

## Headlines Branch Practice now on 4th Saturday

1. Branch Practice Syston Saturday 27th  
14.30 - 16.00 Note Change.
3. Branch Dinner Thornbury Golf Club Jan 27th

### Ringling for January

#### Farcited Ringing

Thursday January 4th

Almondsbury 14.30 - 16.00

#### Branch Ringing

January 27th Syston

Ringling 14.30 - 16.00



### January 27th Branch Dinner

Thornbury Golf Club

19.00 for 19.30

for details ring Mary York

01454 772532

### February 10th Training Day

This is now fully subscribed but the ringing master would like helpers to volunteer 01454 273456.

Venue TBA

#### 8 Bell Surprise Practice

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

December Henbury

January Bitton

February Thornbury

March Chipping Sodbury

April TBA 1st Friday

May P & J Bristol

#### Six Bell Surprise Practice

3rd Friday

19.30-21.00

Chipping Sodbury(8)

### Farcited Xmas Outing

Some of the Farcited ringers enjoying Christmas Lunch on the Xmas outing to South Wales on December 7th.



### Points from the AGM at Pucklechurch 12th November

We had a good turn out for this years AGM. We started on time with the deputy ringing master in charge. The Service was conducted by the Rev'd Stewart Young and the organ was played by Cannon David Sansum a farcited Ringer. This was then followed by an excellent tea organised by the Pucklechurch and Abson ringers. With everyone well fed the Chairman Bryn Shackleton commenced the meeting at 18.20. He thanked Rev'd Young, David Sansum and the Pucklechurch ringers for their efforts.

The chairman welcomed Steve Coleman the G & B Ringing Master to the meeting.

The Half Yearly meeting minutes were accepted and we moved on to the election of officers. Our MC rep David Perrett asked to be released from his post due to other activities has he carried out the task for the previous four years. Don Haskins was elected the new MC rep. The meeting elected seven new members, five senior and two junior. The 2001 program was approved by the meeting.

All please note that Branch Practices will now be on the fourth Saturday not the second. The program is included with this newsletter. All tower captains please check the dates to ensure the program is viable.

There was a discussion on branch funds, see separate article.

This years Mayday outing will be to Herefordshire. You will notice that there are five specific training days allocated in addition to the G & B training days. Tower Captains please note, we will only be able to run the training days if we get requests for specific training.

The meeting closed at 19.50 followed by further ringing until 20.30.

A full transcript and pictures of the meeting can be seen on the branch Web pages.

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Information for February Newsletter by  
Friday 19th January please.

### Branch Funds

At the AGM a long discussion took place on the subject of the high level of branch funds held as reported by the MC rep at the half yearly meeting, and the request in Octobers newsletter for ideas on how the monies might be spent. We had one written request from Abson for a donation for new ropes. Your committee recommended that we give approx. half the cost about £350.00. Their was a proposal from the floor that this be increased to £500.00. After further discussion the meeting voted to accept this amendment. A further suggestion was to buy books for the branch. This was accepted as follows:- £100.00 would be allocated for individual towers to draw on for buying books.

Before buying books for your tower the branch treasurer should be contacted to find the state of the fund.

### The New Doves Guide

Fran Johnson Tower Captain at Tytherington tells me he has several extra copies of the New Doves Guide available. If you would like one of his spare copies give him a ring on 01454 417445.

A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year to all our  
Readers

## Headlines Branch Practices now on 4th Saturday

1. Newsletter for February and March
2. Branch Training Day Helpers needed Feb 10th
3. G & B Training Day 24th March See info in Tower
4. Notice of the Branch Quiz night on April 7th

### Ringling for February

#### Farcited Ringing

**Thursday February 1st**  
The Chew Valley day out  
ring for details or see the web  
pages.

#### Ringling for March

**Thursday 1st March**  
Frenchay 14.30 -16.00

#### Branch Ringing

**February 24th Almondsbury**  
Ringing 19.30 - 21.00



### Branch Practice March 10th

**Wapley** Note date change not 4th  
Saturday

Ringing 19.30 - 21.00



### February 10th Training Day

This is now fully subscribed but the  
ringing master would like helpers to  
volunteer 01454 273456.

