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4. Quiz Night April 2nd Westerleigh Village Hall

Farcited Ringing March

Thursday March 3rd

Note Venue Change

North Nibley

14.30 - 16.00

Branch Ringing March

See branch program for March activities.

No ringing in the branch

Quiz night 2005

April 2nd Westerleigh Village Hall Starts at 19.30

Come along bring a team or come and join a team!

The 100th Newsletter

I feel we have reached a milestone, this is the 100th newsletter I have produced since taking over as secretary in 1996.

You can see an archive of newsletters produced for the branch on the web pages which go back to 1991.

Branch Open Day Saturday 11th June

I have only heard from a few towers about tower availability for the open day so far, if tower correspondents could let me know as soon as possible it would be helpful.

Gloucester and Bristol D.A.

Bristol Rural Branch

Open Day 2005

Saturday June 11th

20 Towers open

Day Tickets £9.00 on the day £10

£0.60 per tower

Tickets from A J York, 170 Watleys End Road, Winterbourne Bristol BS36 1QH

Map required OS 172

09.15	Dyrham	6	
09.30	Wapley	6	
10.00	Westerleigh	6	
10.30	Coalpit Heath	8	T*
11.00	Frampton Cotterell	6	TR
11.30	Winterbourne	6	T
12.00	Iron Acton	6	
12.30	Tytherington	6	T
13.00	Thornbury	8	T
13.30	Alveston	6	T
14.00	Olveston	8	T
14.30	Almondsbury	8	T
15.00	Filton	6	T*
15.30	Frenchay	6	T
16.00	Mangotsfield	8	T
16.30	Pucklechurch	6	
17.00	Abson	6	
17.30	Syston	6	T*
18.00	Warmley	8	
18.30	Bitton	8	T

All Towers open for 1 hour 15 minutes

R = Refreshments

T = Toilets T* = Toilets near

Wanted

Remember Rural Branch has no ringing Master or deputy, we do require branch members to fill these positions.

The branch has managed so far but you cannot expect the officers who have other roles, to carry out these tasks indefinitely.

Let us have volunteers or nominations please

Do Not Forget

Quiz Night at
Westerleigh Village Hall
Saturday April 2nd
19.30

Branch Dinner 2005

Ramada Grange Hotel Winterbourne
When we all arrived at the Ramada Grange it was blowing a hooly and snowing, we all wondered why we had ventured out on such a night.

However sixty rural branch members and friends did venture out to enjoy the extremely agreeable surroundings, good food, good company excellent service, followed by some highly entertaining handbell ringing from the Winterbourne handbell ringers. Terry Brenda and Antony Jefferies and John on the guitar, who had us all in stitches and in awe at the handbell playing.

A big Thankyou to the team for entertaining us.

All good things come to an end and when we left it had stopped snowing and blowing and we all went home after an extremely enjoyable evening. It will be a hard act to follow next year.



Branch Striking Competition

The Branch chairman reports that once again the striking competition was well attended and this year a very successful afternoon. Many thanks to John Gilbert of Chew branch for judging the competition, my understanding is he was ensconced in a bedroom overlooking the church yard and in a good position for listening to the Bitton bells, and to avoid sitting outside on a February afternoon, so many thanks to Anne and Tony Boulton for their hospitality (Anne is Bitton tower contact) Also a thanks to Tony Boulton for taking pictures of the participating teams.

This year six teams entered

Almondsbury

Bitton

Coalpit Heath

Tytherington

Wapley and

Westerleigh

After due deliberation the John decided that Westerleigh were this years winners with thirty six and a half faults and will go forward to the Croome Trophy on the day of his years AGM at Lechlade.

Thanks also need to be given to Bitton Tower for hosting the competition and providing the refreshments, and we must not forget all the ringers who came along and participated in the competition.

The Chairman also tells me six new G & B members were elected at the meeting.



Westerleigh team 2005 winners of the Rural branch striking competition.