

# Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers Charity Number 281431

Dear Tower Correspondent

As you already know, the 2013 AGM will take place

**on: Saturday 13th April 2013**

**at: Tewkesbury Abbey Parish Hall** (map reference **891324**, post code **GL20 5SR**)

**commencing at: 4.00 p.m. approx**

**N.B.** The Parish Hall is on the north side of the Abbey – that's the side nearest the main road – **but please see below about parking.**

And in addition to the meeting itself – though not at the same time – there will be:

- Six towers open for general ringing
- Tewkesbury Branch members at all of those towers so you'll definitely get a ring
- Toilets at Bredon and Overbury
- The Penn and Croome Trophy Striking Competitions – at Ashchurch and Twyning
- A short service
- A superb tea
- The presentation of all sorts of trophies
- Magnificent Tewkesbury Branch countryside and villages

Please pass this information on to your band. It is also available on the Association website – [www.bellsgandb.org.uk](http://www.bellsgandb.org.uk) . The detailed timings are below and the meeting Agenda is below that.

And as ever, Hugh, as Chairman, promises you a fast and friendly meeting; Hazel, as Ringing Master, promises you friendly and enjoyable ringing; And Philip, as Treasurer, promises you simple answers to all your accounting questions.

We all very much look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

Steve

Telephone 01452 831197

## The Morning Open Towers

09.30 – 10.30 **Ripple** (map reference **876377**, post code **GL20 6HA**)

09.50 – 10.50 **Bredon** (map reference **920369**, post code **GL20 7LF**) \*

10.10 – 11.10 **Bredon's Norton** (map reference **930390**, post code **GL20 7EL**)

10.30 – 11.30 **Kemerton** (map reference **946368**, post code **GL20 7HX**)

10.50 – 11.50 **Overbury** (map reference **957374** post code **GL20 7NP**) \*

11.10 – 12.10 **Beckford** (map reference **976358**, post code **GL20 7AD**)

\* Toilets available

## The Afternoon

The timetable for the afternoon and evening is below.

14.00 – 15.00 Service Ringing at **Tewkesbury Abbey** (map reference **891324**, post code **GL20 5SR**)  
The Association Ringing Master will be in charge and everyone will be welcome.

**N.B. Tewkesbury is a magnificent yet easy-going ring of twelve**

15.00 – 15.45 Service in Tewkesbury Abbey

16.00 – 16.45 AGM in the Abbey Parish Hall

17.00 – 18.00 Tea in the Tea Room and Parish Hall

### Tewkesbury Parking:

There is plenty of pay & display car parking available in Tewkesbury:

- Abbey Lawns Trust, Gander Lane (at the east end of the Abbey), 40 spaces
- Vineyards (further down Gander Lane), 129 spaces (long stay)
- Gloucester Road, 46 spaces
- St Mary's Lane, 45 spaces
- Rails Meadow, Howell's Road, 127 spaces

There are also more car parks in the centre of town by the swimming pool (427 spaces in total) – less than 10 minutes' walk from the Abbey.

## The Evening Tower

18.00 – 19.00 **Tewkesbury Abbey** (map reference **891324**, post code **GL20 5SR**)

The Association Ringing Master will once again be in charge and **absolutely everyone** will be welcome.

**N.B. Tewkesbury Abbey is a magnificent – and superbly maintained – ring of twelve and even the most inexperienced ringer will be able to handle the middle bells without difficulty. The approach to the ringing room and the tower itself are also of exceptional interest. Entry is through the small door up a short concrete staircase on the North wall of the North transept.**

## AGM Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. A Prayer for Members who have died
3. A Welcome from the Tewkesbury Branch
4. Results of the Striking Competitions
5. Results of the *Tower of the Year* Competition
6. The Ringing World National Youth Contest 2012

We are hoping that many of the band who represented the Association, and won this competition against strong opposition from across the entire country, will be present.

7. Minutes of 2012 AGM

Copies have already been circulated to all Branches and are on the Association website, but a further copy will be available in the hall.

8. Matters Arising not covered by this Agenda

9. 2012 Annual Report and Accounts

10. Election of New Members

11. Ratification of Belfry Elections to Non-resident Life Membership

12. Election of Officers

Nominations Received:

    Ringing Master: Hazel Bridges

    Chairman: Hugh Evans

    Secretary: Steve Coleman

    Treasurer: Philip Twentyman

    Peal Secretary: Mark Davies

All these nominations were made by all twelve Branches.

13. Election of Central Council Representatives for the triennium 2014 to 2017

Nominations have been received for Derek Harbottle, Bill Nash, Angela Newing, John Nicholls and Pat Hickey. There are five vacancies.

14. Election of Independent Examiners

The Management Committee recommends the re-election of Charles Woodd and Michelle Harris.

15. Subscriptions for 2014 – The Management Committee recommends that they remain unchanged as follows:

Seniors: £10 of which £7 goes to BRF, £1.50 to General Fund and £1.50 to the Branch

Retired Members: £5 of which £4 goes to BRF, 50p to General Fund and 50p to the Branch

Juniors: £2.50 of which £1.50 goes to BRF, 50p to General Fund and 50p to the Branch.

The subscriptions were raised to these amounts from 1/11/2007.

16. Affiliation Fee 2014

The Management Committee recommends that it remains unchanged at £10 – last raised from 1/1/1994.

17. Annual General Meeting 2014

The Management Committee recommends that the Bristol Branch's kind invitation to host the AGM on Saturday 5 April 2014 be accepted.

18. Thanks

19. Any Other Business – All items must be notified to the Chairman before the Meeting.

20. Closing Prayer