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Challenging performance at town church for St George's Day

For the first time in living memory, the bellringers of All Saints are preparing to mark St George's Day with a bit of a challenge. They hope to ring over 1,000 'changes' on the bells on 23rd April, with each one uniquely different! Starting at 5pm, they invite people will come to listen, and see if they manage this difficult performance.

"This performance will involve a different order of the bells being sounded each time, and none repeated" said local bellringer Amelia Wood, "if we get it wrong, we would have to start again, so tension will be high." But they are in good hands with local ringer Sue Jones, who will conduct the performance. "This is English change-ringing at its best" said Sue, "and we hope people will come to listen between 5 and 6pm on Friday".

The ringing is part on a Nation-wide initiative to have bells rung throughout England and beyond on St George's Day. Bells are often associated with the very essence of Englishness, wherever they are rung in the world. English change ringing is a skilled art, each ringer turning one bell by means of a rope and wheel, to sound in an even rhythm with the other bells.

All Saints ringers practise at the church every Wednesday evening at 7 pm and anyone interested in coming along to see what is going on is always very welcome. For more information contact Sue Jones on 01234 56789. Alternatively, those wishing to find out more about the art of bellringing can visit the Discover Bell Ringing website (bellringing.org).

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