Thornbury 09.30 -12.00 and

Oveston 14.00 - 16.00

#### 8 Bell Surprise Practice

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

February Thornbury

March Chipping Sodbury

April TBA 1st Friday

May P & J Bristol

#### Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday (Method Ringing Only)

19.30-21.00 Chipping Sodbury(8)

### December Birthdays

December saw two of Rural Branch  
and the G and B Life Members with  
significant birthdays.

Bert Ferris and Don Haskins  
celebrated eighty years and seventy  
years young respectively.

There were a number of quarters  
and a special lunch at the Codrington  
Arms to celebrate these two events.  
The quarters which were rung are as  
follows.

**Almondsbury** Martin Blanchard Mary York Gary Crisp Tim Jefferis Maggs Graupner Alison  
Heber Eddy Welch

**Bitton** David Powell Hilda Messenger Pauline Wilton Bert Ferris Bryn Shackleton Martin  
Blanchard Geof Dodd Henry Taysom

**Syston** John Gilbert Brian Weare Ray Luxton Myra Gibbs Mary York Tony York

**Tytherington** David Sansum Bryan Hardwick Fran Johnson Wyn Holcombe Ann Ferguson David  
Mathews

**Wapley** Brian Angel Don Haskins Mary York Henry Taysom Alan Pidgeon Geof Dodd

Four of the five quarters were successful and one which rang long enough did not come round when it  
should.

**Westerleigh** Bert Ferris Sandi & Bryan Hardwick Andy Fox Chris Musty Martin Blanchard



Bert and Don  
at the Codrington



Syston



Wapley

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Information for April Newsletter by  
Tuesday 21st March

Unfortunately this  
newsletter is for  
two months as I  
cannot be sure  
that I will be  
around when the  
March Newsletter  
will be due.

Note that all  
tower should now  
have full details of  
the Association  
training day at  
Cirencester and

Tewksbury.

The ringing Master requires the  
names of Helpers for this event.  
Tower Captains please canvas  
their ringers for helpers.  
Trainees should fill in the forms  
and return them as soon as  
possible.

This years Quiz night is on April  
7th at the usual venue which has  
been booked at the Hall at  
Salisbury Road Downend.

This year it will be hosted by  
Frampton.

Put this date in your diary there  
will not be much time to advertise  
it in the April Newsletter.

## Headlines Branch Practices now on 4th Saturday

1. Tower Return 2001
2. Quiz Night Downend
3. Holy Week No Ringing 9th - 14th April
5. May Day Outing we are proposing Birmingham.

Return to treasurer by 28th April please

### Ringling for April

#### Farcited Ringing

Thursday April 5th

Please note the outing to Somerset has been cancelled due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak, ringing has been rearranged as below  
Filton 14.30 - 16.00

#### Branch Ringing Activities

Branch Quiz Night

Saturday 7th April

The Hall Downend

#### No Branch Ringing in April

28th G & B AGM Upton St Leonards Gloucester

Preceded by both the Penn Trophy and the Croome trophy competitions.

See reverse for AGM program

### Mayday Coach Outing 2001

Monday 7th May

Coach will leave Coalpit Heath Church at 08.00 for SW Birmingham

The AGM proposed Herefordshire for this years outing but we feel that we should move to an Urban area to avoid any Foot and Mouth problems.

### Farcited Annual Outing

Thursday 7th June

St Mary Abergavenny 10

Brecon Cathedral 8

St Peter Glasbury 8

All Saints Hereford 8

Names to Arthur Herbert

### Tower Return 2001

Can I bring to your attention to conform with the Data Protection Act we have to tell you that your names may be included on Data Bases for both the Bristol Rural Branch and the G & B.

