



Shropshire Association of Church Bellringers

News – October 2024

October Events

Saturday 12 October - Practice, Quarterly Meeting

7:00pm - 9:00pm approx at Moreton Corbet

A chance to try out the newly-refurbished bells. Ringing will be followed by a short business meeting, and the usual raffle and 100 Club draws.

Surprise Plus Practice

The next Surprise (plus Stedman) practice will be at Wem on Friday 18th October at 7.30 pm.

Saturday 19 October - Autumn Social – Ceilidh

Returning by popular demand

Enjoy an evening with good food, good company, a drink from the bar, music and dancing!

The evening's entertainment will commence at 6:30 in Meole Brace Memorial Hall, with dancing from 7 o'clock, led by the highly-acclaimed Devil's Chair ceilidh band. Hot food and a licensed bar will be provided. The event will be held in the newly-redecorated Meole Brace Memorial Hall. Tickets cost £15 and are now available from SACBR Committee members, or from socsec@sacbr.org.uk. Numbers will be limited, so don't delay.

Hope to see many of you there!

Vicki Sivess

Further Ahead – Dates for your Diary

**November Training Morning
Saturday, 2 November at Edgmond
10.00 – 12.30**

Our last training morning of the year will be a requests morning. Let us know what you would like to improve, or try for the first time, and we will provide the helpers. This could include learning to call a service touch or a call change sequence, as well as practising a method.

Do, please, book in advance, to help your trainers prepare: training@sacbr.org.uk

Association Striking Competition

The return of the Association Striking Competition, at Calverhall on 14 September, was a great success. Ten teams came for some friendly competition, a very enjoyable tea and a lot of happy chatter.

Bill Deason kindly judged the ringing, by bands of widely differing levels of experience. There was almost nothing to choose between Shrewsbury A, Edgmond and Oswestry B, who all rang Grandsire Doubles. On the day, Shrewsbury just pipped the others. Oswestry B, who finished in 3rd place, were awarded the Charles Allmand Shield. Edgmond, winners of the last competition, were ineligible for the shield this year. Meole Brace A are to be commended for ringing method for the first time, and they maintained a good rhythm, but with quite a few clips and trips.

The remaining six bands all rang call changes. Several of these bands included very recent beginners, and they are to be congratulated on having a go on unfamiliar bells. Every band completed their changes successfully. Shrewsbury B, who finished 4th overall, received the Call Change Cup.

Sue Dancey served tea, supported by a team of hard-working helpers. Thanks go to all the members who baked cakes, made sandwiches or otherwise contributed to the spread. Thanks also to Paul Lewis, who helped with the draw and kept the scores, Alan Glover who looked after the teams in the tower, and Paul Partridge and Amanda Craig who took the team photos.

Gill Glover

Photo Gallery



Beckbury



Dawley



Edgmond



Meole Brace A



Meole Brace B and friends



Oswestry A



Oswestry B



Oswestry C



Shrewsbury A



Shrewsbury B

Not all the team photos are complete. In order 1 – 6, the ringers were:-

Beckbury: Judith Gibbins, Heather Thomas, Liz Menhinick, John Whitham, Andrew Gordon, Peter Gibbins

Dawley: Simon Rice, Amanda Phillipson, Bev Jones, Jean Wright, Steve Wright, Julian Hughes

Edmond: Mark Adams, Biff Patterson, Paul Lewis, Maurice Ingram, Andrew Gordon, Rob Davis

Meole Brace A: Michael Carding, Josephine Wrin, Laura Burrows, Patrick Braven-Giles, Michael Hartland, Ann Williams

Meole Brace B: Alan Glover, Ann Williams, Michael Carding, Vicki Sivess, Andy Digby, Joshua Oakley

Oswestry A: Jeanne Spinks, Ann Peacock, Frances Major, Tony Freemont, Stella Doyle, John Hobley

Oswestry B: Richard Major, Jenny Hoare, Cordelia Warr, Peter Neil, William Lander, Chris Hoare

Oswestry C: Jan Snowball, Sam Davies, Matt Leak, Sue Perry, Andrew Davies, Tony Freemont

Shrewsbury A: Gill Glover, Dawn Offen, Amanda Craig, Jad Bienek, Alan Glover, John Neal

Shrewsbury B: Alan Glover, Ruth Partridge, Julie Bowen, Biff Patterson, Paul Partridge, Jacqui Barden

Newport Heritage Day - 14 September

The Mobile Belfry in Newport



On Saturday 14th September the Lichfield Diocesan Mobile Belfry was erected near St Nicholas church in Newport as part of the town's History and Heritage Day. Some members of the Newport band helped to erect, man and dismantle, while others took care of visitors who had booked one of the 'open tower' tours. Many of the latter, having completed their trek to the tower top, came to look at the belfry and 'have a go', together with passers-by, including our community police.

Children had fun chiming the bells, while older people received instruction on full circle ringing and were supplied with information on how to pursue the activity. Enough competent ringers were present to do some good demonstration ringing, ranging from rounds and call changes to both Cambridge and Norwich Surprise minor.

Thanks to Mark, Rob and Paul from Edmond, Matt and Gail from Lilleshall, and Victoria from Norton-in-Hales who helped to swell the numbers. The event was judged a huge success and may be repeated next year, when the town council will try to avoid the clash with the SACBR striking competition.

Biff Patterson

Surprise Practice

Friday, 20 September - 7:30pm - 9:00pm at Wem

This month's surprise practice saw 10 ringers at Wem, despite some serious road problems on the way.

We focused on Pudsey Surprise Major for the more advanced ringers with a full plain course being scored. We also rang several whole and half courses of Yorkshire which enabled Rob Davis to perfect his Yorkshire. By the end of the evening Rob was ringing Yorkshire perfectly. So everyone took on and met new challenges.

We also rang Cambridge, Bristol and Stedman. All in all, a very productive evening. The next Surprise practice will be at Wem on Friday 18th October at 7.30.

Tony Freemont

Congratulations

Shifnal ringers laid on a surprise birthday party for their tower captain, John Burton, which included a bell-shaped cake and other refreshments, plus some ringing, of course.

Jet Periera-Jenks, of the **Shrewsbury** band, has scored her first quarter peal, on 22nd September, ringing the treble very competently to a mixture of doubles methods.



TOWER OPEN DAY

Saturday 19th October 2024



Enjoy a day in north Herefordshire visiting our famous black & white villages, ringing at 23 towers, from 3 bells at the recently rehung Brinsop, to 10 bells in the market town of Leominster

A full Tower List and up to date information is available on the HDGB website <https://hdgb.org>

TICKETS

Earlybird tickets £20, tickets on the day £25, or £2 per tower. Cash only – no card facilities on the day. Day tickets, allowing access to all towers open on the day will be available from the first five towers. Earlybird tickets will be available to book from 15th September contact Nicky (peo@hdgb.org)

