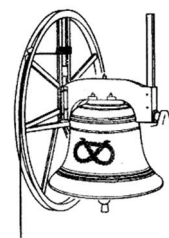


# Clappertrappings



Newsletter of the North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers

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Summer 2023 Part 2



*I hope you enjoy Part 2 of the Summer edition of Clappertrappings, catching up with what happened just after the last edition was sent out – I thought you'd appreciate an update. Apologies for the delay – I broke my arm, so typing was tricky, no impossible. It means not only a late Part 2, but that I am out of bell ringing at the moment; I'm really missing it!*

**Helen Thurstan**

*Ed: In the last edition (Summer Pt1), we wrongly accredited the Seighford news; we should have recorded it as coming from Yvonne Rawsthorne. Our sincere apologies.*

## NSACR NEWS

### Membership Subscriptions System Update

**Trevor Lock, NSACR Membership Coordinator**

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone again for sending their 2022-2023 subscriptions. This year was always going to be difficult after the sad loss of David, both practically and emotionally.

I am aware of a few alterations that never got transposed correctly to the report book; these should be corrected next year. I have started implementing a new system to help to eliminate errors and to make it easier for you to renew your subscriptions.

It is a web-based system. Each tower correspondent will get a renewal email around the 1st September reminding them that the tower's subs are due on the 1st October. Full instructions will be given in the email. The system allows the tower correspondent to renew all the tower's membership, or individual emails can be added into the system so subscriptions can be made individually.

BACS and cheque payments can still be sent, and we might even have a card payment system up and running by then, but I will update you on that nearer the time.

I realise not everyone has access to the internet, so a paper option can still be available. The online system will give the committee a common database and will give us a system that can grow with the Association.

If you have any questions, then please email: [nsacr.membership@gmail.com](mailto:nsacr.membership@gmail.com)

## NSACR EVENTS

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August** – Walk, Picnic Lunch and Ring at High Offley – ST20 0ND We start with a walk around Loyton Moss and Norbury, including a visit to Norbury Junction on the Shropshire Union canal. We then make our way to High Offley church (where you will also be able to enjoy a spectacular view out to the Wrekin) for our picnic lunch, followed by ringing.

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – Evening Meeting at Ingestre – ST18 0RF

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October** at Leek – ST13 6AB

2pm to 4.30pm: Business meeting followed by afternoon ringing. After the Business meeting, there will be a 100 Club Draw.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November**-Betley -CW3 9AT  
10.30-12.30

Morning ringing and Pub Lunch.

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at Stafford from 3pm – ST16 2AT

3-5pm Afternoon Ringing

5pm-7.15pm Service, Tea, AGM and Business Meeting

During the Tea, we will hold a 100 Club Super Draw

7.15pm-8.30pm Evening Ringing

**Please note**, this meeting includes a Ringers' tea, which must be pre-booked at least 3 days before the event, by emailing [teas@nsacr.org.uk](mailto:teas@nsacr.org.uk)

## 6 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION

On what was a beautiful summer's day, (the start of many in June), seven bands competed in this year's six bell striking competition at Church Eaton on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Our Judge, Tom Langton, announced the results over tea, with the Band from Stafford coming out as overall winners.

This time around, the Archdeacon Borrett Cup, which is conferred by the Committee, was awarded to Alton.

Provisional date for your diary – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 for next year's 6 Bell Striking Competition.

You can see the full results on the website, but below are the bands.



Well done to everyone involved, and thanks to Church Eaton for hosting!



STAFFORD BAND – GRANDSIRE DOUBLES



'DEVON ALMOST SCRATCH' – CALL CHANGES



STONE BAND A – PLAIN BOB DOUBLES



STONE BAND B – CALL CHANGES



ALTON BAND - CALL CHANGES





'YOUR CALL SCRATCH' CALL CHANGES



'CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS SCRATCH' - CAMBRIDGE S MINOR



IT'S SELWYN, JUDGING? HE MAY BE DOING THE CROSSWORD ....



**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**(5-3-21 in B)  
Haughton, St Giles**

1272 Single Court Place Minimus

53 extents of single court place minimus

- 1 Trevor Lock ©
- 2 Gill Smith
- 3 Karen Powell
- 4 David Crump
- 5 Samuel Weaver

Congratulations to everyone!



GILL SMITH FROM DILHORNE, RANG HER FIRST  
QUARTER PEAL AT HAUGHTON ON 7/7/23

Many congratulations to Gill Smith from Dilhorne on completing her first quarter peal. She told us that it was hard at first, she had to really concentrate, but she soon settled into it. She said she was thrilled to have completed her first quarter peal.

