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1. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our Readers
2. Branch Carol Service at Thornbury December 11th
3. Branch Dinner Ramada Grange Hotel Winterbourne
4. Striking Competition at Bitton on February 12th

Farcited Ringing January

Thursday Jan 6th

Cromall 14.30 - 16.00

Branch Ringing December

Branch Carol Service

Thornbury

Saturday December 11th

Ringing 15.45

Carol Service 17.00

Wine and Mince-pies etc follow service

Further ringing if required



We
wish you a
Merry Xmas
and a
Prosperous
New Year

and above all

Enjoy
your
Ringing

AGM Coalpit Heath

I will say very little about the meeting, the minutes will be available shortly.

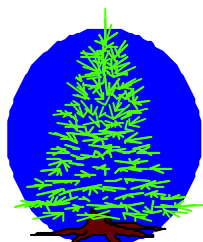
Thirty one people were at the meeting and thirteen towers were represented. Where were the other tower representatives? and how can they expect to have a voice and participate in branch activities if they do not help formulate the plans and ideas.

An important point you should all be aware of is that we currently do not have a Ringing Master or a Deputy they both gave up their posts, and we had no nominations from the floor.

Lets hope we can address this problem at the half-yearly meeting, unless we have volunteers prior to the meeting.

The minutes are on the branch web pages now.

Go to 'Branch Affairs'



Branch Ringing January

22nd January 14.30 - 16.00

Branch Practice Almondsbury

(Note time change)

22nd January

Branch Dinner 19.00 for 19.30

Ramada Grange Hotel Winterbourne

See menu over and article opposite



February Ringing

February 12th Branch Striking

Competition at Bitton

See article opposite



Branch Training Day November 13th

"Training Session was an Ear Opener"

Entertaining, informative and confidence boosting - such was the handling and listening morning with Steve Coleman at Thornbury recently.

About ten listeners and four helpers who were listening gathered together.

We were all amazing Steve told us, to be able even to avoid clashing since there is only a fraction of a second in which to strike.

Encouraged by this we all had a creditable go at various exercises, notably double rolling dodges, and were told how well we had done (a teacher must give praise)

A big thank-you to Steve and the helpers from the branch.

We all felt we had benefited, and are all keen for more.

I know some ringers could not attend this time and would like to go to any future training sessions.

Mary Taylor

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Branch Striking Competition 2005

Note that the branch striking competition will be on February the 12th this year as agreed at 2004 half yearly meeting.

Those towers which can, please be considering entering a team. As we have no ringing master please let the branch chairman know if you intend entering a team or the branch secretary.

Branch Dinner January 22nd

We hope you will all be able to come to the branch dinner this year. The venue will be the ' Ramada Grange Hotel ' North Woods Winterbourne

The cost will be £18.00 per person.

We will have the pleasure of:

"The Winterbourne Hand bell ringers" for the after dinner entertainment.

The menu is available on the back of the Newsletter, we do need to pre-order.

If you can come let us have your menu selection. 01454 772532

Look forward to seeing you all

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Bristol Rural Branch
Annual Dinner
The Ramada Grange Hotel Winterbourne
Saturday 22nd January 2005
19.00 for 19.30

Spiced Parsnip Soup

Duck and Orange Terrine with Old Fashioned Plum Chutney

*Salad of Rocket, Tomato, Mozzarella and Avocado
dressed with a Herb Oil*

*Roast Rib of Beef, Yorkshire Pudding,
Horseradish Sauce and Rich pan Gravy*

Supreme of Salmon with a Prawn and Dill Hollandaise

Brie and Cranberry Tart with Herbed Winter Leaves

Served with Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes

White Chocolate and Baileys Cheesecake

Whisky Nut Tart with a Caramel Sauce

Vanilla Panna Cotta with Raspberry Sauce

Coffee or Tea

Followed by the Winterbourne Handbell Ringers

£18.00 per person