If you do not wish your name to be on these data bases you should let the branch secretary know and you will be removed. However it is I believe impossible for anyone to hold any office including tower contact and not allow their name to be included on the data base.

It should be stated that the name will only be used for the purpose for which it is on the database

I must apologize for the late distribution of the subscription form this year, but could everyone make an effort to collect the returns and send to Graham before the G & B AGM please.

The Annual Quiz night is booked, we look forward to seeing our regular quiznighters again this year.

The Quiz Masters are Frampton this time round. The quiz night has been a very successful event in previous years so put it in your diary and bring a tower team or come along and join a team.

Please let Mary York know if you intend coming so the catering can be reasonably accurate.

Tickets available on the night,  
Quiz Buffet and first drink £3.00  
students £1.50



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Tuesday 24th April

### Rural Branch Annual Dinner 2001

To the West of our area this year Tony and Mary York arranged a memorable Branch Annual Dinner, its venue: the restaurant of the Thornbury Golf Club. In the event circumstances were such that they were unable to be there to enjoy the fruits of their labour, but Graham and Felicity Hemmett ably 'stood in' for them on the night, and managed a record number of sixty-four attendees with skill and aplomb. How lucky we are to have members such as these, for as our Chairman acknowledged in his vote of thanks - it's due to their enthusiasm and dedication our annual event has become an established 'Branch Favourite'. An excellent meal was served to the assembled company in the restaurant reserved for the occasion at circular tables identified on the 'master plan' by names of various 'methods' - it caused some hilarity discovering whether one was allocated a place setting at a mere 'Plain' or more advanced 'Surprise' table! Following the meal we were entertained by our guest speaker the Rev. George Mitchell, Vicar of Warmley, Bitton, and Syston. Nearing retirement his anecdotal description of the trials and tribulations of a parish priest - interspersed along the way by some 'Jokes' of suspicious origin! earned him a well deserved round of applause.

All in all it was agreed to be a very enjoyable evening: good food presented and served well, good company, an interesting speaker who knew when enough was enough, all in a pleasant environment. The beer was OK too! Mary, Tony, Graham, and Felicity: Thanks Very Much  
DH



The Rev'd George Mitchell  
the Speaker and Lady

### 8 Bell Surprise Practice

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

April Twerton 1st Friday

May P & J Bristol

June Thornbury TBC

### Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday (Method Ringing Only)

19.30-21.00 Chipping Sodbury(8)

## Gloucester and Bristol AGM Program 2001

Saturday 28th April Upton St Leonards Gloucester

On the day

The Croome and Penn Trophies will be held in the morning I have no further information at the present.

The Penn Trophy at	09.30	Quedgely
The Croome Trophy	09.30	Barnwood

For those not involved in the above the following Towers should be open Foot and Mouth permitting

Route One	10.00 - 11.00	Brockworth
	10.30 - 11.30	Churchdown

Route Two	10.00 - 11.00	Maismore
	10.30 - 11.30	Hempstead

Gloucester City	12.00 - 13.00	St Mary -de-Lode
	12.00 - 13.00	St Mary-de -Crypt

AGM Tower	14.00 - 15.00	Upton St Leonards ringing
	15.00 - 16.00	Service
	16.00 - 17.00	Tea
	17.00 -	Meeting

Further ringing Upton St Leonards after the meeting.

### Branch Training Day

The Grandsire Triples training day was held on Feb. 10th and five trainees attended (with just about enough helpers) at Thornbury in the morning and Olveston in the afternoon. The training notes previously given to the students had hopefully prepared the way for what was planned as a fairly intensive practice session. Feedback so far has been mainly positive, along with suggestions for potential improvements. Thanks for this feedback, it really is helpful. Thanks also for the use of the two towers and to all the helpers who rang a lot of Grandsire Triples on the day.

The G&B training day has been cancelled, so the next opportunity for training/practice will be the Branch Event (Stedman Doubles) on May 12th. I have 4 students so far and will limit the number of learners to 6 at the most, so if you are interested call me on 01454 273456. Of course there is the need for experienced Stedman ringers to help the students practice. I have not decided on a venue yet, but if you can help then please call me.

