



Army Guild of Bellringers

NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2023

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Dear Guild Members,

In this issue are details of the **Autumn walking tour in Ipswich**. Nicola and Mike has also written a short piece on the **RLC's 30th anniversary service at Winchester Cathedral**. Thank you to everyone who sent me their **Coronation ringing achievements**, I have complied these on the last page.

I would also like to congratulate David Fox and Nick Claypoole who received their life membership since the last newsletter, having completed 25 years of membership.

If you would like to order guild clothing, please search for the product you would like from the catalogue www.ajegraffix.com/catalogue.html and email your order to ajegraffix@outlook.com. Don't forget to state that you would like the 'Army Guild of Bellringers logo' on your shirt/clothing.

I hope to see many of you in Ipswich, let's pray for dry weather!

Best wishes,

Claire Culham

CONGRATULATIONS ALAN REGIN

Congratulations to Alan for ringing his 1000th peal on 12 bells at Melbourne, Derbyshire on 6th July. A truly remarkable achievement.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

On Thursday, 6 July 2023 in 3h 10

Melbourne, Derbyshire

St Michael

Tenor: 15–1–24 in F#

5088 Bristol Surprise Maximus

Composed by M R Eccleston

- 1 Ruth Curtis
- 2 Daniel J Page
- 3 Helen Phillips
- 4 Felicity S Warwick
- 5 Margaret Whiteley
- 6 Sophie M Middleton
- 7 Jack E Page (C)
- 8 Anthony P Cotton
- 9 David A Warwick
- 10 Paul F Curtis
- 11 Colin M Lee
- 12 Alan Regin

1000th peal on 12 bells: 12 - 838 Maximus, 18 Cinques and Maximus, 144 Cinques.

275th peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus: 12.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th October 2023

Army Guild Autumn Outing, Ipswich

TBC April 2024

Army Guild AGM, TBC

Reminders of our Army Guild events, with exact details will be sent in advance of the date.
Please also keep an eye on our website, which will also hold diary details.

AUTUMN OUTING DETAILS

A WALKING TOUR OF IPSWICH

09:10 – 09:45	Meeting at St NICHOLAS IP1 1AF (5, 10 cwt (~510 kg) in A _b .)
10:00 – 10:40	THE WOLERY (MINI RING) (8, 9lb 8oz)
11:00 – 11:45	St CLEMENT (6, 15–1–18 (783 kg) in F#)
12:00 – 12:45	St MARGARET (8, 14–0–11 (716 kg) in F)
LUNCH	COSY CLUB (Menu) Buttermarket Shopping Centre, St Stephen's Lane, IP1 1DT
14:45 – 15:30	St MATTHEW (6, 10–0–10 (513 kg) in G)
15:45 – 16:20	St LAWRENCE (5, 13–3–13 (704 kg) in F#. The oldest ring of five.
16:30 – 17:30	St MARY LE TOWER (12, 34–3–6 (1768 kg) in D _b)

For those staying
the night, we
have arranged a
demonstration ONLY
ring at East Bergholt
on Sunday at 9am.

The heaviest ring of 5,
26–0–8 in D.

The Old Chapel
House, Rectory
Hill, East Bergholt,
Colchester CO7 6TG



RINGING FOR A PRINCESS



The Army Guild of Bell Ringers had the honour of ringing at Winchester Cathedral on Thu 1 Jun as part of the celebrations for the Royal Logistic Corps' (RLC) 30th anniversary. The day started with a military procession through the city followed by a service at the Cathedral. Among the 2,500 in the congregation was a sea of smart-looking senior officers in their ceremonial uniform, along with the guest of honour: Princess Anne, the RLC's Colonel in Chief.

As well as organising the ringing, I was asked to do a reading in the service, which was an experience I didn't want to turn down, despite the lack of time to transition between the two. I managed to sprint up to the ringing room with about 1 ½ mins spare before we pulled off, so plenty of time! If anyone finds a button in the cathedral, please let me know! It pinged off during the frantic change out of the restrictive uniform into civvies.

Ringling the lovely bells at Winchester was a real treat as many of us had never rung on 14 before, nor experienced such a heavy ring: 35 cwt tenor. The ringing room being almost the size of a football pitch was another factor that took some getting used to, along with having to stand at both strokes to achieve a slow enough ring. Despite the heavy weight, the bells were really easy going, and created a beautiful soundtrack for those in the vicinity.

Some of ringers then took up the offer of a free BBQ at the RLC open day at Worthy Down during the afternoon. You'd have thought that three of them had starved themselves during the preceding week, given the vast mountains of food they munched through. Perhaps they did – it was free after all! A lot of the ringers had also managed to glimpse Princess Anne in the flesh and see the procession prior to the ringing, so there were a lot of memorable parts to the day. Thanks to the locals at Winchester for making us feel so welcome, and to the members of the Army Guild for making the journey to the cathedral to help the RLC celebrate in style.

