

Bath Branch Secretary's Report

We have a good year in the Bath branch with bits and bobs going on! We have 3 really successful courses. We have had Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles courses run by Nicki Williams and Rob Perry. Tom Longridge ran a how to call Call Changes course. To Commemorate the Diamond Jubilee there were Peals and Quarter Peals rang across the branch to celebrate and there were many towers that rang at 3pm on the Sunday to mirror the ringing on the Floating Flotilla in London.

This year we had another great 6 bell striking competition that was held at Marksbury. Many teams were involved. To spice things up a bit we tried a new system which proved very successful. Teams had the opportunity to either enter for the Novice group or the Advanced Group. The rules and the entrance criteria for each group were different but it gave towers who usually enter, who aren't as confident, a chance to win a shield. This was really well received by most and the novice shield was presented to the team at St. Stephen's, Larkhall. The winner of the Advanced group, who received the Harold Parfrey Memorial Shield was Bathwick, well done to both teams again. St. Mary's Bathwick went on to come 5th in the finals of the Association 6-bell. The Bath branch also came 5th in the Association 8-bell, which was fab, well done to all involved.

As you can see above we have had a Committee reshuffle; Michael Day has stepped down as Ringing Master, we would like to say a big thank you to Michael for being in the committee of the Bath Branch as both Chairman and Ringing Master. Jody Wood has taken up position as Ringing Master and we look forward to new things to come! The rest of the committee remains the same. There were lots of new members elected in 2012 so we all wish a warm welcome to new members and those returning.

Here's to next year!

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