

G&B Northavon Branch - December 1992 Newsletter

1992 AGM

The AGM at Syston on 14th November attracted a record turnout (in recent years) and 35 people heard news of a good year for the Branch. The draft minutes are being sent out with this Newsletter for those of you who didn't make it!

QUARTER PEAL WEEK SUCCESS

This year's Association Quarter Peal Week was dedicated to sponsored quarter peals in the Branch to help raise money for Syston to repair their cracked fourth. Nineteen quarters were scored (three last year!) and somewhere between £550 and £600 raised. Well done! This means that in 1992 the Branch raised over £1000 to help the two towers with Appeals. Next year it is planned to try and raise a similar sum for the augmentation at Tytherington.

MANGOTSFIELD DEDICATION

The new ring of eight bells at Mangotsfield is due to be dedicated by the Bishop of Bristol at 10.00am on Sunday 13th December. The bells will be available for open ringing after the Service until 1.00pm. For those who can't make it there will also be open ringing the following Saturday from 1.00pm 'til 3.00pm. All Welcome! this new Taylor eight promises to be a great asset to the Branch.

FRENCHAY FIRST PEAL

On Sunday 15th November the first peal was rung on Frenchay's bells to mark the Centenary of Almondsbury Hospital. Many of you will remember that it was the quarter bells of the hospital that formed the basis of the ring. Two Almondsbury ringers took part, but at the last minute Terry Jefferies had to drop out due to illness. Keith Scudamore stood in at short notice, and conducted his 250th peal. It was a first peal for your scribe (and probably his last!)

HANDBELL CONCERT

The only valid excuse for not being at the Branch Practice on Saturday December 12th, is if you are at the concert featuring the Bristol Phoenix Choir and the Frome Valley Handbell Ringers being held at Hebron Methodist Church, Staple Hill. The concert which starts at 7.30pm is part of Mangotsfield's fundraising activities, and programmes are available in advance from Mr M Dale (Bristol 564253) or at the door price £2.50.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we report the death of Brian Travell, Tower Captain of Tytherington. Brian died after a great struggle against cancer, and his leadership and inspiration will be much missed. RIP

BRANCH PRACTICES FOR DECEMBER

Saturday 12th at 7.30pm - Almondsbury

NO FOURTH SATURDAY PRACTICE AT WARMLEY!