

Bulletin 10: 30 September 2022

Ringling for the Queen and King

Bellringers around our Guild came out in force to ring in memorial of Queen Elizabeth and for the Proclamation of King Charles . [A few posts from towers around the Guild are available to listen to here](#). They provide a rare and fascinating soundscape and record of an approach to bellringing which rarely occurs in most lifetimes. At least 100 ringers were occupied across at least 17 of our 25 towers. Well done, and thank you, to all who were involved.

Photos for our website

It has been a number of years since we refreshed our website, so we are taking the opportunity over the next few months to review and relaunch it. The purpose is to make information more easily accessible for a range of audiences, including non-ringers, who want to find out more about ringing in our area.

As most websites these days are full of visual imagery, we need your help to supply photos to engage and explain about ringers and ringing. Please can you take a look through your past photos to find engaging and appealing photos showing ringers, ringing in action, or social situations. We are not looking for the “rogues-gallery” post-ringing band standing in line, but action shots and representative photos that engage with our hobby.

Please send your photos to juliacater1970@yahoo.co.uk trying to make sure they are a high definition and sufficient quality to make large enough for a webpage. In submitting, you agree that you have sought the consent of anyone in the photo to be used on our website or in social media. There is no deadline for submission, as photos can always be added. But the sooner we can build up a wide selection, the sooner we can relaunch.

Belfry upkeep

The Stewardship & Management Workgroup from the Central Council are pleased to announce *Belfry Upkeep*, an online document aimed at the Steeple Keeper – the person responsible for keeping the bells in order. The aims of the document are:

- To help you understand the installation in your tower
- To describe the checks you should carry out to identify any problems
- To advise you on the maintenance tasks that you should be able to carry out, possibly with expert advice or assistance
- Most importantly, to help you recognise the tasks that require specialist knowledge from a Bell Hanger or other expert

The document can be found at <https://belfryupkeep.cccbr.org.uk>

Upcoming.....

Surprise Major practice: [Saturday 15 October, Wigton, 16:00 - 17:30.](#)

The next practice will be on the third Saturday in October, 15th, at Wigton. 16:00 - 17:30 as usual. Focus is still on the standard 8, with Glasgow and Belfast as the stretch methods.

Open ringing in the west of the Guild: [Saturday 22 October, Hensingham, 13:30 - 15:30.](#)

"The September open ringing in the west of the Guild, held at Moresby, was much enjoyed by those who attended - including several visitors from as far afield as Settle, Dundee and Hertford.

Ringling ranged from called changes to Yorkshire S Major; visiting Cambridge S Minor, Kent 6, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, St Simon's triples and more.... capably run by our new branch Ringing Master, Gareth Evans. With that range possible, there was plenty more we could have rung, to give people opportunities they don't normally have, if they had been there!

For me, the highlight was two Moresby ringers having their first goes ever at covering to doubles, by ear! With good steady ringing by the rest of the band, both did very well, being able to find and regain their place easily. The highlight for some others, was rushing out to the adjacent Roman fort site, to look down at the coastal railway line below, as a steam train was passing!" (Chris de Cordova)

The October event will be taking place at Hensingham. As usual, although these events are open, it would be helpful to confirm attendance to Gareth Evans please (martin.evans5@sky.com, phone 01900 824647).