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1. May Day Monday 2nd Outing to the Worcester area by car
2. Half Yearly Meeting Olveston and BBQ May 14th a week early
BBQ at Felicity and Graham Hemmett's at inner down Old Down
3. Branch Open Day Saturday June 11th (Reminder)

Farcited Ringing May

Thursday May 5th
Weston in Gordano

Branch Ringing May

Monday May 2nd May Day Outing

Worcester area

09.30 - 10.15 Great Comberton

10.30 - 11.15 Little Comberton

11.40 - 12.30 Fladbury

12.45 Berkeley Arms Spetchley

14.25 - 15.30 Church Lench

16.00 - 16.45 Bidford on Avon

[See Below](#)

Half Yearly Meeting and BBQ

Olveston May 14th A week early



15.45 - 16.55 Ringing

17.00 - 17.35 Service

17.45 - Meeting

Standard Agenda

Chairman opens Meeting

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the AGM at Coalpit Heath

Officers Reports

Election of Officers (Special)

New Members

Open Day 11th June

AOB

Chairman closes the meeting

Then to the Inner Down at Old Down

for the BBQ at the invitation of

Felicity and Graham Hemmett

Directions later

May Day Outing

We have had interest so far from 28 people, 24 would like to go by coach and 4 by car.

The cost of a coach per person with these numbers would make the coach cost about £18.50 per head and this does not include the tower fees or lunch.

At this stage unless we have a sudden influx of names the outing will be by car!

During the last couple of months there have been several activities which we have not made any mention of after the event.

There has been the G & B Training Day at Cirencester and Tewkesbury when a number of Rural Branch members went as students and to be helpers.

I went along as a helper and was allocated to a bell handling group with the leader from Rural Branch Bryan Hardwick. We had an interesting morning and I got a new Tower Leonard Stanley near Stroud. The tower has a fairly long draft and during the session we had to have a new stay fitted.

Fortunately the tower captain was on hand and this was quickly accomplished.

For the afternoon session we moved on to North Cerney after a splendid lunch in the local hostelry. Guess what another new tower. The bells were not easy for the group who were all ringers who had come along to improve their bell-handling.

I do feel that the bells should be graded to suit the type of course that people are on, its no use going to a tower where the bells are not easy to improve your ringing techniques.

If you have gone along to learn Bob Minor or Stedman the bells can be as they come, basic learners should be able to go home feeling they have had a good day on easy going bells and not have struggled just to handle the bells.

I have made these views known to the organiser at Cirencester and suggested the person in charge at each tower on the day should grade the bells for next years training!

The Rural Branch Quiz night was a success, not from the high numbers who turned up to take part but for the evening itself, we had 31 keen quiz-nighters a keen quizmaster in Sue Powell and an even keener adjudicator in her husband David. There were several interesting interludes whilst Sue and David sorted out the correct answer after an objection had been made. As ever there was great hilarity

We Still need a Ringing Master and Deputy Do come along to the AGM with your proposals

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Tuesday 24th of May

At times. At the halfway point supper was served which was innovation, this year we had Beef Bourguignonne, Sweet and Sour Chicken and vegetarian casserole all served with rice and French stick, this was a great success thanks to Mary Taylor and Mary York. The quiz continued apace and we soon reached round ten. Whilst we talked amongst ourselves Sue and David added up the scores and the winners were Clare and Tim Jefferis with Mary and Tony York, I must say that Tim and Clare new most if not all of the answers. The winners were presented with Easter Eggs and the wooden spoon team were presented with a CD with the questions and answers.

It was suggested as we did not have a high turn out of members we change to something different next year, this was voted down and there will be a quiz night in 2006.

Thanks to all Dave and Sue Powell for the questions and the lady's who provided the food and the Westerleigh ringers for booking the hall

A good night was had by all.

The G & B AGM took place at Fairford, I counted six Rural branch members at the meeting four from Frampton one from Coalpit Heath and one unattached. A superb tea was provided by the Cirencester branch prior to the meeting.

Westerleigh represented the branch in the Croome trophy in the morning and were placed eighth out of ten. Westerleigh were awarded a Ringing Mater's Clapper for the encouragement that was given when the pre ringing all went wrong. The trophy was won by the Stroud Branch. The Penn trophy again went to Swindon branch and was dedicated to Nick Weaver who passed away earlier this year. For all the meeting detail I will wait for the official minutes from the Secretary Steve Coleman.

Branch Secretary

Open Day June 11th

I will produce tickets for each tower during the next couple of weeks and let you have them obviously prior to the open day