# WHAT DOES IT COST?

Bellringing is an amazing hobby, all the more so because it is FREE! Ok, joining the Guild involves a subscription of £10 each year (£5 if you are over 65 or under 19) but that's it – and you even get paid for ringing at weddings.

There's no catch, but we hope and expect that, in return for the training you have received, you will support your own tower band by ringing for Sunday services whenever you can, and also for Christmas and other special occasions.



Thank you for joining, we hope you will enjoy being part of the ringing community.

For more information about anything mentioned in this leaflet please contact the Guild Secretary.

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# The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers



### Welcome!

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers ("the Guild"). This leaflet has been designed to answer some of the questions you might have, particularly if you are new to ringing!

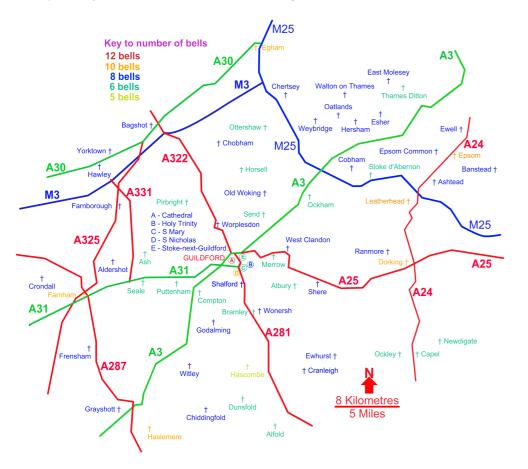


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# WHAT IS THE GUILD? GUILDFORDGUILD.ORG.UK

"There is nothing the average Englishman likes better than joining an Association" (John Camp)

Around the UK, towers with bells are grouped geographically into Guilds or Societies. The Guildford Guild, which was founded in 1927, consists of 64 towers with bells hung for change ringing. Since that is quite a lot, the Guild is divided up into 4 Districts: Chertsey, Leatherhead, Guildford and Farnham. Each District has its own programme of ringing events and people in charge. The Guild itself has a Guild Master and Executive Committee coordinating central functions such as: the Bell Restoration Fund, insurances, health and safety, and general advice to the membership.



#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

- Bellringing is the ultimate team activity you simply cannot do it on your own. So it's nice to belong: to a tower, a District, a Guild. You will make a host of new friends, and have as much social activity as you want!
- You can join the Yahoo or Google email group for your
  District to be sent up to the minute information about
  practices, training sessions, social events, programme
  changes, wedding ringers required etc. etc.
- You can attend any or all of the District practices, outings and training events to improve your ringing.
- You will get an annual Guild Report, and of course you have an excellent website bursting with information: www.guildfordguild.org.uk
- You can buy a variety of clothing bearing the Guild logo (via the website); you can also order diaries, calendars and other items from the ringers' weekly publication: the Ringing World: www.ringingworld.co.uk.
- You can get dressed up and attend the annual Guild Dinner in February, currently held at The Holiday Inn, Guildford.
- If you're into old (and new) books you can visit the Guild Library in the crypt at Guildford Cathedral. Email the Librarian: ivan.saunders@ntlworld.com