Future training days have been requested for "St Clements with Bob Minor" and a "Listening & Striking" day. Watch for dates on your Newsletters for these forthcoming attractions. Finally, if you require practice on a particular method, or your tower needs a concentrated practice on a ringing activity then let Paul or myself know and we can possibly arrange it with you.

Martin Blanchard - BRM

### Rural Branch Young Ringers

If the demand is there Hilda is thinking of organising a young ringers day on Wednesday 30th May.

If you would like to go on one of these very successful days give Hilda a ring. 01454 228424

## Headlines Branch Practices now on 4th Saturday

1. Farcited Summer Outing Cancelled
2. Branch Striking Competition Abson
3. Training Day July see below
4. Have you made your Tower Return????

### Ringling for June

#### Farcited Ringing

Thursday June 7th

Dyrham

14.30 - 16.00

Including a cup of tea.

#### Branch Ringing Activities

Striking Competition at Abson.

See opposite

The competition will start at 16.30  
Tea will be provided from that time  
so do come along as Martin says  
and have your tea, listen to the  
bells and talk to your friends. Or  
you can arrive in your allocated slot  
and tea will still be available.



Could we ask for donations of cakes  
and sandwiches for the tea again  
this year, and would you be so kind  
to let Mary York know what  
you are going to donate please.  
Last year the teas raised £55.00  
for the Iron Acton tower fund.

### Farcited Annual Outing

Thursday 5th July

St Mary Abergavenny 10

Brecon Cathedral 8

St Peter Glasbury 8

All Saints Hereford 8

Followed by evening meal

Names to Arthur Herbert

Leave Coalpit Heath 08.00 prompt

### 8 Bell Surprise Practice

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

June Thornbury

July Wooton

### Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday (Method Ringing Only)

19.30-21.00 Chipping Sodbury(8)

### Branch Striking Competition. - 23rd June 2001 - Abson

The success of the competition last  
year, in terms of the number of  
teams entered, meant that the  
teams in the early part of the draw  
had a long wait for the results.  
Also, teams in the later part of the  
draw had to wait a long time to  
perform their test piece.

You can, of course, spend the whole  
duration of the competition at  
Abson talking to your friends and  
taking tea and cake. However this  
year I will follow G&B practice and  
allocate participating towers an  
hour slot during which three teams  
can perform their test piece.

To enable this to take place I need  
to know who will be entering a team  
in the event by early June (let's say  
10th June).

Martin B. on 01454 273456.

### Training.

The Stedman Doubles training day  
went reasonably well from my  
viewpoint. These days are really a  
"practice day" rather than formal  
tuition. Thanks to all the helpers  
who turned up on what was a  
glorious warm May Day.

The next day (Sat. 14th July) will  
be a Grandsire Doubles day. Names  
of learners to me ASAP please.  
(Martin B. on 01454 273456.)

Finally, advance notification of the  
G&B 2nd Training Day (13th October)  
has just been received. Courses from  
"Learning A New Doubles Method"  
through "Surprise Minor" to  
"Introduction To Conducting". Watch  
this space for more details.

**Martin Blanchard**  
**Branch Ring Master**

Can I remind all tower correspondents  
that if you return the envelope in  
which you receive your Newsletter it  
can be used again.



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Monday May 21st



### Young Ringers Day Out May 30th

The day out has been arranged by  
Hilda Messenger and the program is  
as follows

10.00 - 11.00 Mangotsfield

11.30 - 12.30 Twerton Bath

14.00 - 16.00 Piglet.

Hilda is also arranging a series of  
days out during the summer holiday  
so please let her know when you are  
available.

### The Power of Advertising

Do you remember this plea last month?  
'Who has the Bell Ringing Video lurking at  
home, I have been asked if someone can  
borrow it, but we do not know where it is!!!!'  
It has now been returned and has gone on to  
the person who said they would like to view it  
. Thank you everyone who took the time to  
look.

