

Headlines Web page <http://www.ds.dial.pipex/town/way/et57/>

1. Branch Program for 2002 enclosed with the Newsletter
2. Communication from the Central Council enclosed
3. Yearly Tower return for completion enclosed
4. Branch Practices available to all

Farcited Ringing

Thursday 7th February
Tytherington 14.30 - 16.00



Branch Training Day Grandsire Triples February 9th
(fully booked) Next Branch Training day 11th May for details ring the Ringling Master
Branch Practice
February 23rd
Ringling at Thornbury
19.30 - 21.00



You will find enclosed with the Newsletter the annual return. Could all towers please complete and return to the treasurer before this years AGM on April 13th. Especially those towers whose PCC makes the tower return.

The Carol Service went very well.

About 40 people came and we provided hot cups of tea during the ringing time before the service. Good wine and lots of mince-pies. In fact there were 70 mince pies left over which people decided to leave with us to take down to the Sisters of the Poor in St. Paul's the following day.

Mary Haslum

Young Peoples ringing half term
Wednesday 13th February
01454 319398 What would the young ringers think of their own page on the web? but I would need input for it!

Rural Branch Young Ringer

Within 24 hours of Kristian Scudamore being made a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at the branch AGM he rang his first quarter peal on Sunday 25th November 2001 at Coalpit Heath. It was his first attempt at ringing a quarter peal, the longest he had rung before was 360 changes. Kristian was looking forward to ringing it and on the day was not nervous at all. In fact he was very positive that we were not going to lose it. After the quarter he was asked how it went, his reply was "that was easy".

The band was made up of family and friends. There were three generations of the Scudamore family, Kristian, his father Keith and his grandfather Fred.

Another important member of the band was his mother Elaine. The details of the quarter are :-

Coalpit Heath, South Glos, S.Saviour
On Sunday 25th November 2001
in 43 minutes

1260 Doubles in 3 methods
(Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob)

1. Kristian D. Scudamore
2. Keith W. Scudamore (Cond)
3. William F. Scudamore
4. Elaine M. Scudamore
5. Ian P. Hill
6. Clive G. Bryant

First quarter for Kristian aged 9 years 2 months. Rung for Evensong and as an 18th birthday compliment to Samantha Scudamore.

below is a picture of the quarter peal band left to right, Clive, Ian, Elaine, Fred, Keith and sat in front Kristian.
Keith Scudamore



Phyl on the Devon outing in

Note there are branch training days almost every two months, this year, get your tower captain to talk to the ringing master, if you want specific training.



Publication date
January 26th
Information for March Newsletter by
Tuesday 19th February to Tony York

Phyl Livsey
1923 - 2001

I am sure you will all be very sad to hear if you have not already, that Phyl passed away just before Christmas.

Phyl was a long term ringer at Alveston and a staunch member of the farcited band, her ringing in the last couple of years was curtailed due to her health, but Phyl's spirit was never broken and she was always full of life until the end.

A memorial service was held at St Helens Alveston on Thursday the 10th of January when the church was absolutely packed with her friends and a goodly number of Farcited Ringers.

The Farcited ringers rang open both before and after the Service at Phyl's request. The Service as the Rev Dave Pole said was not to be in any way a dismal affair, Phyl had prepared the service before her death and it was both lively and musical. Phyl will be missed by us all for her picture taking her lively bouncy disposition and most of all for herself.

Our condolences go out to her Family.

You can find a copy of the AGM minutes on the branch web. Go to the branch officer page and click the appropriate arrow

8 Bell Surprise Practices

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00
February Ring Robin or Hilda
March Ring Robin or Hilda

Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)
3rd Friday 1930 - 21.00

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1. G & B Training Day 16th March
2. Branch Quiz night Downend 6th of April
3. Jubilee Ringing
- 4.

Farcited Ringing

Lundy Island

The Farcited group and Friends are off to Lundy again on June 6th.

for details ring 01454 772532

Thursday 7th March

Day out by car to the Usk Area

10.15 Shirenewton followed by Trellech, Lunch, Dingestow, and Usk. For more details ring 01454 773532

Branch Ringing

March 23rd 19.30 - 21.00

Frampton Cotterell.



I would like to thank Martin Blanchard for producing the pocket size program cards issued with last months newsletter.

Quiz Night

Its time to start thinking about your teams for the branch Quiz night on the 6th of April. This year the quiz is being organised by Almondsbury.

So lets have a strong representation from all our towers this year.

However we always have a few people from towers who cannot raise a team who come along and join or form joint team. **Poster included**

G & B Training Day Helpers

Those who want training should have applied by now, but I am sure if you want to help we can still send in your name, let Paul G-A know ASAP.

Jubilee Ringing

Your committee are suggesting that all towers in the branch ring a quarter in the week Monday 3rd June to Sunday 9th June, your views on this would be welcome. We have time to put together teams to achieve this. Perhaps all towers could also ring on Tuesday the 4th June at the same time?

Rural Branch Annual Dinner 2002

Well I suppose it nearly did not happen. When we arrived the Golf Club at about 18.45 apart from emergency lights and candles it was all in darkness.

Everyone arrived and all the tables had candles, the bar could only provide bottled beer wines or spirits but the staff said they could cope, so we all enjoyed the pre dinner drinks and chat and then over 40 of us sat down to a candle lit dinner. There was quite a groan when about half way through the evening the lights all came back on again.

I have not heard any complaints about the meal and a number who attended were very complimentary about it. After coffee Cannon David Sansum entertained us with his after dinner speech with high lights of his ringing and ecclesiastical career.

