



Eastern Branch

Proposed Diary Dates for 2026/27

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

A programme of meetings and events for 2026 to provide support, development and encouragement to branch members and new learners as well as an opportunity to socialise and, where appropriate, raise funds.

All ringing practices are for everyone- special methods are listed to give the more experienced time to look them up/ learn them

Events 2026/27:

March 7th - Ringing Meeting: Joint event with Elloe Deaneries -
Kirton in Holland 1.30pm - special methods - call changes on 8 with leading practice
Lincolnshire Surprise major
Holbeach 4.00pm – special method - Double Norwich Court Bob major

April 6th - **Easter Monday** – A local tour of 3 or 4 tours in the Billingborough Area.
Towers TBC

April 25th Guild AGM, Lincoln - 10-11am Cathedral Ringing, 11-12am Service in Ringers' Chapel, 12-1:30pm Lunch, Bailgate Methodist Hall*, **1:30-3:30pm AGM**, Bailgate Methodist Hall, 4-5:15pm Ringing at St. Giles including handbells.

*Tickets will be available for lunch - Eastern Branch to cater

May 2nd (Bank holiday weekend) - Away tour to Winchester area – Starting at 9am - St. Mary, Twyford (8), St. Andrew, Owslebury (6), Blessed Mary of Upham (8), Lunch 12:30 to 2:30 (book locally – suggested The Alma, Lower Upham or The Crown Inn, Bishop's Waltham), St. Peter Bishop's Waltham (8), St. Peter, Curbridge - Finishing 4:45pm

Special methods for the day - well struck rounds and call changes; Plain hunt and plain bob- on 5,6,7,8; Grandsire and Stedman doubles and triples; Little Bob minor and major: The emphasis on an outing is simple, well struck ringing

June 6th - Ringing Meeting – the “F’s”- Fishtoft, Friskney & Freiston

Special methods – something for everyone from rounds upwards - and Freiston Alliance minor and Fryerning surprise minor

June 13th - Ridgeman Trophy 10 bell - Stowmarket, Suffolk

July 18th – NOTE: Third Saturday - Eastern Branch Barbecue and Ringing meeting, Old Bolingbroke. Ringing 5pm, Barbecue in Old Bolingbroke Castle Grounds 6pm
Special method - Grandsire doubles

August 1st - Ringing Ramble 1.5 miles over field and road - Well (1:30pm) to Alford for ringing (2pm) and back for BYO picnic
Call changes including Dodging and place making practice - plain hunt

August - Ringing at Lincoln Cathedral. Combined Eastern Branch / Southern Branch / Elloe Deaneries. Times and date TBA

September 5th/12th - Targeted Practices – venues and further details will be provided nearer the date.

September 5th - Guild 6 Bell striking competition. Hosted by Central Branch. Details TBC

October 3rd - Joint event with Northern Branch - ringing at Alford and towers in the Louth Area, including Louth. A celebration of Sally's wedding.

October 24th - Racenight – Leverton - TBC

October 31st - Guild 8 bell striking competition, 2:00pm St. Mary & St. Nicolas, Spalding
Single Oxford Bob Triples - Bands are encouraged to ring a touch of 210 changes - although 3 plain courses are allowable

November 7th - Ringing meeting – Joint event with Central Branch – **11am – 12:30 Horncastle,** followed by **1pm at Wragby** for a further 1 ½ hours ringing and where light refreshment will also be available.
Special methods- plain bob doubles; Norwich and Cambridge surprise minor

December 5th - Ringing meeting and Carol Service – St. Botolph's, Boston. All Guild Members and non-members invited.
Special methods- introduction to 10 bell ringing- rounds on 10.
Christmas tree (treble bob hunt)- Stedman caters- Little Bob Royal

February 6th 2027 - Eastern Branch AGM – St. Wilfrid's, Alford
Special method- Alford Alliance Minor

●*Note!* - All dates, times and venues are subject to confirmation.