

**Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers:  
Glaston Branch**



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**Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers: Glaston Branch 6-Bell Striking Competition**

This year's Glaston Branch 6-Bell Ringing Competition was held at St. Matthew, Wookey on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April with 32 people attending. Huge thanks go to **Graham Darke, David Sumner** and all helpers at Wookey for organising the event and providing a super afternoon tea, and also to **Charles Pipe-Wolferston** for judging.

It was a beautiful afternoon which helped to create a very lively and positive atmosphere, with all present able to listen to each of the teams taking part whilst catching up with one another.

Five Call Change teams took part and four Method teams took part. The winners were

- Glastonbury, St John's – 48 faults
- Compton Dundon, Street and Walton Benefice - 43 ½ faults

Thanks to everyone who played their part in showing what the smallest Branch in the Association can do!

**Norma Anselm**

Branch Secretary



**CALL CHANGE VICTORS  
Glastonbury, St John's**



**METHOD VICTORS  
Compton Dundon, Street and Walton  
Benefice**

### Developmental Quarter Peal Programme

One of the objects of our Association is the “Promotion of the art of church bell ringing within the Bath & Wells Diocese...”. Most of the ringings we do are public performances and it’s my experience that the public can tell good ringing from bad. The ringing we produce reflects on ourselves and the churches in which we ring.

In a previous newsletter I talked about arranging Quarter Peals to consolidate learning, what I call Development Quarters. Focused ringing within a capable band helps develop the skills and concentration needed to consistently produce better ringing. A noise control system is in the final stages of being fitted to the new ring at Compton Dundon. I aim to arrange fortnightly Development Quarters Peal attempts using this excellent new facility.

The aim will be to extend and consolidate ringing skills, by attempting ‘firsts’ and then doing repeat performances to enhance confidence and quality, before attempting more advanced quarters if that is what individuals would like.

The focus will be on the key skills needed by bands to produce good ringing. To succeed I will need:

1. names of ringers who wish to develop their skills in this way, together with an indication of what they wish to achieve next
2. names of helpers who are willing to repeatedly support
3. an acceptance by participants that these are development attempts, and as such are as beneficial as achieving a perfect result.

If you are interested in this project either as a developer or as a helper, or indeed as both, but at different stages of development, please contact me at [CCRep1@bath-wells.org](mailto:CCRep1@bath-wells.org) .

Finally, a fairly recent development within ringing is the recognition of Eighth Peals (about 25 mins ringing) as recordable performances. If you would be more comfortable attempting Eighth Peals let me know.

**Paul Wootton**

Education Officer

### News from our Branch Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Two new members were elected to membership of the Association. Congratulations!

- **Tim Case** – St Leonard’s Church, Butleigh
- **Martin Hartfield** – St John’s Church, Glastonbury

### Branch Committee

The post of Branch Secretary has been vacant since Mike Palmer stepped down at the start of the year. **Norma Anselm** was elected to this post.

The post of **Tower Maintenance Officer** remains vacant. Previous advice remains the same, if any towers require advice on maintenance issues, this is available through the Association Tower Advisor and his Assistant.

### **BRANCH PROGRAMME 2026**

- Branch Outing: 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please don't forget the outing we need your support. Come for an enjoyable day!!
  - 10.00 – 11.00 **Drayton TA10 0JY** (8 16-1-1)
  - 11.30 – 12.15 **Seavington St Mary TA19 0QP** (6 6-2-21)
  - 2pm – 3pm **South Petherton TA13 5BS** (12 22-3-15)
- Branch Event: 21<sup>st</sup> November **2.00 to 5.00pm**, Croscombe
- Monthly Surprise Major Practices at Pilton, by invitation
- Improvers Group Practices: contact **Paul Wotton** (Branch Education Officer) for details

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Branch Secretary

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