This was followed by branch members and friends playing handbell tunes which went on until it seemed time to go home.

Once again in my book a very satisfactory dinner enjoyed by all who came along. Keep your eyes open for next years, don't miss it.

Warmley Ringers Married

Our congratulations go to the tower captain Derek Smith and Claire Wilkins. Picture below of the couple on their big day from the Warmley belfry.



Young Ringers Their will probably be a young ringers day at Easter contact John Ware for info 01454 319398



Publication date

February 23rd

Information for April Newsletter by
Tuesday 19th March to Tony York

I was reading the Daily Telegraph on January the 26th when I came across a schedule of the Queens Jubilee celebration. One entry said "June 2nd Church Services and Bell ringing across the country" As I had not actually seen anything written down or heard anything official I thought I would email the the editor of the Ringing World if he had published anything useful about the ringing situation.

The following weeks Ringing World contained the following Editorial.

Wednesday 6th February 2002 Is the 50th Anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II. Ringers may wish to mark this in some way on the day itself - although the official Jubilee celebrations are scheduled for the first week in June.

The focal point of those celebrations will be a National Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 4th of June 2002. There have been reports in the Newspapers and on television about ringing being a major feature of the celebrations and some of these have even stated that 'ringing will take place on the 2nd June'

In fact to our knowledge, there has been no official request from the Palace, the Government or the Church for ringing on a specified day or at a particular time. The Central Council is encouraging ringers to celebrate the event as they see fit. Tuesday 4th June may prove to be the most popular day for specially arranged ringing. See note opposite.

Eight Bell Surprise Practices

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

March Henbury

April Chipping Sodbury

May Caldicot

Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)

3rd Friday 1930 - 21.00

(Method Ringing Only)

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1. Quiz Night Downend 6th April 19.30
2. G and B AGM April 13th Bristol City Branch
3. May Day Outing to Hereford Monday May 6th
4. Half Yearly Meeting Iron Acton May 25th

Farcited Ringing

Lundy Island

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Thursday 4th April

Day out by car to Norton St Phillip and Freshford

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Branch Ringing

No Branch Ringing in April we have the Quiz Night, Training Day and the AGM.

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Please let us know if you intend coming on the May Day Outing to Hereford, we hope it will be by coach. Tower details next month.

Farcited March Outing

The outing on the 7th of March was again a huge success, We met for coffee and ringing at Shirenewton in the sunshine, where over fifty ringers gathered for the day. On to Trellech a rehung six which had some very difficult and demanding steps to reach the ringing chamber for some of our members, and when finally you made it you found the stay on the treble was broken and bell had to be held all the time.

Then on to the local Pub for lunch where superb service and very little wait before being served was the order of the day for most of the ringers.

After lunch we moved on to Dingestow where everyone was able to sit out in the sun whilst ringing took place on the old six.

Then on to Usk which were an extremely good eight and some excellent ringing was experienced. The local ringers and church ladies had put on tea and cakes in the church hall for us, and so the afternoon finished in a very civilised manner, and then it was time to make our way back across the Severn bridge and home.



Gloucester and Bristol AGM

By now all tower correspondents in the branch will have received the information about the arrangements for the Annual General Meeting which this year is being hosted by Bristol City Branch.

The Croome and Penn Trophies will be held at St Michael on the Mount and the Cathedral respectively.

There will be a number of towers in City branch open during the day.

The days schedule is as follows:-

- 10.00 - 11.00 Holy Trinity Horfield(5)
- 10.00 - 11.00 St John on the Wall(6)
- 10.30 - 11.15 Holy Trinity Stapleton(6)
- 11.00 - 12.00 St Paul's Southville(6)
- 11.30 - 13.00 St Stephen Bristol(12)
- 14.45 - 15.30 Cathedral(8)
- 15.30 - 16.15 Evensong Cathedral



Publication date
March 27th
Information for May Newsletter by
19th April to Tony York

Branch Training Day

There is a further opportunity on the 11th of May for Branch Training, anyone who would like specific training please contact the Ringing Master and make your claim. Nobody else can do it



16.30 - 17.45 AGM Cathedral

School Hall

17.45 approx Tea in Cathedral

Chapter House

18.30 - 20.00 St Mary Redcliffe

For parking see the tower letter

I am an extremely sorry about the delay in publishing this months newsletter but we have been away in Scotland on a mercy mission.

Eight Bell Surprise Practices

Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00
Phone Robin or Hilda

Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)
3rd Friday 1930 - 21.00
(Method Ringing Only)

Headlines

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1. May Day Outing (Still a few seats left)
2. Branch Training Day (Fully Subscribed)
3. Half Yearly Meeting Iron Acton and BBQ
4. Have you paid this years subs yet?

Publication date
April 24th



Information for June Newsletter by
Tuesday 21st May to Tony York

Ringling for May

Farcited Ringing

Thursday May 2nd

Mangotsfield

14.30 - 16.00

Including a cup of tea

Branch Ringing Activities

Monday May 6th

Mayday Outing by coach

Leave Coalpit Heath Church at 08.15

Aston Ingham A few seats left

Bridstowe

Kings Capel

Holm Lacey

and Much Marcle

Arriving home about 19.30

Saturday May 11th

Branch Training Day at Abson

Talk to the Ringing Master

Saturday May 26th

Half Yearly Meeting and BBQ

Iron Acton



Ringling starts at 15.45

Service 17.00

Meeting in Church Room about 17.40

Move on to

268 North Road

Yate for the BBQ

I hope you have all noticed the improved web site address at the top of the page, rather than the previous rather complex one !!!!

