

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2003

Don't forget that Guild Subscriptions for 2003 have been increased to **£6** per member (includes £1 branch levy).

So please ensure you make the right payment when you receive the inevitable request from the Wirral Branch Treasurer

Branch Committee 2003

Alex Martin	Chairman	652 5192
Randle Tinkler	Ringmaster	625 9542
Peter Humphreys	Secretary	608 9434
Chris Eden	Treasurer	648 9517
Peter Humphreys	Webmaster	608 9434
Sharon Williams	(Eastham)	327 1340
Peter Robson	(Thurstaston)	648 6691
Steven Hughes	(Bromborough)	334 7632
John Collinson	(Eastham)	327 2597

We welcome John as the new committee member.

Tower Correspondents

For your information, telephone numbers of tower correspondents at Wirral Branch Towers, as shown below, include a number of changes to the 2002 Guild Report.

If there are any subsequent changes, do please let me know as soon as possible.

<u>Tower</u>	<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Bebington	Les Coventry	342 3800
Bidston	Connie McArdle	652 5438
Bromborough	Steven Hughes	334 7632
Burton	Ruth Chesworth *	336 6331
Capenhurst	Sydney Roberts	339 6563
Eastham	Sharon Williams	327 1340
Heswall	Peter Newton	648 4240
Liscard	Terry Halliday *	201 0146
Neston	Charmian Eastwood	336 4315
Oxton	Alex Martin	652 5192
Port Sunlight	Peter Humphreys	608 9434
Rock Ferry	Pauline Evans	645 8295
Shotwick	Robert McConnell *	01244 - 300239
Thurstaston	Peter Robson	648 6691
Upton	Wendy Jones	677 5864
Wallasey St H	Vivian Boase	641 9850
Wallasey St N	Hazel Bailey	630 4002
West Kirby	Tony Power	625 5584
Woodchurch	Revd. Peter Mills **	625 4459

** = Curate; * = Churchwarden

RINGING WORLD CALENDAR 2006

As you may already be aware, each year *The Ringing World* publishes a **Calendar** in conjunction with a particular Ringing Association or Guild.

For 2006, the next available date, the Chester Diocesan Guild is proposing to be that Guild.

The cost of production is shared 50/50 between *The Ringing World* and the Guild concerned, the latter having, to all intents and purposes, sole selling rights in its own territory.

The approximate cost of production (for 2000 copies) is £7000. If the Guild sells all its allocation (50%) at the agreed price (approximately £6.00) then it stands to make a profit of £2500 which would accrue to the Bell Restoration Fund. If the Guild were to sell only 600 copies, then it would break even.

Obviously each branch would be expected to sell approximately 20% of the Guild's allocation.

Photographs of towers would be required, one per month, so the Wirral Branch might reasonably expect to have two towers featured.

It would be expected that where a tower photograph was included, that church would be expected to sell more copies, not less than 30.

All we need to know, in our own branch, is whether we could accept the responsibility of selling between 120 and 200 copies.

The Guild will need to make its decision soon so please be prepared to give your answer when asked!

Q1. Do you think your tower can sell its allocation?

Q2. Would you like to see your tower photograph in the Calendar?

DON'T FORGET!

**You can keep up-to-date via
the website**

www.chesterdg.org.uk

where you can see

Latest News, Notices,
etc. across the Guild and Branches.

BRANCH LINES

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BRANCH PROGRAMME 2003

- Jan 25 Branch Meeting: **NESTON**
Feb 15 Branch Meeting: **EASTHAM**
(Morning and Afternoon)
Mar 14 **Change Ringing Week-end** -
-16 Worcestershire
Apr 21 Easter Monday **Walk**
May 5 Spring Holiday **Car Outing**
24 Branch Meeting:
WALLASEY St Nicholas
Jun 14 **Guild 8-Bell** - Wirral Branch
Jun 28 Juniors Meeting: (afternoon)
BEBINGTON
Branch 6-Bell (evening)
WALLASEY St Hilary
Jul 12 **Guild 6-Bell**: Chester Branch
26 **The Ringing Roadshow:**
LINCOLN
Aug 2 Branch Meeting: **WEST KIRBY**
Including Rounders & Barbecue
Var **SUMMER SCHOOLS**
(2 Saturdays, 2 Weekdays)
23 Bank Hol. Week-end Evening
Outing
Sep 13 **Guild Festival & AGM:**
South Branch
Oct 25 **Quarter Peal Day** (With aim to ring
in all Wirral Towers this month).
Nov 23 Branch **AGM: OXTON**
Dec 13 **Listening Skills Course:**
PORT SUNLIGHT
(All day event
supported by Central Council).

Further copies of the above are available from the Secretary and on the Wirral Branch Website. These are in the form of a Microsoft Word document with 8 copies on the page, but you may need to edit the file if your printer has margins larger than 5mm.

See: www.wirral.clara.co.uk/prog03.doc

In an attempt to broaden interest in Wirral Branch events, your committee has introduced some radical innovations, at the same time retaining the usual format - ringing, service, tea and evening ringing - for some of the meetings (so as not to throw the baby out with the bath water!)

The Monthly meeting at EASTHAM on 15th February, for example, is being held in the morning and afternoon instead of the usual afternoon and evening.

The **Ringing Week-end** in March is being planned in the **North Worcestershire** area with the focus on a good standard of ringing in good company (of course!) As a rough guide, ringers should be competent in Plain Bob. Regrettably, this means it will not be possible to accommodate novice ringers but there are other events in the programme for this category of ringer.

Easter Monday sees a walk (with ringing) instead of the usual car outing which will take place this year on the **May Day Bank Holiday**.

The Wirral Branch hosts the **Guild Inter-Branch 8-Bell Striking Competition** this year so please make a date in your diary so as to help avoid a repetition of last year! It would, indeed, be most embarrassing if we could not raise a band when we are hosting the event! The competition will be held on the evening of Saturday 14th June.

Following the success of last year's innovation, June 28th sees another **Juniors Meeting**, also at Bebington (in the afternoon). The same evening (draw 6.00 pm at Wallasey St Hilary), will be the **Branch 6-Bell Striking competition** open to ALL towers in the Branch. The highest placed band qualifying under Guild Rules will go forward to represent the Wirral Branch at a Chester Branch tower on July 12th.

A number of Wirral ringers attended the **Ringing Road Show** when it was held in March 2001 in Keele. Feed-back was that it was very much enjoyed. This year, the event is being held in **LINCOLN** (26th July) so we anticipate a strong attendance by Wirral Branch ringers. It is possible that our neighbours in the Liverpool Branch (LACR) will be organising a coach trip which we may wish to share. Watch out for details later.

October sees a **Wirral Branch Quarter Peal day** with the additional aim of having Quarter Peals rung in ALL Wirral towers this month. (We missed by just one last year!)

Finally, a Central Council organised '**Listening Skills**' course will be held at Port Sunlight in December. Because of the format, attendance will be limited to 18 persons (3 groups of 6) but we will ensure that a place is held for at least one representative from each tower.