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# THE WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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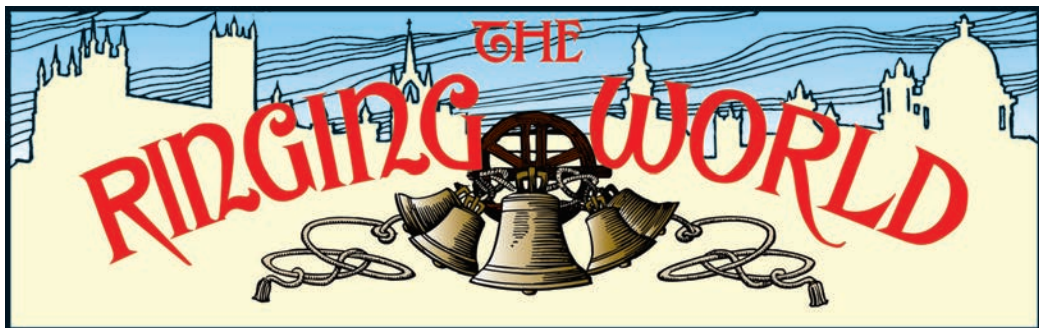
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## GREETINGS FROM THE BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH

The Right Revd Christopher Foster

Welcome to the Diocese of Portsmouth. I was recently preparing to drive to a service with a visiting Ghanaian Archbishop, when we heard church bells ringing out across the town. The Archbishop was thrilled. It was a sign, he said, that we were upholding our cultural traditions and continuing to summon people to church. Bell ringing is a unique and wonderful tradition and skill. Those of us who practise or have practised the art know how quickly community forms among the team, as together we work on timing and stamina and the complexity of the sequences. And for so many of us who hear the sound of the church bells ringing out across our villages, towns and cities, the bells are a reassuring reminder of our cultural rootedness, and of the continuing place of the church in the community. Welcome to this meeting. Thank you for all that you contribute to bell ringing in this country and internationally. I wish you every blessing for your time together.

+Christopher



## GREETINGS FROM THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER

The Right Revd Timothy Dakin

Since becoming Bishop of Winchester in 2012, I have enjoyed hearing about the work of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and their plans for developing the activities and scope of the Guild. They are an enthusiastic and committed group of people who bring much to the life of the Diocese.

I have great pleasure in welcoming you to the annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and I am sure you will have a splendid weekend.

+ Timothy Dakin



# WELCOME FROM THE MASTER OF THE WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

It is a great privilege and honour to be serving as Master of the “W & P” at the time of the Central Council’s visit to Portsmouth for its 119th annual meeting. I offer you all a very warm welcome to this wonderful city.

Portsmouth is well known for culture as well as its fun. Charles Dickens was born here. It’s home to the finest maritime heritage, including several historic ships. The wonderful iconic landmark of the Spinnaker Tower, 170 metres high, offers fantastic views across land and sea. The Anglican Cathedral in Old Portsmouth has a wonderful ring of 12 and a unique history reflecting its close association with the sea.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild covers a wide area of cities, towns, rural locations and islands. We are proud of all of our towers and of all 1,500 or so ringers, and we hope that you’ll enjoy ringing with us here.

I offer the Central Council all good wishes for a productive meeting and a very warm welcome to its members. May you all enjoy your time here, hopefully to return home feeling refreshed and encouraged to visit us here again.

Viv Nobbs



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Bookings should be made direct with the hotel, mentioning **The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers**. The special room rates are £80 for a double or twin room and £50 for a single room per night, including breakfast. If you expect to have dinner in the hotel on Friday evening it would be helpful if you could advise the hotel when booking.



### Other hotel accommodation

There are many other hotels and guest houses in Southsea. Useful websites are [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com), [www.expedia.co.uk](http://www.expedia.co.uk), [www.hotels.co.uk](http://www.hotels.co.uk), [www.tripadvisor.co.uk](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk), [www.trivago.co.uk](http://www.trivago.co.uk) and [www.visitportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk).



# FRIDAY 27 MAY

## PRACTICE NIGHTS

For those members arriving on Friday evening, there are a number of regular practice nights in Hampshire, including those listed below (with distances by road from the Headquarters Hotel).

You are advised to check with the tower to confirm the practice will be taking place before travelling. Contact details are available on the W&P website.

