

*G & B Diocesan Association of
Church Bell Ringers
Cheltenham Branch Newsletter
August 2004*

Recent firsts: well done to you all!

Emma and Philip Abbey, Liz Coke, Mark Davies and Catherine Leach who all rang their first QP of "Little Bob 16" on the 16 bells at the Bullring.

Jeremy Hitchings: 1st QP of minor on the treble, (Plain Bob Minor); 1st QP of grandsire inside.

***Cheltenham Branch Outing
Saturday 4th September 2004***

Janet has been working really hard to organise the outing and has researched various "non ringing options" as well. Thank you Janet! Hope to see lots of you there! Details of the itinerary are attached and at: http://www.lynches.demon.co.uk/ringing/Branch_Outin_g.htm.

St Mark's Update

The new vicar was installed at St Marks during July and the good news is that he has given his support to the augmentation project. There is however, one condition....that the ringers produce a business plan. A business plan was going to have to be completed in any case, as it would be needed to support the funding applications which are being sought, this just means a hold up of a couple of months with the funding applications whilst the business plan is formally drawn up.

The plan will contain a myriad of information including detailed plans concerning the augmentation, positioning of the bells lower in the tower, the conversion of the balcony into a ringing chamber and the different quotes from various companies. Also Simon and his team must provide a detailed breakdown of what percentage of the money is coming from donations, funding, grants, tax rebates etc. St Mark's church itself is trying to raise money for its own projects, and it is important that requests for bells and for church requirements are not sent to the same grant providers, for obvious reasons.

Ringing on alternate Mondays and Sundays for practice and Divine Service respectively will continue as has been established, and we look forward to a progress report in due course. Please be assured that although it may appear on the surface that not a lot of progress has being made toward the augmentation, there has been a hive of activity going on behind the scenes and the St Marks team are laying down firm foundations on which to build and from which they can progress.

More Swindon Village News!

Swindon Village will actually not ring on Sunday 29th August, as there is no service that day! Sunday ringing will resume on 5th September at 6pm, and the first practice will be on Monday 30th August at 7.30pm.

Autumn Training Day

The training day is on Saturday 9th October, based at Wotton under Edge. Places are limited, so if you wish to go on a course, get an application form from your tower correspondent and send it off soon to avoid disappointment.

The Bellringers' Ode

When go is called we don't depart
At stand it's time to sit
Our hunt does not involve a fox
By blows no one is hit.

Royal for us involves no kings
Though queens there may be found
No one is tempted to revolve
When comes the call go round.

When striking we are hard at work
Our covers don't conceal
Five courses do not make a feast
But just a quarter peal.

A single ringer may be spliced
A spliced one still unwed
And when we shout to someone "Bob"
It may be Joe or Fred.

When leading wrong we may be right
When in we're not at home
Delight may bring us all to grief
Surprise may well be known.

So if you watch us at our task
And hear the words we call
There's only one you'll know and love
The merciful "That's all".

Rescued/liberated from Coventry Cathedral ringing chamber

CHELTENHAM BRANCH OUTING

SEPTEMBER 4TH 2004

£2 each ringer

<i>Time</i>	<i>Ringing</i>	<i>Non Ringing Option</i>
1000 - 1100	Kingham (8), 12-1-4, OS Ref. SP258237	Walk from Bledington, 2 miles. Hazel Sweetman and Dave will lead walkers from Bledington Church starting at 1000. Stout shoes advised.
1130 – 1230	Great Tew (8), 22-0-10, OS Ref. SP399288	Picturesque village used as the backdrop to BBC's Oliver Twist
Lunch	Crown Inn, Mill Lane Church Enstone OX7 4NN 01608 677262	Light meals from £4. Main meals from £8
1430 – 1530	Chastleton (6), 6-3-8, OS Ref: SP249291	Chastleton House – National Trust. Booking advised Tel.01608 674355 www.nationaltrust.org.uk
1600 – 1700	Moreton in Marsh (8), 10-0-14 OS Ref: SP206322	Visit Moreton Show
	Chipping Norton Branch Practice at Taynton (6) 7-0-1, OS Ref: SP234135 Tel. Ringing Master Ken Wakefield (01608) 810089	Own arrangements