



## Editor's Foreword – *Andy Clark*

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter – we have plenty of variety and lots of contributors.

In the last newsletter, I promised the return of the familiar look-forward table of branch events. So here it is! There are also lots of other training events throughout the year, so please check the branch website for full details. Details on the 'TBC' entries will be firmed up nearer the time.

Date	Location	Time	Notes
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Tewkesbury Branch	All Day	G&B Association AGM, along with the Croome (6-Bell) and Penn (8-Bell) Striking Competitions
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Winchcombe	14:15-17:00	Potluck Striking Competition (see 'notices' section on the last page of this newsletter)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Priors Norton	TBC	Branch Striking Competition
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Dumbleton	TBC	Branch AGM comprising ringing, a short service, then a ringers' tea and AGM

That's it from me – happy reading and see you for the next one, summarising Q2, for release in early- July.

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## Branch Chairman's Welcome & Look Ahead to 2030 – *Mike Hartley*

Greetings all and I hope you had a lovely Easter.

Some of you will have heard of the Central Council of Church Bellringers (CCCBR) 'Ringing 2030' strategy. For those of you who haven't, it's an initiative to create a sustainable future for change ringing. Looking at ringing across the country, if you go forward 20 years, the current demographic profile will result in significantly fewer bell ringers. The CCCBR is developing three main areas of work to alter this trend:

- Publicity and marketing (awareness; promotion of ringing as a social and voluntary activity).
- Recruitment and development (develop regional and local structures; recruit new and lapsed ringers and aim to meet their expectations).
- 'Quality environment' (create an environment that enables people to enjoy ringing and want to keep doing it).

For more information, please go to: <https://cccb.org.uk/ringing-2030/>

I've recently discussed 'Ringing 2030' with the Cheltenham Branch Committee and some 'critical friends' to consider what, if anything, Cheltenham Branch should do. This has resulted in a possible approach, which I want to share with all Branch members in order to hear your views. Please see my article on the possible approach to 'Ringing 2030' later in this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mike



## **Heads held high: Cheltenham at the National 12-Bell Striking Competition Eliminator in Leicester 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Cath Jack**

This was our 4<sup>th</sup> time entering the '12-Bell' after hosting an eliminator event in 2023. Each time we have acquitted ourselves well and ended up mid-table. The description of our team in the programme said that we had "entered the competition for the last three years and have been eliminated each year". Hmm.

We practice monthly at the Minster and have additional practices at other towers in the build-up to the event which gives us experience in adjusting to different weights and 'go' prior to the competition. Hawkear is used extensively to improve our performances. On the day we have a very short practice before going into the competition piece. Sneaky practice at the event tower in the weeks and months prior to the event is not allowed!

This year we were drawn to ring at Leicester St Margaret's; at 32 cwt a little bit out of our comfort zone. We were in a heat with six other towers which included pre-competition favourites Birmingham, the fancied Guildford and Exeter teams plus the home team of Leicester. The first two teams go through to the final (at York in June) so we knew we were always ringing for the middle range places.

Various arriving by car, train, bus and on foot from a nearby hotel, everyone got there in good time. Over the first hurdle ok. After bacon sarnies and tea the draw took place.

Don't want to go first, don't want to go last; 4<sup>th</sup> will do nicely thank you.

A brisk walk then coffee and cake in Abbey Park got us through the waiting and then it was our turn.

Our mission was a 269 of Stedman Cinques. A steady error-free touch was our aim and we were well satisfied with our performance.

We passed the rest of the afternoon gossiping, catching up with friends in other teams, and trading tokens for beer, tea and cakes. Just about everyone who was there trooped outside into the snow and hail to listen with awe to the Birmingham performance; maybe ever-so-slightly pleased with the occasional ruffle in their ringing (these were seriously quite tricky bells). But they knuckled down and showed us how it was done (maybe the trip to the pub calmed their nerves.....).

The time had come for the results. Our report: "we knew what we wanted to do, some unevenness quickly corrected because we had a good framework. Back bells coursed down well". That didn't sound too bad. The final result was 4<sup>th</sup> place after two fancied teams (Birmingham and Guildford) and the home team (we were only 2% off coming 3<sup>rd</sup> giving us plenty of encouragement to have another go next year.)

