

# **THE TROYTE RINGING CENTRE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2015**

## **CIRCULATION:**

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## **RINGERS NOT SO OLD AND NEW:**

First, with much sadness we say “Goodbye” to Eve Grosse, who has decided that it is time she gave up ringing. Eve has brought to ringing a great sense of humour. She has been a keen observer of ringers and ringing and has put her artistic talent to good use during the years she has rung with us. We shall miss her greatly and miss the laughter she has always generated in the tower, but she will keep in touch and help us with coffee mornings and other events.

Secondly, we welcome back Mandy Burnett from Leeds where she has been managing the Operatic Society’s props for the last couple of months. Hopefully she has been able to continue with her ringing at Addington and Ilkley and we anticipate that her ringing skills have developed during her time in Yorkshire. So we look forward to stories about ringing and singing in Yorkshire.

During the weeks since Christmas, Sheila has been running taster sessions for staff, parents and children from Bampton C of E Primary School. Her aim is to develop a band of ringers with close associations with the Primary School, who will ring for the school’s church services in St. Michael’s in the not too distant future. From the first round of taster sessions there are now three people who have indicated their desire to learn to ring. These are Vicky and Daisy Barrett and Fergus Kettleborough. We hope to see them in the Bampton ringing chamber before too long and shall watch their progress with interest. The next School service at St. Michael’s Church is on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15 p.m. and we shall be ringing from 1.30 p.m. So join us if you can.

Jeannie and Peter, who are new residents of Elizabeth Penton Way, have also expressed an interest in learning to ring, so Sheila will be busy once her daughter has sufficiently recovered from her operation to be left at home in Bristol.

It has been a great shock to hear that Dame Janet Ritterman’s husband has died. Janet has been a supporter of the Troyte Ringing Centre and has joined us to ring on many occasions during the last ten years. We knew her husband, Peter, had been ill for some time, but when Janet came to our anniversary dinner at the end of September 2014 we heard that he was recovering. Our thoughts and prayers are with Janet and the family at this time.

## **ACTIVITIES DURING MARCH:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March we shall be upgrading the Abel software on the Bampton simulator. We are truly blessed to have Ken Smith of Tiverton as our Web Site and Computer Manager, without him we would be hard pressed to keep our simulator functioning and our web site up to date.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March we shall be holding a Coffee Morning in Bampton Church from 10.00 to 12.00 noon. We try to hold at least one event each year aimed at raising funds for the maintenance of the church fabric. We have a major problem with the ingress of water into the tower and this will take a long time to resolve and will cost us a great deal of money. So the bellringers aim to transfer £1,000 a year into the church Fabric Fund to help with this work. Please join us if at all possible on this morning as we need all the help we can get to provide a real welcome to the Bampton community at our social events.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March there is a Raising and Lowering practice at Huntsham from 2.30 p.m. Places are limited, so if you would like to join us please book your place with Les Boyce as soon as possible (Tel: 01884 256819 email [lesboyce@gmail.com](mailto:lesboyce@gmail.com))

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March the Annual general Meeting of the Troyte Ringing Centre will be held in St. Michael's Community Hall Bampton from 7.30 p.m. Please join us if you can as we value your opinions and suggestions and these help us to put together a sensible programme of events each year.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March there is a North East Branch Practice from 10.00 to 12.00 noon on the front six bells at Cullompton. This clashes with a wedding at Huntsham at which we shall be ringing from 12.30. So ringers will be much in demand on this day. Please let us know as soon as possible of your availability and preference so that we can arrange bands accordingly.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March there is a training session at Huntsham from 10.00 to 13.00 on Plain Hunt Doubles. Again please let Les Boyce know if you are interested in attending. His contact details are on this page.

## **JAM JARS:**

As you will all know by now Pat and Sheila make marmalade and chutney in significant quantities for sale at our social events and as required on the table at the back of Huntsham church. Good quality empty jam jars with lids are always much in demand, so if you have any spare ones please let Pat or Sheila know or bring them to either Huntsham or Bampton church on any practice night.