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Farcited Ringing

Thursday, June 2nd

11.00 -12.00 Deerhurst

Lunch Farmers Arms, Lower Apperley

14.00 - 15.00 Tredington

Branch Ringing

Combined Meeting with
Wotton Branch

4th June

4-6 Ringing at Stone

Followed by walk in the Deer Park

Followed by Skittles at the Salutation,

Ham See map on page three

11th June Open Day

Frampton Cotterell

For new ringers

See posters and newsletter

5th Branch Practice

19.00 - 21.00 Olveston



Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

Alveston Bells

Alveston Hope to start ringing again on the
31st May

December Carol Service

What Christmas already, well no but we do need a decision about the annual carol service. We only had 15 people attend last year and three of those were non ringers so shall we organise it? If you have strong views on this please let us know so that a decision can be made.

Quarter Peal Ringing

Chris Greef wrote an article in the March 2011 newsletter encouraging members to ring more quarter peals. On speaking to some Branch members, I have had positive feedback supporting this. Many ringers see quarter peals as an important part of learning by helping to improve striking, also if you have just learned a new method, ringing a quarter can often help you to improve.

Quarter peals do not have to be restricted to special events and can be rung at any reasonable time. If there are not enough ringers at any tower to ring a quarter, there is help from within the Branch.

Please get in touch with me if you are interested in ringing any quarters. I have had one request for Cambridge Minor so far.

Bill Liebow wjliebow@btinternet.com

Belfry Maintenance

Malcolm Taylor association belfry advisor has produced a list of the top ten items we should all keep an eye on to keep our bells in a good state of repair, we would like comment on the list, which can be found on the branch web site at.

http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/gandb/BM_11_04_02.pdf

The Royal Wedding

Peals

Coalpit Heath (5040 Grandsire) Triples)

Quarters

Frampton

Almondsbury

Frenchay

Bitton

Warmley

Tytherington (see over)

Open Ringing

Abson

Mangotsfield

Tytherington

Pucklechurch

If you rang and are not on the list you did not tell me!

Branch Practice and BBQ Saturday May 14th

Firstly may I give the thank-you's for the splendid afternoon and evening at Collins Farm. We must thank Mary Taylor for opening her house to us all, Bryan and Martin for some splendid work on the

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Tuesday prior to the 4th Saturday

barbeque. All those who donated salads and sweets to the generous display of food, but not forgetting all of you who came along and helped make the afternoon. I can only say to those who did not come along you missed a treat.

The weather was fine but it had a keen wind blowing, some brave souls actually sat outside whilst some less brave sat in Mary's lounge or kitchen and put the bell-ringing and the rest of the world to right's. Over forty attended including the children, this does seem to be one event that is very popular every year.

Train the Teacher Course

Bristol Rural Branch is conducting a recruitment campaign for new bell ringers, you may have seen this in the local press, magazines, news sheets and the many posters which hopefully have appeared in your area. (300 posters were printed and have been circulated widely) To follow up the advertising we will be holding an open day at Frampton Cotterell St Peter's Parish Church on June the 11th for new and potential ringers. They can come along, have a look at the bells, and if they wish have a go under



The trainers after their course at Frampton
with their instructor and his trainee

tuition. In anticipation of this and hopefully a lot of new potential ringers we held a Teach the Trainers course for the the ringers who will train new recruits . On the day the trainer Steve Coleman instructed a potential ringer Bernard Durant who had never touched a bell rope before in his life to ring alone in two hours. This is not so say that Bernard will not have to practice a lot more to be a competent member of a church band. You can see the picture of the people who came along on the front page.

