

GRANBY, BARNSTONE & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH

PLEASE SPONSOR OUR 'QUARTER PEALS' MARKING THE END OF WW1



In honour of our own local heroes, and the 1,400 bell ringers who lost their lives during the First World War

St Giles Church, Cropwell Bishop: Saturday 27th October 3pm

All Saints Church, Granby: Saturday 3rd November 3pm

Church bells across the UK remained silent throughout the First World War, and only rang freely once Armistice was declared on 11 November 1918, at which time the scale of the losses of men, including bell ringers became clear.

These sponsored 'Quarter Peals' will keep this traditional British art alive in memory of those who lost their lives – linking together past, present and future.

Two 'bands' of six experienced ringers, led by a 'conductor', will attempt to complete the 'Quarter Peals' on consecutive Saturdays in the run up to Remembrance Day, 2018. They will attempt to ring a series of 'changes' following specific patterns through what is known as 'method ringing' (mathematical permutations on tuned bells). The ringers will start and end a peal in rounds, and must include at least 1250 changes. They are celebrated, but difficult and rare events.

Both churches will be 'open' to visitors to observe the peal in action, and also learn more about RBL activities in the area and bell ringing in general (you may want to have a go yourself at one of our regular training sessions!), with basic refreshments being provided for ringers and visitors.

Please sponsor the successful completion of the Quarter Peals by making a donation in support of the ringers – all proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal and Church Tower funds). The Quarter Peals are supported by Tarmac's Barnstone Cement Works who will help us record the events with commemorative plaques.

To find out more, or how to sponsor the Quarter Peals, please contact your local RBL branch secretary, Mr. David Powell (dvpj123@me.com or phone 07946 584661).

