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1. Branch Practice Wapley not Pucklechurch
2. Ringing in Bristol and the Wills Tower Visit
3. Association Training Day in October details sent out
4. Changed your email please let me know!

Farcited Ringing 1st Thursday September 2nd

Tredington 11.00 - 12.00 noon
6 bells 8 cwt. GF
Lunch to be confirmed
Hasfield 14.00 - 15.00
6 bells 10 cwt. GF

Branch Ringing September

September 11th

Branch Training Day East

19th Gloucester Cathedral (Sunday)

Gloucester Cathedral

25th Branch Practice

Wapley 19.00 -21.00



Association Activities

Association training day in October
Information sent to all tower contacts
and email contacts. The information
can also be found on the branch web-
site under 'Branch Affairs'

Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday 19.00 - 21.00

Change of Branch Practice

We are unable to have our branch practice at Pucklechurch on September 25th as they have their Harvest supper that evening.

We have re-arranged to go to Wapley instead, please bring this to the attention of all your ringers.

Gloucester Cathedral Ringing

If you would like to ring at Gloucester Cathedral for their evensong on September 19th at 15.00 these are the arrangements Parking can be found in the Cathedral precinct.

If you go to the main gate the gates will open and allow you in to park, should there be an attendant their just say you are the ringers then go to the entrance which is at the RH end of the car park facing the front of the cathedral. If you



Great Peter

are early there is a cafe round to the left of the Cathedral.

You should be at the RH entrance at 13.30 -13.35, when we have ascended the tower the tower steps door is locked behind us. Ringing commenc-



es when we get into the ringing chamber and then the Rural Branch Ringing Master Rosemary Morgan will organise the ringing. Ringing finishes at 14.50 you should then be able to see the Cathedral Bourdon Bell chime if it has been repaired, it is rung mechanically.

Branch practice and barbecue – Saturday 17 July

After a grey morning the sun came out for a pleasantly warm afternoon

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and evening, fairly rare for a barbecue planned in advance in this country. We rang at Frampton Cotterell and then moved up the hill to West Ridge for the barbecue. Bryan Hardwick was already installed by the charcoal ready to go, Linda Gittings provided cider from her neighbouring supplier, various branch members came with salads

and the Frampton ringers organised other drinks and some extra tables.

About 40 people came, including 8 youngsters. Several of these amused themselves playing 'daisy hoopla', courtesy of Brian Angell, or fishing for bugs in the garden pond. Everyone else had a good chat and ate and drank their fill. The catering turned out about right, with not too much food left at the end, and the remaining drinks will keep! I think

people went home contented, and it didn't take us very long to clear away the chairs afterwards.

Thanks to all who contributed to a successful event.

Chris Greef Branch Chairman

More than 700 people

paid a tribute to a century of aviation innovation in the West of England at a service of celebration and thanksgiving at Bristol Cathedral.

Generations of current and retired members of the aerospace community, family, friends and civic dignitaries gathered

to share a unique experience as part of the BAC 100 celebrations.

This follows the celebrations in February which had an article in the March Newsletter.

I have also included a picture of the group who attended the quarter at Filton in February with Sir George Whites son which I did not have then The full article can be found in the Ringing World.

This article was sent to me by Gary Crisp.

There have been some interesting developments at Christ Church, Higher Bebington. (Wirral) Last Thursday - we could hear them from our house – clock chimes were sounding out (although Christ Church does not have a clock). It was not a recording. They have continued ever since i.e. on the quarters until 9 p.m. daily. Radio-controlled time signals ensure the first strike on each hour is precise (“one second in a million years”?). We have also heard hymn tunes.

I contacted one of the congregation there and arranged to meet the Church Treasurer this morning who kindly showed me over the new facility. The 8-Bell hemispherical chime is now being used. It has been heard only rarely in recent years, the last time to mark the 60th anniversary of VE Day. (I was there – on the anniversary not VE Day)

An electronically controlled striking apparatus has been installed. It is programmed to sound Westminster (Cambridge) & Guildford chimes and, presently, seven different hymn tunes, including Duke St (Fight the good Fight) – not for weddings we understand! The selection is made at the small console located in a cupboard in the nave.

There is also Plain Hunt on 8, and Plain Bob Major, rung albeit with open backstrokes (but not handstrokes) and at



Names of ringers in quarter peal band at Bristol Cathedral (left to right)
Bryn Shackleton; John Gilbert; Simon Tomlinson; Phil Quartly; Vic Duke; Henry Taysom; Gary Crisp; Susan Tomlinson



Names of people photographed before quarter peal at Filton (left to right)
Jenifer Pick; Ruth Welch; Don Haskins; Gary Crisp; Henry Taysom; Simon Tomlinson; Sir George White; David Haslum; Lady White; John Gilbert; Chris Gooding; Eddie Welch; Tony York; Andrew Marker; Stephen Cowl

handbell ringing speed. Last Sunday, PC was rung at 9:50 prior to morning service (I was told as not able to hear it myself being likewise employed elsewhere at the time). The installation is only at the development stage and adjustments are likely to be made. The system has been designed and installed by Scirrad Lancelyn-Green of Poulton Lancelyn, Bebington where he has his own chime (proper bells from Eujsbouts) in a clock turret. The Christ Church installation is evidently based on the same technology. The other good news is that the tape recorder (with change ringing recordings) is no longer being used (it was beginning to show its age) and the

loudspeakers are about to be removed from the tower.

Gary's comment was:
Could be the days of the manual bell ringer are numbered.

Gary Crisp
Assistant Ringing Master
Thanks to Peter Humphreys of the Wirral

Report on the Wills Tower visit and the combined branch practice next month.

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