I intend to set up a page on the Branch Web  
site saying who has got the video and any  
other branch items such as the striking  
competition trophy.

# Headlines Branch Practices now on 4th Saturday

1. Branch Training Day
2. Branch Practice Program change **TBC**
3. Frenchay 10th Anniversary
4. Have you made your Tower Return????

## Ringling for July

Farcited Ringing

Thursday July 5th

Dundry

14.30 - 16.00

Including a cup of tea.

Branch Ringing Activities

July 14th

Branch Training Day July 14th

Grandsire Doubles spaces available

Talk to Martin B

July 28th

Bitton 8 Bell Practice 19.30 - 21.00



To  
Be  
Confirmed



## Young People Summer Holiday Ringing

Would all those who wish to attend these holiday ringing days please let Hilda know as soon as possible.

## Half Yearly Meeting Tytherington

The weather was extremely good for the half yearly meeting with people sitting outside listening to the bells. The service was taken by Rev Pat Lyes-Wilsden, and her talk to the ringers was a well researched history of bells. We did not have an organist but for the hymns chosen it did not matter and people were in good voice. The service completed we held our meeting with 24 people in attendance. It did not take long just forty minutes before we were able to hop over the church wall into Fran Johnson's parents garden for the BBQ. We must thank Alice and Ambrose Johnson for letting us use their garden for the event and we must also thank David and Fiona Gayther the BBQ'ists friends of Val and Fran, who burnt the food excellently. We must also say thank you to Anita Mathews for the alcoholic jelly. We all had a super evening ably organised by Val and Fran. We shall have to ask them to do it again!



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Monday July 23rd to Tony York



## -- Frenchay 10th Anniversary --

The 25th of August is the 10th anniversary of the dedication of Frenchay's bells. The installation of the bells was very much a Branch effort, with ringers from many towers helping week by week to build and install the frame, and create the ringing room. To mark the occasion, Frenchay ringers are inviting everyone to a celebration starting at 6pm with rounders on the Common (weather permitting!), and with the bells available from 7.00pm until about 8.30. During all this, an American Supper will be organised in the church with a complimentary glass of wine supplied by the tower. After 8.30 there will be a slide show about how the bells were collected together and installed. All are most welcome.

## 8 Bell Surprise Practices

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

July Chipping Sodbury

August Wooton

September Caldicott

Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)

3rd Friday

(Method Ringing Only)

19.30-21.00



Our congratulations go to two ringing families the Hardwicks and the Cornfords who have both recently produced baby boys Nathan Luke on the 5th of June and Adam Peter on the 7th of June respectively

## Headlines Branch Practices now on 4th Saturday

1. Association Training Day October
2. Frenchay 10th Anniversary
3. Gloucester Cathedral Sunday 23rd September
4. One Tower has not yet made its yearly return!!!!

### Ringling for July

#### Farcited Ringing

Thursday August 2nd  
Westerleigh  
14.30 - 16.00

Including a cup of tea.

#### Branch Ringing Activities

August Saturday 25th  
Frenchay 19.00

See last months Newsletter.



All towers should by now have received information about the October G & B Training day. The February one was cancelled due to the foot and mouth outbreak. If you want to attend fill in the form and return it as places go fast for this event.

Martin Blanchard will also be looking for helpers for the day which is Saturday 13th of October based around Wotton under Edge

#### Gloucester Cathedral Ringing

Sunday 23rd September

The Ringing Master and Chairman will be arranging this Sunday ringing at the Cathedral.

#### 8 Bell Surprise Practices

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

August Wooton  
September Caldicott

Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)  
3rd Friday  
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19.30-21.00

### Email Addresses

I have been asked if we should provide email addresses for people to contact towers from outside of the branch.

We do have a couple of email addresses already on the web pages specific to the towers, however permission was given by the email addresses to include them.

I have about twenty email addresses which I use to get messages to towers, however these are not all the official tower contacts just an informal way of getting information to you. If you have any views on this subject perhaps you would like to let me know what you think.

