

A FRESHERS' GUIDE TO THE GUILD

Congratulations on getting into Cambridge and finding the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers. We are a very active society and welcome ringers of all abilities – whether you can just about handle a bell or whether you can conduct spliced surprise maximus (or even both). There is something for everyone in the Guild, so why not come along to our Freshers' Week events to meet us and find out what we do?

We have a comprehensive weekly ringing programme, together with a good selection of 'extra-curricular' activities such as **outings, formals, curries, parties** and **bar crawls**, and we invariably spend a decent amount of time in the **pub**.

Our regular ringing takes place at four towers in Cambridge: **St Bene't's**, a 14 cwt six and allegedly the home of Fabian Stedman; **St Andrew the Great**, a good light eight; the **Catholic church**, a glorious heavy eight; and **Great St Mary's**, the University Church – a super new 24cwt twelve, installed in July.

Everybody is welcome to all ringing, whatever your ability, with the touches rung covering the whole ringing spectrum. There is no pressure to attend everything (although it would be excellent if you could), so please come along whenever you can.

Here's a summary of the essential information you need...

THE BEGINNING OF TERM

- Thu 8th Oct The first **St Andrew's practice** of term, followed by the **Freshers' Party** (in Freddie's room in Trinity). This gives you the chance to consume plenty of free alcohol and food whilst getting to know the ringers a bit better – not to be missed!
- Fri 9th Oct The first **St Bene't's practice** of term, followed by the pub.
- Sun 11th Oct **Morning ringing** at St Bene't's, followed by **Guild Breakfast** in Jonathan's room in Emmanuel.

Afternoon **quarter peal** at St Bene't's.

Evening ringing at Great St Mary's, followed by the pub.
- Fri 16th Oct **Business Meeting**, held in St Bene't's after the practice. This is your chance to be elected to the Guild.
- Sat 17th Oct **Freshers' Cycle(or Bus) Outing** – depart at 10:45, ring at one tower, then pub lunch, followed by afternoon ringing at two towers. Beg, borrow or steal a bike if necessary, and be rest assured that Cambridgeshire is flat! Or if you prefer, a non-cycling party will be using the Citi7 bus service. The outing is an excellent way to relax after the first lectures of term. Followed in the evening by a **college bar crawl**...

REGULAR RINGING

Our two weekly practices take place at St Andrew the Great and St Bene't's. St Andrew's (StAG) is opposite Christ's College near the Lion Yard shopping centre. Enter by the south door (opposite the photo shop) and press the middle button on the buzzer to be let in. Bene't's is located on Bene't Street (surprisingly), opposite The Eagle pub. Some of our Thursday practices may instead be held at the Catholic Church, which is on the corner of Hills Road and Lensfield Road. Sunday service ringing takes place at St Bene't's in the morning and at Great St Mary's (in the market square) in the evening. Should you find yourself wandering aimlessly around town whilst trying to find one of these towers, don't hesitate to phone one of us on the numbers given below.

So to summarise...

Thursday	19:30-21:00	8 bell practice at St Andrew's, followed by the pub.
Friday	19:30-21:00	6 bell practice at St Bene't's, preceded by a tied-bell practice from 19:00 and followed by the pub.
Saturday		Usually an outing/peal/social event.
Sunday	9:00-9:52	Ringling at St Bene't's, followed by breakfast in somebody's room.
	16:20-17:30	Quarter peal at St Bene't's
	17:30-18:30	Ringling at Great St Mary's, followed by the pub

Please see the Termcard for details of other events, for example: handbell, cheese and wine evenings, and formals.

In addition, the local band at Great St Mary's ('The Cambridge Youths') ring on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:30, and practise on Monday from 19:00-21:00. Guild members who wish to improve their ringling on 12 are welcome to attend.

USEFUL PEOPLE – THE JUNIOR OFFICERS

Master	Jonathan Agg (Emmanuel) – 07919 504699, jaa46@cam.ac.uk <i>Responsible for running ringling, except at St Bene't's, and is basically in charge of resident Guild activities.</i>
Assistant Master	Catriona Shearer (Jesus) – 07854 373802, ccs41@cam.ac.uk <i>Runs the ringling at St Bene't's.</i>
Secretary	Freddie Manners (Trinity) – 07742 574242, frwm2@cam.ac.uk <i>Keeps the Guild running smoothly by dealing with administrative and financial matters.</i>
Librarian	Annie Burman (King's) – acb75@cam.ac.uk <i>Looks after the Guild's extensive library and brings a copy of the Ringling World to practices. The person to contact if you would like to borrow a ringling book.</i>
Steeplekeeper	Matthew Jordan (Robinson) – mslj2@cam.ac.uk <i>Keeps the bells at StAG in working order, and gets very upset if a stay is broken!</i>
Webmaster	Leigh Simpson (Robinson) – ldgs2@cam.ac.uk <i>Makes sure the Guild website is kept up to date with the latest news and useful information.</i>

Please do talk to us, whether you have a comment, question, complaint or suggestion, be it for a social, special method you'd like to ring, request for a peal or quarter, or even if you just want to go for a pint. The Guild website (www.cugcr.org.uk) has a plethora of useful information about the Guild and its activities, so do check this out.

We look forward to seeing you at ringling sometime soon!

Jonathan, Catriona and Freddie