

# BRANCH LINES

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## BRANCH PROGRAMME 2005/06

- May: 2: Bank Holiday **Car Outing**: Chester Branch / N Wales Towers  
28: Branch Meeting: **Bidston** including **Branch 6-Bell Striking Competition** (draw at 6 p.m.)
- Jun: 18: Branch Meeting: **Upton** (Afternoon) **Woodchurch** (Evening) - including business meeting  
21/2: **Guild Ringing Display at Cheshire Show, Nantwich**
- Jul: 9: **Guild 6-Bell Striking Competition: Wirral Branch** (Evening)  
23: Branch Meeting: **West Kirby** (Including **Rounders & BBQ**)
- Aug: 27: Bank Holiday Week-end **Saturday Evening Outing**
- Sep: 10: **Ringing World Roadshow, Newbury Racecourse**  
17: **Guild Festival and 8-Bell Competition: Mid Branch**
- Oct: Var. Quarter Peal Event  
22: Branch Morning / Afternoon Meeting: **Bebington** - including business meeting
- Nov: 26: Branch AGM: **Oxon**
- Dec: 9: Friday Evening Branch Meeting: **Neston**
- Jan: 28: Branch Meeting: **Wallasey St Hilary**
- Feb: 18: Branch Meeting: **Port Sunlight** - including business meeting
- Mar: 25: Branch meeting: **Heswall / Thurstaston**
- Apr: 17: **Easter Monday Car Outing**
- May: 1: **Spring Bank Holiday Walk**

The Wirral Branch **6-Bell Striking Competition** is to be held in conjunction with the branch meeting at **Bidston** with the draw at 6 p.m. Winners of the Alex Martin Shield will represent the Wirral Branch in the Guild 6-Bell, which, this year, is to be hosted by our own Branch!

Note also the change in arrangements for the **Guild 8-Bell** which is now to be held in conjunction with the **Guild Festival and AGM** on 17th September, this in the Mid Cheshire Branch.

Arrangements for the **Quarter Peal Event** in October are in hand. The plan is to arrange Quarter Peals over the first **two weeks** (taking in three week-ends) and to include as many 'firsts' as possible. The committee will be contacting each tower to identify potential candidates for these 'firsts' and to arrange for additional ringers to help where required. So be ready to respond when you get the call! Should any attempts not meet with success, then we suggest that another attempt be made before the end of October so that they may be included in the report to be sent to *The Ringing World*.

You may have noted there is no Wirral Branch event in September! This is because there are already two major ringing events in that month - Guild AGM etc and Ringing Roadshow. There will be a number of Wirral ringers attending the Roadshow but travel arrangements are being made on an individual basis to meet personal requirements.

## RINGING WORLD CALENDAR 2006 AN UPDATE

The production of the 2006 Ringing World Calendar draws ever closer!

As you will know from various sources, this is a joint effort between *The Ringing World* and, for this issue, The Chester Guild.

Across the Guild, ringers will be encouraged to ensure that ALL copies allocated to the Guild are sold, this not only to ensure costs are covered, but also to generate the maximum revenue in support of our guild **Bell Restoration Fund**. Just one per ringer will ensure all are sold. Let us see if the Wirral Branch at least meets this target.

## DOVE'S GUIDE

Many of you will know the book version **Dove's Guide for Church Bell Ringers** and that there is also a Web version available at:

<http://www.cccbr.org.uk/dove/dove.php>

A recent development has been the creating of links from the tower list to the home webpage of the towers concerned. This is at an early stage and only a handful of towers are linked in this way.

But these do include a number of Wirral towers. Go to the tower list and find Heswall then click on the tower name (shown in green). This will link to the relevant page on your branch website!