Swanmore	6	6-3-20	17 miles
Alverstoke *	8	13-1-19	17 miles
East Meon	10	18-0-12	21 miles
Hursley	12	13-3-26	31 miles

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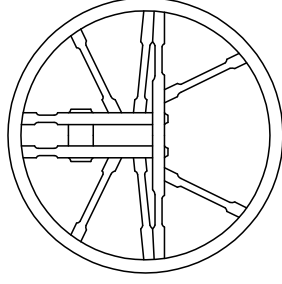
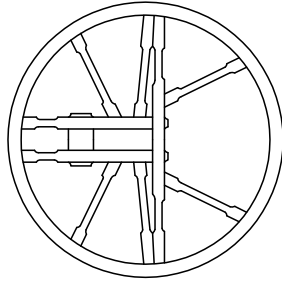
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# SATURDAY 28 MAY - RINGING TOURS

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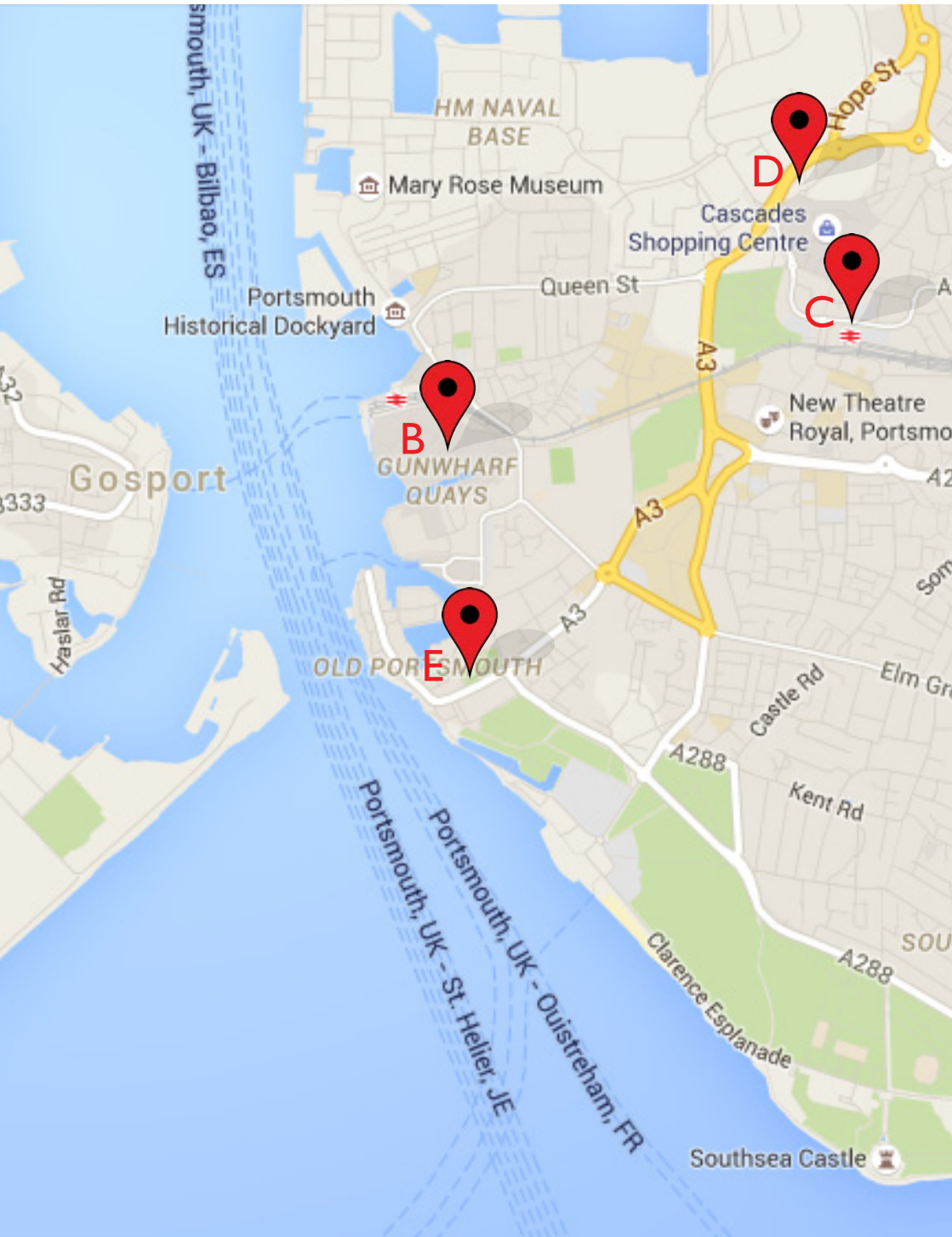
## ROUTE 1

