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WELCOME TO THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

On behalf of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, it is my pleasure to welcome members of the Central Council to our Diocese for your 2026 Annual Meeting.

We are delighted to be hosting the Council in Rugby, a town known throughout the world as the birthplace of rugby football. I hope many of you will have the opportunity to visit Rugby School and perhaps even stand on the hallowed turf where the game began.

Your visit also provides the opportunity to ring at some of our most interesting towers. St Andrew's, Rugby, our host church, is unique in having two separate rings of bells housed in two separate towers, both hung for full-circle ringing in the English style. On Sunday morning, many of you will have the privilege of ringing at Coventry Cathedral, home to the Guild's only ring of twelve bells. The Cathedral stands as an enduring symbol of peace and reconciliation, its message reaching far beyond our Diocese. It is a place that reminds us of the importance of forgiveness, friendship and working together: values that are reflected so well within the ringing community.

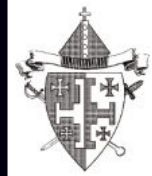
The last time the Central Council gathered in our Diocese was in 1987 for the dedication of the bells at Coventry Cathedral. I remember that occasion well, not only because it marked an important milestone in the Cathedral's life, but also because my old dad was a member of the Central Council at the time. It is therefore a particular honour for me to welcome the Council back almost forty years later.

Our members have been looking forward to this weekend for many months. Throughout the Diocese, ringers are eager to welcome you to their towers, share their local traditions and enjoy ringing together with friends old and new. One of the greatest joys of our Exercise is the fellowship it creates. Whether you are renewing old friendships, making new ones or simply enjoying ringing in different towers, I hope you will experience the warmth and generosity of our members and leave with many happy memories of your time in the Coventry Diocese.

I wish you every success with your Annual Meeting, enjoyable ringing throughout the weekend. May your visit be filled with friendship, inspiration and the warmest of welcomes.

Annie Hall, President
Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.





SAVE THE DATE
2027 Central Council Weekend
Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th September 2027
Lichfield and Walsall Archdeaconries Society

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WELCOME TO RUGBY 2026

On behalf of the Executive and the Coventry organising team I am pleased to welcome you to Rugby for the Central Council's ACM weekend.

Starting on Friday 4th September there are three routes for ringing as people make their way into central Rugby. In the evening, we congregate at St Andrews to ring on both the 8 and 5 bell towers, followed by the first social and networking event of the weekend.

On Saturday 5th, the formal proceedings start with the Ringing World AGM, an opportunity to hear about the journal's future plans and the National Youth Contest that goes from strength to strength.

We have two award ceremonies; the Dorothy L Sayers Society Award for Young Ringers Leadership and the Westley Tower Maintenance Awards before breaking for lunch.

After lunch the Central Council Annual Meeting will begin. This is where you can find out what is happening now and hear about our future plans and how you can contribute to secure the future of ringing.

Our evening social event is being held at The Arnold House, providing another opportunity to catch up and relax after the days business and celebrations.

There are opportunities for Sunday Service ringing on the 6th where we hope to be able to support a number of towers that do not necessarily have a regular service band. There will be a ringing themed service at Coventry Cathedral with opportunities to ring before and after the service.

Those who have been confirmed for ringing, will be helping local ringers with some quarter peal attempts, to help them try something new. Our opportunity to give something back to the Coventry Guild ringers for hosting us so brilliantly.

My thanks to those advertisers who have supported this year's brochure and help to offset the cost of printing.

I hope you enjoy your weekend and look forward to chatting with many of you. I would especially like to thank those volunteers who helped put this programme together and supported the events throughout the weekend.



Vicki Chapman

Deputy President, Central Council
Chair of the Coventry 2026 Organising Committee

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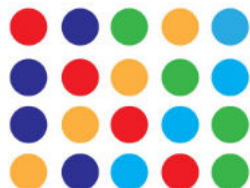
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Friday 4th September

Afternoon Ringing Routes

offered in conjunction with the Coventry Diocesan Guild

Route 1: from the North

14.00 - 14.45	Lutterworth, St Mary (8, 14-2-1) LE17 4BQ
15.00 - 15.45	Shawell, All Saints (6, 8-2-22) LE17 6AL
16.00 - 16.45	Clifton Upon Dunsmore, St Mary (6, 9-2-17) CV23 0BP Toilets available

Route 2: from the South

14.00 - 14.45	Willoughby, St Nicholas (6, 14¼) CV23 8BY Toilets available
15.00 - 15.45	Dunchurch, St Peter (6, 17-0-8) CV22 6NQ Toilets available
16.00 - 16.45	Bilton, St Mark (6, 9-0-25) CV22 7RN Toilets available