Branch Striking Competition

June sees the branch Striking competition to be held at Syston. Will you entering a team?

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Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

May Caldicott

Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)

3rd Friday

(Method Ringing Only)

19.30-21.00

Gloucester and Bristol AGM

Bristol Rural Branch were well represented at the AGM. I counted about fifteen members during the service in the Cathedral and at the meeting and tea. We also did well in the fact that Mangotsfield won the tidy tower competition and Martin Pearson the Tower Captain was their to collect the trophy.



Martin being Presented the trophy by the Very Rev'd Dean of Bristol Thornbury who represented the branch in the Croome trophy won a Ringing Masters Clapper.



Les Usher Tower Captain of Thornbury collecting one of the two Ringing Masters Clappers from Steve Coleman. The Ringing Master said he thought Thornbury rang extremely well especially in the second half of their piece and thought the clapper was well merited after listening to the judges comments which were.

'They made a valiant attempt to solve the problems of the earlier teams by ringing faster, but it did not entirely come off' Bristol Branch won the trophy. In the Penn Trophy Swindon were first and Bristol Rural came sixth out of nine.

Half Yearly Meeting Iron Acton

The program for the afternoon is printed in the ringing for the month column opposite The meeting agenda will be as normal

Opening by the branch Chairman

Apologies for absence

Reports from Officers if required

New Members

Branch Program for rest of the year

Striking Competition

A.O.B at the Chairman's discretion

Chairman Closes meeting

Please note all A.O.B items must be submitted before the meeting commences in writing to the chairman or secretary.

Branch Young Ringer Activities

During the Easter Holidays, young ringers have been going on ringing outings on both Wednesdays.

Week 1 First we went to Syston which was perfectly normal, Dyrham which was a lockout and finally Quasar. Even though we were locked out of one tower it was a lovely day for a picnic. After our lockout picnic the young ringers played in Quasar and Archie. We had three games each and the person who enjoyed it most had to be Archie. So that just about sums up the first week, so lets move on to

Week 2 To start this week off we went to North Nibley. We rang there by using the simulator. However, we are not sure whether we can call it a grab though because it was sensors that told the computer when to sound the bell in the ringing chamber. Oh and also thank you to Wynne who provided us with chocolate biscuits squash, tea and coffee. We had a Pub lunch and played skittles at the Salutation (I recommend this Pub to people who go on ringing outings near North Nibley) John won yet again. Then we finally went to Dursley. Which I have to say, was nearly another lockout. At Dursley we managed to ring Plain Hunt, Grandsire and Bob Triples without any Bobs. So that just about sums up Easter for the young ringers. We would like to say thank you to the helpers, the people who transported us and finally the person who organised it all **John Ware Hayley Messenger (11)**

P.S. North Nibley are have are having a Barn Dance in July if you are interested. Oh and unfortunately there will be no Young Ringers Wednesday sessions at half term due to the organiser's need of revision for his exams.

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2. Branch Striking Competition Syston
3. Can you solve the puzzle?

Ringling for May

Farcited Ringing

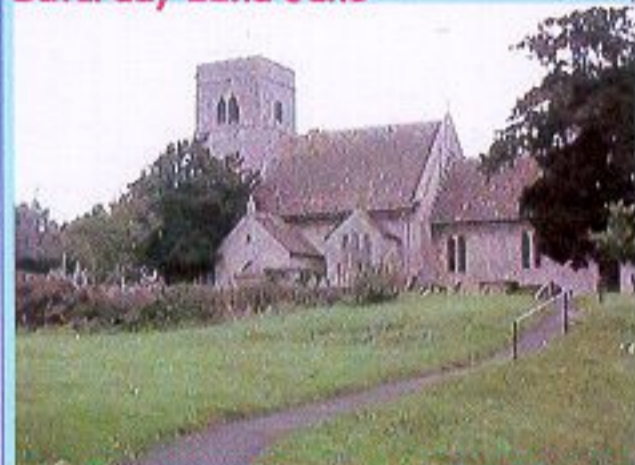
Thursday June 6th

Day Trip to Lundy

Coach Leaves Coalpit Heath Church at 06.15

Branch Ringing Activities

Branch Striking Competition Syston Saturday 22nd June



The starting time will be 16.00 and we can probably vary times if this is not convenient for your team. Please let Mary York know if you intend to enter a team, we do need to be able to schedule the times so that people are not sitting around for a long time before they can ring. There will be tea provided and any tower which can offer a cake or cakes or a plate of sandwiches let us know please

8 Bell Surprise Practices

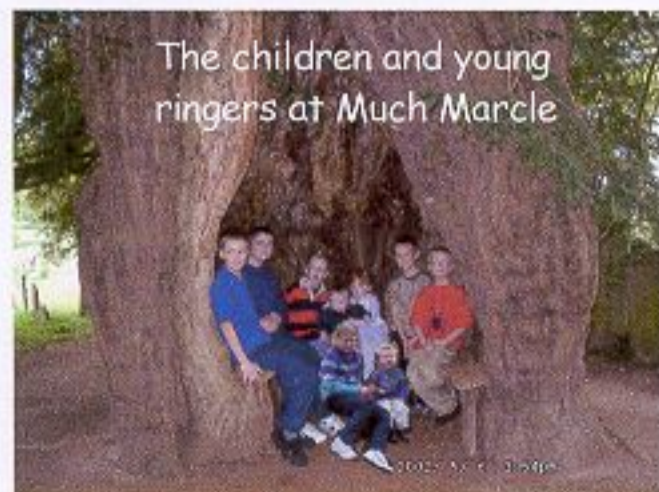
Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00