Netley	St Edward the Confessor	8	8-2-0 GF	10.00-10.45	SU454089	SO31 5FD
Botley	All Saints	6	6-3-24	11.00-11.45	SU511130	SO30 2TN
Curridge	St Peter	8	25-3-19	11.30-12.15	SU528139	SO32 2DR
Bishops Waltham	St Peter	8	10-3-2 GF	12.00-12.45	SU556177	SO32 1RW
Shedfield	St John the Baptist	8	12-3-6	13.00-13.45	SU562133	SO32 2TA
Wickham	St Nicholas	6	8-2-14	13.30-14.15	SU576114	PO17 6HP
Titchfield	St Peter	6	11-3-10	14.15-15.00	SU541058	PO14 4AG
Southwick	St James	6	5-0-10	15.00-15.45	SU626086	PO17 6EB
Portsmouth	St Mary, Portsea	8	17-0-7	16.00-17.00	SU652009	PO1 5QH
Portsmouth	St Agatha	8	3-0-1	16.30-17.30	SU641007	PO1 4RL

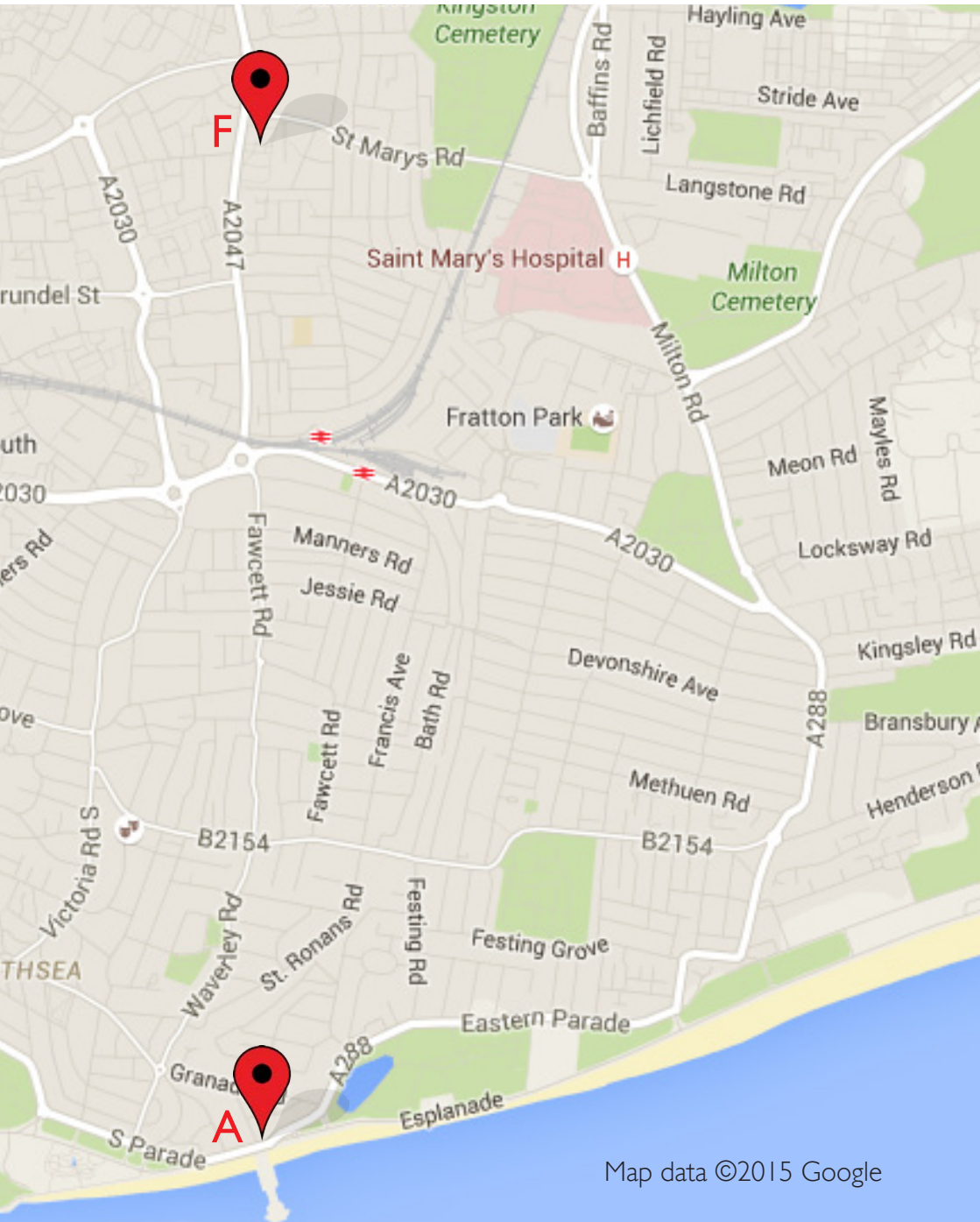
## ROUTE 2

Privett	Holy Trinity	8	12-0-15	10.00-10.45	SU677270	GU34 3PE
West Meon	St John the Evangelist	8	12-2-27	11.00-11.45	SU640241	GU32 1LF
Warmford	Our Lady of Warmford	6	12-2-10 GF	11.30-12.15	SU622227	SO32 3LA
Soberton	St Peter	8	13-1-24 GF	12.00-12.45	SU609168	SO32 3PE
Swanmore	St Barnabas	6	6-3-20	12.45-13.30	SU576164	SO32 2RG
Hambleton	SS Peter & Paul	6	10-0-3	13.30-14.15	SU646152	PO7 4RT
Purbrook	St John	6	5-1-7	14.15-15.00	SU673080	PO7 5LQ
Havant	St Faith	8	15-0-25	15.00-15.45	SU717062	PO9 1EE
Portsmouth	St Mary, Portsea	8	17-0-7	16.00-17.00	SU652009	PO1 5QH
Portsmouth	St Agatha	8	3-0-1	16.30-17.30	SU641007	PO1 4RL

A = Headquarters Hotel B = Gunwharf Quay  
D = St Agatha's Church E = Portsmouth



S = Portsmouth & Southsea Railway Station  
C = South Cathedral F = St Mary's Church



# SATURDAY 28 MAY - RINGING TOURS

## ROUTE 3 - DAY TRIP TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Why not enjoy a day trip to the Isle of Wight, to ring or visit the Island attractions? Plan your own day out while taking the opportunity to visit the two heaviest eights on the Island.

### Suggested Itinerary

Take the hovercraft from Southsea to Ryde, leaving at 09.00 for the 10 minute crossing. The Island Line train leaves Ryde Pier Head at 09.49, arriving at Shanklin at 10.13.