**Striking Competition** - This was held at Abson on 23 June. Six teams entered, and a scratch band was formed, to give the judge seven pieces to assess. His decisions are shown below. My view of the proceedings is that the new format (three teams to an hours slot) worked well. Those wishing to spend all day chatting or eating could, while those with other commitments were not tied for time. The weather was splendid and the refreshments superb. The never-ending teapot was most prized item for me. Thanks to all those who made the day a success, from the teams who entered, those who supplied food, the Abson girls for the use of the bells and for their catering, through to the Judge Phil Weeks.

So what were the results. Although we did not know it at the time, the contest was very close. To say exciting is perhaps stretching things a bit far, but the closeness of the marks awarded against the top two teams was a single point. This is after taking the scratch band out of the running. They, of course, cannot hold the Trophy or go forward to represent the Branch in the Croome Trophy.

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Bristol Rural Branch Gloucester

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Scratch Band.	28 faults.
Thornbury - Black Team.	33 faults.
Thornbury - Blue Team.	34 faults.
Westerleigh.	39 faults.
Coalpit Heath.	54 faults.
Bitton.	72 faults.
Frampton Cotterell.	73 faults.

Congratulations to Thornbury who I'm sure will represent us well in the Association competition. Thanks also to all the other teams, many of which contained young or inexperienced ringers. Well done to those in particular but to all the teams for making the day a success once again. **Branch Ringing Master** (Sorry I do not have room for a picture of the winning team, but those who are on the Internet can look at the Rural Branch web pages for pictures of the afternoon pictures next month)

#### Grandsire Doubles Training Day -

Took place on Sat. 14th July at Wapley. Five students came along to have a concentrated practice of Grandsire, ably assisted by experienced helpers. The training notes had obviously been studied well in most cases, and after some plain courses the students were introduced to touches containing Bobs, and then singles, and finally touches containing both.

Feedback so far has been positive, but these training days are just the start really. Learners should then go back to their own practices, or visit other practices, to gain more experience in the method. From what I witnessed on the day I am confident that this should happen without too much stress.

## Headlines Branch Practices now on 4th Saturday

1. Association Training Day October
2. Annual General Meeting
3. Quarter Peal Week
4. All Rural Branch Towers have now made their return

### Farcited Ringing

Thursday 6th September

Yeovil area Ring for details

Branch Ringing Activities

Branch Practice

Saturday September 22nd

Olveston (8) 19.30 - 21.00



### Gloucester Cathedral Ringing

Sunday 23rd September

The Ringing Master and Chairman will be arranging this Sunday ringing at the Cathedral.

### Quarter Peal Week

This year Quarter Peal week is from Saturday October 20th - Sunday 28th October.

A couple of Striking Competition pictures 2001. To see all the pictures go to the branch web pages.



Thornbury Black the winners



Mary and Margaret the workers for the afternoon

### AGM November 24th Frenchay

I have had one response to my request for email addresses, Could I remind you that if you have items for the agenda please let the secretary have them for inclusion on the agenda.

### 8 Bell practices at Chipping Sodbury

To begin with the practice was supported reasonably well, then we hit a few lean months. But of late we are gathering a nucleus of regular attendees from the Rural City and Wotton branches.

Totally democratic, we seem to share running the evening I have run a couple, Hilda has done one Martin, etc. though. with a common purpose, (i.e. otherwise they wouldn't be there) it does not take much encouragement to get them ringing.

We have started to name a method for the next month, just so that you have time to look it up.

Until now Plain Major, Little bob Major, Kent treble bob Major, Stedman Triples. Next month is Middlesex bob Triples, which is pretty much Plain bob Triples with 5ths instead of 7ths. During the evening these are not the only methods rung. We have people who are benefiting enormously from a strong band around them to gain confidence in Grandsire Triples Plain bob Triples etc.