June	St Ambrose	
July	Bassaleg	TBC
August	Wotton	TBC
September	Portishead	TBC

Chipping Sodbury Ringing (8)

3rd Friday (Method Ringing Only)

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The children and young ringers at Much Marcle

The day dawned dark and wet but the thirty-eight of us who were on the annual Mayday outing were all on time and ready to go when the coach arrived, apart from a minor panic by the branch secretary about things left in the car we left on time at 08.15. The roads were clear and we headed for the M5 North, just before the appointed time we arrived at Aston Ingham(6). The tower contact was there to meet us and under the watchful eye of Martin Blanchard the ringing commenced whilst the branch deputy ringing master and a few of the ladies put the kettle on for a well deserved cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit, by now the people in cars had arrived and over fifty of us enjoyed the welcome refreshments, and of course the ringing. It was soon time to move on to Bridestowe a reasonable eight, everyone had a ring and on to Kingscapel(6) this tower made us appreciate the other rings of the day, for our last ring before lunch. We then cleaned the sides of the coach by traveling to lunch along some very narrow and windy lanes. We arrived at the Greenman Hotel at Fownhope a little late, however the restaurant was ready for us, and we had an excellent meal with very good service.

Our first tower after lunch was back over the river Wye and along some very bumpy roads(we could have been on the boat to Lundy) to Holm Lacey the home of the Scudamores. Ringing completed under the eye of Henry Taysom(this was a tower that Henry's father visited many years ago on his bicycle when he lived locally) we then moved to our last tower Much Marcle. The tower was quite impressive, we almost had a lockout, the tower contact had forgotten to come to let us in. Once we were in the ringing commenced and if you look at the pictures on the web site you will see the walls were very well ornamented with ringing changes and methods. Whilst the ringing took place the ladies produced tea and cake for everyone. Ringing and tea complete It was on to the coach and into the cars for home. We arrived home at about 19.00. I think I can say that everyone had a very special day many thanks to Henry Taysom for arranging the towers and the excellent lunch, Mary York for the coach arrangements, the morning coffee and biscuits also the afternoon tea and cake. We must also say a big thank you to all the people who came on the coach and those who came by car, we all enjoyed a fine day of ringing, eating, and everyone's company which contributed to the excellent day out.

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April 24th



Information for July Newsletter by
Tuesday 18th July to Tony York



The Annual Quiz night was again a great success, this year it was in the capable hands of Almondsbury, Tim and Clare were the quiz masters and the rest of the capable team provided the refreshments and the drinks. We had fewer people this year about sixty, I think we can put this down to the date, as it fell during Easter week. Next year we must ensure we do not choose the same week. A good time was had by all and guess what an Almondsbury team won, with some very close placing's for the other teams. Thank you everyone for attending and a Special thank you to Almondsbury Tower.

From A Peal of Puzzles by kind permission of Angela Newing

Young James Robinson is hoping to start learning to ring soon, but his father says that he is too small, although his older brothers, Stan and Harry, both ring. Stan is twice as old as James, and Harry is half as old again as Stan. If the sum of their three ages a year ago was 33, how old is James?

Solution next month's news letter, submit your answers to Tony York a winner will be drawn from correct answers (and workings out) and a small prize presented at the next branch meeting

1. Branch Training Day July 13th
2. Has your tower paid its annual subscription!
Several have not yet paid



Information for August Newsletter by
Tuesday 23rd July to Tony York

Farcited Ringing July

Thursday July 4th
Day out by Car
Newton St Loe, Pub Lunch and
then Queen Charlton
Ring 01454 772532 for details

Branch Ringing Activities

Branch Training Day
July 13th to to the Ringing Master
about your requirements

Branch Practice

July 27th
Almondsbury 19.30 - 21.00

Almondsbury



Service Ringing at Dyrham

17.15 for 18.00 Sunday June 30th
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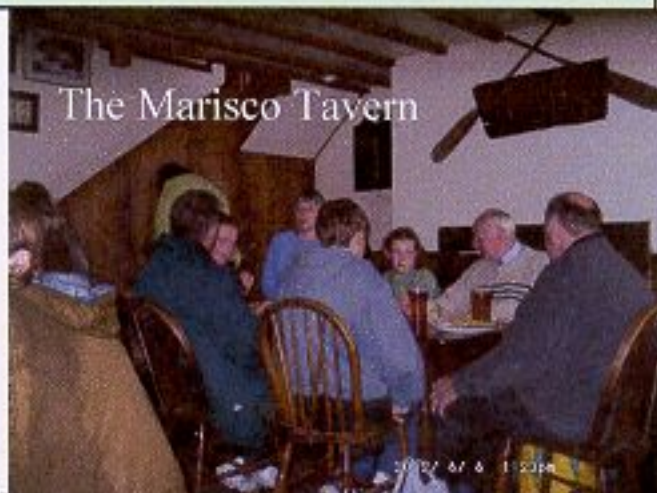
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Solution next month's news letter and the winners name



The Marisco Tavern



St Helen Lundy
in the mist

What I cannot say is the morning was fair and we expected a fine trip to Lundy. As it was forty seven of us met with umbrellas up and raincoats on at 6.15 in the morning in the rain and mist. The coach was on time in the capable hand of our driver Alan and we left on the dot of 06.30. It rained all the way to Ilfracombe but we made good time and were on quay at about 09.20, we sorted out the last minute hitches with tickets met up with the car travellers and then sixty one of us boarded the Oldenburg for what looked like a smooth crossing, well it was for some but not for others.

