

September online update

Forthcoming events

Monday 3rd September

Don't forget that, as it is the first Monday of the month, it is the 6-bell surprise practice. This month it is at **HAMERTON** from 7.30 - 9.00. Special methods are Cambridge, Norwich, Carlisle and London. As usual, ringers welcome if you can ring at least the treble to surprise methods.

Friday 7th September

There is a 10-bell practice at **ST. NEOTS** this Friday from 7.30 - 9.00. Special method is London Royal. All 10 bell ringers are welcome.

Saturday 8th September

It is the quarterly 8 bell surprise practice on Saturday 8th September at **BLUNTISHAM** 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee and biscuits at half time, ground floor ring. All welcome if you can ring at least the treble to 8 bell surprise methods or Stedman triples inside.

Saturday 15th September

Our monthly meeting will be held at **Woodston** and **Alwalton**. Details are below:

Woodston 2.00 - 3.00 ringing

Alwalton 3.30 short business meeting in the church followed by ringing from 3.45 - 4.45. **ALL WELCOME.**

The business meeting, which this month will be chaired by Jane Hough, is usually very short but if you do have any agenda items, please let me know by Friday 7th September **AT THE LATEST.** I

will send the agenda and a copy of the last minutes out on Friday. Please print your own copy if required as spares are not handed out at the meeting. Don't forget that all members are welcome to raise an issue if they would like something discussed.

Saturday 20th October

There will be a 12-bell practice on 20th October at **Great St. Mary's** in **Cambridge** from 10.30 - 12.30. All welcome.

Other news

The bells at Great Paxton are now back in action and joint practices are held with Little Paxton on THURSDAYS. Details are:

Great Paxton: 1st THURSDAY of the month 7.00 - 8.00

Little Paxton: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th 7.15 - 8.30

As you know, we did not have a ringing meeting last month but instead had a social event - a quiz. It was very well attended and, judging by the amount of laughter and animated banter, most people really enjoyed themselves. One of the highlights was a team task - 15 minutes were allocated for the team to design a costume and dress one of the team members. The materials to hand were a pile of newspapers, rolls of sticky tape and scissors. Everyone made a great effort to produce something wearable which was then judged. Jez Bottley came first with his Scottish outfit - pleated kilt included. Many thanks to all who supported the event, especially those who helped out on the evening. There are too many to name all but particular thanks go to Andrew Smith and Bruce Gentles for their role as quiz masters (it was a tricky quiz), Geoff Durrant for sorting out the finances, Peter Arch for organising access to the

church rooms and the team of washer uppers at the end, ably led by Iain Hayden.

Central Council

Below is an extract from The Ringing World. Anyone interested in the newly formed workgroups can click on the link below.

Back in June, following the CCCBR annual meeting in Lancaster, the President circulated a couple of updates – “What happens now” and a “Who’s Who” of the new workgroup leads. As promised, here is a further update, reporting on workgroup current activity and initiatives as well as future plans.

Ringers can be reassured that plenty is going on. The Executive have commenced a schedule of monthly skype briefings, with a focus not only on important items of governance, but also on the practical activity programmes of workgroups. In turn, Workgroup Leads have been in consultation with workgroup members and the wider ringing community to determine specific actions and initiatives. To avoid any potential “silos” forming, the Workgroup Leads have themselves been liaising to identify any crossover of work, and opportunities for collaboration. A joint Executive and Workgroup Lead away-day on Sunday 1st July provided an excellent opportunity to bring all these elements together into a cohesive framework of activity.

As the ringing community rightly expects, our focus is to provide services and support FOR RINGERS and RINGING – for Associations, for towers, and for individuals. A key aim is to preserve and celebrate the best of existing practice, while building on this through activities clearly linked to our mission and vision. To find out more go to the CCCBR website – here:

<https://cccbr.org.uk/about/workgroups/programmes/>

That’s it for this month. See you at some of our forthcoming events, I hope.

Kind regards

Sally