So it is not all "high flying" stuff. In fact the atmosphere is excellent and nobody is afraid to ask for something in particular. Mutterings for the future when everyone is back from holidays include:- Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Duffield, Aston. Have you something to add to the list? Well then you will have to turn up and ask. As you can see the evening is a fairly normal type of practice and being aimed at ringers who can already ring does not have the intermissions of rounds and call changes, plain hunting and methods for learning to plain hunt. Of course this is essential for all new ringers, but



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this practice is for the ringers in the middle ground to ring methods they cannot normally get to ring, as their own tower may not have sufficient experienced ringers to give a solid band around the inexperienced person trying to move forward. The practice is not for esoteric methods but to allow as I have said already, the middle ground ringers to move on.

We had two visitors recently at the August practice from the midlands who were passing through to a Dorset open day.

Very capable ringers, they soon thawed and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I hope I have put over that this is a very enjoyable practice, not dominated by high faluting methods and highly experienced ringers but a practice for those ringers who need a solid band around them to move on in ringing circles.

Many Thanks to Fran Johnson Tower Captain at Tytherington who gave the editor permission to modify and change the article as I thought appropriate. Many thanks Fran for taking the time to produce the article

### Management committee Meeting 15th September (Branch Officers)

If you have any item to raise at the G & B committee meeting please let me have it before the 15th so Don Haskins can take it forward.

### 8 Bell Surprise Practices

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00  
September Caldicott  
Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)  
3rd Friday  
(Method Ringing Only)  
19.30-21.00

## Headlines

1. Association Training Day October
2. Annual General Meeting
3. Quarter Peal Week
4. Had a tower outing? Lets have an article!

### Farcited Ringing

Thursday 4th October  
Frampton Cotterell 14.30 - 16.00  
and a cup of tea.

### Branch Ringing Activities

#### Branch Practice

Saturday October 27th  
Alveston (6) 19.30 - 21.00



### Quarter Peal Week

This year Quarter Peal week is  
from Saturday October 20th -  
Sunday 28th October.

### Association Training Day October 13th

Students will have sent off their applications by now, but I am sure Martin Blanchard the Ringing Master would be very pleased to hear from any helpers who can offer their services.

### The Farcited ringers

Had a very successful day out to the Yeovil area where they rang at six towers including Queen Camel. Starting with coffee and teacakes at Ilchester, lunch at the Lamb and Lark Limington, then watched harriers flying backwards at Little Yeovilton and finally a cup of tea at Babcary, see the pictures on the web site.

### 8 Bell Surprise Practices

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

October

November

December

Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)

3rd Friday

(Method Ringing Only)

19.30-21.00

AGM November 24th Frenchay Arrangement details next Month. Items for AGM agenda to the secretary please by Saturday 10th November. AOB items are not usually allowed, and are at the Chairman's discretion.

The committee members are your representatives. Do come along to the meeting and make your views known to the branch members and the management committee.

### Frenchay 10th Anniversary of the bells being hung

The August branch practice was held at Frenchay to celebrate 10 years of ringing. The evening started with drinks and rounders on Frenchay common on a very fine evening. We are not sure who won but the people who took part had some fine exercise. The bells were then rung followed by an excellent American supper. The Tower Captain and Frenchay ringers had invited as many people as they could who had been involved with the collection of the bells and the subsequent casting and hanging in 1991.

Alan then gave a slide show of pictures that were taken during the preparation and hanging, and below a couple of random pictures from the time.



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### Bitton Ringers outing

Bitton ringers enjoyed a weekend camp at Broadway House, Cheddar during mid August for their annual family outing. Ages ranged from 9 weeks to 65 years.

Shipham and Rowberrow towers were rung during the Saturday afternoon but a planned beach barbeque was cancelled due to heavy rain during the evening. The meal at camp was accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Sunday morning activities included a walk along the Pixie trail and there was much amusement at the children's adventure playground where practice was enjoyed on the aerial runway and rotating tyre rig.

Anne Boulton.

(Sec Bitton Ringers)



Bitton Ringers