

Forthcoming Branch practices

Tuesday 18th June Special practice Churchill 7.00 - 8.30pm

N.B. Earlier start time which is in consideration of local residents.

Call changes and Plain Hunt on 7 with the main focus on Plain Bob Triples, and some Grandsire Triples. Please let the Ringing Masters know if you plan to attend this practice.

Please use the brm@chippy.odg.org.uk address so both are aware.

Tuesday 2nd July Branch practice Enstone 7.30 – 9.00pm

Tuesday 16th July Special practice Wigginton 7.30 – 9.00pm Surprise Minor

Please would those who are interested in attending this practice let the Ringing Masters know which method/methods they would like to ring before Tuesday 2nd July so a decision may be made as to what should be focused on and give those attending, time to do any homework!

Tower news

Hook Norton Outing

On Saturday 18th May ringers from Hook Norton Tower and friends embarked on an outing to an area south of Coventry.

It was a three tower afternoon event, the first tower was at Brinklow where there are eight bells, the second tower was Ryton-on-Dunsmore again another eight bells and the final tower was Stoneleigh which has six bells, the home tower of our hosts Bob and Jackie Taylor.

All outing members rang certainly a minimum of twice at each tower with the methods from plain hunt through to Cambridge. All ringers seemed to enjoy the light bells and there was some good ringing. It was good to see a different person running each tower giving a younger member and another yet more experience in another facet of ringing.

After the final tower we all then went for a meal and drinks at a local pub where some interesting conversations ensued!

*A good afternoon and evening was had by all and the ringers from Stoneleigh hope to return to the Hook Norton area in the autumn. **Mandy Gasson***

Shipton-u-Wychwood Bells Dedication

The Bishop of Dorchester dedicated the bells on Sunday 9th June. The congregation consisted of local parishioners, donors and representatives of organisations that had given grants to the project. Several relatives of John MacVicker, the former tower captain, were in attendance, and later went to see the re-cast third bell which bears his name. Following the service, refreshments provided by the Shipton ringers were enjoyed and the bells were rung.

New members

Three new members were proposed at the Branch practice at Taynton on 7th June.

They are Caroline Bayliss, Amy Hale and Gina Russ all from Leafield tower.

They will be elected on 2nd July at the Branch practice at Enstone.

Please send any items for the next newsletter by Monday 8th July.

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