



News from the Dunster Branch



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Welcome to our new Branch officers and to two new members!

Our **Branch Annual General Meeting** took place on Saturday 11 April at Minehead. We elected three **new officers**: **David Moore** (Chair), **Michael Boys** (Vice Chair) and **Andrew Palk** (Ringing Master). Many thanks to them for taking on these roles. And thanks were expressed to Martin Blazey who had stepped up as chair following Chris Mitchell's 'retirement' in October 2024 and to Mark Philipson who has held the fort as ringing master since Fiona Kemm moved away last December. Our other officers were re-elected en bloc. Our Treasurer, Tina Coggan, reported that in 2025 we had 149 members in the Branch and 142 in 2026, so a slight drop. We have a healthy bank balance of £1,692 and it was agreed to donate £500 to the Association's Ringing Support Fund.

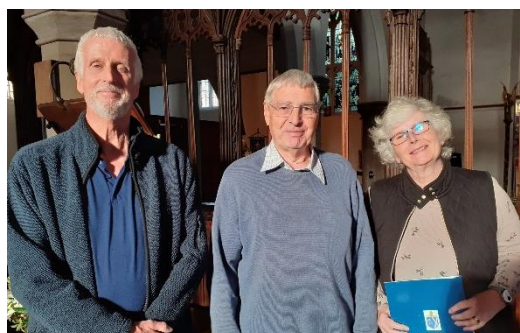


Ann, Martin and Tina at the AGM



Here are photos of our new officers, so you know what they look like! Left to right: David, Mike and Andrew

Achiever of the Year was awarded to **Sarah Griffiths**, a Dunster ringer, who started to learn in September 2024 and recently rang her first quarter peal on the tenor. The supporting statement for the award included the following: *Sarah is keen to progress, works hard and is always willing to try something new, despite having limited peripheral vision. She is a regular supporter of tower practices, improvers and service ringing. She is encouraging to other ringers and is friendly and welcoming. Her well-developed listening skills and sense of rhythm are an example to others!* Here is a picture of Sarah with her award, presented by **Martin Blazey**, our out-going chair. Martin is an achiever too, having recently been sent his certificate for **50 years membership** of the Bath & Wells Association. Well done both!



We were pleased to elect three **new members** – **Jonathan Collis** (Minehead), **Jill Ewen** (Dunster) and **Charis Woodcock** (Brushford). A big welcome to them. Here is a photo of Jon and Jill with Martin.

At the AGM, members discussed the **Branch Dinner** which had been held on 21 March at Minehead Golf Club. Everyone enjoyed the venue, food and company and would be happy to go there

again, next year. The dinner was well attended with 65 members and partners present.

Dunster Branch outing 28 March 2026:

Here are two different accounts from two relatively inexperienced ringers.

Lyn Payne writes:

A great day was had by all who attended the Branch outing in Bath in March. Ringing catered for all levels of ability. There were opportunities to ring rounds, call changes and plain hunt for the not so experienced ringers. And for the more experienced ones, there was Cambridge, Bristol, Stedman, to name but a few of the methods rung. Some of the bells were a bit challenging but sounded lovely. We finished the day with a great ring on the 10 bells of Bath Abbey. Thanks to all the host churches and a big thanks to Mark for organising the whole day.

Personally, I felt it was a long day, a lot of walking between the churches. But saying that, I had a fantastic time. The highlight of my day, apart from having lunch with my youngest daughter, must be ringing the beautiful Bath Abbey bells. Would I do it again? Most definitely. What a way to spend my birthday weekend.



And here are Andy Cartwright's accounts.

Version one: an overview:

I thought I would put this together from the point of view of a novice ringer (I have been learning to ring for about 17 months) to encourage other novices/beginners to go on Branch outings. This is because I found out that the day is for everyone, every level and not just for experienced ringers. If you can control a bell on your own, this is something not to be missed.

Once in Bath, we headed off to the first of five towers that we were to ring at during the day. This was a walking tour, so we got to see some of the city, with each tower about a 15-minute walk apart.

