

BRISTOL RURAL BRANCH A.G.M. MINUTES
22nd NOVEMBER 2025 – St MARYS CHURCH, ALMONDSBURY

1. Opening and Vote of Thanks

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked the Vicar and Organist and for the service and the Almondsbury ringers who provided the tea.

2. Tribute to Members who have Passed Away During the Year

The Chairman made a tribute to one member who passed away during the year.

3. Attendance

The meeting was attended by 25 members plus the G&B Association Chairman Roger Haynes.

4. Apologies

Apologies were received from Marcus Booth, Adrian Cooper, Glenys Cowie and Peter Harris.

5. Approval of 2024 Minutes The minutes had been circulated on the Branch Website before the meeting and were approved.

6. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

7. Approval of 2025 Accounts

The Accounts were circulated by email before the meeting and were approved.

8. Committee Reports

The Committee Members reports were circulated by email and entered on the Branch Website before the meeting and there were no issues.

9. Branch Officer Elections All the officers except the Chairman were willing to Stand again No one was willing to take the position of Chairman and it was decided that all towers ask their members if anyone is willing to take it on. The position of MC Rep was filled by Gill Greef. No one was willing to take the position of Publicity Officer.

10. Applications to Belfry Repair Fund

No applications this year.

Dyrham may need help in the near future.

11. Membership

The following new members were elected:-

Alveston	David Moss
	Lawrence Roberts
	Tania Jacobs
	Trish Sutton
Olveston	Julie Jackson
	Lynn Fenning
	Sarah Benfield
	Veronica Brown

Warmley Martin Peers
 Tom Peers
Winterbourne Laili Brooks

All elected unanimously.

12. Association Matters

All Association Officers are willing to stand again and were approved.

13. Branch Programme

Thornbury have offered to host the Cream tea in August.

Iron Acton is not available for the Branch Quiz next year, Secretary looking for another venue..

14. Recruitment and Training

Geoff Pick suggested a learners day in the Spring where all recent recruits will be invited.

Bryan Hardwicke suggested a raising and lowering training day.

15. May Day Outing 2025

To be decided later.

16. Achievement of the Year Competition

No information at present. It was suggested how towers make ringers welcome.

17. CCTV Bookings

Only used once last year.

18. Membermojo

Roger Haynes, Association Chairman, gave a talk about Membermojo which is to be used for association membership from next year, 2026-7, subject to approval.

19. A.O.B.

Roger Haynes mentioned the 150th anniversary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association in 2028 and suggested they should buy a mini ring which would cost around £40,000 and each branch to contribute £2000.