We arrived at the Lundy jetty at 12.00, If you remember the last time we went we had to be ferried ashore by boat so the jetty is certainly a bonus.

The group had been split into two for ringing and the first group were scheduled when we landed, so a dash to the Tavern for the key, I was given the wrong key the first time, we eventually got into the tower. The first group rang for an hour and then had lunch, most then finishing up in pub for a warm drink or something stronger. Whilst the second group and non ringers either went into the pub or headed off in the mist to try and see the island.

It was planned this way to give each group the most site seeing time as possible. The second group started ringing at 2.45, unfortunately the clapper on the fifth decided to seize up on them, this did cause some problems as the ringer of the fifth up until this point was being given some stick by some ringers for not striking their bell. Everyone had a ring and it was time to descend the steep road back to the boat for a 4.30 departure. The journey back was much pleasanter and we arrived In Ilfracombe at 6.45. A lot of people visited the fish and chip shop before getting on the coach and we arrived back at Coalpit Heath at 10.00. The weather was not kind to us but I think I can say most people had a very agreeable day. Thank you everyone for doing so

"Pounds and Hundredweights"

What happens to your Annual Subscription?

14% of each £ goes to the G&B General fund for the running of the Association with its 12 branches. 14% of each £ Is retained by the Branch with its 22 towers for our own expenses and improvements. Finally, 72% of each £ goes into the Association's Belfry Repair Fund for maintenance or improvement of bells and bell installations. Thus you can see the major part of your POUNDS gets to the HUNDREDWEIGHTS at the end of your ropes for yours and the listener's pleasure. Please consider increasing the value of your subscription by completing a Gift Aid Declaration and allowing the Association to reclaim the Income Tax you have already paid on each £.

Graham Hemmett (Branch Treasurer)

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1. Young Ringers Holiday Ringing
2. Please note that September branch practice is the third Saturday and not the 4th (the secretaries fault).

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July 27th

Bristol Rural
Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers
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News

Information for September Newsletter by
Tuesday 20th August to Tony York

Farcited Ringing July

Thursday August 1st

Syston 14.30 - 16.00 and a cup of tea

Branch Ringing Activities

Branch Practice

August 24th

Pucklechurch 19.30 - 21.00



Farcited Day Out



The dogs wait whilst we ring at
Queen Charlton

The July Farcited day out was to Newton St Loe and Queen Charlton. The ringing commenced after coffee and biscuits in the church hall. We all then moved down the hill to the local pub for lunch, where the service was very good although because we could not book we were not all able sit together. Then on to Queen Charlton through some very narrow lanes and byeways which I never new existed around Keynsham. We all rang and It was time for I think a well deserved cup of tea before heading for home.

Arthur Herbert Leaving Quarter



In 1989, Arthur Herbert organised an event at which the growing number of bellringers of South Gloucestershire and the surrounding area, living in retirement, could meet, socialise, and participate in an hour or so of companionable ringing. Thus was born the "FarCited Company".

Since then the concept has grown from strength to strength and is established as a regular monthly event much enjoyed by all. (For some events we can reckon on over sixty people attending)

It therefore gave them great pleasure to mark a most significant event in the lives of Arthur and his wife Marion - their Golden Wedding Anniversary. On the day of the Anniversary a Quarter Peal was rung on the bells of his home tower on behalf of all the Company and their friends, to commemorate the occasion and that of a similar celebration for Derek and Jean Rosser, a long standing member of the tower. Quarter details to the left

Westerleigh



Striking Competition 2002

The 2002 striking competition was held at Syston. We all gathered at 16.00 when the draw took place in the church. The judge by now was established behind the church and well provided with tea and cakes, after the customary practice and two whole pulls on the treble Frampton started the ringing. The six teams all took their turn and whilst ringing was taking place everyone was tucking in to sandwiches cake and tea provided by all the ringers with the tea and drinks supplied by the Syston team. Ringing completed the judge Michael Horseman of the Chew Valley Branch of the Bath and Wells added up the scores and decided this year the winners would be Westerleigh. Well done everyone for entering and taking part.

Competition Winner

We received five replies to the recent newsletter competition. The five names were put into the hat and a winner drawn out, who turned out to be Nathan Fear a ringer at Frampton. A solution to the competition is on the back of the newsletter.

Branch Ringing

September 21st

Note 3rd Saturday

Berkley 10 Bell Tower

Sunday 22nd

Gloucester Cathedral

Details later

Service Ringing at Dyrham

17.15 for 18.00 Sunday July 28th

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August Wotton

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Method ringing Plain bob, grandsire etc.,

Young Ringers Holiday Ringing

John and Hayley will be ringing those participating during previous holidays, if you are interested Ring John or Hayley on 01454 319398

Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire

July 5th. 1260 Grandsire Triples.

Mary S York 1,

W Frederick Scudamore 2,

Terry J Jefferies 3,

Canon David Sansum 4,

Donald W Haskins 5,

John H Gilbert (C) 6,

David G Yeo 7,

Derek Rosser 8.

1. Branch 10 Bell Practice September 21st Berkley
2. First peal at nine!
3. Gloucester Cathedral Service Ringing
4. Items for the Newsletter wanted!!!!!!