So now it's "entered four times and have been eliminated each time". But that still really doesn't tell you the whole story.

The true story is: four attempts, always put in a good performance. Had a great day. Feel like an important part of the wonderful '12 bell' legend (51 years and still going strong). Heads held high.

The facts: 1<sup>st</sup> Birmingham (84%); 2<sup>nd</sup> Guildford (77%); 3<sup>rd</sup> Leicester (68%); 4<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham (66%); 5<sup>th</sup> Chilcompton (60%); 6<sup>th</sup> Exeter (53%); 7<sup>th</sup> Beverley (50%).



The Cheltenham band: 1 Cath Jack; 2 Jeremy Alford; 3 Sandra Alford; 4 Nick Robinson; 5 Greg Jones; 6 Cara Davies; 7 Paul Wells; 8 Michael Woodward; 9 Mike Hartley; 10 David Bagley; 11 Simon Ridley; 12 Mike Seagrave.

Special thanks to Sandra, Jeremy and Rupert Howes for their fantastic organisation and also to the rest of the squad: Hilda Ridley, Quentin Jackson, Andy Ward, Rachel Bagley, Rupert Howes for their support; only 12 can ring on the day.



**The Cheltenham band (l-r): Paul Wells, Cara Davies, Michael Woodward, Greg Jones, Mike Hartley, Nick Robinson, Sandra Alford, David Bagley, Jeremy Alford, Simon Ridley, Cath Jack, Mike Seagrave.**



## **Youth Ringing Social Event – *Lucy Hennessy***

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April there will be a young ringers practice at Cheltenham Minster. The event is aimed broadly at ringers under 30, but anyone is welcome if you often find yourself one of the youngest in the tower.

The practice will run 18:30-20:00, and some of us may follow on to a meal at the Bottle of Sauce pub. If you can't make the ringing, we'd be happy to see you at the pub afterwards :)

The event is open to those outside the Cheltenham branch and to all experience levels – feel free to bring along someone who wants to give ringing a go but hasn't rung before.

If you or anyone at your tower would be interested in this or similar events in the future, please let me know at [teamlead@cheltenhambranch.co.uk](mailto:teamlead@cheltenhambranch.co.uk) to get an idea of numbers. If you can't commit, feel free to just come along on the day – the more the merrier!

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## **50 years at the end of a rope – *Clare Pritchard***

It is now well over 50 years since I first started ringing at Winchcombe. I had learnt to ring several years previously in a village just outside Gloucester. I, along with a few other friends, were taught by a ringer from Gloucester Cathedral. For the last 49 years I have had the honour of being Tower Captain at St. Peter's, Winchcombe.

As you can imagine, there have been many changes over these last 50 years.

When I first started ringing in St. Peter's, the ground floor of the tower had no porch – the main West door led straight to the open air. The floor was stone and initially, the space was used to store the lawn mower, various flower buckets and a number of other assorted items. As you can imagine it was very cold in the winter.

Another problem was the length of the ropes when ringing from the ground floor. Until we moved the ringing chamber up to the first level, Winchcombe was the longest draught in Gloucestershire (not really something to be proud of!).

When I took over the incumbent was Canon Ronald Appleton. He was very supportive and encouraged us to plan to raise the ringing chamber up to the first level. He also instigated the glazing of the space between the new ringing chamber and the church. This was initially envisioned to be a memorial window. Sadly this was not pursued, however it did improve the warmth for the main body of the church.

The new ringing floor was installed in 1987. We were gifted a carpet, and had heaters installed, which made life much more comfortable than it had been before.

We still had only six bells. However, thanks to Rev John Humphris who was a ringer and had retired to Winchcombe some years earlier from Tredington, we were gifted two new trebles, which meant that we were now a full octave (Key of F Sharp).



A group of ringers and congregation visited Loughborough Bell Foundry (one of the last in the country – now the only remaining one) to see the bells being cast. This was a fascinating day as most people had never seen this done before.

The new bells were hung in 1987. Unfortunately, just before they were installed, I was transferred to the Toronto Office in Canada, so I missed the Winchcombe celebrations.