The ringing was organized for both novices and experienced, with rounds, call changes, and then a variety of methods. It was great to see it was a level that everyone could ring at, and it offered us less experienced ringers the chance to hear good ringing. We followed the same format at each tower and what was good was how many experienced ringers were on hand to offer support and encouragement. This included putting a novice between experienced ringers, so you didn't have two novices together.

So, how would I sum up the Dunster Branch outing, and would I recommend novices/beginners to go?

Great day out, the chance to ring at different towers in a magnificent city, and the opportunity to ring at the abbey, great company, amazing support and guidance. This is for not just for the experienced ringers – it is for everyone. So, would I go again? Yes, absolutely and would I recommend you do – YES.

Lastly, massive thanks to Mark, Martin and Jan for the day and my fellow ringers from Carhampton & Dunster.

Version two: Andy, Dave & Evie's big day out or *what really happened*

The three of us met in Carhampton at some ungodly hour on a Saturday morning. It was so early, even the birds were complaining we had woken them up. With the promise of a coffee from David, we headed off to Taunton train station. On arrival at the station, the ticket seller/dealer (who we shall call Dick Turpin) put on his mask and demanded Evie give him her entire life savings for a ticket to Bath – such was the price of a train ticket. David and Andy looked smugly at each other having booked online. So off we headed to

Bath, having realized that our reserved seats were in Coach H, but the train only had coaches up to E. So, we grabbed some seats and chilled.

On arrival at Bath, the gang headed off – following Andy's Sat Nav, we passed the Abbey, looked at each other and said – ooooooooh! Andy had a Sat Nav, however he had no idea how to use it for walking, but off we went – confidence flowing. As we made our way to the first tower, we realized it was located on a hill that was higher than the top of Snowdonia, and we were disappointed to find there was no oxygen available on our ascent. This is also where David and Evie realized Andy had no idea what he was doing with the Sat-Nav as we walked up, across and back down, and had to ask a local for final directions.

Tower 1 Bath, Christ Church (8 bells) – we made it!

We made our way up to the ringing room via a door designed for a Hobbit or similar sized individual – the band had been practising and invited us to ring Grandsire Doubles with them. Suddenly David and Evie became more of a novice than Andy. We all politely declined and said we would wait for the other Branch Members to arrive. We looked at each other and hid. However, when everyone was there, we all had a ring, and it was great to see that there was something everyone could have a go at. We then descended and hit our first cake stop of the day – tea and homemade cake. After finishing we decided not to follow Andy and his Sat-Nav and for the rest of the day we made sure we were always following other Branch members. So, off to Tower 2 and luckily, we were now going downhill from the top of Snowdonia, so could breathe.



Tower 2 Bath, St Michael (8 bells)



We made our way up to the ringing room – a lot of steps and then a trap door. Again, very similar ringing to the first tower, with everyone getting to ring on various bells – doing as much or as little as they wanted.

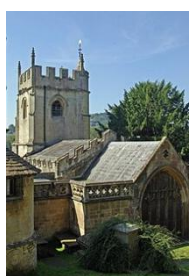
Lunch in the church. Then off to Tower 3, a nice walk through town – where we managed to get Andy and his Sat-Nav to work (ish). David gave Evie and me a talk on the differences between Georgian and Victorian window architecture, which was brilliant and unexpected, but subtle when you know what you are looking for. Thanks David.

Tower 3 Bathwick (10 bells)

We made our way to the ringing room, which was the biggest so far and contained an interesting collection of cobwebs. Again, great ringing that was all inclusive. Then we're off to Tower 4, a short walk and through a gate.



Tower 4 Bath, Widcombe (6 bells)



Up to the ringing room, which was a funny shape and the treble and 2 had a strange box above where you had to be careful you didn't hit your hands – there was also a machine in the corner that allowed one person to ring all the bells on their own. David said it was called Ellacombe Chimes. David, I have discovered, has an amazing amount of knowledge he is happy to share. Now the bells – how to describe how they sound..... I suggest you close your eyes and imagine an Austrian field in the Alps; you have six cows, each with a cow bell around their neck, of varying sizes and sounds; now imagine them swimming under water and ringing those

bells in rounds, call changes and methods. It was a different experience to the rest of the tour – but one I think we shall all remember.

