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### **Farcited Ringing February**

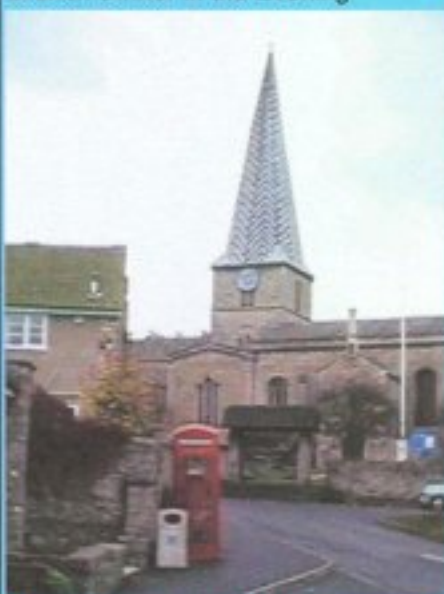
Thursday February 3rd  
Two Towers and a Pub Lunch  
Quedgely and Hardwicke  
Phone for details 01454 772532

### **Branch Ringing January**

Almondsbury 14.30 - 16.00

### **Note Time Change**

Branch Dinner in the Evening



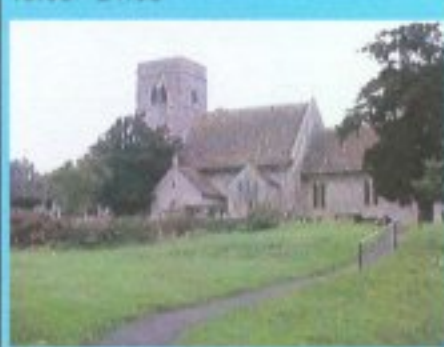
### **Branch Ringing February**

#### **February 12th**

Branch Striking Competition  
Bitton Starts at 14.00

#### **Branch Practice**

February 26th  
Syston  
19.30 - 21.00



### **G & B Training Day 12th March 2005**

In the the last few days your tower contact will have received all the information for the first of this years G & B training days. It has in the past been the duty of the branch ringing master to find trainers for the day, if you are not aware we do not have a ringing master or deputy currently and Bryn Shackleton will be asking for helpers, so perhaps you could volunteer before being asked!!

### **Branch Carol Service**

The 2004 Carol service was held at St Mary's Thornbury and was well attended this year, that is not to say that we could not have had more people, there were thirty five people present although the branch at the latest return has 154 people registered as members.



The service was conducted by David Moyses who with Les Usher the Tower Captain produced an excellent service sheet for the event, and we all heartily joined in the singing of the carols.

It was then time to get down to the wine and mince pies.

Bryn Shackleton the branch chairman thanked David Moyses for taking the service, the Thornbury ringers for organising the service and the refreshments and the branch members for bringing along the mince pies.

Next years carol service will take place at Frampton Cotterell and will be on Saturday the 14th of December. On a different note Les tells me that the organist required a fee for his services this year, this will be the first occasion in the branches history. There have been reports in the ringing world that this could happen. Should this happen to you if you are arranging a branch event let us know we have a number of ringers or friends who are only too happy to help out.



Information for March Newsletter by  
Tuesday 22nd of February

### **Branch Striking Competition 2005 February 12th commencing 14.00**

Note that the branch striking competition will be on February the 12th this year as agreed at 2004 half yearly meeting. Those towers which can, please be considering entering a team. As we have no ringing master please let the branch chairman or the branch Secretary know if you intend entering a team.

The competition is to be held at Bitton, the judge has been arranged and it is intended that tea and coffee will be available throughout the afternoon.

### **Branch Open Day Saturday 11th of June**

If you all look at the program for 2005 you will see that Saturday June 11th as been earmarked as a branch open day. I will shortly be sending out to tower contacts my proposed tower opening times for all the ringable branch towers.

We last held an open day in September 1996, since then Wapley have rehung their bells as six from a very difficult five, and the previous time Thornbury were in the middle of their rehang.

The open day means all towers will be open on a schedule for about one and a half hours, this will allow visitors time to move around the branch and hopefully ring at all the towers during the day.

More details next Month

### **Henry Taysom is 70**

Do you believe this! Someone was heard to say well a mature fifty-nine, is that the right word?

Henry arrived at the party arranged by the Westerleigh ringers at the Old Inn after ringing a quarter of Bob Major at Chipping Sodbury.

There were many of his friends, with lots of well chosen cards and gifts, which raised lot of laughs and comments as Henry opened them. Henry was heard to say, if this is seventy roll on eighty!!!!

Happy Birthday Henry from all the members of Bristol Rural Branch.

Henry on the left after blowing out his candles, there were not seventy.