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Headlines

- 1 Far-cited outing - 6th February - Cromhall, North Nibley & Stinchcombe
- 2 Branch quiz - Iron Acton - 8th February - details below - book now!
- 3 Branch striking competition - Abbot's Leigh - 22nd February - 14.00-16.30
- 4 Far-cited outing - 5th March - Coln St. Denys, Hatherop & Meysey Hampton
- 5 G&B training day - 14th March - see G&B website to book
- 6 Branch practice - Abson - 28th March -14.30-16.30

February- March 2020

Editor's Note

Happy New Year to all you ringers!

There's lots going on in the near future apart from the regular monthly outings and practices. There's our ever-popular quiz night and several opportunities coming up to improve your ringing.

Firstly, the annual G&B Spring training day is on 14 March this year, based in towers around Cirencester. Full details are now be available on the G&B website (look on the Events tab) and it will cover the basics of ringing in a team - rounds, call changes, plain hunting, Bob Doubles & Bob Minor, Grandsire plus a session for young ringers. So, if you have a ringer in your tower who could benefit, make sure they put the date in their diary. Within the Branch, I've had a good response about two courses we were asked to run, one on raising and lowering in peal (this will be run by Steve Coleman) and one on treble bob (treble bob hunting, Kent and possibly Oxford). So keep your eyes open for further details of dates and venues.



Ringers at the first Foundation Youth Team practice

Finally, Ian Bucknell has set up a Foundation Youth Team to help young ringers at an early stage of their ringing careers. Read the article below and contact Ian about the next practice if you are interested. I've also included

an article about "Let's Ring", which has also done a lot to encourage young ringers by providing them with the opportunity to ring together.

Chris Greef

Quiz Night

Just a reminder to all that Saturday 8th February 2020 sees the first of our Branch Social Events of the year with the Quiz Night at Iron Acton. Start time is 19.00 and the host tower is Wapley.

The cost is £5.50 per head and this includes hot food and non-alcoholic drinks. The choice of food is Jerk Pork; Beef Stew; Sweet and Sour Chicken; Mushroom Stroganoff and the vegan choice is Mushroom and Kale with Caramelised Onion and Vegan Cheese; all of which come with a jacket spud.

All tower contacts have had a notice and menu list for you to complete and I would be grateful if the list could be in by 31st January. Also it would be great if you could provide a 'bring and share' pudding and a draw prize. Hope to see you on the night.

Linda Gittings

Far-cited outings

6th February

10.30 - 11.15 St Andrew Cromhall GL12 AL

11.30 - 12.15 St Martin North Nibley GL11 6DJ

Lunch at The Black Horse, North Nibley, No 1 Barrs Lane, GL11 6DT (menu on Branch website)

2.30 - 3.15 St Cyr Stinchcombe GL11 6BQ

March 5th

10.00 - 10.45 Coln St Denys 6½cwt 5 (Note start time)

11.30 - 12.15 Hatherop 7½cwt 6

12.30 - 14.15 Lunch - details to be confirmed

14.30 - 15.15 Meysey Hampton 9½cwt 6

Young Ringers

This is a message for all young ringers from Ian Bucknell, who has organised the very successful G&B Youth Team over several years. So read on if you are, or know, a young ringer who would like the opportunity to improve their ringing standard in the company of other young ringers:

"Following the success of the Young Ringers Training Day, the Youth Team management have been having discussions about how best to follow things up. The issue that exists is that there are clearly a large number of enthusiastic young ringers who are developing well but are not really ready to join in with the full Youth Team. The G&B Youth Team practises eight bell methods and also enjoys ringing at 10 and 12 bell towers as the opportunity arises. There are also several youngsters who fall between the two stools - very competent on 6 bells but less confident on 8.

"Without going into vast detail regarding our reasoning, we came to the conclusion that it would be a good idea to attempt to form a Junior Youth Team with practices every three months - maybe more often, depending on how things go.