And oh my god we're off to the Abbey! Our journey to the Abbey – not following Andy and his Sat-Nav, involved crossing several major roads, scaling a broken fence, a river walk, ascending a tower off said riverbank and walking through various tents/stalls selling dubious t-shirts of bands and Bath.

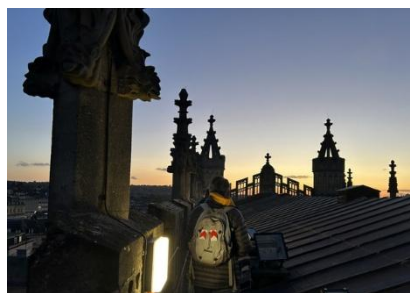
A pause to use the toilet facilities and a coffee at a large American coffee chain, then across to the Abbey.

Tower 5 Bath Abbey (10 bells)

Pausing for photos outside and realizing how big this place is – again that nervous laugh, and we were being ushered in – a concert rehearsal is taking place and the Abbey looks amazing – now we ascend to (unknown to ourselves) the 'first' roof –



where we are walking outdoors along the roof, looking over Bath (we discovered Evie doesn't like heights); through a door and continue our ascent (this is where we went outside onto an even higher roof); Evie still



doesn't like heights – but a nice view. Through a door and into the ringing room the size of a small house. What an experience we had ringing at the Abbey – just brilliant. This was the highlight of the day and for a novice what an experience to ring at Bath Abbey – ringing rounds and changes, with methods for the more experienced. Then we had to make our way down after approximately an hour. Now it's dark – and Evie still doesn't like heights. On our descent, Andy's elbow found the light switch and the stairs were plunged into darkness. There were screams – I think this was

Evie who was still recovering from the roof – but luckily David was a distance behind, so Andy was able to blame David without David being aware. Evie was happy we were on the ground.

So, with our ringing completed we headed back to the station and our journey home Or the most bizarre experience we have ever had on a train. So, with passengers from the Dunster Branch Outing, rugby games and a demonstration or two, the train was packed. (The previous train was delayed so this one was doubly packed). Evie became separated from David and Andy, we believe this was due to the better class of ticket obtained from Dick Turpin earlier in the day, and common sense not to enter 'cattle class', so Evie had a seat. David and Andy learnt a considerable amount of new swear words from those standing near them – which I will not repeat here. However, our last 20 minutes were comfortable as we had a seat. Even managing to charge Andy's phone – the sat-nav had drained the battery and us. We disembarked at Taunton and made our way back to Carhampton arriving at 10pm.

Excellent day with excellent company. Looking forward to next year already.

[Note from Andy: everything in this account is real and not made up – please check with David & Evie.]

Some notable performances since the last newsletter

Quarter peals [*p=principle, m=method, v=variation; 1260=number of changes*]

24 January 2026: 1260 Stedman Triples at Dunster: 1 Andrew Palk, 2 Sara Coward, 3 Emma Kingdon, 4 Mark Philipson, 5 Nicholas Kingdon, 6 Martin Blazey, 7 Alex Hunt (C), 8 Jennie Toze. **First in Stedman – 3.**



24 January 2026: 1296 Grandsire Caters at Minehead: 1 Jennie Toze, 2 Alex Hunt, 3 David Davies, 4 Sue Wolters, 5 Nicholas Kingdon, 6 Emma Kingdon, 7 Andrew Palk (C), 8 Michael Munt, 9 Mark Philipson, 10 Martin Blazey. **First on 10: 6 and 8.** 70th birthday compliment for Sue.

