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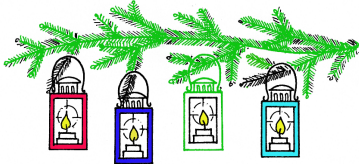
Headlines

- 1 Mince Pie Practice—Frampton Cotterell—29th December, 1430-1630
- 2 Branch Practice—Coalpit Heath—27th January, 1430-1630
- 3 Branch Quiz—Iron Acton—10th February, 1900 onwards
- 4 Branch Practice—Westerleigh—24th February, 1430-1630

Christmas

2023

HAPPY



CHRISTMAS

Branch AGM

Our AGM was held at Frenchay this year. As usual, we started with ringing before a short service led by the curate Ruth and with musical accompaniment from organist Judith. Then it was time for tea, the usual grand spread of sandwiches, snacks, cakes galore, tea and coffee. Finally we had our AGM meeting. The Secretary Bill Liebow will be circulating the minutes in due course but key things to note are:

1. Branch subscriptions are now due. There is a form on the website to fill in.
2. Please supply your tower 'What 3 Words' location to the committee for inclusion in the annual report. This enables the location of the tower door to be identified - it is surprising how difficult it can be, since some churches seem to have several entrances, some hidden round the back!
3. The meeting approved a grant of £1474.68 for work on Syston bells (this sum matches the Association grant).
4. The draft programme for 2024 was approved, subject to confirmation from all towers as to their availability.
5. Geoff Pick would welcome suggestions for areas for the May Day outing.

6. I stood down as Chairman of the Branch and passed the Chairman's gavel to Bryan Hardwick, who has agreed to take on the role. Please continue to support him and the rest of the Committee as you have done during my term of office. All the other Branch officers were re-elected to their present posts.

On behalf of the Branch I would like to thank everyone at Frenchay for hosting the meeting this year.

Chris Greef

Thinking of installing a new rope warmer?

Advice from Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Rope warmers should only be constructed by competent individuals with a suitable level of electrical safety knowledge.

Timer devices should be used to manage the time period of the rope warming process (not to be left on 24/7).

An RCD circuit breaker should be incorporated to isolate supply in the event of a surge.

Inclusion of a thermostatic cut out is essential.

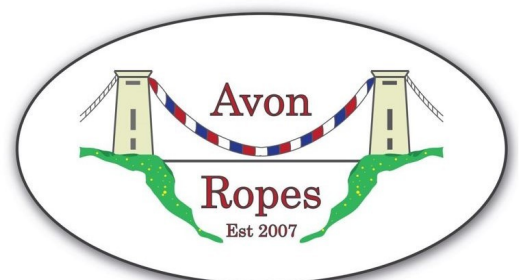
Trailing electrical cables must be managed to prevent both trip hazard and mechanical damage.

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The device must be included in the Church portable appliance testing (PAT) programme.

See for further guidance.

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Thanks to the Ringing World

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

Wapley - 1260 Grandsire Doubles

First for Glenn Laurence (4). For Harvest service.

Filton - 1260 Grandsire Doubles

For Evensong and Benediction.

Almondsbury - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

First on 5 bells for Stephen Channon, Adam Mead and Mark Munday.

Frampton Cotterell - 1260 All Saints and Reverse Canterbury

To celebrate Lucy Bailey's fifth and final child reaching adulthood.

Tytherington - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

First inside at first attempt for William Hunter (3).

Filton - 1260 Grandsire Doubles

Rung on Remembrance Sunday.

Frampton Cotterell - 1260 Plain Bob Minor.

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