Information for October Newsletter by
Tuesday 24th September to Tony York

Farcited Ringing September

Thursday September 5th a car trip to the Cotswold's.
Proposed towers are expected to be Barnsley (Coffee) Northleach(maybe)

Lunch
Coln St Aldwyn and Ampney Crucis(tea)
Branch Ringing Activities
Branch Practice

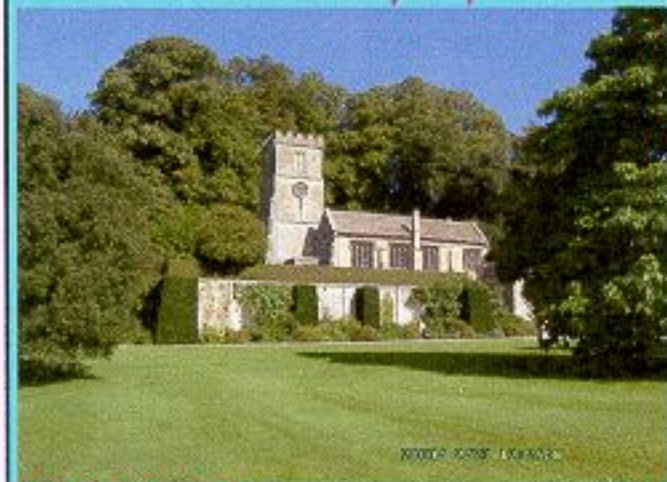
September 20th Berkeley
19.30 - 21.00

Note 3rd Saturday

Berkeley 10 Bell Tower
Sunday 21st

Gloucester Cathedral
Details included below

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All Welcome

I received the article opposite from Keith Scudamore, a number of you will probably have already read it in the ringing world, but for those who do not take the paper I have produced it again.

I am afraid with having been away for over three weeks, and a couple of items I was half promised for the newsletter not arriving I am a bit short this month on items to include.

So this might be a good time to ask you all for news of your tower events your outings and any snippets that would be of interest to our branch members.

Tony York (secretary)

First Peal at Age 9 (The Fourth Generation)

On Saturday 27th July 2002 Kristian, the fourth generation of the Scudamore family, successfully rang his first peal at the age of nine at Wapley in South Gloucestershire. The band had three generations of the family ringing, Kristian, Keith his father and William his grandfather. This is the second set of three generations to ring a peal together, the first being when Keith rang his first peal with his father (William) and grandfather (Ralph) in 1966 at the age of ten. The remainder of the band was Elaine his mother, Kathy his Godmother and Clive a long standing friend of the family. The peal was rung in fine style with Kristian putting in 101% effort throughout. At each method change he gave a little smile knowing that a third or two thirds of the peal had been completed. When "that's all" was called a grin from ear to ear appeared knowing that the peal had successfully been scored.

Names to faces in picture are :-
Back row (left to right): Kathryn Carter (Godmother), Elaine Scudamore (Mother), Clive Bryant
Front Row (left to right): Keith Scudamore (Father), Kristian Scudamore (aged 9), William Scudamore (Grandfather)

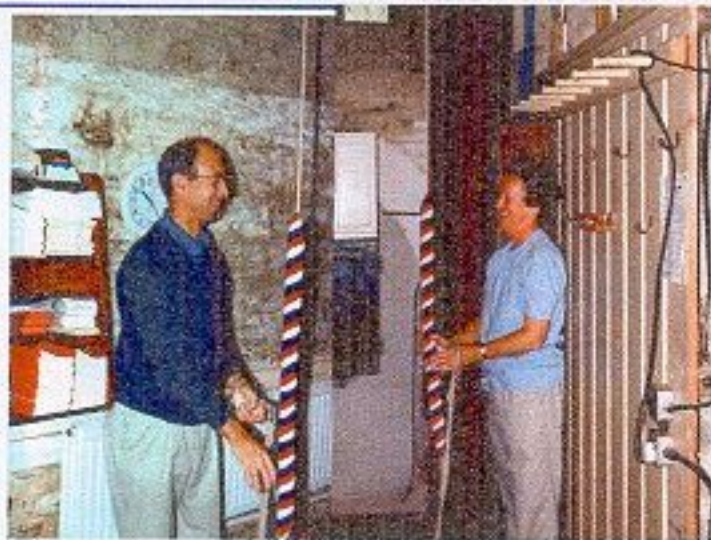


Peal details are :-
Wapley, St. Peter, South Glos.
On Saturday 27th July 2002, in 2 hours and 48 mins, (8cwt) 5040 DOUBLES
(3 methods being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob)
1 Kristian D Scudamore (aged 9)
2 Elaine M Scudamore
3 William F Scudamore
4 Kathryn L Carter
5 Keith W Scudamore (Cond)
6 Clive G Bryant
First peal at first attempt - 1
Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to William Scudamore.
Also rung for the Golden Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
Keith W Scudamore

Ringing for Service at Gloucester Cathedral

For the last couple of years the ringing master and branch Chairman have asked ringers to go to Gloucester to ring for the service. This was due to us as a branch not performing too well in earlier years when we had a free for all, this should not be a surprise to any of us as we do not have too many 12 bell towers in the branch!!.
However we probably have sufficient ringers in the branch with the experience to ring on the Gloucester bells.
So this year we are looking for ringers to volunteer who have experience of ringing on 8 10 or 12 bells. We will then ring on the number of bells for which we have the experienced ringers to do so.
Please let Paul Mary or Bryn know of your availability for Sunday the 21st of September to ring at Gloucester.
For those of you who volunteer we normally meet at the main entrance on the Cathedral Green at about 13.15 - 13.30, we ring from about 13.50 it takes some time to get the bells up and then ring until 14.50 by which time the bells have to be down.
It is possible to park in the Cathedral precincts, you drive up to the gates and then they normally open.