27 February 2026: 1260 Grandsire Triples at Dunster: 1 Keith Beale, 2 Neil Williams, 3 Alex Hunt, 4 Susan Mew, 5 Martin J Blazey, 6 Lee Webber, 7 Andrew Palk (C), 8 Larry Maxwell. Rung immediately following the funeral of Peter Tudball, Member Emeritus and life-long ringer at Dunster tower.

1 March 2026: 1260 Plain Bob Doubles at Sampford Brett: 1 Bryony Gray, 2 Susan Mew, 3 Jan Swan, 4 Derek R Smith, 5 Martin J Blazey (C), 6 Trudy Dale. **First quarter peal: 6.**

8 March 2026: 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor at Sampford Brett: 1 Derek R Smith, 2 Jane Grellier, 3 Jan Swan, 4 Ann E Birch, 5 Martin J Blazey, 6 Mark Philipson (C). **First in Surprise Minor: 2.**

14 March 2026: 1260 Mixed Doubles (1p,6m) at Sampford Brett: 1 Bryony Gray, 2 Jan Swan, 3 Susan Mew, 4 Martin J Blazey, 5 Andrew Palk (C), 6 Sarah Griffiths. **First quarter peal: 6.**

14 May 2026: 1260 Mixed Doubles (3m) at Bicknoller: 1 Keith E Beale (C), 2 Jan Swan, 3 Ann E Birch, 4 Martin J Blazey, 5 Mark Philipson, 6 Derek R Smith. Rung prior to the dedication of new church doors in

memory of Harold Gimblett, born and bred in Bicknoller, one of the best cricketers to play for Somerset and England. Ann, Martin and Keith are Members of Somerset County Cricket Club.

Congratulations to everyone and particularly to Trudy and Sarah on ringing their first quarter peals.

Remembering former members

Peter Tudball: Peter died on 26 January aged 96. He was a member of the B&WDACR for 78 years, a Member Emeritus and a stalwart of Dunster tower until a few years ago, when the stairs got too much. The funeral was held at St George's, Dunster on 27 February, and the bells were rung open before the service by members of the Association. After the service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (Peter's favourite method) was rung in celebration of a life well lived, by a band of ringing friends and colleagues who had rung with Peter in the past.



Sue Lawson: at the AGM, members also remembered Sue Lawson who had been a member at Porlock from 2014 to 2020.

Fundraising for Sampford Brett bells: Three Towers Tour

[Alex Pilkington writes] A group of sixteen intrepid walkers accompanied by four dogs, stayed the distance



on 4 May Bank Holiday on a vaguely circular walk from Sampford Brett, through Monksilver and Stogumber and back to Sampford Brett. This event was organised as part of a series of events



raising money towards the costs of essential maintenance of the bells of St George's church in Sampford Brett.

Most of the walkers were local but we were joined by friends from as far afield as the Home Counties. The fine weather was appreciated as we progressed over the first stage and were greeted by the sound of church bells at picturesque All Saints Church in Monksilver. Thank you Monksilver ringers, not least for the refreshments. Continuing to Stogumber, the group became a longer line as the fittest picked up the pace. Packed lunches were unwrapped at Stogumber in the beautiful churchyard of St Mary's. Some made it a longer stop over and lunched at the White Horse, making their way back to Sampford Brett a little later than the others. More tea and cakes were enjoyed at the village hall to replace spent calories; thank you team. The very generous walkers and sponsors have raised over £800, with a few more donations expected. It was heartwarming and hearty exercise with great company and enjoyed by all the participants.



Thank you to all who took part and everyone who was able to donate.

We are very grateful for your support. And thanks to those who worked in the background, planning, advertising and baking. If you would like further information about the works being carried out on the bells at St George's in Sampford Brett, or would like to make a donation, please get in touch by emailing alexandrapilkington@hotmail.co.uk

Work is due to start on 4 June.

Diary Dates for 2026

Heritage Open Days: 11-20 September. This is a national annual event and it's good for promoting our towers and what we do in them! Check out <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

Saturday 3 October: Branch meeting at Timberscombe, 3-7pm: ringing, short service, tea and ringing.

Saturday 17 October: Annual Branch Skittles Match. Further details in due course.

