

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

50th Anniversary Guild Six Bell Striking Competition Finals

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The local band at Branston looks forward to welcoming the Guild and its members to All Saints Branston & All Saints Nocton for the 50th anniversary Guild Six Bell Striking Competition Finals for the John Freeman Cup & the Ted Colley Plate.

We were only too delighted to invite the Guild back here to All Saints Branston this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Guild Six Bell Striking Competition which was held here at Branston 50 years ago with the inaugural John Freeman Cup Contest.

Arrangements for the day are well underway with the John Freeman Cup – for Method ringing bands, being held at All Saints Branston (a ground floor ring of six with a 10cwt tenor) where it was first held 50 years ago and the Ted Colley Plate – for Call Change bands, being held at All Saints Nocton (an upstairs ring of six with a 8 ½ cwt tenor), 3 miles down the road from Branston.

A rolling traditional Ringers Tea will be provided by the local ringers at Branston Church Hall which is less than 200 yards from the Church. This will be the base for the day for ringers to congregate at and where the results will be announced following the competition. For those who wish there is also the option of being able to go next door to the Church to the Waggon & Horses and enjoying a pint sat outside in the bear garden listening to the ringing from next door.

It is planned that tea & coffee will be available at All Saints Nocton for those who are hanging around for the Plate Competition but the food will be at Branston Church Hall.

We will also have St Andrew's Potterhanworth open for general ringing (a ground floor ring of six with a 7 cwt tenor) for those who are not ringing in the competition. Potterhanworth stands midway between Branston & Nocton (less than a five minute drive from Branston).

If your not in a team why not try and encourage your tower to enter, any tower in the Guild can enter either competition (whether or not you entered at Branch level or not). If you have not got enough ringers at your tower why not try and join up with a neighbouring tower to create a band!

We would encourage all Guild members to come along whether or not your in a band and taking part in the competition itself as there will be plenty for people to do with open ringing at Potterhanworth and the Ringers Tea at Branston Church Hall. This event is open to everyone so we would be pleased to see you!

We will also be especially remembering John Ashley Freeman (third Guild Master) his son John Freeman (fifth Guild Master) & Denis Frith (seventh Guild Master) at this 50th anniversary. John Freeman donated the John Freeman Cup in memory of his father John Ashley Freeman and Denis Frith was the one who suggested we had a Guild Striking Competition and he was responsible for arranging the inaugural contest here at Branston 50 years ago.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Branston on Saturday 14th September 2019 – it promises to be a good day out for all!!!