

## **Chairman**

First of all may I thank the rest of the Committee for their hard work during the past year. I apologise but due to personal circumstances I must stand down as Chairman this year. I wish my successor every success and a committee as good as the one that has supported me.

Branch practices continue to be fairly well supported with a wide variety of methods having been rung. There are several more advanced practices both inside and outside the branch which receive varied support. Mid week dodgers and Far Cited trips continue to be well supported and we thank those who have happily taken on the organisation of these trips.

The branch quiz was held at Iron Acton and was a great success, with plenty of good food and difficult questions to keep everyone interested.

On May Bank Holiday we enjoyed an outing to the Northleach and Bourton on the Water area with some lovely bells and an excellent lunch. Many thanks to Geoff for the organisation.

Ringling at Gloucester Cathedral was well supported – thankyou to everyone who turned up. Our contact and host was once again delighted that we were able to ring all the bells and commented on the good standard of ringling.

Please encourage all your tower members to join in with branch activities – all standards of ringling are catered for at practices and the social events are always good fun. Please also would everyone consider standing for committee posts as we need to keep new blood coming into the branch committee, and it is your chance to have a say in what happens at branch meetings and events.

***Bryan Hardwick***