Lt Col Nicola Roberts



Lieutenant Colonel Nicola Roberts RLC
Headquarters Field Army

AGB CLAIMS TWO QUICK-CHANGE ARTISTS



Our Ringing master Nicola Roberts scored a notable first for her quick-change act during the service at Winchester Cathedral. One moment she was reading a prayer front and center of the assembled through the next moment she appeared in the ringing room ready to ring at the end of the service. So – out of service dress, medals and Sam Brown (Hopefully out of sight of the congregation) – into AGB top and slacks – along the passageways – up the numerous stairs – reappear in the ringing room - catch hold and ring – all in double-quick time. Time taken must be claimed as a Guinness World Record.



Meanwhile, new member Ingrid Rolland has achieved the opposite quick-change act. Immediately after ringing a quarter peal at Bletchingley, she changed from ringing attire into full ceremonial dress and in her role as the Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey, presented her fellow ringer Patrick Wills with the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey's Award of Appreciation for service to the community of Surrey. There may not have been the stairs to climb or quite the rush but nevertheless I believe it to be another first.

Please note the term quick change has got nothing to do with ringing Stedman.

Mike Cattell



Patrick with Ingrid

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

On Saturday, 6th May 2023
Welton, Lincolnshire
St Mary

General Ringing

Call Changes and Grandsire Doubles

Aeldun Bagshaw
Dave Burkitt
Jackie Field
David Fox
Gillian Gladman
Keith Gladman
Mark Hutchinson
Alison Owen
Tristan Shaw
Jeremy Wheeldon

Essex Association

On Tuesday, 9th May 2023
Ardleigh, Essex
St Mary the Virgin

Rounds and Call Changes

Jess Brown
Jane Salmon
Rebecca Salmon
Matthew Salmon
Lucy Ruff Waddell
Ivan Culham
Neil Culham
Gavin Edwards
David Wenden
George Thoday
David Sparling

Essex Association

On Saturday, 6th May 2023 in 3h 5
Hornchurch, Essex
St Andrew

5003 Grandsire Caters

James George

- 1 Andrew P Barham
- 2 Matthew E Rayner
- 3 Dylan J Thomas
- 4 Marianne R Hayward
- 5 Simon M Barnes
- 6 Lucas J Owen
- 7 Kye L Leaver
- 8 Roderic K Bickerton
- 9 Clive J Stephenson (C)
- 10 Dave J Capewell



RINGING FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III & QUEEN CAMILLA



Sussex County Association

On Saturday, 6th May 2023 in 60m
Horsham, West Sussex
St Mary the Virgin

General Ringing

Rounds and call changes, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples

Catherine E J Bleach	Kathryn Nye
Kristy Bovington	Richard Pendlebury
Val L Burgess	Steph Pendlebury
David Capewell	Stephen R T Pocock
Mike Cattell	David D Smith
Ruth Crocker	Frances M Smith
Penny Groome	Ian R Smith
Denise Herrington	Jenny Smith
Helen Hinvest	Rachel Webbe
Michael Lickiss	Tom White



St Mary-le-Tower Society

On Saturday, 6th May 2023 in 3h 27
Ipswich, Suffolk
St Mary le Tower

5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus

- 1 James A Smith
- 2 Amanda M Richmond
- 3 Lucy B J Williamson
- 4 Jonathan J E Williamson
- 5 David A Potts
- 6 Nigel F C Gale
- 7 Katharine J Salter
- 8 Hal J Meakin
- 9 Colin F Salter (C)
- 10 Nigel J Newton
- 11 Richard J Munnings
- 12 Ian J Culham



Oxford Diocesan Guild

On Saturday, 6 May 2023 in 35m
Letcombe Regis, Oxfordshire
St Andrew

Call Changes

Call changes to Queens, Kings, Kennet, Jokers, Jacks and Tittums.

- 1 Len Ash
- 2 Christine Birch
- 3 Hector French
- 4 Hedley French
- 5 Toni Robinson
- 6 Lily Shepherd
- 7 Anne Williams

Oxford Diocesan Guild

On Saturday, 6th May 2023 in 44m
Shrivenham, Oxfordshire
St Andrew

1260 Plain Bob Royal

- 1 Cynthia Howell
- 2 Daniel J Watson
- 3 Elizabeth Mullett
- 4 Julian Watson
- 5 Steve Smith
- 6 David AJ Endacott MBE
- 7 Sarah Green
- 8 Nicola Roberts
- 9 Jonathan Wright
- 10 Tony Crabtree (C)

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

On Saturday, 6th May 2023
Boyton, Wiltshire
Blessed Mary of Boyton

Rounds and Call Changes

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- 1 Nick Claypoole (C)
- 2 Caroline Wheatley-Hubbard
- 3 Sarah Harris
- 4 Karungi Grant
- 5 Tom Thornton

Barrow & District Society

On Saturday, 6th May 2023
Goxhill, Lincolnshire
All Saints

1320 Doubles (11m/v)

1m 10v: (1) Grandsire (2) Longparish (3) Newborough (4) St Helen (5) Ladbroke (6) Pinks (7) Zennor (8) Keysoe (9) Daffodil (10) Middleton Stoney (11) Bluebell

- 1 Patricia A Donnelly
- 2 Rhona I H McEune
- 3 Barry F Peachey (C)
- 4 Mark Giddings
- 5 Michael F Peachey
- 6 Paul D Wilkinson