A Royal Wedding Quarter at Tytherington

1260 mixed doubles = 360 St Simons, 360 St Martins & 540 Grandsire in 41 minutes
 Treble - Fran Christiansen
 2 - Val Johnson
 3 - Arch Andrews
 4 - Andrew Williams
 5 - Matthew Johnson - C
 Tenor - Philip Coward.
 I have shown this quarter as I received a picture (below) with it.
 Many thanks Tytherington



A Wedding at Bitton

It was good to see David Perrett and Maureen on the picture of his youngest daughter Ruth's wedding. David, was a long term ringer at Bitton and a dedicated Farcited member for many years until his health in recent years limited his ringing. Ruth lives in the far north near Aberdeen. The ringing for the wedding at Bitton included ringers from Aberdeen Cathedral

where Ruth rings. Picture top right

Branch Face Book

In the last few months we have set up a face book page for the branch. This has only been available to the branch officers to see how we could use it. To be honest the officers have not really made much or any use of it to

date. At a recent officers meeting to discuss the open day I asked what we should do, the consensus was open it up to all branch members to join if they wish.

This is that invitation. If you are on face book all you type is (see the box at the bottom of the page)

Bristol Rural Ringing in the search box,

The branch logo should appear.



Click the Branch entry. Find the box you tick to ask to join top right of the page?

May Day Outing 2011

Incorporating St Georges's Day

This year the May Day excursion was organised as it is traditionally by our assistant ringing master Bill Liebow.

The area was to be around Chippenham as suggested at our AGM last November. The first tower was Bath Easton where we were able to have Coffee/Tea and biscuits during the ringing. We had some very fine weather and after Corsham where the bells were very loud but in a beautiful setting we moved on to Calne which were not an easy ring I am told. After Calne it was lunch at the Duke Hilmarton. The pub was arranged by Bill and the

orders were collected by Mary York during the morning ringing. The food was great and the beer just as good. After lunch we were entertained by the Chippenham morris dancers who arrived just before we rang at Hilmarton. From Hilmarton we went on to Colerne and again whilst ringing took place tea and biscuits were made available. Finally to end



the day on to Malmesbury, where I am told they had an unhappy local. Many Thanks to Bill for organising the day and Mary York for arranging the refreshments during the day and the lunches at the Duke.

Saturday 4th June

The pub and the lay-by for the walk (about 150 yards from the pub) are relatively easy to find. Turn left down the lane off the A38 just past Stone church and follow it for a mile or so, the pub is on the right, and I suggest people leave their cars there and walk back to the lay-by for the walk. I have been told a public footpath runs through the park so dogs can be taken but kept on the lead. Poster sent to all tower contacts for this joint event.

Ramblings of The Press Officer

A big thank you to everyone who has already taken and put up the Open Day posters. If any of you still have not had yours contact Bill Liebow. Next week will see displays go up in Emersons Green, Filton and Thornbury Libraries, with Central Council leaflets and flyers about the Open Day. Also I have just heard today that The Open Day will advertised on the plasma screen in all South Glos Libraries that have one, and should also go onto the website's of the Libraries that we have displays at. Posters and leaflets have also gone out to all South Glos Senior Schools and Leisure Centres. Some of you may have noticed we have had articles in the local press, they seem to have taken all the articles I have sent in and taken bits from each, and given Wotton Branch contact details, but any publicity is good publicity, they tell me. The Forest Edge, The Boundary magazine, The week in for Bitton, Warmley etc have all featured appeals for Bell Ringers, or articles. Thanks to Steve Crane for a very informative article in Almondsbury Parish magazine, about the Open Day. So if you have any special events please let me know so we can help you publicise them.
Sue Liebow
Branch Press Officer

Just a point of interest for those of you who have not used the feature before. If you are viewing the newsletter on your computer any of the "http" addresses are click-able and will take you to that web page.

There is a lot of information in this month's newsletter, I hope it is useful and worth reading. I am always happy to receive comments about the newsletter, and even articles from all members of the branch.
Editor

Joint Social with Wotton Branch Ringers

SATURDAY 4th JUNE



RINGING
at
STONE from 4-6



then



WALK IN THE DEER PARK

then



SUPPER AND SKITTLES
at the
SALUTATION at HAM



PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE

Please tell Tony York 01454 772532 or Chris Greef 01454 774479 if you intend to come to the Salutation - supper £5.50. The Salutation is on the lane between Stone and Berkeley, postcode GL13 9QH. The walk will start from the Salutation

