

St Leonard's, Clent. Tower Bellringers Report 2924.

January. Service ringing and practices with ringers from St John's, Hagley. A Branch meeting was held at Kinver.

February. Martin and Paula attended an on - line Risk Assessment presentation and a lot of information was gained. Some of the ringers attended the church Social where our handbells were played. Several ringers went to the Branch meeting at Oldswinford.

March. This was a busy month, the Quiz was held at Belbroughton and our team, the Quasimodo's finished a respectable fifth overall, out of a field of twelve teams. The bells were serviced this month with 5 and 7 bells having their clappers rebushed at the foundry in Loughborough. A team from both towers entered the Striking Competition at Brierley Hill. We finished last but learnt from the experience. A visiting band rang a quarter peal and the handbells came out again for the Easter Service.

April. Martin was asked to give a talk about bells and bellringing at a church in South Street, Brierley Hill. He was given a lunch as a thank you. Very nice. We had a new ringer, Tina, start with us on a tied bell. She is progressing well. Martin and Paula assisted Richard

with a party of Hagley Brownies enjoying a taster session.

May. Richard, Paula and Martin visited Oldswinford for a practice night. Bell Sunday was celebrated at Clent with two members of the congregation, Kate and Helen earning themselves a certificate for chiming a bell. There was a branch meeting at Halesowen.

June. D Day anniversary was celebrated with seven ringers ringing rounds and called changes on the sixth June. Visitors from the Arden and Alcester Cluster of Ringers enjoyed ringing our bells. Martin and Paula accompanied some Stourbridge ringers to Worcester Cathedral to use the simulators, A most enjoyable experience. There was a wedding rung for at Hagley and a quarterly meeting was held at Halesowen,

July. Sunday services and practices were rung. Martin and Liz attended the Fete with a small display. It was wet!

August. Another Hagley wedding. Some of our ringers were able to assist Cradley for a wedding. Evie passed her Level 1 Learning the Ropes for Bellringing.

September. Service and practice ringing. A wedding was rung for too and the handbells came out again for Harvest.

October. Clent and Hagley ringers, eight in number went to Worcester Cathedral for a practice on the simulators, Evie's mum Liz had a ring too! The handbells came out again for the Harvest services at Fairfield and Clent.

November. We rang half muffled for Remembrance Day. We started with a prayer and finished with a fade out. Very effective. Martin attended a Module 2F training day at Malvern Priory. Some of us attended the branch practice at Netherton where we rang rounds call changes and plain hunt.

December. Dee, Paula and Martin visited Stourbridge to make up numbers for their Advent Service on ten bells. Two carols were rung on handbells for the Christmas services at Fairfield and Clent. Paula passed her Level 2 Learning the Ropes.

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