This, however, proved to be a blessing in disguise, as the Cathedral in Toronto had just had a set of bells installed (from Bermondsey, London) and they were training up new ringers for them. I got in touch with their Tower Captain and was immediately welcomed as a fellow ringer and helper. It also meant that I had a new instant Social Life. That is one benefit of being a ringer – you can go anywhere in the world and you are immediately welcomed. You are never turned away. However there are a few towers – like St. Paul's Cathedral – where it is by invitation only. I once had the honour of ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London.

Over the years we have rung for many weddings (we get a bird's eye view from the ringing chamber). This can be quite interesting, and I remember that one year we had a 'Hello' magazine wedding. It was all very hush-hush, and it took some time to convince the bouncers on the door that we had to go inside to be able to ring the bells, which the bride and groom had requested. It has also been interesting to see the changes in wedding attire over the years. Hats are very few and far between now, whereas in the 1970s it was frowned upon if a female did not wear a hat!

There have been many changes in the church in my time (apart from the structural ones above). I have served under five Rectors / Vicars / Priests-in-charge, including our present incumbent.

It has been great fun over the years, and we have trained many ringers over that time. At present, like a great many other churches, we are seriously short of ringers. I would encourage anyone to have a go. It is very good exercise, and a very good source of social contact.



**The local band made a presentation on Wednesday 1st April to celebrate Clare's considerable service as Tower Captain.**

**This was attended by 15 ringers, past and present, with Clare being presented with a signed card, flowers and a model bell (see photograph and engraving).**



### **‘Ringing 2030’ – Possible Approach by Cheltenham Branch – *Mike Hartley***

As mentioned in my introduction, a possible Cheltenham Branch approach to ‘Ringing 2030’ has been developed for your consideration.

While I haven’t had the temerity to carry out a demographic survey of Cheltenham Branch members, I believe that our demographic trend is not substantially different to the CCCBR’s assessment. A recent discussion with some ringing colleagues concluded that some positive action needs to be taken.

What do we want Cheltenham Branch to look like in 2030? Simply put, I suggest that we’ll want to see a significantly increasing and sustained membership, and an increasing number of ringers across the branch aged less than thirty years old. I hesitate to set specific target numbers at this stage.

How do we get there? In order to stimulate discussion and work out what could be done and in what order, a high-level diagram of the various activities that might be needed was produced (see diagram overleaf, Figure 1). Analysis suggested that these activities could be addressed in two phases.

The first phase would be focused mainly on:

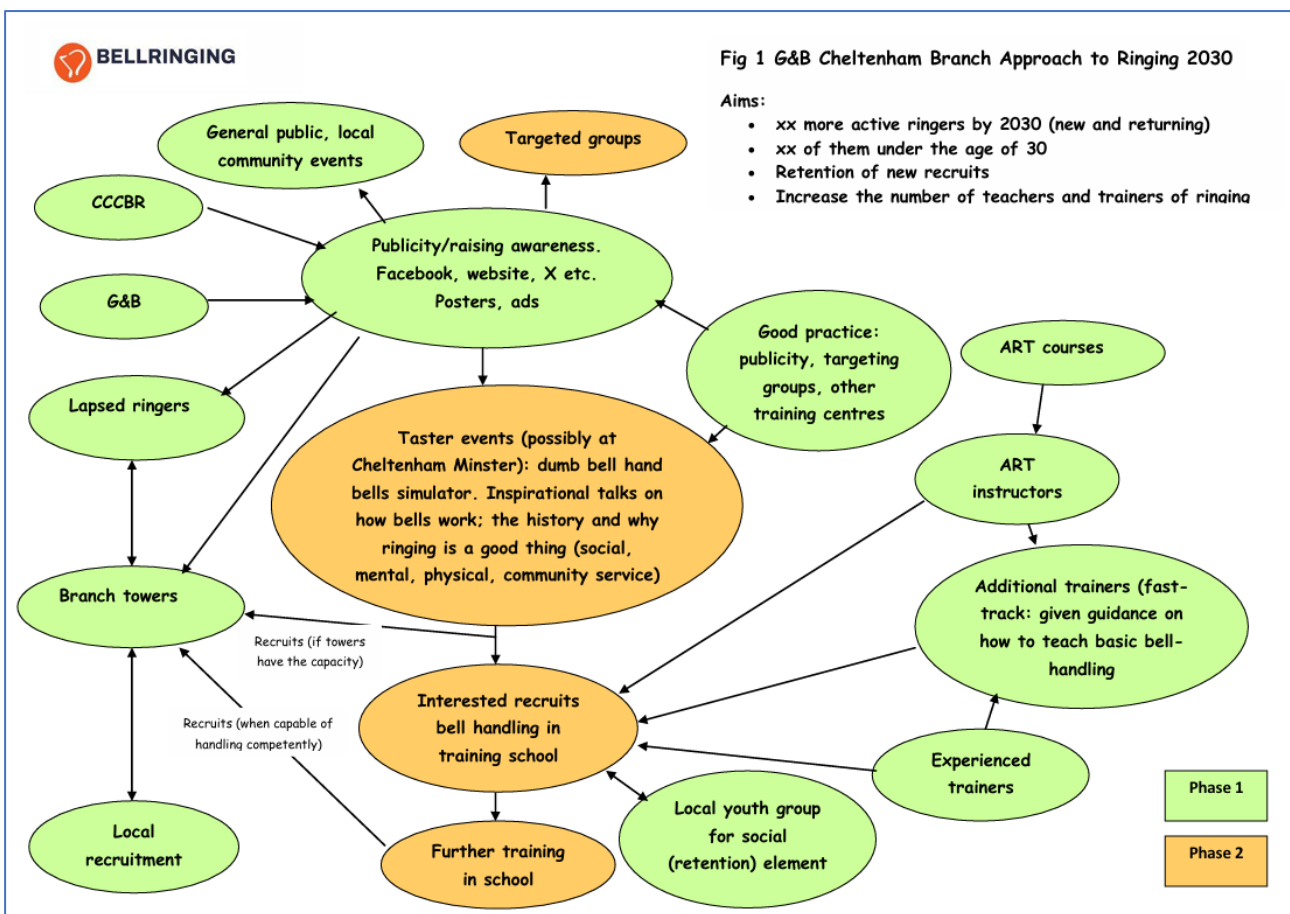


- a) Capturing good practice from elsewhere.
- b) Improving our publicity and raising awareness Branch-wide to help increase the number of recruits of all ages.
- c) Increasing the number of people able to teach basic bell handling, so that we'd be better prepared to teach a possibly larger influx of recruits both through improved publicity and targeted recruitment (e.g. scouts, guides).

The second phase would be focused on targeted recruitment, taster events and subsequent training in groups. Training in groups, which would provide a social element, would aid retention.

In addition, recent discussion suggested that a local 'Ringing 2030' team should be formed to take this forward. The team's work would cover three main areas: improving publicity and awareness; increasing training resources (including fast-track training on how to teach basic bell handling); and managing recruitment from targeted groups. The team wouldn't be resourced to do everything, and would need help from others, e.g. to assist with basic bell handling or to give inspirational talks to targeted areas of potential recruitment on why ringing is such a good thing.

Two of our members, Cara Davies and Lucy Hennessy, have kindly volunteered to be founding members of a 'Ringing 2030' team. If you're interested in joining Cara and Lucy in a team, or if you're willing to provide support occasionally as needed, please don't hesitate to let me know.





## Ringling Courses – *Andrew Haynes*

### Introduction

Having attended numerous national ringing courses over the last few years, and benefited hugely from attending as a student in 2023, I hope the below is of interest to the wider branch and might encourage beginners / improvers to see what the schemes may be able to offer them, as well as the more experienced ringers maybe considering volunteering their time and expertise to support such beneficial and valuable courses. Until relatively recently there were only two residential ringing courses: the springtime Hereford Ringing Course and the summertime Bradfield Ringing Course. The Central Council has been in the last few years working at introducing further regional ringing courses: the Northwest Ringing Course (NWRC), which first ran in summer 2022, followed by the Southwest Ringing Course (SWRC) in autumn 2025.