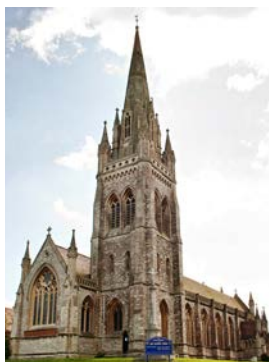
10.30-11.30 Ringing at Shanklin - 8, 18-0-11

Trains leave Shanklin for the return journey at 12.18 or 12.38, arriving back at Ryde at 12.42 or 13.02. After a walk up the hill, light refreshments will be available at Ryde church from 13.30 to 14.00.

14.00-15.00 Ringing at Ryde - 8, 26-2-2

The hovercraft leaves Ryde for Southsea at 15.45, arriving back in time to join the mainland ringing parties at St Mary, Portsea at 16.00-17.00.

A donation of £1.50 per tower is requested.



## Notes:

The times for transport are correct at the time of going to print, but may be changed when the new summer timetable is issued.

Likewise prices may vary, but at the time of going to print a return fare on the hovercraft for an adult is £18.50, and a return rail ticket is £5.70. There are various offers available for combinations of travel and entry to attractions - see the Hovertravel website for details:

**[www.hovertravel.co.uk](http://www.hovertravel.co.uk)**.

Travel to the Island is also possible by car or passenger ferries - see the Wightlink website **[www.wightlink.co.uk](http://www.wightlink.co.uk)** for details of timetables, fares and special offers from Portsmouth.

There are many visitor attractions on the Island for those who don't want to go ringing - see for example **[www.isleofwight.co.uk/attractions](http://www.isleofwight.co.uk/attractions)**.



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# SATURDAY 28 MAY

## INFORMAL SOCIAL EVENING

### 7PM - REAL ALE AND CURRY SUPPER

An informal Social Evening will be held in the Victory Suite of the Headquarters Hotel. There will be a licensed bar available until midnight, including local Real Ale, and a 2 course hot fork-buffet supper will be served at 8pm.

The buffet will include Chicken Balti, Chicken Korma and Vegetarian curries, served with rice, poppadoms and mango chutney. A non-curry option is available if requested. This will be followed by a selection of desserts.

