



*G & B Diocesan Association of
Church Bell Ringers
Cheltenham Branch Newsletter
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RECENT FIRSTS (alphabetically):

Mark Davies: 1st QP of London No.3 Surprise Royal in-hand, and for the Association.

Jo Elvey: 1st QP of spliced surprise Major (CYR).

Liz Evans: 1st QP of spliced surprise Major (CYS).

BANNER AND CLEEVE TROPHIES

The striking competition was entered by 12 bands from 8 towers and 52 ringers participated, by far the best turnout for a number of years! The Banner and Cleeve Trophies were both won by Charlton Kings! - well done. The full results:

1 st	86.35%	Charlton Kings A
2 nd	83.25%	St Marks
	83.25%	Parish A
4 th	80.95%	Badgeworth
5 th	80.15%	Leckhampton
6 th	79.15%	Swindon Village
7 th	75.15%	Charlton Kings B
8 th	71.70%	Parish Call change band
9 th	66.95%	Parish alpha
10 th	37.30%	St Christophers A
11 th	26.15%	St Christophers B

Thanks go to Andrew Middlicot (R) and Jonathan Hughes (L) for judging the competitions, and to the Elkstone ringers for turning their tower over to us for the afternoon.



Jonathan and Andrew

SWINDON VILLAGE NEWS

After extensive work to the tower structure at Swindon Village over the last 4 months, we are pleased to say that the work is now finished. We have to wait 8 weeks for the cement to dry, but ringing will resume on Sunday 29th August at 6pm for Evensong and practices will start again on Monday 30th August at 7.30pm.

UNDER 19's STRIKING COMPETITION

Many congratulations to the Under 19's striking competition band for coming **SECOND** in the competition at North Nibley on 22nd May. The judge commended the Cheltenham band for staying simple with Queens and back. So well done to Liz Evans, Matthew Greenaway, Nathaniel and Jeremy Hitchings, Rachel Chadwick and Max Drinkwater.

The results:

1 st	Chippenham Branch (274) ("big boys band")
2 nd	Cheltenham Branch (265)
3 rd	Clare Willis Invitation Band (Bristol Rural)
4 th	Forest Branch, Wotton under Edge Branch, Dursley Tower
5 th	Cirencester Branch, Under 13s, Over 11s

Liz and Matthew joined the Forest band to make up numbers. Nathaniel and Jeremy were in the Under 13s band, conducted by Nathaniel, and Rachel was in the over 11s band. The scoring was 3 for a very good row, 2 if not so good, 1 crunch, 0 dreadful.

A special thanks has to go to Liz Evans for organising the band, the towers and helpers. Thanks too to all the adults who supported the practices which started in February and were held regularly until May. Excellent!

PUDDING PARTY

Mark and Catherine Davies hosted an excellent pudding party after the striking competitions. Margery Wratten put her culinary expertise into practice and organised a fine selection of marvellous puddings and deserts made by branch members. It was a very enjoyable evening, thank you. A profit of £40 was made and this has been donated to the St Mark's augmentation fund.



Margery and some of the puddings

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