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## Headlines

- 1 Far-cited outing - Details to follow - 4th April
- 2 Association AGM - Forest Branch - 6th April
- 3 St George's Day - home tower ringing - 23rd April
- 4 Branch practice - Alveston - 27th April - 19.00-21.00

# April 2019

## Editor's Note

I included Almondsbury's entry to The Tower of the Year competition in last month's newsletter. I'm now delighted to say that their entry won. Congratulations to them, a well deserved award for a very impressive project that made contact with a lot of people in the community as well as securing the future of the bells for many decades to come. And below is an update on the work to get the bells ringing again.

## Almondsbury Bells

Almondsbury bells were delivered from the bell founders to the Church at the end of February but then it was back to the home team of volunteers to get them up and running. Like all big projects it had its twists and turns and the following is from the diary of daily work:

## Day 8 - 6 steps forward 5 back.

*The new wheels are much larger than our old ones which has meant that the 6th had to be moved 25mm South as the wheel was hitting the bracket nuts in the north of the pit. Some frame bracket bolts have rusted and are stuck in the oak timbers and proving very difficult to replace with new thus slowing our work. Progress has been made in spite of these setbacks. The larger wheels should make ringing a bit easier, especially on the heavy bells. Wheels are on and fixed on the tenor, 7th, 6th, 5th and 3rd. Stays are on and fixed on the Tenor, 7th, 6th, 5th and 3rd. More fun and games tomorrow.*

Gerry Anniss



And as a post-script, I can now report that the bells are back in full working order and have been rung for a first practice, first Sunday service and a first wedding. The tower has also offered the opportunity of a special Branch practice to give us all the chance to ring the newly rehung bells. More on this when we have found a suitable date.

Chris Greef

## Branch May Day Outing

Sue Elliott is doing a grand job getting our May Day outing organized for us. Full details will be available later but as a reminder to whet your appetite and make sure the date is in your diary, this is the picture to date:

Date – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Venues (Hereford area)  
09.30 Llantilio Crossenny  
10.45 Llantilio Pertholey  
12.00 Abbey Dore  
14.00 Ewyas Harold  
15.00 Clodock  
16.30 Blaenavon

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## G&B Association AGM

This year's AGM is in the Forest Branch on 6<sup>th</sup> April. All the information is on the Association website but here is a summary:

### The Striking Competitions

The Croome Trophy Competition will take place in Hewelsfield (GL15 6UH Grid Ref: 568021) and the Penn Trophy Competition will take place in St Briavels (GL15 6RG Grid Ref: 559047).

There are some Rule changes agreed by the Association Management Committee.

- 1. The Croome Trophy test piece will now be 120 changes** instead of 240 changes. This will allow extra practice time for bands to get used to the bells.
- 2. The existing Rule that all band members must have been paid up G&B members for at least 3 months prior to the day of the competition, will be strictly enforced.** So in order that that can happen, before ringing each band conductor will need to complete a sheet with the names of their band members – and those names will be checked.
- 3. As regards the Penn Trophy, in a Major year, six band members may come from the same tower.**

### The Open Towers

10.00 – 11.00            **Tidenham** (6, 10-2-9) (NP16 7JQ, Grid Ref: 556958)  
10.30 – 11.30            **Alvington** (5, 8-3-18) (GL15 6BQ, Grid Ref: 603007)  
11.00 – 12.00            **Lydney** (10, 13-2-7) (GL15 5EF, Grid Ref: 634025)  
11.30 – 12.30            **Newland** (6, 16-1-14) (GL16 8NW, Grid Ref: 553095)  
12.00 – 1.00             **Staunton, Coleford** (6, 9-3-6) (GL16 8PG, Grid Ref: 551126)  
12.30 – 1.30             **English Bicknor** (6, 7-2-10) (GL16 7PQ Grid Ref: 582158)

1.30 – 2.55                **The Mitcheldean Campanile,**  
(6) (GL17 0HS, Grid Ref: 662184)

### The AGM

3.00 – 3.30                service in **Mitcheldean Church**  
(GL17 0HN, Grid Ref: 663186)  
3.45 – 4.45                AGM in **Mitcheldean Church**  
4.45 – 5.45                tea in **Mitcheldean Church**  
6.00 – 8.00                evening ringing at Ruardean (8, 14-2-14) (GL17 9US, Grid Ref: 621177)

## A New Framework for Method Ringing

No, this is not about the steel or wooden structure that holds your bells securely in place. This is a new set of Rules about bell-ringing, a lot of technical stuff and maybe not important to most ringers. However, if you are interested in such things (and it is important that everyone has the same understanding of what constitutes a valid peal, how to name a new method and so on), then all the information about the new framework and all the appendices are combined in a single website at <https://frameworkcccbr.org.uk>.

Chris Greef

## Ringling Books Available

Tony York has some books and badges available at cost as below. Please contact him if you are interested:

The One per Learner Book (the little yellow book, ideal for learners for logging progress in early stages) - £1 each.

Ringling Circles (gives the blue line and details of what happens at calls for some standard methods) - £3 each.

Diagrams (blue version – the line for large numbers of methods given) - £12.

G&B badges - £5.

Tony York

## Branch Ringling Achievements

Coalpit Heath - 5040 Grandsire Triples - Rung in affectionate memory of Keith Scudamore, father of 3 (Kristian) and 7 (Russell, first peal as conductor), who passed away on 18th March 2018.

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## What's on this month in the Branch

### FarCited Ringing

April 4th

10.30-11.15 Mathern St.Tewdrics 6 8cwt (T) NP16 6JA st523908

11.30-12.15 Trelleck St.Nicholas 6 7cwt NP25 4PA. 500005. park in pub car park.

12.30-2.30 Lunch Lion Inn Trelleck NP25 4PA Menu details later.

2.30 -3.15 Usk St.Mary 14cwt Priory Street NP15 1BN 379008

### Branch Ringing

April 6th Association AGM

Penn and Croome Trophy Information sent to tower Contacts

15th - 20th inc. Holy Week

16th Tower Captain Meeting Frampton Cotterell St Peters 19.00

23rd St Georges Day Your own Tower Ringing

27th Branch Practice Alveston 19.00 - 21.00

May 6th Branch Outing Hereford area, Early Notice Towers Poster later

09.30 Llantilio Crosseny

10.45 Llantilio Pertholey

12.00 Abbey Dore

14.00 Ewyas Harold

15.00 Clodock

16.30 Blaeavon

Chipping Sodbury Ringing

Third Friday 19.30 - 21.00 Unless notified differently.

If you would like to use the Branch CCTV cameras in your tower, just ask a branch officer?

"If you want some help with a practice, some assistance to learn a new method, a special training session, or if you have any other query, please contact one of the Committee members.

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