Route 3: from the West

14.00 - 14.45	Wolvey, St John Bapt (6, 12-0-24) LE10 3LU Toilets available
15.00 - 15.45	Monks Kirby, St Editha (8, 24-2-7) CV23 0RE Toilets available
16.00 - 16.45	Wolston, St Margaret (8, 11-0-2) CV8 3HJ Toilets available

Evening Ringing and Social

17.30 - 18.30	Open ringing at Rugby, St Andrew	West Tower (5, 9-2-3)
18.30 - 19.45	Tea/Coffee & toilets available in church	North East Tower (8, 24¾)
19.30		Welcome Desk Collect your ID Badge and printed Programme
20.00 - late	The Benn Hall	Informal Social Event with buffet (if pre-ordered), drink and socialising

Saturday 5th September

Welcome Desk: The Benn Hall (Main Entrance)

09.00 - 09.50

Welcome Desk open. Sign in and collect your ID Badge and Programme.

- Meet up with other ringers and the CC Executive team over a coffee.
- Council Members Sign-in for the Ringing World AGM and separately for the CC Annual Meeting
- Check which service ringing you have signed-up for on Sunday
- Visit Workgroup stands
- Ringing World stand
- CC Publications stand



[Link to meeting papers:](#)

Saturday Programme

10.00 - 11.30

Ringing World AGM.

- Ensure you have signed-in for this AGM before 10am

11.30 - 11.50

Dorothy L Sayers Society Award

11.50 - 12.15

Westley Award

12.15 - 13.20

Lunch - pre-ordered grab bag,
(or own arrangements - alternatives nearby)

- Council Members ensure you have Signed-in for the Annual Meeting before 13.20

**13.30 - 17.30
(approx)**

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Annual Meeting

Please be seated by 13.20.

N.B. the Agenda is on pages 3, 4 & 5 of the Meeting Papers

19.00 - 23.00

Social Event - The Arnold House

with buffet (if pre-ordered), drink and socialising

Sunday 6th September

Sunday Service Ringing

Local towers - all pre-booked on line - **please ensure that you attend the tower that you have signed-up for** otherwise they may not have enough to ring as numbers are limited.
[Check list for any late availability on Saturday at the Welcome Desk]

09.30 - 10.25

Coventry Cathedral (12, 33-3-6) CV1 5RJ

10.30

Ringing themed Service at Coventry Cathedral, all welcome

approx 11.45

Coventry Cathedral (12, 33-3-6) CV1 5RJ

09.00 - 09.30

Clifton-upon-Dunsmore (6, 9-2-17) CV23 0BP

Max 4 visitors.

09.15 - 09.45

Bulkington (8, 9-1-16) CV12 9PZ

Max 6 visitors.

09.45 - 10.25

Rugby (8, 24-3-8) CV21 3PT

Max 10 visitors.

10.00 - 10.30

Dunchurch (6, 17-0-8) CV22 6NQ

Max 4 visitors.

10.00 - 10.30

*** Hillmorton (6, 12-0-20) CV21 4PP**

* providing entire band. Max 12 visitors.

09.30 - 10.00

Warwick St Nicholas (8, 15-2-20) CV34 4JD

Max 5 visitors.

