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1. G & B AGM 2009, its in Rural Branch "shock horror"
2. Tytherington Outing
3. Westerleigh cyclists raise £400.00 for Abson
4. Remember the Branch Young Persons training day on July 26th

Farcited Ringing 1st Thursday

Thursday July 3rd

A day out in Clevedon 4 towers and a pub lunch. Menus have been circulated, if you want lunch let Mary York know ASAP 01454 772532 Starts 09.15 coffee at the Old Inn East Clevedon 10.00 All Saints then Walton St Mary 12.00 Lunch at the Salthouse pub then St Andrew and St Johns with a cup of tea.

Branch Ringing July

Branch Practice

July 19th

Pucklechurch 19.00 - 21.00



July 26th

Branch Young Ringers Training day

For details, which have been circulated, contact Rosemary Morgan Deputy Ringing Master 01179 691433 Helpers are also needed so if you can volunteer Rosemary will be pleased to hear from you.

Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

The Westerleigh Ringers and Friends cycle ride

The cycle Ride took place as planned on 12th April over in the Forest Of Dean.

The route was covered, as planned, and all the riders were thankful that the weather remained dry.

Thanks to Norman for his organisation, to those that did the event in a "sponsored" capacity, and to all those friends, family and ringing colleagues who supported the event. In particular the Abson Wednesday Morning ringers, Frampton tower for their collective donation, and Chipping Sodbury ringers (via Alan Pigeon).

Now that all the sponsorship has been collected I am ready to give the proceeds to the Abson Fund. The total was just short of £400.00 and we have made the cheque out for that amount.

Martin Blanchard.
Picture below left

TYTHERINGTON TOWER OUTING

Saturday June 14th

On a fine Saturday morning 14 of us set off to the Tower of Catenation, towards the Worcestershire border. A lightish six that had been recently restored. Glad it wasn't raining as ladies were busy preparing for the Bishops visit for a confirmation service, and if we had dirty shoes, the entrance would have remained locked! Methods rang were Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge.

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News

Information for the next news letter the Tuesday prior to the 4th Saturday

Travelled across the border to Hereford. First visit was to the detached glorious 8 bell tower of the priory church of Ledbury. A very spacious tower, mainly Rudhall bells. Call Changes, Plain Hunt and Grandsire Triples.

On to Coddington with a fantastic view. A 12 cwt ground floor Taylor six that were refurbished and re-hung a few years ago. Here a course of Norwich was completed.

We then travelled across the county, had lunch, and rang at Madley. A mixed 15 cwt 8 bell tower that were not the best. More Call Changes, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples.

Tyberton church had been completely re-built in brick. The five bells were rather light and the ropes too long.

Finally to Bredwardine - another six bells that had been re-hung during 2007. They sounded and went very well. Ringing included a touch of Cambridge and a course of London. The sun shone all day, but unfortunately we ran into rain about 8 miles from home.

PS Many thanks to David Matthews for organising the day.



An Afternoon in Bath a Branch activity

I went on the Bath outing, unfortunately it was not well attended. It was a very pleasant day in Bath and with the help of Wil and Maggie Willans we rang all ten at the Abbey, the views from the top were worth the climb (Steve from Almondsbury should have some pictures). Unfortunately there were only 7/8 of us at Bathwick which was a bit of a struggle but with the help of two ringers from a Bath tower we were able to have a good ring at the last tower.

Many thanks to Arch who arranged it.

Sue Jay Bitton

Afternoon ringing in Bath, June 7th

Bent on saving the planet, most of us who went to Bath car-shared, parked and rode or caught a train. It was a warm afternoon which made for a pleasant walk to the Abbey through the end-of-festival crowds and past the painted plaster pigs which seem to be in vogue this year. We were a select group of only nine, but a few of the local ringers were there to see fair play, so there were enough for the ten bells. Biggish bells, with a long draught, which one of us found distinctly scary, and was grateful to have muddled through without significant mishap. Then up to the roof for some landmark-spotting in the sunshine.

Time for light refreshments in a nearby café before a gentle stroll (passing more pigs) to Bathwick, another ten-bell tower. Our numbers were down to seven by now, and no local ringers, so we rang six or seven for a while until one of us had to leave, then we rang six. A leisurely amble to St Michaels, a

wait by Waitrose for the concert audience to depart, then in past the Roman soldier pig. Eight bells, six of us, but two of the local ringers had been there for the concert and stayed. Hurray! Then back to the prompt and efficient park-and-ride bus to end the day.

Many thanks to Arch Andrews for organizing the towers, and for doing so very well with the weather. A pity that so few of us were able to be there, but those who were had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Sue Alexander Frampton

Many Thanks to both Sue's for letting me have an article and as you can see it was a good afternoon, pity we all could not be there. Just show's you the branch activities are pretty special if you make the effort and go!



Branch Tool Kit

Gary our ringing master has purchased a set of spanners for use in Rural branch towers, if you are tackling any work they may be of use to you, they can be borrowed at any time.

Contact Gary

G & B AGM 2009

It was Saturday April 25th 1998 when the G & B AGM was last in Rural Branch held at Syston, and we had a very good day. I

looked it up on the archive of newsletters on the branch web site

We are to be the hosts again next year on Saturday April 29th 2009. We have not picked or chosen a tower yet but if you have a burning desire to host the AGM do let Chris or any branch officer know.

We will be expected to have a number of towers open on the day for ringers coming to the AGM and also need two towers for the the Penn and Croome trophy competitions to take place.

Thankyou

Thanks this month to four branch ringers who have taken the time to send in articles for the newsletter, its quite easy really isn't it!