***Well done Gill on your first quarter!***

Karen Powell – first quarter inside to minimus

Samuel Weaver – first quarter tenoring to minimus

***Well done to Karen and Samuel too.***

## **St Margaret's Draycott**

All 8 bells at St Margarets rang for the wedding of Alison Cartlidge and William Spencer on 15<sup>th</sup> July. This date was notable not simply because it was another fabulous wedding, with wonderful ringing. It was particularly pleasing to regular tower ringers John Clarke and Laura Hulse because it has been many years and months since all 8 bells have been rung. They wanted to say a particular thank you to the support from the members of the NSACR who not only rang on that day, but who have previously supported the much-depleted team. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, there were ringers from Dilhorne, Alton, and Cheadle (RC). The ringing was so superb that the villagers commented on how wonderful it was to hear all the 8 bells rung so beautifully.

***Thanks again for that key support from the Draycott band.***

## **NEWS from further afield!**

### **NORTH WEST RINGING COURSE**

A plea from the NWRC Committee for helpers for a course running on **Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th August 2023**

We are just over three weeks away from the start of the North West Ringing Course and we still need more helpers.

In addition to the formal tuition, the course will have a large variety of talks and activities to educate and entertain everyone, not just the students. So please consider signing up for a very enjoyable weekend of ringing with the added satisfaction of helping many ringers take the next step up in their ringing career. We will all be very grateful!

Further details here:

<https://nwringingcourse.uk>

The annual residential ringing course first took place in August 2022 and is taking place again. Although it is called the North West Ringing Course and is based in the North West of England, it is open to all ringers wherever they are based. As well as being educational, the course will be informal, relaxed, friendly, fun and entertaining.

If you feel you could give your time helping on the course, please don't hesitate to get



in touch – all the contact details can be found on the following link:

[North West Ringing Course - A residential ringing course in the North West of England \(nwringingcourse.uk\)](http://nwringingcourse.uk)

(The North West Course is an initiative of the Central Council, being managed by the Volunteer and Leadership workgroup.)

## FUNDRAISING TOWER OPEN DAY

Ropley in Hampshire  
Saturday 30th September 2023

*I wanted to share this next piece with you because we are talking about eye-watering amounts of money here, but also seeing a determination and a commitment that is truly remarkable to re-building and opening a church, generally reinstating all that was lost, only better. I say good luck to them! Ed*

St Peter's Church, Ropley was destroyed by a serious fire in June 2014. All that was left standing were the external walls and part of the tower. Two of the bells were cracked and all six put in storage. The insurance would have paid for a new modern church, but the external walls were left standing and could not be left as a ruin. The parish also wanted a building which was fit for the 21st century, with toilets, kitchens and other facilities, so that it could be used seven days a week. Rebuilding was more expensive, and costs also rose as unforeseen problems were discovered. Covid made this even worse. After several years of hard fund-raising,

the tower was successfully rebuilt and strengthened with a new steel frame, but the installation of the six Gillett & Johnson bells had to be deferred. The church re-opened in September 2022 and the improvements have attracted a vibrant congregation. The parish still owes around £200k for the work undertaken so far, including £155k on the substantial steel



ST PETER'S CHURCH, having suffered a lightning strike.

bell frame structure. This has been funded by a loan which needs to be repaid over the next ten years. In addition to repaying this loan, the parish needs to raise a further £95k to put the bells back, plus a similar amount to carry out other works to complete the project. Currently the parish has raised £15,760 for the bells, which together with the grant of £10k from the W&P Guild BRF come to £25,760, so there is still a considerable way to go. Please help save what was one of the finest rings of six in Hampshire! Therefore, the neighbouring Alton & Petersfield District of the Winchester & Portsmouth Guild are organising a Tower Open Day to raise funds to re-hang Ropley's bells. There will be a prize for anyone who manages to ring

at all 24 Towers during the day, so entrants are asked to find Rachael at the last tower to claim this!

As many of you who have been involved with fundraising will know, the work of a fundraiser is relentless and takes huge amounts of volunteer time. So, if you can support the work of those that have been fundraising at Ropley for so many years by joining this Open Day, that would be much appreciated!

If you'd like further information about the Open Day, how it works, the Towers involved, or for suggestions about local accommodation/facilities, please send an email to: ([rachaelbarber40@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelbarber40@gmail.com)), or phone her on 07714 325 059. Rachael is the Alton & Petersfield District Secretary



## Amaretto Pear Biscuits

### Ingredients

3 or 4 pears peeled cored and cut in half  
10 Amaretto biscuits  
1 dessert spoon caster sugar  
Level dessert spoon plain flour  
40g butter

Squeeze of lemon juice.

### Method

Add a little butter to the pears, and a squeeze of lemon juice, and place in the oven 175degrees for 20 minutes. Or until softened.

Whizz the Amaretto biscuits, sugar and flour to crumbs. Grate the cold butter and mix with the crumbs.

After 20 minutes in the oven, sprinkle the crumbs over the pears, cook for a further 20 minutes. Serve hot with ice cream.

Enjoy 😊



*All information can be found on our website. It is recommended that you check the website regularly in case of any changes to the programme and updates on ringing, events, recruitment & safeguarding.*

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