10.00 - 10.30

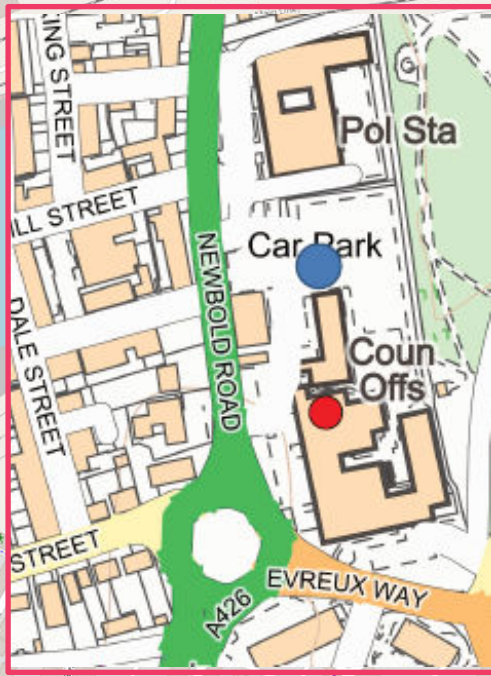
Warwick St Mary (10, 24-3-20) CV34 4AB

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Quarter Peal Bands

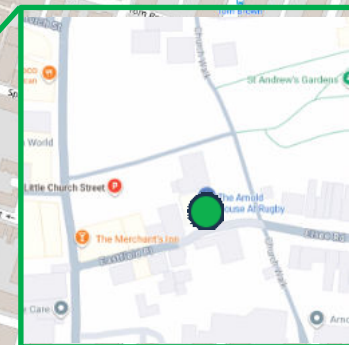
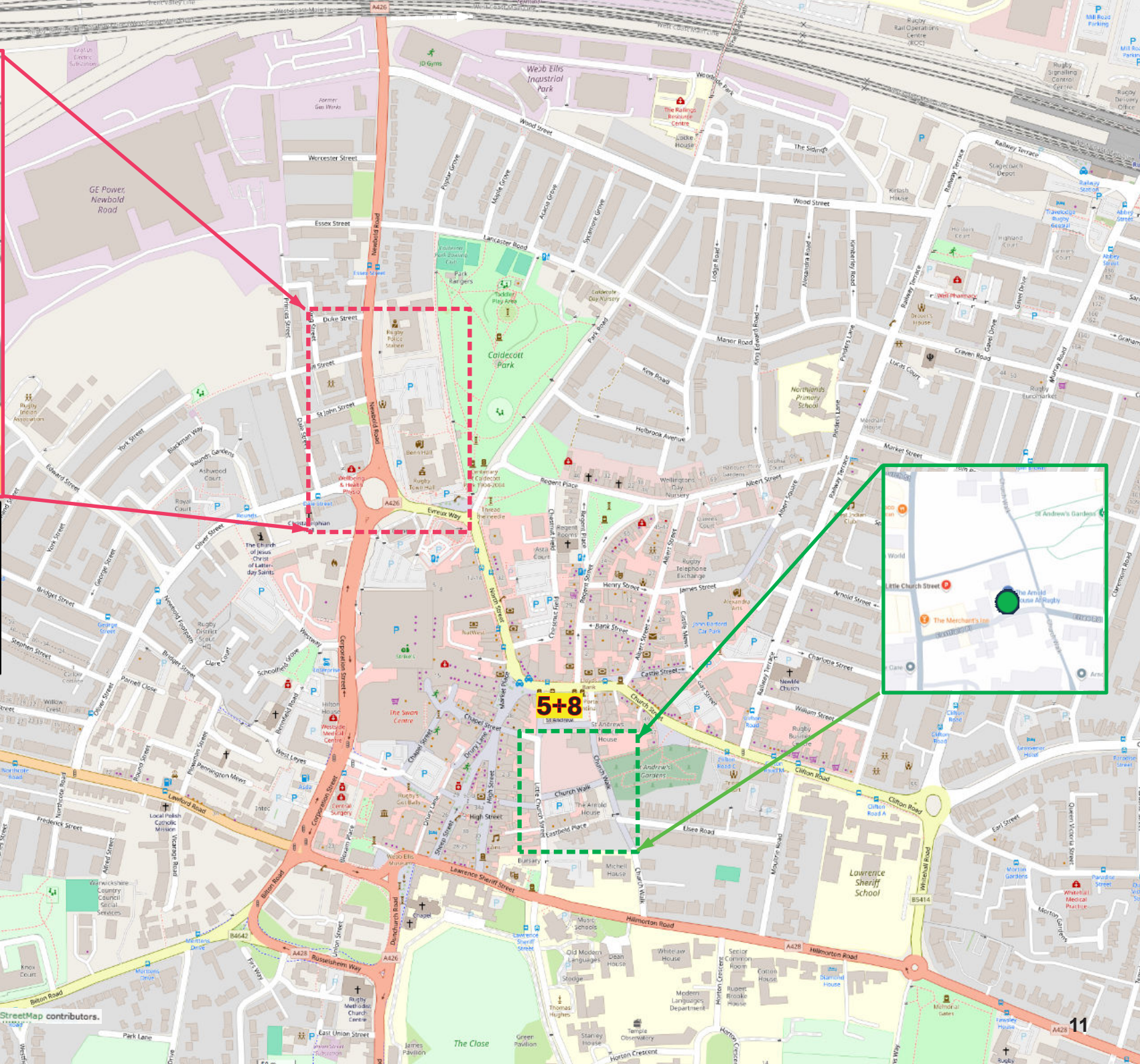
Afternoon

By prior arrangement only - supporting quarter peals for local ringers.



