

Bridgnorth District News

March 2022



Dates for your diary

9th Apr - District Spring Ringing Meeting, Little Wenlock, 3pm

7th May - Association of Ringing Teachers Conference, Birmingham

14th May - Hereford Guild AGM, Cleobury Mortimer

Hereford Guild AGM

This year our District will be hosting the Guild AGM on 14th May at Cleobury Mortimer. Here is the itinerary:

10:30 - 11:20 Ringing at Quatt

11:30 - 12:15 Ringing at Alveley

14:00 - 14:45 Ringing at Rock

15:00 - 16:00 Ringing at Cleobury Mortimer

16:00 Guild Office

16:45 Tea and AGM

Please book your place for tea by contacting Heather Kippin on thekippins@btinternet.com or 01299 270601.

(There will also be ringing at Tenbury Wells from 11:00 - 12:30 intended for those travelling from other directions)



New Safeguarding Training Framework

CO and C1 have now been replaced by new safeguarding training packages.

Tower Captains and bell ringers who teach children or vulnerable adults must do the new 'Basic Awareness' and 'Foundation' courses every 3 years and must also be DBS-checked.

These free courses can be accessed on the Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

No other ringers are required to do any formal safeguarding training but all are encouraged to do the online 'Basic Awareness' training package.

All bell ringing events (including outings to other towers) where children or vulnerable adults are present must be supervised by a DBS-checked person who has done the two training packages mentioned above within the last 3 years.

Ringers in our Diocese are not expected to do the new 'Leadership' training course.



Ringling resumes at Morville

Morville have resumed regular Sunday ringing. Ringing started up again on February 6th, to mark the Platinum Jubilee anniversary and a visit by the Bishop of Hereford who conducted the service there that morning.

News from Much Wenlock

Much Wenlock has resumed ringing for Sunday morning services albeit in a different format i.e. our service has been moved from 11.00 to 9.30 so it is an earlier start, except for the fourth Sunday in the month. We are two ringers down since the beginning of Covid which leaves just five of us. The Rev. David Janes is a big support to our Team Rector who has fourteen churches under his wing, although they don't all get a service every week, and is therefore not available on many Sundays as he is taking services elsewhere. We are however lucky to have the regular support of Bill Price who rings at Atcham and lives in Cross Houses, it means we can ring on five most weeks.

We have not recommenced practices but at least once a month a quarter peal attempt is organised with two or three of our own ringers and friends from anywhere between Oswestry and Ludlow making up the band. These are on a Tuesday night so that those living near to the church and in the town generally are reminded it is practice night!

With Spring almost here we hope to be able to spring back and be in a better place soon.

Broseley bell project

Broseley bells are in need of some substantial refurbishment. The original six bells, cast in 1844, were hung in a wooden frame. Two further bells, cast in 1949, were later added in a metal frame. This results in the bells being pulled at strange angles from the bell to the ringer, making them more difficult to ring. The pulleys are badly worn, some sliders have been repaired with metal and some clappers also need replacing.

The local band of fifteen ringers are currently fundraising to send the bells away for removal of the remnants of the crown staples and retuning. The bells will then be hung in a new metal frame with capacity for an additional two bells. More information can be found on Broseley's JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/broseley-bells>



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