



Welcome

To the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

We are an organisation which draws together and supports bell ringers within Leicestershire.

This document tells you more about the Guild, how we can help you and how you can help us!

www.leicesterdg.org.uk



About the Guild...

What is the Leicester Diocesan Guild and what are its aims?

The Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (LDG) is the organisation which draws together and supports all bell ringers within the area covered by the Diocese of Leicester. It has the following aims:

- To promote the ringing of church bells for religious services
- To teach skills for bell-handling and striking
- To advance the art of change ringing
- To create good public relations and public understanding of ringing
- To ensure that church bells are maintained in proper condition.

How is the Guild structured and run?

The Guild is divided into five Districts; Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Market Harborough, and Melton. Representatives from these districts form the General Committee, which is responsible for the running of the Guild. There are also specialist sub-committees that undertake specific functions, such as the Education and Recruitment Committee, and the Bells Committee.

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What does the Guild do for you?

- Provides a group of friends throughout the county with similar interests.
- Organises training courses and develops other ways to help you progress with your ringing skills.
- Runs a young ringers' group for under 19s, called The Foundry Foxes, meeting monthly for practices, and entering a team in the annual National Youth Striking Competition.
- Arranges social activities and events.
- Gives advice on a whole range of matters involving ringing.
- Helps with bell repairs and restorations by providing grants.
- Provides representation at national ringing events and Diocesan meetings.
- Arranges personal accident insurance cover for resident Guild members of up to £10,000 whilst ringing or carrying out basic maintenance work.
- Arranges liability cover for all Guild events.
- Maintains an historical library which is available to any ringing member wishing to carry out research into ringing.

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What can you do for the Guild?

- Get involved - attend monthly District practices, District and Guild AGMs, and other events, which can be found on the website, or by contacting your District Secretary.
- Join your District Committee, or one of the sub-committees.
Get involved in Education Committee courses, either as a student or a helper.
- Join in with social events.
- Join the LDG Facebook page; find out what is happening throughout the Guild and chat with other members.
Contribute to the aims of the Guild in ways that best suit your skills and available time.
Support the Bell Restoration Fund by joining the 100 Club.
- Share news from your tower or district through the Guild Newsletter - contact the newsletter at newsletter@leicesterdg.org.uk

Together we can make a difference!

Useful Contacts

For contact details of the Guild President, Secretary and Treasurer see <https://leicesterdg.org.uk/about-us/guild-officers/>

Further information on your District officers (Chairman, Guild Representatives etc) is available from District Secretaries:

Harborough@Leicesterdg.org.uk

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Leicester@leicesterdg.org.uk

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Melton@leicesterdg.org.uk

To access the Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/groups/leicesterdg This is a closed Group so you will be approved shortly

Guild Committees...

Bell Restoration Fund Committee - brf@leicesterdg.org.uk

Foundry Foxes - foundryfoxes@leicesterdg.org.uk

Education Committee - education@leicesterdg.org.uk