

Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers



June 2011

Dear Guild Member,

Guild Week August 2011 - Cambridge

I write to invite you to take part in the 2011 Guild Week, which is based in Cambridge and runs from Saturday 20 to Saturday 27 August. You are welcome to join us for only a few days if that suits you better than a whole week. As usual, group accommodation has been arranged, but you are free to find your own if that is more convenient.

Accommodation

Our base for Guild Week is Girton College, a place with a charm quite unlike anywhere else, and a very friendly atmosphere. It offers the following facilities:

Accommodation in single rooms with washbasin. (There are also a very few twin rooms – if you require one, please contact me before booking.)

Dining room.

Social area in JCR.

Bar, open before and after dinner.

Small meeting rooms for handbell ringing etc.

Large meeting room for the Guild Week meeting.

Chapel.

Swimming pool, tennis courts, table-tennis table.

Day visitors may use all these facilities. They are warmly invited to join us for dinner (booked at least 1 week in advance, please – or preferably when you return your booking form) and evening activities.

Please ask me if you would like help with finding alternative accommodation, such as campsites or bed and breakfasts. Sorry, camping is not allowed in the college grounds and there is no nearby campsite.

Cost

The cost for residents is £55 per night. This includes 2-course cafeteria dinner (cold buffet on Saturday), bed and full English breakfast. On Sunday and Monday, we dine out, so the cost is £45 per night.

The charge for day visitors is £10 per day (£5 for Saturday 20 August).

These charges include all tower donations and organisational costs, but not transport costs, which will be billed separately. I am delighted that Nicholas Small has once again kindly agreed to organise transport.

The cost of dinner for non-residents is £10, or £5 for students (including those who graduate this summer).

The arrangements for dinner on Sunday and Monday are described below. The costs are similar to the other days and will be payable on the day, but I need to have an idea of the numbers beforehand. If you are staying on Sunday or Monday night, I am assuming that you will join us for the arranged dinner that evening - please let me know if this is not the case.

Ringling

There will be the usual mix of general ringing, with five or six towers per day, quarter peal attempts and peal attempts.

The plan is to include as many towers as possible that have changed since the last Cambridge Guild Week, in 2000. If there are particular towers you want to ring at, or to peal or quarter peal, please let me know and I will try to include them.

The general direction of travel each day is planned to be as follows:

Sat 20 – meet at St Neot's (10) and travel towards Cambridge. There will be an afternoon peal at GSM (12). Please tell me if you would like to ring in this peal. I will do my best to fit everyone in (giving preference to those yet to ring a peal on the new bells), but cannot guarantee a "yes".

Sun 21 – includes Evensong ringing at Bury (10) followed by Evensong ringing at GSM (12). Please note that our visit to Bury is dependent on their augmentation work permitting ringing.

Mon 22 – Peterborough Cathedral (12) and area. We have the Cathedral's practice night. I will arrange a dinner venue in Peterborough.

Tu 23 – Huntingdon area.

Wed 24 – Saffron Walden (12) and area.

Th 25 – Wisbech (10) and area.

Fri 26 – Soham (10) and area.

Sat 27 – whatever we haven't managed to fit in!

Two outings this year! On Sunday evening, Claire Barlow has very generously invited us to hold a picnic at her house. On Friday, we visit the Stretham Old Engine, a Fen Drainage engine dating from 1831.

Corporate Communion and the Guild Week meeting will be on Wednesday.

Booking

If you would like to attend, please complete and return the booking form to reach me by Sunday 31 July at the latest, together with a minimum deposit of £10 per night (cheques payable to Barbara Le Gallez). If you were able to pay the full amount in advance, I would much appreciate the consequent expedition of cashflow and reduction of administration during the week.

Tower details and other information will be forwarded to participants by email before the week starts. If you don't want to receive these by email, please indicate this by sending me a large SAE.

Please feel free to contact me at any stage with questions or suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you and hope very much that you will be able to join us for at least part of the week.

With best wishes,

Barbara Le Gallez

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