Rowan	2	13	-
2017	Judy Yates	-	-	-	2020	Chris Shaw	-	-	-
2018	David Baker	-	-	-	2020	Michael Shaw	-	-	-
2018	Anthony J Barnfield	-	-	-	2020	Gillian Stead	-	-	-
2018	David J Baverstock	1	58	-	2020	Helen Surr	-	-	-
2018	Graham M Bradshaw	10	53	-	2020	Elizabeth Wilby	-	-	-
2018	Andrew V Brown	2	22	-	2020	Jimmy L Yeoman	40	69	2
2018	Elaine Cheeseman	-	-	-	2021	Alistair Benfold	-	-	-
2018	Philip J Day	-	4	-	2021	Joseph Berry	-	-	-
2018	Max Earthquake	-	-	-	2021	Richard Hurst	1	29	-
2018	Alison L Edmonds	-	3	-	2021	Hannah Johnson	-	-	-
2018	Andrew E Else	-	5	-	2021	Casey McLellan	3	3	-
2018	Graham G Firman	-	16	-	2021	Alex Parsons	-	-	-
2018	Katharine J Firman	-	12	-	2021	Ben Sassons	-	-	-
2018	Michael Gregory	-	-	-	2021	Stella Smith	-	-	-
2018	David Horspool	-	-	-	2022	Sonia Field	-	-	-
2018	Eliza M A Hull	-	-	-	2022	Rachel J Mitchell	-	-	-
					2022	M Michael R Parker	4	4	-

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	2	412	-
1961	Charles A S Webb	3	635	5
1962	B Gillian Fielden	-	109	-
1964	Paul L McEvilly	-	58	-
1971	Margaret A Edwards	-	139	-
1972	Frances Dodds	4	948	60
1974	Michael Dodson	-	25	2
1974	H T Keith Haslam	-	128	-
1974	Stephen R Shipley	-	94	15
1975	Paul E Bibilo	16	1136	47
1977	Clare McArdle	1	141	2
1977	Sarah L Vernon	-	20	-
1979	Jonathan P Healy	1	621	7
1979	Ruth E Shepherd	-	9	-
1982	Janet A Horton	-	65	-
1982	Stephen W Horton	3	167	2
1989	H Ann Smart	-	9	-

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—check)
 Polesworth (8)
 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)
 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)

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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.

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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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