Ringling development and training

Our '**focused development sessions**' are continuing in 2026. Everyone is welcome. It would be helpful if you could let Jan know if you'd like to join us, either as a 'learner' or as a 'helper', by emailing her at janswan2000@gmail.com A full list of practices is set out in the Branch Fixture List. The next few sessions are as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Main Topic	Also included	Entry requirement
4 July	1030 –1200	Brompton Regis	Plain Hunt Minor		Able to/or learning to ring Plain Hunt doubles.
1 Aug	1030-1200	Sampford Brett	Plain Bob Minor	Hunting the treble to minor	Able to ring plain bob doubles
5 Sept	1030 -1200	Bicknoller	Reverse Canterbury Doubles	Hunting the treble and covering to doubles	Able to ring plain hunt doubles

Other regular Branch practices

Improvers' practices: our Wednesday morning sessions from 1030 to 1200 continue until 15 July, after which we will take a summer break. Anyone who can ring a bell independently is very welcome to join us. It is a good opportunity to meet other ringers and to try different bells in other towers. We are a friendly group, and we have fun! The venues are set out on a separate sheet, but here is the list for the next few weeks: 27 May – Crowcombe, 3 June – Huish Champflower, 10 June – Carhampton, 17 June – Luccombe.

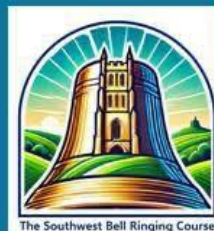
Monthly 8 bell practices: these continue as usual on the second Thursday of the month. As a minimum, you need to be able to ring plain hunt on five bells. The emphasis is on plain hunt on 7 or 8 bells, plus triples and major methods.

Monthly 6 bell practices – 'Beyond plain bob doubles': these take place on the third Tuesday of the month. You should be able to ring touches of Plain Bob Doubles to join these practices but anyone keen to extend their repertoire of methods is welcome to attend.

Venues for all these practices are listed in your 2026 fixtures card. The Branch Secretary also sends monthly email reminders.

Southwest Ringing Course

We included a report of the first Southwest Ringing course in the last Branch newsletter. One of our members was lucky enough to gain a place and found it a very positive experience. The course was such a success that it is being repeated in 2026. Further details are



Applications open on 23rd of May for the second **Southwest Bell Ringing Course**.

Following the success of the first course we will be returning to **Millfield School, Street, Somerset** over the weekend of **Saturday 24th – Tuesday 27th October 2026**. For further information and to apply please see: southwest-ringing-course.org.uk

We welcome applications from both students and helpers. We'll be hosting 10 groups ranging from Bell Experience to basic triples and major, including 'Devon Style' call changes.

Fully residential, high quality ringing training in an atmosphere of friendship, encouragement and fun – please join us!

in this poster. Applications open on 23 May. So, if you're interested, you'll need to get your application in soon.

More information is on the website: <https://southwest-ringing-course.org.uk/>



Association of Ringing Teachers (ART)

The annual conference took place in Loughborough this year. Susan attended on the Saturday. The chair reported that a huge amount of time had been spent over the past year setting up the new website and migrating information. The new ART website is at <https://bellringing.org/> and there you can find information about ART, see some of the presentations made at the conference and also gain access to resources for teachers and learners. The new SmartRinger section of the website is also up and running and is much easier for teachers to use than the previous version. Teachers can access their students' records and update them easily, as can mentors working with our new teachers. Next year's ART conference will be over the weekend of 14 March, at a venue 'south of the Thames'.

News of a former Dunster Branch member

Many of you will remember **Revd Simon Robinson** who learnt to ring while he was the parish priest in Minehead. From here he left to become Interim Dean of Truro and was installed as Dean in 2024. In March this year, a Downing Street announcement confirmed that the King had approved the nomination of the Very Reverend Simon Robinson, as the next **Bishop of Warrington**. Simon stepped down from his role as Dean of Truro and was consecrated by the Archbishop of York at York Minster on 30 April, before attending his official welcome service at Liverpool Cathedral on 23 May. We hope the bells ring out to greet him!



