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Headlines

- 1 **Branch Practice and BBQ—Bitton—24th June, 1500-1800
(FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE TELL SUE ELLIOTT IF ARE GOING)**
- 2 **Branch Practice—Almondsbury—22nd July, 1430-1630**

June-July 2023

Syston

Glenn Laurence has been very busy working to get the cracked bell at Syston replaced. Fundraising is an important part of the project and Glenn has sent a message with thanks for the donation received from the May Day outing ringers and to Geoff Pick for organising this.

Association AGM

My thanks this time, to all who helped make a success of the AGM which we hosted in the Rural Branch this year: to those who opened their towers for the striking competitions or general ringing, to those who organised and prepared the tea, to Coalpit Heath ringers, vicar and organist who hosted the service and meeting, and to anyone else who helped in any way.

One of the highlights of the annual meeting is always the announcement of the striking competition results. For the Penn Trophy, 8 bell competition at Warmley, the rankings were

- 1 Swindon
- 2 Cheltenham. Awarded the Chairman's Baldrick
- 3 Tewkesbury
- 4 Cirencester
- 5 Bristol Rural
- 5 Stroud
- 5 Chippenham

and for the Croome Trophy, 6 bell competition at Frenchay

- 1 St Mark, Cheltenham
- 2 Christ Church, Swindon. Jointly awarded the Great Peter Trophy
- 2 Tewkesbury Abbey, Tewkesbury. Jointly awarded the

Great Peter Trophy

- 4 Cirencester, Cirencester. Awarded a Ringing Master's Clapper
- 5 Leonard Stanley, Stroud. Awarded a Ringing Master's Clapper
- 6 Coalpit Heath, Bristol Rural
- 6 Dursley, Wotton under Edge
- 8 Corsham, Chippenham

May Day Outing

This year's May Day outing was the first since the pandemic and was organised by Geoff Pick. There was a good turn out and we rang at six towers in the Vale of Pewsey - All Cannings (6), Bishops Cannings (8), Potterne (6), Marden (6), Chirton (6) and Urchfont (8). We had some good ringing, although Chirton were definitely challenging (they are apparently not rung regularly) and I found it difficult to hear the two sets of 8 clearly.



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Scarecrow at Urchfont

We had been warned of a big scarecrow festival in Urchfont and it did cause some traffic problems for us, but things were quietening down by the time we came to ring there.

The Coronation

The Rural Branch did a good job celebrating the Coronation. Bellboard records three peals, three quarters and general ringing at five other towers (see the list at the end of the newsletter). Other towers may well have taken part too and not recorded their efforts on Bellboard. Thank you to all who made the effort.



Ringling Books Available

Bill Liebow 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) - some left at £3.50 each.

Branch Ringling Achievements

(This list is compiled by searching Bellboard under the G&B Association. If you don't put your ringling on Bellboard and attribute it to the G&B I won't find it. Ed)

Frenchay—1260 Plain Bob Doubles

First quarter for Julie Newey (treble) and first inside for Catherine Newey

Frenchay—1260 Plain Bob Minor

First quarter for about 17 years for Neil Evans (4) after a recent return to ringling

Frenchay—1260 Doubles

To celebrate the life of Martin Palmer, former ringling at this church and father of the tenor ringling Kate Palmer

Frenchay—1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

To celebrate the Golden Wedding on 3/3/23 of Linda and Geoff Pick (2 and 5 respectively) Jenny Goodall (4) being their daughter. First of Treble Bob for Dan Gearing (treble)

Filton—1260 Plain Bob Doubles

For the birthday of Mary Haslum

Tytherington - 1296 Appleby Surprise Minor

Thornbury - 1260 Stedman Triples

Olveston - 1260 Grandsire Triples

Alveston - 1260 Doubles (9 methods/variations)

For the Coronation of King Charles III

Filton—5040 Grandsire Doubles

First peal for Nick Moller (tenor), first inside for Terri Arman (2) and first away from tenor Janet Moller (treble)

Mangotsfield - 5088 New Cambridge Surprise Major

Frampton Cotterell - 5040 Treble Dodging Minor (8 methods)

First of minor for Lucy Bailey (1)

Almondsbury—1260 Plain Bob Triples

Westerleigh—1260 Plain Bob Doubles

First quarter for Ian Robson (tenor)

Bitton - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

First inside for Kevin Sutton (5) and first for Nigel Scudamore (6)

And general ringling at:

Winterbourne

Tytherington

Thornbury

Iron Acton

Frenchay

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