

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

1. AGM at Almondsbury Ringing starts at 15.45
2. Tower Captain Meeting October 1st Syston Church Hall at 09.00 - 11.00
3. G & B Training day Wotton u Edge

Farcited Ringing October

Thursday October 6th

The Chew Valley and a Pub Lunch

Thursday November 3rd

Langley Burrell 14.30 - 16.00

Chippenham Branch

Branch Ringing

October 22nd

Chipping Sodbury 19.30 - 21.00

November Ringing and AGM

Almondsbury

AGM Timetable

15.45 - 17.00 Ringing

17.00 Service

17.45 approx tea in the Church Hall

18.15 Meeting

Further ringing if required after the meeting

AGM Standard Agenda

Chairman Welcomes the members

Apologies

Acceptance of the HYM minutes

Matters Arising

Officer Reports

Election of Officers

New Members

2006 program

2006 Mayday Outing

AOB

Chairman closes the meeting

The most important issues are :-

Election of officers, the chairman and treasurer are standing down this year

and we do not have a ringing master!

The MC rep and secretary are willing to stand again.

The minutes of HYM can be found at

<http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/latest/lasthym.pdf>

The Ringing Roadshow 2005

On a misty autumnal morning Tony our branch secretary accommodated Garry Crisp, Henry Taysom, and me (survivors of the ill fated proposal to hire a minibus) for the journey to Newbury to attend the "Ringing Roadshow". This year it was set up at the racecourse there, an ideal venue that occupied the three floors of the Grandstand, the main floor of the Berkshire Stand, and all the surrounding open areas. We arrived just about opening time (10 o'clock) to be met by the sound of the many "Mini-Rings" already in action floating across the car parking area. Having paid what must be the "bargain of the day" (£5) entrance for a day's entertainment we split up to begin the formidable task of getting around to see all that was on display. I chose to begin at the main grandstand its exhibition halls occupying the space behind the three levels of seating overlooking the racecourse. What a diversity of exhibits was to be seen upon the 115 separate displays that ranged from large layouts by the foundries, principle contractor and specialist companies, to every conceivable facet of our art relating to both Tower and Hand Bells. Teams of servers eager to answer questions or just have a chat supported most of the displays, and of course tempted you to purchase some of their wares. On the top floor was an area set aside for demonstration of change ringing on Handbells. To give my legs a rest I sat in a surrounding circle of onlookers to listen to the last extent of a peal of Major, the ringers completely unfazed by the chattering around and the Tannoy announcements above. Before moving on I spent awhile listening to the next band (from Birmingham) ringing spliced sixteen - very impressive! Another feature of the show was a comprehensive programme of seminars mostly of an hour's duration, which meant a choice had to be made from the interesting selection if one was to get around everything on site! I decided to attend two, the first "Having a Go Upstairs" the panel: Alan Hughes



(Whitechapel MD), Brian White (Whites of Appleton MD), and Chris Povey (CC Towers and Belfries Committee Chairman). The second:

"Don't Talk to Me about Computers" was chaired by our own Wynne Holcombe and amongst the speakers Tony York describing the evolution and production of our monthly Branch Newsletter. These were held in the Berkshire Stand conference centre that also hosted Handbell Ringers of Great Britain Workshops providing an all-day programme of non-stop tune ringing. An amusing incident occurred here when the day becoming sunny and hot, a room steward apologised for closing the outside door because of "Those Noisy Bells Outside"! Those bells of course were the other feature of the day. I didn't actually count how many mini-rings there were, more than ten for sure, and of many configurations and composition. The one that sticks in my memory was completely wooden - bells and all! When rung full circle their sound was similar to that that of a xylophone - I would have liked an opportunity to learn how they were tuned. All in all the show was a great experience, the atmosphere electric a credit to its organizers - I could go on about the friends past and present I met there but I fear that if I continue Tony is going to take his blue editors pencil out. I understand that the recorded ticket sale for the event was 2673, a new record, and I shall watch with interest in the light of experience and its success whether the forthcoming debate on its future will bring about changes.
Don Haskins

Tower Captain Almondsbury PTO

Will we all be out of a job soon?



Tower Captain Meeting
Saturday October 1st 09.00 - 11.00
Syston Church Hall

G & B Training Day
Saturday 8th October Wotton u Edge

Those of you who are going I am sure are booked and raring to go

As of today I have only 4 towers who have confirmed their attendance. What about the rest of you? I know I only sent the email out a week ago to the tower correspondents, does this mean a lot of you have not seen the email yet! I did ask for you to at least let me know if you were going to attend.

Newsletter Editor

What a smashing day it was, there were so many things that anyone who is a ringer would have found something to interest them. I do not intend to go on because Don Haskins has covered the main points over the page. What I do want to say is that there were so many ringing friends and acquaintances there and many of them from Rural Branch.

I enjoyed the day immensely a good day out.

Pictures of the Roadshow thanks to Henry Taysom, the captions are mine. You will notice that this issue of Bristol Rural News is a double month 'October and November'

I will be away in Australia from early October until two days before the AGM so I will not be about to produce next month's issue.

Would branch email contacts please print a copy of the HYM minutes and take to their tower please.

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I have in previous years produced a suggested program for the following year, this year I am not until after the AGM. We would like to see a good tower representation out at the AGM, please make the effort or the branch may not exist.

The Branch Secretary

Last Months History Picture

The tower was Westerleigh and the names below.

Paddy Delaney Bert Ferris Stewart Clark
Jack Ferris John Powell



Margaret Wild Frank Hussey Emily Monk
Jenny Coombes Mary Ferris