### My experience in 2023 as a student

Having started doing a bit of conducting at my tower (St Mark's) and with the ability to call touches of Stedman Triples, I took the opportunity to learn more about conducting by applying for the 'Advanced Conducting' course of the Northwest Ringing Course (NWRC) in 2023. I was somewhere between the basic and advanced courses, so I was pleased when I was accepted. (I later found out that there were only six applicants for the six places!)

I had never attended a residential ringing course so this was something very new to me. On a Thursday in August, after taking a train to Preston, a bus and then a short walk over the canal bridge to Myerscough College, I arrived, walking past a quarter peal being rung on the Charmborough Ring before heading to reception to check in, and then meeting the rest of my group: the tutor, Paul and the other five students. Unlike most groups, there were no helpers as we, the students, could already ring Surprise Major or beyond, so would be forming the supporting bands for our own touches on the course.

We started with a theory session on conducting and coursing order which we could use for checking bells have not swapped. This took place in the College and provided useful theory for the first ringing session at Lytham St John (quite a difficult tower) that evening. Some exercises were used to put the theory into practice, including to call out the coursing order so we got better at spotting it. Afterwards we returned for drinks back at the College.

Friday and Saturday followed, each with a theory session followed by two ringing sessions; these were at Garstang, Bilsborrow and Chorley (St Mary and St Laurence). This gave ten hours of practice with multiple goes at conducting (and a lot of ringing whilst others were conducting). It would have taken months to get this much practice of conducting from regular practice nights. Between all of this ringing were the optional sessions which covered a range of ringing topics. One that was particularly fun was the session on Devon Call Changes which are much more challenging than other call changes as there is no handstroke gap, bells are rung lower and calls can be as quick as every handstroke.

On Sunday, many of us went out to ring at some of the local towers for their Sunday services. I went with a few others to Kirkham which has a nice ten and an interesting six. The six had the ropes so badly placed that to ring most of them you had to stand looking the wrong way; the only way to ring them well was by



rhythm and listening. Throughout the course, I met a lot of other ringers, some very experienced and others quite new to the exercise, but all very friendly and enthusiastic.

### **Attending courses in subsequent years as a helper**

Having enjoyed my first ringing course, I offered to be a helper on the NWRC in 2024 and 2025. I was put on the Cambridge Surprise Minor in 2024 and Stedman Triples in 2025. Due to a lack of availability at Myerscough College, from 2024 the course has been based at the council-run Outward Bound centre at Borwick Hall. The accommodation there was basic and the food was similar to school meals.

Unsurprisingly, in 2025, to improve the food, the organisers switched two of the dinners to food vans which included fish & chips and ice cream. (This summer, the organisers are planning to have all on-site lunches and dinners from food vans.)



**Borwick Hall – Base  
for the NWRC**

Being a helper on a ringing course involves ringing or standing behind nearly all the time, offering pointers or corrections to the students as required, or forming part of a really steady band to enable them the best practice they can get. The most impressive tower in 2024 was Cartmel Priory (home of Sticky Toffee Pudding) which is a huge church with an 11cwt six. The tower was also at 45 degrees to the church with large beams on the floor of the ringing circle providing unconventional boxes. At the last tower, Morecambe, it was good that all five students in our group rang together, albeit with all the helpers assisting in the very small ringing chamber.



**Cartmel Priory – a very large church for six bells**

In 2025, the Stedman group covered Over Kellet, Kendal, Bowness-on-Windermere, Kirkby Stephen, Orton and Lancaster Priory. As a helper, I was probably the least experienced as I had never rung a quarter of Stedman Triples, but it definitely gave me a lot of practice.

In 2025, the Southwest Ringing Course ran for the very first time. Unlike the NWRC, this course ran from Friday to Monday but still had the theory sessions complementing the six practical sessions. This was hosted at Millfield School in Street (and closer to Glastonbury than the festival), where we were housed in the rooms for boarding students. Like the NWRC, there was a good range of towers including the 19½cwt North Cadbury. Having no heavy bell ringers as helpers, all the helpers took it in turn to ring the tenor in; this was a really tough tower but luckily an unexpected small service in the churchyard gave us a welcome break. Our group even competed in an evening quiz together and ‘won’ the wooden bell (i.e. came last!). On my return home, I even found time to climb Glastonbury Tor and ring at the anti-clockwise ten in Bath Abbey. Again, this was good fun.



