

Minutes of Horfield Bell ringers, AGM
Monday 21st January 2008 at 8pm.

Present:

Don, Roger, Anthony, Bernie, Alice, David, Philip, Jeanne, Joan, Ella and Katy

Minutes taken by Katy Murdoch-Davis

Bell maintenance

- Bell 3 is still catching; therefore adjustments need to be made.
- We had new ropes on 10/03/07 which seem fine after a slight adjustment of bell 5.

It was proposed that a maintenance working party (Roger, David, Anthony and Philip) would inspect the bells/ropes and adjust bell 3. Date to be announced.

Weddings

We rang for 10 weddings in 2007; this number is slightly down from previous years.

There were no problems or complaints received regarding the bells, but Jeanne did stress that we must attempt to perform at our highest level.

To date, 13 weddings have been arranged for 2008. (David was hopeful that he may be able to help this year).

Joan volunteered to become wedding co-ordinator, i.e. to arrange enough ringers for each wedding. *Action Joan*

Quarter peal

A quarter peal was attempted but failed, but the band is keen to try again, Philip suggested that further attempts could take place on Sunday afternoons. Jeanne to asked vicar. *Action Jeanne*

Training day

Katy and Alice went to the training day in Tewkesbury in March 2007, Katy to find out and co-ordinate future training days. *Action Katy*

Branch practice dates

30th January, Wednesday at Henbury 7:30 pm

28th April, Horfield, everyone is invited and encouraged to come.

Visitors

It was nice to have visitors last year to support our team. Will, Ben, (Simon and son from Westbury) and (Max and Amy from Cheltenham).

Gary Crisp inspected the bells in February 2007.

New members

Roger and Ella were warmly welcomed to Horfield.

Christmas outing

We had a very successful Christmas outing, (Easton in Gordano/Abbots Leigh) which was enjoyed by everyone. We thanked Anthony for making the contacts for us and organising the day.

Most improved tower

The Horfield branch, have won the 'Mike Stanley cup' for the most improved tower.

Objectives for the coming year, 2008

- Bell maintenance team , lead by Philip (Steeple Keeper and Tower captain)
- Outreach open evening, to promote new ringers.
 - Provisional date was set for Monday 9th June 2008; Ella would help with advertising and publicity. **Action Ella and everyone**
- Extra social events throughout the year, either a possible outing to Somerset, evenings in the pub after ringing or the usual format (tower/lunch/tower). **Action Anthony**

Appointed officers

Officers	Bell ringer	Proposed	Seconded
Tower captain	Philip	David	Ella
Deputy tower captain	David	Katy	Jeanne
Secretary/ Treasurer	Jeanne	Joan	David
Social events	Anthony	Katy	Ella
Steeple keeper	Philip	-	-
Web master	Roger	-	-

Other business:

E-mail from Zoë (branch secretary)

This was a reminder/information regarding the fees, roadshow (ringing world), two reps for the centre council national bellringing required, the next branch practice at Henbury.

Words of praise

Jeanne was thanked for all her hard work in supporting the tower, bells, ringers and training. Roger was especially grateful to her for her hard work and patience in teaching him 'how to ring'.

Contact details

We need to update and distribute all our telephone numbers and if available E-mail addresses. If people did not want this information to be on the notice board or circulated, they would need to contact Jeanne.

Bell ringer account

£80, to cover training, open and social evenings.

Ella asked about the church bell maintenance fund. The bells themselves and the tower are covered by the bell maintenance fund of which the church is responsibility.

Review weddings

Jeanne to review weddings arrangements with the church secretary, this would include breakdown cost and how to improve communications between the bell ringers and the church.

Action Jeanne

Website

Roger performed a 10 min presentation showing us our provisional new web-site which he had kindly set-up for us free of charge. It looked very comprehensive and professional and everyone was very impressed. It is still in the developmental stage so all ringers were encouraged to have a look 'on-line', and let Roger know if an adjustments need to be made or aspects updated.

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Meeting closed at 9:30 pm