



Shropshire Association of Church Bell Ringers

Newsletter – October 2025

Hello,

Welcome to our October issue, and the season of mellow fruitfulness and Harvest Festivals!

It was great to welcome to the striking competition ringers of all ages and a wide range of experience. We hope there is something for everyone in the programme for October and November.

Happy ringing,

Gill Glover, Editor



SACBR Striking Competition

St Martin's, Saturday 13th September

Seven teams competed this year: two more experienced bands ringing method, and five ringing call changes. We all enjoyed the good bells at St Martin's, and the warm hospitality from some of the local band. Thanks to meticulous organisation by Sue Dancey, everything went off smoothly and a sumptuous tea was much enjoyed.

Bill Deason again kindly judged the competition. The Ernest Willcox trophy was won by Shrewsbury A, ringing Grandsire Doubles, with a score of 11 faults. Newport B, who rang Plain Bob Doubles, were in second place with 27 faults. They were awarded the Charles Allmand Shield. The third place team was Shrewsbury B, who rang call changes, and they collected the Call Change Cup.

Gill Glover

Striking Competition Teams



Dawley



Shrewsbury A



Shrewsbury B



Newport A



Newport B



Meole Brace



Wellington



Bill Deason and John Neal with the Ernest Willcox Cup

Thank you to Madeline Harris who provided all the photos.

In October

Quarterly Ringing Practice and Meeting – Saturday, 11th October

Our next quarterly practice is at **High Ercall** on the **11th October**, from 7 pm till about 9 pm. Ringing will be followed by a short business meeting. All welcome, we will ring something for everybody.

Tower Leaders' Get Together

This event will be on **Saturday, 18th October**, at **Edgmond**, from 10 – 12.30. This is for all tower leaders, and anyone who is involved with promoting bell ringing, or training ringers. You are warmly invited to join us for a morning of discussion. We will aim to mix talk with ringing practice, and try out some exercises and games for learners.

Topics that have been nominated include: recruitment, and retention of learners; developing bell control, and progressing from call changes to the basics of method ringing; safeguarding; Centenary events and how your band can take part. Do please let me know of any other topics you would particularly like to explore during the morning.

To help with catering, we would like to know if you intend to come. I will also send out more detailed information and materials to those who have booked in.

Gill Glover, training@sacbr.org.uk

Further Ahead

Training Morning

Our last training morning this year will be held at **Edgmond**, on **Saturday 1st November**, from 10 to 12.30. Only one place remains. Please contact Gill at training@sacbr.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Young Ringers' Practice

Our last meet for this year will be at **Meole Brace**, on **Saturday 8th November**, from 2.30 till 4.30 pm. All our young members, as well parents and tower leaders, are invited to join us. Why not make a day of it, and stay in town for the Quiz Night that follows!

Let's Get Quizzical!

Quiz Night this year will be held at **Meole Brace Memorial Hall** from **7pm on Saturday, November 8th**. Teams of six (approx) will be asked questions on a range of subjects such as history, science and general knowledge.

Hopeless at quizzes? It doesn't matter! Come along and have fun with friends, learning new facts. And, since I'll have the answer sheet, I shall expect you all to make me feel as knowledgeable as Amol Rajan and Clive Myrie combined.

Come as part of a team, or team up with others on the night. The cost is £10 a head, payable on the door or in advance to me. The price includes sandwiches and cakes. Please bring cash for the bar.

Let me know if you're planning to come (socsec@sacbr.org.uk) so we know how many to cater for. I hope to see lots of you there.

Meole Brace Memorial Hall, Upper Road, Shrewsbury SY3 9JP. Doors open at 6:30. Car park on Church Road.

Vicki Sivess

Association of Ringing Teachers

Module 1 Course, for ringers wishing to explore the teaching of bell handling

The ART course will be on **Sat 29th November**, also at **Edgmond**. This will be the Module 1 course, which is on teaching bell handling.

This course is now full. Paul Lewis will be in touch with those who have booked, to confirm the arrangements.

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