

Shropshire Association of Church Bellringers



News – September 2024



September Events

Association Striking Competition

Calverhall on Saturday, 14 September, draw at 4 o'clock

Eight teams from five towers have so far signed up. We would love to have more towers represented if you feel like having a go. This is a light-hearted affair, not intense competition. If you only have three or four we can make up a band from our pool of helpers. We have three trophies to award, including one for call change ringing.

We will provide afternoon tea, but do **tell us by Monday 9th how many people** will want food, including any non-ringers. Also let us know any dietary requirements please. Numbers for tea: training@sacbr.org.uk

Newport Heritage Day - 14 September

There is to be a Heritage Day in Newport, with both open tower at St Nicholas and the Lichfield Diocesan Mobile Belfry. Any ringers who care to pass through Newport on their way to the Striking Competition at Calverhall (or otherwise make a diversion) will be very welcome. This is a chance to 'grab' the belfry if you haven't rung it before, and be involved with publicising our wonderful Art.

Biff Patterson

Surprise Practice

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

The next Surprise practice will be held on Friday 20 September, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, at Wem.

Method of the month will be Pudsey. Ringing will include Norwich and Cambridge Minor for those wanting to get into Surprise, and Cambridge and Yorkshire Major for those wanting to progress to Surprise Major.

St Bartholomew's Moreton Corbet

“All like new. A good refurbishment.”

After 100 years Moreton Corbet's 7 cwt six has just received a makeover. The cast iron bell frame has been cleaned and repainted in red. The bells have been lifted from their pits and their bearings cleaned/replaced as necessary, and the clappers, crown staples and rope roller boxes have been returned to Taylors of Loughborough for complete refurbishment.

The ringers at Moreton Corbet would like to thank all those involved in making this possible. Particularly, the church Patron Christopher Corbet for overseeing the application and sourcing grants, the SACBR for a grant, and to three members of the Association for their practical work, namely Andrew Gordon, Adrian Roberts and Nicola Galton.

Chris Fraser



Helpers painting the wheels at Moreton Corbet

Morning Practice

Saturday, 31 August at Meole Brace

A six bell practice at Meole Brace on Saturday, 31 August attracted a good number of ringers of widely varying levels of experience. We practised rounds and call changes, covering, Plain Hunt and Plain Bob Doubles as well as Cambridge and Primrose Surprise. Learners were able to improve their bell control by ringing various bells, from the light trebles to the very pleasant tenor.

Michael Carding and Andy Digby made us very welcome, and provided much-appreciated refreshments from the kitchen at the back of the church. Everyone seemed to agree that this was another useful and enjoyable practice.

Gill Glover

Congratulations

Eden Turner of Albrighton has rung his first peal, on Wednesday 28 August at Ryton. Eden rang the treble to Plain Bob Minor, an SACBR peal with five other local ringers, led by conductor, Andrew Gordon. Full details are on our website.

On Sunday 18 August Paul Partridge of Shrewsbury rang his first quarter, after starting to learn to ring in 2023. He rang the tenor of the middle six at St Chad's, to a quarter peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

Congratulations to both! Do tell us of any of your ringers' achievements that you would like to share: anniversaries, ART levels gained, notable firsts, and the like.

Further Ahead – Dates for your Diary

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.

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

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Tickets £15 from SACBR committee members

