

Suffolk Guild of ringers

South-West District Report

During 2023 we have had successful practices across our District at Little Cornard, Haverhill, Boxford, Cavendish, Elmsett and Hitcham.

Our District striking competition at Polstead had four entries, competing for both the method ringing and call change trophies. The team from Kersey winning the former and a team from Hadleigh winning the latter. It was rewarding to see a team from Little Cornard entering a team for the first time.

To celebrate the Centenary of the Suffolk Guild in South-West District we had ringing at Bures followed by an enjoyable bar-be-que on our Village Common.

Preparations were made for ringing for the Coronation during the early part of the year and in May bells rang out across our District to celebrate the historic event. Several towers had new recruits learning to 'Ring for the King' and some had returning ringers taking part, if only for the actual event.

The project to convert St. Peter's Sudbury into an Arts Centre has now been completed. A quarter peal was attempted by the Guild and general ringing took place to celebrate its opening at the end of October. We now look forward to a new era of ringing at St. Peter's, working with the Arts Centre administrators to promote bell ringing in the area.

We would sincerely like to thank everyone who has supported the District Events during the last year.