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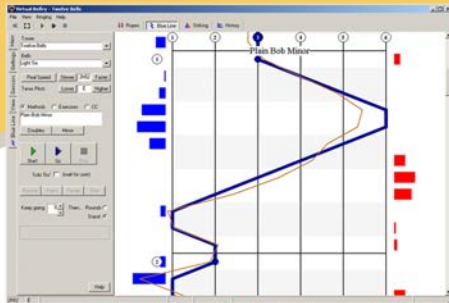
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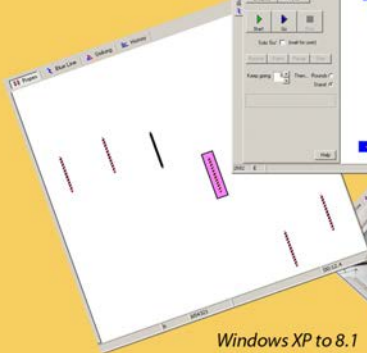
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# SUNDAY 29 MAY

## 9:30AM - SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Central Council members, families and friends are most welcome to join the local band at Portsmouth Cathedral, 9.30-10.30am

Details of Sunday Service ringing at other local towers will be available at the Help Desk.

## 1:30PM - OPEN MEETING

Invincible Suite in the Headquarters Hotel, 1.30-3.00pm

The topic will be advertised in advance.

## 4PM - SONGS OF PRAISE

The service will be held in Portsmouth Cathedral at 4.00pm. The Cathedral bells will be available for general ringing from 3.00pm. As is customary, the President of the Central Council will arrange the service touch, which will commence at 3.40pm. On street parking is in either free (maximum 2 hours) or metered bays (check signs as prices vary).



# SUNDAY 29 MAY RECEPTION & DINNER

*This event is kindly sponsored by John Taylor & Co.*

6.45pm for 7.30pm in the Invincible Suite at the Headquarters Hotel.  
Tickets - £37.50. Please indicate menu choices on the enclosed form.

## **Prawn, apple & celery salad**

served on mixed leaves and topped with a Marie Rose sauce

or

## **Fanned honeydew melon**

served with seasonal fruit and mango coulis

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## **Pan-fried breast of chicken**

accompanied by a mushroom and tarragon sauce

or

## **Herb-crusted supreme of salmon**

served with a chive, white wine and cream sauce

or

## **Penne pasta**

with roasted Mediterranean vegetables with tomato sauce, finished with  
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## **White and dark chocolate mousse**

served with vanilla sauce

or

## **Fruits-of-the-forest tart**

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Coffee or tea served with chocolate mints

The hotel has an extensive wine list and there will be an opportunity to pre-order  
wine before the dinner.

# MONDAY 30 MAY

## BUSINESS MEETINGS

Breakfast will be served for residents from 6.45am to 9.30am.

Tea and coffee may be purchased by non-residents on arrival.

### The Annual Meetings of the Central Council and The Ringing World Ltd

The meetings will be held in the Invincible Suite at the Headquarters Hotel, in accordance with the following timetable:

**8.30am**            Registration

**9.30am**            Annual Meeting of the Central Council (morning session)

**12.30pm**          Lunch break

**1.45pm**            Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Ltd

**Followed by**      Annual Meeting of the Central Council (afternoon session)

Lunch will be available in the Ark Royal Suite at the Headquarters Hotel at £10 per head (to be ordered in advance on the enclosed form). This will be a Ploughman's lunch consisting of sliced ham, cheese wedges, chutney and pickles, mixed salad, coleslaw, selection of bread and parsley new potatoes.

Tea and coffee will be served after the meeting of The Ringing World Ltd.

## HELP DESK

A Help Desk will be situated in the foyer of the Headquarters Hotel and will be open at various times from 3pm on Friday until 11am on Monday. Please check here for any late changes to the programme of events, for directions, information on local attractions, etc. and to collect name badges and tickets.

During the weekend the Help Desk can be contacted by phone on **07779 045851**.

## CAR PARKING

In addition to residents' parking at the Headquarters Hotel and free parking in adjacent streets, the Canoe Lake car park has 146 spaces and is only 5 minutes walk east of the Headquarters Hotel and there are parking meters along the Seafront (maximum daily charge £12, Pay and Display or RingGo). Parking throughout Portsmouth and Southsea is controlled and restrictions enforced, including Sundays and bank holidays, so please read adjacent signs carefully. For more information see [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk) and [www.parkopedia.co.uk](http://www.parkopedia.co.uk).

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