**Glastonbury Tor – St Michael's tower might be in need of a bell restoration project!**



### My personal achievements on or as a result of attending these courses

I have personally benefited a great deal from the opportunities and development these courses have offered me, even when I've been attending as a helper. In November 2025, after helping on the Stedman Triples module, I rang my first quarter of Stedman Triples on the seventh, and I conducted it myself. Also in 2025, at Lancaster Priory, I achieved ringing the 30-2-2 tenor which is the heaviest bell I've pulled off and rung to changes (albeit behind). (Earlier in the year I had rung down the 32-0-4 tenor at Washington National Cathedral but someone else pulled it off.) A game for many helpers on the courses is a form of Bingo where we attempt to ring all the bells in each tower. I've been successful at most towers, generally failing when there were extra bells in the tower (e.g. Minor in an eight-bell tower).

Other attendees' accounts of the course have been captured in Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers ([here](#)) and The Guild of Devonshire Ringers newsletters ([here](#)).

### The different courses and what they offer

All these courses typically take over part of a boarding school or a council-run Outward Bound centre. This provides a fairly basic level of accommodation with shared toilets and showers. It is comfortable and much cheaper than a hotel! All courses provide six ringing sessions (each typically longer than the length of a standard practice night) over four days complemented with additional theory sessions. Optional sessions provide the opportunity to learn about other aspects of bellringing including striking, handbells, Devon Call Changes, wildlife in towers, tower maintenance and further practical sessions. To allow for travel, courses start in the early afternoon on the first day and finish mid-afternoon on the last day. A summary of the dates and locations of the courses for 2026 is below:

2026	Bradfield Ringing Course	Hereford Ringing Course	Northwest Ringing Course	Southwest Ringing Course
Dates	Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> August – Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> April – Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> August – Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> October – Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Venue	Bradfield College	Royal National College for the Blind	Borwick Hall	Millfield School
Location	Reading, Berkshire	Hereford, Herefordshire	Carnforth, Lancashire	Street (by Glastonbury), Somerset
Distance from Cheltenham	62 miles (1½ hours)	37 miles (1 hour)	180 miles (3¼ hours)	75 miles (1¾ hours)
Applications Open	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	December 2025	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Student Applications Close	Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June



Ringling courses divide students into modules to work over the four days on a single aspect of ringing. All of them provide modules for five and six bell ringing and all but the NWRC have something for call changes. At the advanced end of the scale are courses such as surprise major, Stedman on higher numbers and Devon Call Changes (the latter being a challenge because this is a much faster-paced style of ringing than what we are used to, with a strong emphasis on striking and starting and ending with the bells down (so will involve ringing up and down)). The NWRC also provides training in conducting, at both basic and advanced levels, from supporting competent ringers onto calling methods, up to developing in the students an understanding of the theory of coursing order and how to check and correct the ringing. I have summarised the modules available:

Modules	Bradfield	Hereford	NWRC	SWRC
Call Changes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Plain Hunt 3/4/5		Yes		
Plain Hunt 5/6	Yes	Yes	Yes (combined)	Yes
Plain Bob Doubles	Yes	Yes		
Grandsire Doubles	Yes	Yes		
Plain Bob Minor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stedman Doubles	Yes	Yes		
Treble Bobbing		Yes		
Surprise Minor	Yes		Yes	
From 6 to 8		Yes	Yes	Yes
Stedman Triples	Yes	Yes (combined)	Yes	
Stedman Caters				
Surprise Major	Yes	Yes		
Devon Call				Basic & Advanced
Conducting			Basic & Advanced	
Handbells			Yes	

It is no surprise that ringing courses come with a cost; they have similar costs to a three-night holiday. Students will typically pay a course fee which pays for the running of the course including teaching classrooms, materials, donations for towers and basic refreshments (i.e. tea, coffee and biscuits). To encourage helpers to apply, they only contribute towards their room and board. Some courses feature a package deal, which includes the course fees (for students only), three nights' accommodation, three breakfasts, Sunday lunch and three dinners. The NWRC and Hereford courses allow for tailored packages,



which allows students and helpers just to pay for what they want. (The NWRC even provides a campsite should you wish to bring your own tent for a £40 fee.) As shown on the table below, most of the courses give discounts to young ringers. The G&B are also thinking of introducing grants for up to ten students and ten helpers to attend the courses; this would pay for 50% (students) or 75% (helpers) of the cost. This is subject to approval at the forthcoming AGM.