And here's more news from around the Branch

Exmoor Benefice: [*Sue Atkins*] The Exmoor Ringers have started on their summer programme of ringing at each of the seven benefice towers in turn: Luxborough, Hawkridge, Withypool, Exford, Winsford, Cutcombe and Withypool. Practices are on a Tuesday evening from 1930 to 2100. Visitors are always welcome. The diary has already been circulated around the Branch but if you need more information, you can contact Sue Atkins direct at exford@bath-wells.org

Brushford: [*Jude Atkins*] We currently have a new learner at Brushford, Debbie, who is off to a really great start on her bell ringing journey. We have had several consecutive sessions over the last couple of weeks, and Debbie has progressed very well. Thank you to Kate for giving up her time to come along and help, I couldn't do it without you! We offer huge 'congratulations' to David Martyn who recently completed Learning the Ropes (LtR) Level 3. David spends his time between Brushford and Greenwich and is lucky to have a solid and experienced band in Greenwich to help him meet his higher-level ringing goals. David is a returning ringer and has been such a bonus to the Brushford band over the last year or so. Well done, David, I'm sure it won't be too long before you nail L4! Last but not least, we are SO pleased to welcome Charis to our band. Many of you will remember Charis, of course, from Sampford Brett, where she originally learnt to ring with Jan, as a teenager. In fact, I think Charis was Jan's first 'official' student. Charis moved to Brushford five years ago and is now married to Ben. She has not rung for nearly seven years, but luckily for us, has decided that she would like to return to ringing. Just in case she changed her mind, we quickly got her elected as a member at the Branch AGM and ordered her a tower fleece!! Sorry

Charis! It's been great to have another regular ringer for Sundays and practices, and big thanks to Anne at Dulverton for accommodating Charis, Kate and myself at her weekly practice several times, so that Charis could get some experience of the lovely Dulverton 8.

Dunster: *[David Moore]* The band has made great progress over the last few weeks, with our newer ringers working through LtR Levels 1 and 2, and Sarah being awarded Achiever of the Year at the AGM. Our two newest ringers, Jo and Andy, have just had their first ring for Sunday service and it was lovely to have six Dunster ringers in the band. On the fund-raising front, we are now half-way towards our £20,000 target, with a fantastic £10,000 raised. Very many thanks to everyone who has supported our events, bought raffle tickets, and made donations. It's really appreciated. Coming up this year we have six weddings, with three confirmed so far for bells, and a peal attempt in June, so still plenty going on. We're also hosting Improvers in July, and an 8 bell practice in September, so we hope to see some of you there. Don't forget to keep an eye out for details of further fund-raising events; the next one is Friday 26 June – a Murder Mystery evening!

Timberscombe: *[Elisabeth Powls]* Seventeen of us got together for a very good meal and lovely tower get together at The Rest and Be Thankful just before Christmas. We did our annual tower clean, not during Easter week as bodies were short on the ground but one Thursday when we only had four ringers. Not too much mess, mainly dust, but the jackdaws seem to think the belfry is their domain. They are unable to get in now, but they have determinedly fed in sticks through the small mesh covering the windows. We were ably helped by Pip the landlord of The Lion Inn. 'Many hands make light work' is a very good proverb. Our tenor rope became unsafe for us to use, badly frayed at the tail end. Kate and a friend staying with her took it down and I took it to Andrew in Minehead who says he will look at it for us. In the meantime, he sent me back with one of Minehead's spare ropes. Kate came back with her friend, and we put the rope back. Bizarrely the tenor is now much easier to ring. We are continuing with our minimus methods sometimes with two tenors if we have enough ringers. Mike is teaching some new ringers from the village on Thursday mornings when the church has a Warm Welcome and Coffee Morning.