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Well I can tell you it was no mean feat. Promptly at 9.00 am the bells were pulled off and away to go. A team of 14 or so including Robert, Rachael and I took it in turns to ring for 10 or 20 minute sessions, swapping over at the end of each session without setting the bells!!

Several 'hairy' exchanges were witnessed as the ringing chamber is very small (you can shake hands cross the tower with ease) One gentleman managed to get his rope caught around a radiator valve resulting in the rope flying through the air and finally wrapping itself around the rope guide frame! The other two ringers carried on nonchalantly whilst Tony Grimmer hastened up to the first floor; removed the the central trapdoor; unhitched the rope using a length of bamboo stick; returned to the ground floor; raised the bell; handed it over to the next ringer and collapsed exhausted in a heap!!

The Church is in a beautiful spot overlooking the Helford river, the weather was absolutely perfect and the ringing just went on and on. Scores visitors came not only to listen to the ringing but to enjoy a wonderful exhibition of Mawnan village life in the 20th century expertly organised by Sylvia King, a local historian. Cream teas were served, the ringers plied with sandwiches, soft drinks, tea, and coffee as desired, experiences exchanged and for me especially a marvelous meeting with old friends and new.

Numerous photographs were taken including these of Rachael, Robert and myself in action. At 9.00 pm plus a couple of minutes, the bells were finally set up. Twelve hours non-stop, some 21,500 rounds, call changes and 'sixes' were rung raising over £2000 during the day, not including the sponsorship of individual ringers. Still a long way to go to the target of £40,00 but well done all concerned.



Henry Taysom

The January Newsletter is due for publication on the 28th December

Down Memory Lane

The Parish Church of Mawnan, near Falmouth Cornwall, is where my parents were married on Easter Monday 1933. I was born close by at Nansidwell in 1935 and Christened in the Church that same year.

The Church has a ground floor ring of three bells (Tenor approx 6 cwt) which for many years were unringable, although my father chimed them on several occasions in the 1930's mainly for weddings - one bell rope in each hand and the third by means of his right foot in a knotted loop in the rope - much to the amusement of the congregation. The bells have in recent years been overhauled and there is now an enthusiastic team of some 12 or so learners under the watchful eye of Tony Grimmer their tower captain. The ringers now include Robert and Rachael Thompson (formerly of Thornbury) whose experience has added considerable strength to the team.

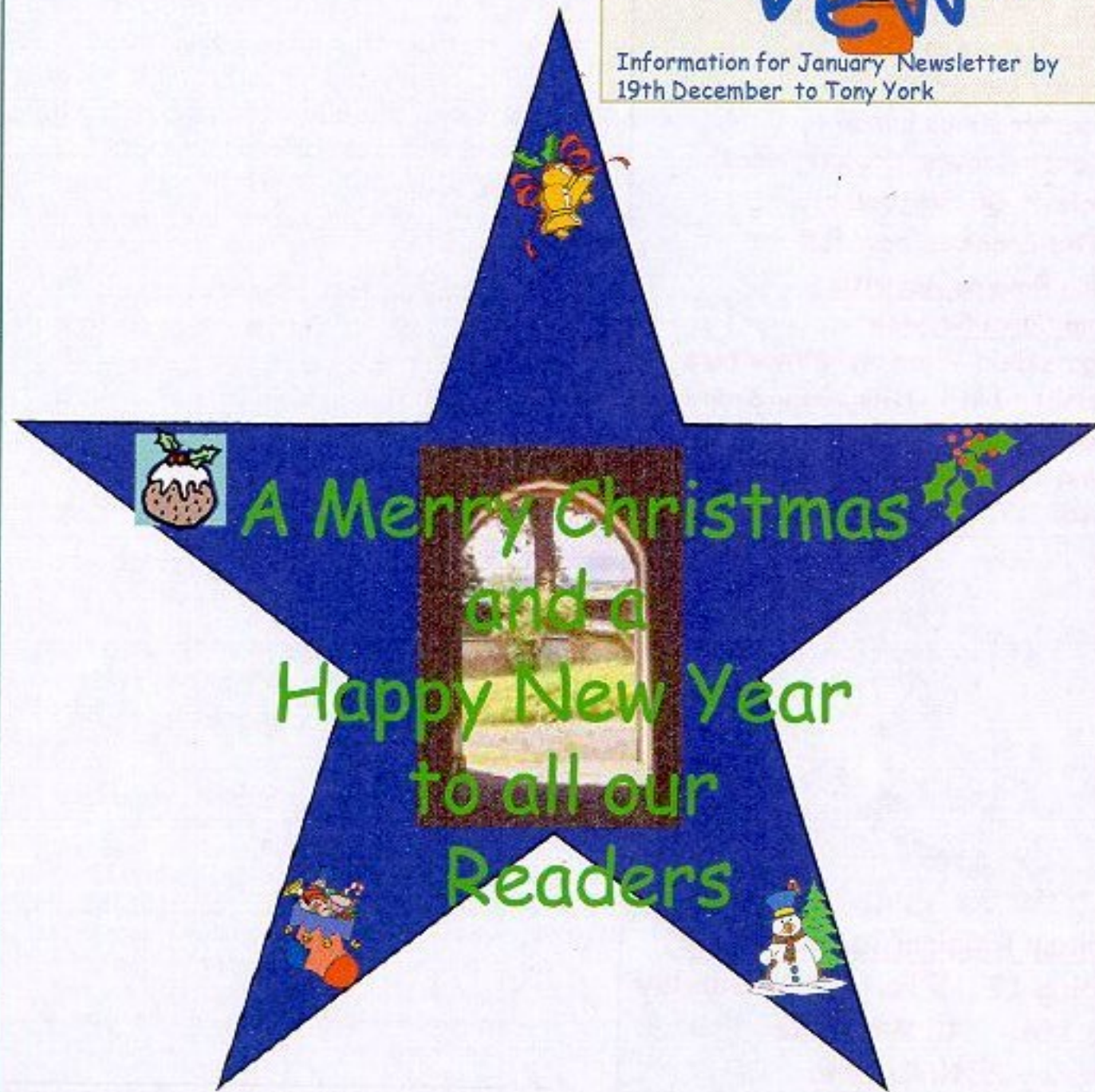
Such is local interest and enthusiasm that a project is now underway to, among other things, sell the original three bells and have a brand new ring of six with a tenor of about 4cwt!

