



Shropshire Association of Church Bell Ringers

Newsletter – March 2025

Hello,

It was great to see so many members, new and old-established, at the New Members' morning at Lilleshall. Let's hope that future events will be as well supported.

Next up is a training morning at Edgmond – details below.

In an attempt to brighten up the Newsletter, here is a photo to welcome spring. If you would like to send me a photo of your tower, band, or even your village, I would love to publish them.

Gill Glover, Editor



Dates for your Diary

Training Morning **Edgmond, Saturday 8th March, 10 – 12.30**

The next Association training morning will be held at Edgmond, on 8th March. A couple of places remain, if you would like to join in. Contact gill.glover407@outlook.com We shall be concentrating on Plain Hunt and Plain Bob Doubles. If you are steady in Plain Bob, or beyond, and would like to come along as a helper, please get in touch. We ask for a donation from everyone attending, say £4, to cover the costs of church and refreshments.

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National 12 Bell Competition

One of four qualifying heats will be held at St Chad's, Shrewsbury this year. An occasion to hear some outstanding bell ringing. The date is Saturday, 22nd March, and the competition ringing will be from 11.30 till about 15.30 pm, followed by the results. Breakfast baps, and later tea and cake, will be available at the church hall nearby.

And Further Ahead

Young Ringers Get Together, Saturday 5th April

An opportunity for our scattered young ringers to ring together. We hope they will also tell us what sort of ringing activities they would like: a tower grab, practices to learn new skills, an introduction to handbells, or even practical bell maintenance. We invite all our young ringers to come along. Parents and tower leaders will also be very welcome. Further details to follow.

Quarterly meeting, Saturday 12th April at Oswestry

Ringling will be from 7 pm, and this will be followed by a short business meeting.

New Members' Morning

Lilleshall, Saturday 8th February

Nearly fifty members turned out for the New Members' Event at Lilleshall last month. These included more than half of those who have joined SACBR in the last twelve months. Fourteen of our towers were represented. It was great to welcome so many people, and very encouraging for your committee.

The bells were constantly busy with rounds, call changes and plain hunting. It was impressive to see a good standard of handling and bell control among our learners – congratulations to them and their teachers!



Home-made cakes and biscuits, with hot drinks, were very welcome as always. Thanks go to all the bakers, and to those who looked after the kitchen and washing up.

Lilleshall is an ideal venue for this type of gathering, with ground floor ringing room and kitchen close at hand, and plenty of room for socialising. Grateful thanks to our hosts, Gail Lawrence and other Lilleshall ringers, and to the church for having us.

Listening attentively at Lilleshall