

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers Charity Number 281431

Dear Tower Correspondent,

As you already know, the 2008 AGM will take place

on: Saturday 5 April 2008
at: Guiting Power Village Hall (map reference 096247)
commencing at: 4.45 p.m. approx

And in addition to the meeting itself – though not at the same time – there will be:

- Twelve towers open for general ringing
- The Penn and Croome Trophy Striking Competitions - at Bourton-on-the-Water and Lower Slaughter
- A short service with splendid hymns
- A superb tea
- The presentation of all sorts of trophies
- Magnificent North Cotswold countryside and villages

Please pass this information on to your band. It is also available on the Association website - www.bellsgandb.org.uk. The detailed timings are below and the meeting Agenda is below that. As ever, Hugh, as Chairman, promises you a fast and friendly meeting. I, as Ringing Master, promise you friendly and enjoyable ringing. And Philip, as Treasurer, promises you simple answers to all your accounting questions.

We all very much look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

Steve

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The Morning Open Towers

10:30 – 11:00		St John the Baptist, Cirencester
(023021)		
10:30 – 11:15	Leckhampton (943194)	
11:30 – 12:00	Charlton Kings (965204)	Northleach (112146)
12:00 – 12:30	Prestbury (970240)	Stow-on-the-Wold (191257)
12:30 – 13:00	Bishops Cleeve (961277)	Moreton-in-Marsh (206322)

13:00 – 13:30 Winchcombe (023283) Blockley (165350)

The Afternoon

13:45 – 15:00 Service Ringing at Guiting Power (The Association Ringing Master in charge and everyone welcome)

N.B. Guiting Power is a splendid, easy-going, ground floor ring of six with plenty of room for everybody.

15:00 – 15:30 Service in Guiting Power Church

15:45 – 16:45 Tea in Guiting Power Village Hall

16:45 – 18:00 AGM in Guiting Power Village Hall

N.B. There is some parking by the church, more by the village hall - a stone's throw away - and even more in the village's residential roads.

The Evening Tower

18:00 – 20:00 Naunton (The Association Ringing Master once again in charge and everyone welcome)

N.B. Naunton is *another* splendid, easy-going, ground floor ring of six with plenty of room for everybody.

AGM Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. A Prayer for Members who have died
3. A Welcome from the North Cotswold Branch
4. Results of the Striking and Best Kept Tower Competitions
5. Minutes of 2007 AGM

Copies have already been circulated to all Branches and are on the Association website, but further copies will be available in the hall.

6. Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda
7. 2007 Annual Report and Accounts

8. Election of New Members

9. Ratification of Belfry Elections to Non-resident Life Membership

10. Election of Honorary Life Members

A nomination in accordance with Rule 3.iii (16.iii in latest Report) is anticipated.

11. Election of Officers

Nominations Received:

 Ringing Master: Steve Coleman
 Chairman: Hugh Evans
 Treasurer: Philip Twentyman
 Peal Secretary: Mark Davies

All these nominations were made by all twelve Branches.

Secretary: No nominations have been received but Steve Coleman is content to continue as Acting Secretary.

12. Election of Central Council Representatives for the Triennium 2008 to 2011

Two nominations have been received for the two vacancies:

 Angela Newing - from the Stroud Branch
 Bill Nash - from the North Cotswold Branch

13. Election of Independent Examiners

The Management Committee recommends the re-election of Charles Woodd and the election of Michelle Harris. Our long serving Independent Examiner, Geoff Clark, has retired because of ill health.

14. Subscriptions for 2009

The Management Committee recommends that they remain unchanged as follows:

Seniors: £10 of which £7 goes to the Belfry Repair Fund, £1.50 to General Fund and £1.50 to the Branch

Retired Members: £5 of which £4 goes to the Belfry Repair Fund, 50p to General Fund and 50p to the Branch

Juniors: £2.50 of which £1.50 goes to the Belfry Repair Fund, 50p to General Fund and 50p to the Branch

The subscriptions were last raised to these amounts from 1/11/2007.

15. Affiliation Fee 2009

The Management Committee recommends that it remains unchanged at £10 - last raised from 1/1/1994.

16. Annual General Meeting 2009

The Management Committee recommends that the Bristol Rural Branch's kind invitation to host the AGM on Saturday 25 April 2009 be accepted.

17. Forthcoming Events

- a. Ringing Roadshow
- b. Autumn Training Day
- c. Young Persons' Striking Competition

18. Thanks

19. Any Other Business – All items must be notified to the Chairman before the Meeting

20. Closing Prayer