Costs	Bradfield	Hereford	NWRC	SWRC
Students (Fees Only)	Not Available	£160 (over 17) £100 (under 18)	£160	Not Available
Students (Package)	£395 (over 25) £295 (under 26)	£515 (over 17) £455 (under 18)	£505 (single) £385 (shared)	£324 (over 25) £243 (under 26)
Helpers (Fees Only)	Not Available	Not Available	Free	Not Available
Helpers (Package)	£198 (over 25) £150 (under 26)	Not Available	£320 (single) £200 (shared)	£224 (over 25) £168 (under 26)

### How to apply

Applications for all courses are online (except Hereford that uses a paper form). The websites are:

- Bradfield Ringing Course: <https://bradfield-ringing-course.org.uk>
- Hereford Ringing Course: <https://herefordringingcourse.org.uk>
- Northwest Ringing Course: <https://www.nwringingcourse.uk>
- Southwest Ringing Course: <https://southwest-ringing-course.org.uk>

At time of publication both Hereford and NWRC are closed to applications from students (but note the NWRC is still welcoming applications from potential helpers). Bradfield applications are open until the end of April and the SWRC opens applications at the end of May. Applications for all courses are considered equally, not on a first-come basis. A few weeks after the deadline you'll be informed if your application has been successful. Most courses are often oversubscribed. The Hereford course tends to source its own helpers through a pre-existing network of volunteers.

### Closing remarks

Ringling courses are a chance to really get into a particular aspect of ringing with a lot of practice over a short period of time. During a regular practice night, you'll get a few minutes of practice, but on a ringing course, there is the chance to ring it many times giving the equivalent of many months of practice night. Combined with the chance to meet and ring with ringers from across the country (and the World) and social events every evening, I have enjoyed being part of them. I'd encourage you to look and see if there is a course that suits you (even as a helper).



## Branch Notices

### **A Reminder of the Belfry Repair Fund – Andrew Haynes**

At the Management Committee meeting in March, it was noted that there were very few applications for grants. This means that there is a reasonable amount of money available in the Belfry Repair Fund for grants for repairs and renovations. This fund exists to provide grants towards repairs, renovations (excluding ropes) or augmentations of existing rings of bells, installation of new rings and similar purposes, and also to make payments and grants towards marketing, recruitment, training and development.

Please get in contact with the branch committee or check the Bell Restoration Fund's [webpage](#) if you believe your tower has a project that could benefit from a grant.

### **Potluck Striking Competition – Cara Davies**

First inspired by Pat Halls at our 2023 AGM, we plan to hold our second Potluck 6-Bell Striking Competition on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May:

- We meet at Winchcombe St Peter's at 14:15
- Designated leaders draw names out of a hat to create teams
- Everyone rings at least once for their team and also judges other teams' striking (depending on numbers, there may be opportunity to ring more than once in different teams)
- It's an opportunity to practice your listening skills in a supportive environment
- Marking sheets and pencils will be supplied
- There will be tea, coffee, cake etc!
- There may be small prizes!

The event aims to bring people from across the branch together to focus on good striking in a relaxed setting. We hope for a mix of experience levels, with a minimum of 20 participants and ideally around 30. Those who prefer not to ring are welcome to help with judging or simply join for tea and cake.

**Date:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 14:15 (for a 14:30 start) to 17:00

**Location:** Winchcombe St Peter's

Please let me know if you are interested and able to attend and encourage less experienced ringers to get in touch as well. Contact: [deputyringingmaster@cheltenhambranch.co.uk](mailto:deputyringingmaster@cheltenhambranch.co.uk)