Carhampton: *[Susan Mew]* We continue to help with ringing at Dunster and Old Cleeve, as well as at our own tower, by supporting practices and Sunday ringing, and training our new ringers. Trainee teachers, David and Mike, have been a great help with teaching bell handling, with Susan as their mentor for the ART scheme. Our steeple-keeper, Dave, continues working on his programme of improvements up in the belfry. He is currently working with a local carpenter to replace the frames in the window recesses and putting in new anti-pigeon spikes and new fine mesh to keep out the weather, birds and hopefully reduce the fly infestations. Here are photos of the old system (top) and the new one (bottom). Doesn't it look smart?



Heritage open days

This year's festival is from **11-20 September**, and the theme is 'everyday histories of working lives' (although you don't have to keep to this). At Carhampton, we've held an 'open tower' morning during the festival for several years now and it's been good publicity for our tower and for bellringing. It costs nothing to take part and there is lots of guidance on the HOD website. You register your event on the website, and you can access resources such as posters and bunting. Venues must be places that are not usually open to the public and you can't charge for entry. And you need to check the church's insurance cover and make sure your risk assessments are up to date. Why not try it?

Bell Sunday: This was on 17 May this year, the nearest Sunday to the Feast of St Dunstan, the patron saint of bellringers. The following was circulated from the Diocese, but it doesn't seem to have reached

everywhere! Maybe we could keep it for next year. Here's the prayer: *Grant o Lord, that those who are appointed to ring the bells do it worthily and to your glory; and that those who are called this day by the ringing of bells to worship may enter into thy courts with praise. Amen.*

Safeguarding: Just a reminder that it is the responsibility of **all members** to ensure that our towers and ringing activities are safe for children, young people and vulnerable adults. Further advice and links to the current guidance, can be found at <http://bath-wells.org/safeguarding.php> . If you have any concerns, you should consult your parish safeguarding officer.

A note from the new Branch Chair – David Moore

Those of you who attended the Branch AGM at Minehead will be aware that Martin Blazey stood down as Chair, after a number of years of great service to the Branch. We're grateful to him for all that he's done, thank you Martin! Although I've met a number of you over the years, many of you won't know me, so here's a very brief outline. After a stint in the retail sector of around 20 years, followed by a 30-year (second) career with the National Trust, finishing at lovely Dunster Castle, I retired in February 2024. I then immediately undertook a cottage renovation project, which is still in progress! We're very nearly there and hope to be moving in before too long. I started ringing in 2017, became Dunster Tower Captain in 2024, and rang my first quarter peal in October last year. I'm currently in training to become an ART accredited teacher, with an assessment for my Module 1 potentially in the next 2/3 months. I love ringing, and really enjoy supporting others to do their best, whilst getting as much practice as I can of course. My next quarter peal is also on the horizon. I'm excited and very much looking forward to working with the rest of the Branch Committee, and I'm hoping to meet more of you at our various events.



And finally, here's another poem from our resident poet, Jill Ewen

I want to be a bell ringer Chapter 3

Happy to say I've passed level 1,
And I'm still having enormous fun,
You're now all asking can I ding and dong,
Yes, but obviously sometimes I still go wrong,
Now for the next level and its challenges,
I'm told there may be a few more calluses.

Rounds on 6 and switcheroo,
Are just two of the things I need to do,
Long places and short places catch me out,
Which way to go I often do doubt,

Would you believe there's a Mexican Wave,
Let's hope I get my bell rope to behave.

No-one worries when things go wrong,
And rather than a ding you get a dong,
When I've not been able to keep the right hold,
'We've all been there' I'm often told,
Thanks to the towers for their support and advice,
And for just being so nice.

Thank you

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Phone numbers and email addresses for branch officers are listed on the back of your fixture list. Details can also be found in the B&WDACR Annual Report and on the website: <https://bath-wells.org> And don't forget you can follow us on X (Twitter): **@WSomersetBells** and Facebook: **Dunster Branch Bellringers**.

Newsletter items: Reports from your towers or from individual members are always welcome. And photos liven up the newsletter too. But please make sure your photos are **less than one MB** and preferably in JPEG. Send news to the editor, Susan Mew at DunsterBranch.News@bath-wells.org