Legend

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- Benn Hall
- Arnold House

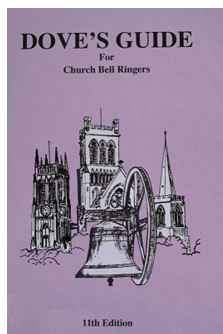




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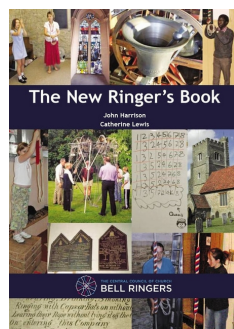
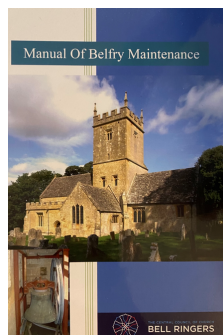
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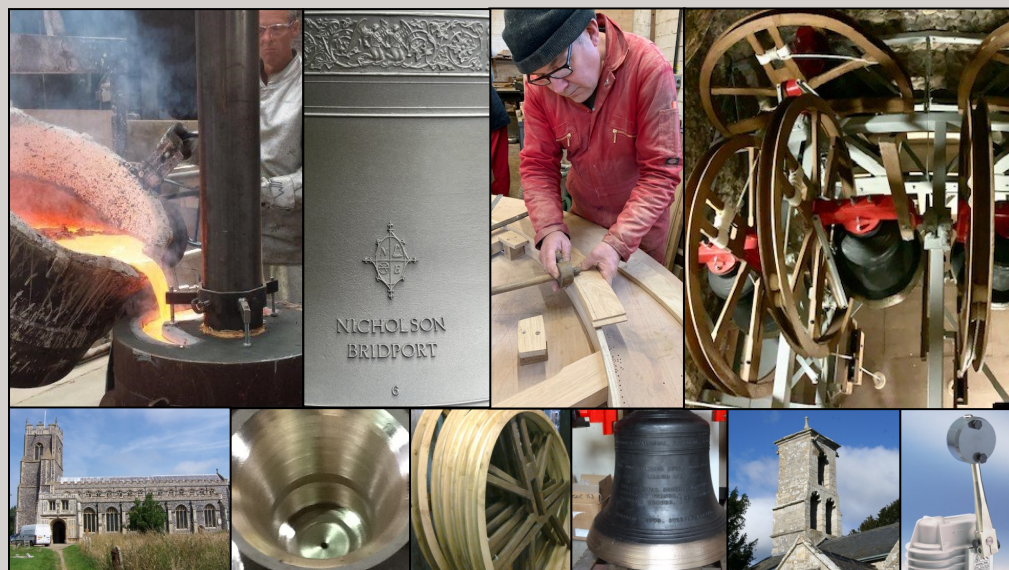
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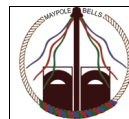
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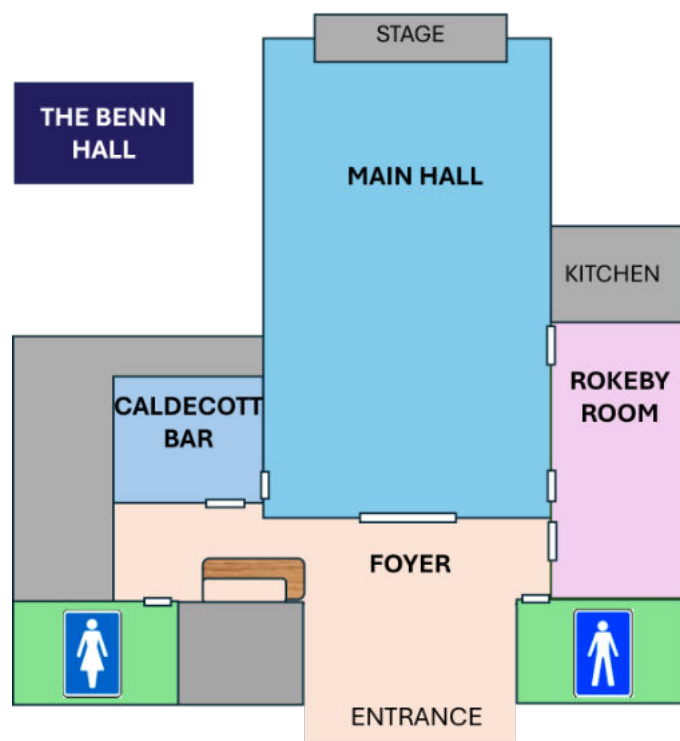
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SATURDAY EVENING

The Arnold House

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FOOD and DRINK

FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL

8pm at The Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby CV21 2LN.
A range of beers and other drinks will be available to all.
A buffet is available only for those that have pre-ordered.

SATURDAY - at The Benn Hall

Coffee and Tea are available in the Rokeby Room during the morning and at a break during the afternoon meeting.

Lunch

For those who have pre-ordered, a 'grab bag' meal will be available to pick up in the Rokeby Room, and eat in or outside the building.

The Benn Hall is a few minutes walk from Rugby centre where there is a selection of shops, pubs and restaurants.

SATURDAY EVENING SOCIAL

7pm at The Arnold House, Elsee Road, Rugby CV21 3BA.
A range of beers and other drinks will be available to all.
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