"The Junior Youth Team practices will be arranged as follows:

- 1) They will occur at 6 bell towers
- 2) They will be on a Saturday afternoon - not evening
- 3) They will be on a different Saturday to the Youth Team practices so that those young ringers who want to and are ready for it, can ring with both teams
- 4) The practices will be run by Kay Hodges supported by Bridget Lazenby and Roger Haynes (Carole & I cannot take this project on because of our work commitments). Carole & I will, however, co-ordinate the communication and administration
- 5) Practices will be more relaxed than the full Youth Team practices (although adults will need to understand that Kay/and or Bridget is in charge in the same way as I am at Youth Team practices!)
- 6) Junior Youth Team practices will be about rounds and call changes on 6 bells, Plain Bob up to Minor and Grandsire Doubles
- 7) Help will be given as regards Bell Handling & Striking. In terms of the ringing, there will be more adult involvement than at a Youth Team practice
- 8) Entry standards for the young young ringers will be - "Confident ringing of rounds on 6 bells, unaided and with a tidy ringing action"
- 9) Adult helpers will be encouraged to help with all the young ringers present - not just their own star learner(s)
- 10) This project is open to any young ringers in the Association so if you know people who want to be involved, please pass on this message to them"

Ian Bucknell - ianbucknell3@gmail.com

PS The next Junior Youth Team practice is on 22 February, 2pm at Leonard Stanley.

Central Council

The Central Council Executive is looking for a Web Editor to help maintain and develop the Council's website. The Web Editor will work with the existing webmaster and Workgroups to make sure content on the website is updated quickly, meets the needs of its many users, and is in a consistent style.

This role is likely to suit someone with experience of looking after an association website (or other club or society) but with capacity to do more and get involved with the Council's work. The Council's website is built on Wordpress, but experience of other web editors may suffice.

There is likely to be an initial burst of activity as pending content is edited and posted, but thereafter the workload should settle down, as Workgroups are also expected to maintain their own content.

The Council's website is expected to develop further over the next 12 months and the Web Editor would be invited to be part of that development process.

Please circulate this message to anyone who might be interested and they should respond to the President, Simon Linford, by email to: president@cccbr.org.uk.

Ringling Books Available

Tony York has some books and badges available at cost as below. Please contact him if you are interested:

The One per Learner Book (the little yellow book, ideal for learners for logging progress in early stages) - £1 each.

Ringling Circles (gives the blue line and details of what happens at calls for some standard methods) - £3 each.

G&B badges - £5.

Tony York

Branch Ringling Achievements

There is a special mention this month for the first peal on Almondsbury bells following re-hanging, which was completed a year ago. The delay is because the Almondsbury ringers specifically wanted the first peal to be rung by an all Bristol Rural band. So here are the full details:

Almondsbury

Saturday, 4 January 2020 in 3h 4 (20-2-13 in D)

5040 Grandsire Triples

[Composed by Joseph J Parker](#)

- 1 Susan C Haslam
- 2 Thomas I Moller
- 3 Alison M Holliday
- 4 Marcus Booth
- 5 Stephen J Crane
- 6 Simon A Percy
- 7 Russell N Scudamore (C)
- 8 Jonathan D Storey

First peal on the bells after re-hanging.

Rung by a Bristol Rural Branch band.

Other achievements:

Filton - 1272 Plain Bob Minimus - rung with 75th Birthday compliments to David Haslum, Tower Captain
Wapley - 5040 Surprise Minor (7 methods) - first 6 bell peal for Juhan Jiang
Wapley - 1320 London Surprise Minor - first in method for Catherine White-Horne
Filton - 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor - first surprise as conductor for Juhan Jiang
Coalpit Heath - 1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major - first in method for Richard Usherwood
Almondsbury - 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major - first in method for Zoe Bonnett
Thornbury - 1260 Plain Bob Triples - rung by Sunday service band
Filton - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles - for service of nine lessons and carols
Almondsbury - 1260 Plain Bob Triples - in memoriam Val Woodman, long time ringer at this tower. First quarter of triples for Julia Crane
Filton - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles - for Christingle service
Thornbury - 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Notice Board

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What's on this month in the Branch FarCited Ringing

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Branch Ringing

8th February

Quiz Night Iron Acton Village Hall 07.00 All Welcome
See Poster

Do not forget to order your supper!

22nd February

Branch Striking Competition Abbotts Leigh TBC

For information see the branch newsletter

March 14th G & B Spring Training Day

From 26 January – applications are open for the Spring Training Day. Please let all your members know. www.bellsgandb.org.uk/courses/springcourse2.cgi here helpers can sign up too.

Chipping Sodbury Ringing

Third Friday 19.30 - 21.00 Unless notified differently.

If you would like to use the Branch CCTV cameras in your tower, just ask a branch officer?