As part of the fund raising activities a marathon RINGATHON was organised for Saturday August 31st 2002 - the idea being to ring the bells continuously from 9.00 am until 9.00 pm on that day. I have always wanted to ring on Mawnan bells especially now as the old bells will soon be gone, and it was because of this together with my long-standing association with the church and the village that Robert and Rachael very kindly invited me to stay with them for the weekend and Tony Grimmer invited me to take part in the ringing.

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Information for January Newsletter by
19th December to Tony York



Headlines

<http://www.bristolrural.co.uk>

1. Carol Service
Mangotsfield
2. Branch Dinner
3. Robert and Rachael
Thompson surface at a
new tower see back page.

Branch Ringing for December Farcited Ringing

Thursday December 5th

Worcester Xmas Lunch

Coach leaves Coalpit Heath
Church at 08.30 prompt

The coach is now full

Branch Ringing Activities

Annual Carol Service

Mangotsfield Wine and Mince pies

December 14th (Note Second Saturday)

Mangotsfield

Ringing 15.45

Service 17.00



Dyrham Ringing (Carol Service)

Ringing 17.15 for 18.00 Sunday

Dec 15th All Welcome

January 25th Ringing

Frampton 14.30 - 16.30

Branch Membership

Both Graham Hemmett and myself have to complete returns for the branch from the annual return forms plus any newly elected members and also those people who have chosen to no longer be members of the branch.

Graham completes returns as treasurer to ensure everyone has paid their dues, and the branch balance sheet for income and expenditure and ensure it balances.

The secretary completes a return for the tower membership names, the tower details for services, practice nights, tower contacts and the 40 year membership list, obtains obituaries for any members who have passed away during the year, and produces an annual report on the branch activities.

This is no mean task as in my particular case there are 46 changes to make in the annual report this year.

My point for this article is that we have this year 83 senior members, 42 retired, 24 juniors, 5 Honorary Life Members, 1 Associate member and 4 unattached, making a grand total of 155.

We however only have 17 members who contribute to Gift Aid.

I would hope that this year those people who pay their own subscriptions and pay tax would consider contributing to Gift Aid.

Answer to Last months quiz Question

Peter didn't ring in either the Grandsire or the Supelative, so he was in the Plain Bob. Thus, we know that the name of one male in each touch - Neil in the Grandsire, Mike in the superlative. The other pairs of alternative combinations which are given in the puzzle must each contain one female.

This means that Roy and Una rang together, so did Tom and Vera, and Will and Sally, neither Tom nor Sally rang with Peter, so ringing in the Plain Bob with him were Roy and Una.

With this newsletter you will find your form for the 2003 return, and the proposed 2003 program. Please respond if any problems.

Tidy Tower Competition

I have not yet received any information about next years competition, but I would like to give you early warning. Last year I received the information between newsletters so had to phone or email each tower.

Any tower which might be interested in entering should really be thinking about it now as the judging will probably take place at the end of January.

Do we have any takers,
Mangotsfield won last year.

Well did you all see the November Newsletter?

For the first time since I became secretary we were away at publication time and I produced a special edition to send by email.

I would be interested in your views on the distribution.

We only have one tower in the branch without an email address. For those technically minded I am looking into producing a PDF format issue, this does however produce a fairly large file, this newsletter before I slimmed it down was over 3 MB after slimming down it was still 1.7 MB. (two sided)

How do you feel about an email with a file that takes about 10 - 15 minutes to download?

The 50's quarter at Tytherington that was in last months newsletter



Farcited Ringers visit Cromhall
Wotton Branch

The November Farcited ringing was at Cromhall, the weather was fine for us although not too warm. For those who arrived early we thought it was the AGM. A magnificent tea had been laid out by the local ladies Pat Hobbs, Peggy Collett and Anita Mathews. It was with great difficulty that we managed to get anyone into the tower to ring. However we did and the bells were raised, and some reasonable ringing was produced. It was good to see an old friend David Perrett with us for the afternoon. During the afternoon the board was passed around for the Christmas outing to Worcester and a good response was received. It was soon time for the afternoon tea and all 35 present participated in the sandwiches and cakes.

After some further ringing it was time to go home giving our thanks to the Cromhall ladies.

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