"If you want some help with a practice, some assistance to learn a new method, a special training session, or if you have any other query, please contact one of the Committee members.

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Ajy July 2017

CONFUSED - YOU WILL BE

Bristol Rural Branch Quiz 2020

Quiz Masters Wapley



WHERE - Iron Acton Village Hall

WHEN – 7 p.m. Saturday 8th February 2020

Come as a team



or individual and make up a team



**Hot Food/Drinks and Soft Drinks Included in the Cost
Of £5.50 per head (Juniors £3.00)**

I will send out to towers nearer the time for food choices i.e. veggie or not.



Please can each tower provide a bring and share pudding



And a Draw Prize

If you fancy alcohol bring your own



BRISTOL RURAL STRIKING COMPETITION



Come along to

ABBOTS LEIGH – Holy Trinity

(BS8 3QU)

on

SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2020

2.00p.m. TIL 4.30p.m.

BRING A TEAM FROM YOUR TOWER

OR

COME AND JOIN A TEAM



LISTEN TO SOME GOOD RINGING

RECEIVE HELPFUL FEEDBACK FROM THE JUDGES

Hot Drinks will be provided

PLEASE CAN

EACH TOWER TO BRING A CAKE



Let's Ring! Rounds up 2019

by Catherine White-Horne

It's been an exciting year for our young bellringing crew!

Three years have dashed by since *Let's Ring!* was born; it's about time for a round-up of our news, views, facts and figures.

So **"Look To"** as *Let's Ring!* rounds up the year by numbers.

We are:

16 ringers who make up the current membership of *Let's Ring!* We're all new ringers; less than 5 ringing years old.

What a performance in 2019!

Get ready for the statistics!

9 peals,

60+ quarter peals and

4 handbell quarters rung by members of *Let's Ring!*

3 of our ringers scored first peals and

3 scored first quarters in hand.

1 BellBoard event where we link our performances. Check out '*Let's Ring!* peals and quarters'.

Welcome our new clutch of Lets Ring!

6 new ringers recruited and retained in 2019 – let's extend a warm welcome to Evie, Russell, Will, Sharon, Dan and Jim.

Developing our ringing



Learning the ropes: L-R, Evie, Alistair, Will and Russell and.... Yuhan, Richard, Chris and Zoe

2 week-long training courses designed, delivered and greatly enjoyed. We think this innovative approach is one of the reasons we've had success recruiting and retaining young ringers.

16 special *Let's Ring!* practices organised by us and supported by experienced local ringers. We plan even more for 2020.

3 quarter peal days organised by members of our band to develop our ringing and enjoy together.

1 G&B Association Youth Training Day both attended and supported by *Let's Ring!* youngsters and adults.

On the road

4 *Let's Ring!* tours with the group staying overnight in Wiltshire, Oxford, Staffordshire and Hertfordshire, wearing...

6 tie-dye T-shirts created by our newest youngsters.



7 (probably more but we lost count!) fish and chip lunches enjoyed together. The *Let's Ring!* bottle of ketchup is always to hand.

Countless birthday cakes baked and shared.

The competitive edge

3 *Let's Ring!* youngsters in The G&B Youth Team for the 2019 Ringing World National Youth Contest in Liverpool, one as conductor, making up nearly half the competition band. They did us proud, coming 5th out of 24 teams from across the UK.



3 striking competitions had team members from *Let's Ring!* both locally and nationally, in 2019.

Achieved!

1 band created for Thornbury. Eight bells are now rung almost every Sunday. Reviving this local band was what drove the creation of *Let's Ring!* (see RW, 24 March 2017).

1 new method learned and rung entirely by a *Let's Ring!* band and named "*Let's Ring!* Delight Minor". (RW, 1 February 2019.)

2 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards earned by our youngsters with ringing as their chosen skill.

Thank you!

To everyone who has helped us with all our adventures in 2019. Particular thanks go to Andrew Ward and John Cornock our key mentors. Also to Marcus Booth, Edna & Chris Cooper and Jane & Andrew Bull for all their ringing help. To Jeremy Sargent for his teaching and enabling our ringing at Stone, also to Robin Shipp at Thornbury and Peter Juniper at Wickwar and to Sharon Newnham for being my co-driver and *Let's Ring!* partner. Special thanks to my family for supporting my mad ringing plans, and in particular Ben and Alistair who tirelessly help our new learners as they begin their ringing journeys.



Go.... *Let's Ring* 2020!