

1. Junior Ringers Striking Competition (Nibley Tropy)
2. Branch Program Changes please see latest issue of the issue 3
3. May Branch practice and BBQ

Farcited Ringing June

Thursday June 1st

Wiltshire

The June outing is a day out to Wiltshire arranged by John Gilbert.

First Tower Sutton Veney

Map ref 903417 10.00

Maps 183 and 184

To see the complete program go

to the Rural Branch Web page

http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/latest/june_1st.pdf

or ring Wynne Holcombe.

Branch Ringing June

June 10th

An Afternoon in Bristol TBA

Young Persons' Striking Competition

June 24th Woolstone

Mapref 961302 starts 15.00

Details sent to all towers

Branch Practice and BBQ May

Abson and Collins Farm I will start with the thanks, we must thank Martin Blanchard and Bryan Hardwick for being our chefs' for the evening. As usual they surpassed themselves in keeping the hungry branch members supplied. We must also give all out thanks to Mary Peter and Family for allowing us to once again use Collins Farm for the occasion. Collins farm is quite a star on the Rural Branch and Ringing front. The earliest picture we have seen is when the bells were rehung in 1921, and last month I printed a ringers tea picture of ringers in front of the barn in 1957. You will see this years picture below, and there are two people in that picture who were in the 1957 picture Brian Angel and Rita Lampard (Rita Webb)

The ringing started at 15.30 with Steve our Ringing Master in control, he soon had the bells ringing to methods that some of us ring rarely, giving confidence as always to everyone. The ringing continued until 17.30. We then had a brief meeting in the church to enrol six new members four who were present, after the proposal and seconding and a round of applause the ringing Master presented G & B badges to the new members.

We then dealt with a member item and closed the meeting at 17.45 The meeting minutes (notes) can be seen on the branch web site on the Branch Affairs page.

We then all moved over the road for the BBQ, it is estimated that we had over forty people present.

As ever a further thanks must go to all the members who brought along items for the BBQ such as salads and jellies. Anita did her usual and brought along two very potent bowls damson and elderflower and elderberry. Very few resisted the temptation Henry Taysom who was on his bike had his stabilisers fitted before going home.

Once again many thanks to the Taylor family, the chefs' and all those who brought along items of food, and everyone else for coming along and making the evening so enjoyable

May Day Outing 2006

The Frome branch of the Bath & Wells Association was our host this year. A refusal from Frome, due to the prior booking of the bells for a quarter peal, meant that the itinerary had to be changed. This meant an earlier lunch and only two towers in the morning and three in the afternoon. Otherwise all went well, even the weather was not too unkind. We started at Farleigh Hungerford something a little unusual these days, a 5 bell tower, the fifth having been an augmentation for the millennium. An extension lead had been provided, so that tea/coffee and biscuits could be enjoyed while others were ringing. Our hosts had even provided water in case we had not brought our own. The to the only 8 of the day, Buckland Dinham, where we all enjoyed the go of these lovely bells. The lunch break followed, so we all drove towards Farmborough where various hostleries supplied us with the necessary refreshment. Our old friend Michael Horseman greeted us at Farmborough, our first 6 of the day, (and the first of three in the afternoon). The usual post-lunch ringing did not occur, and we did justice to ourselves and the bells. Paulton provided bells, a kitchen and loo – so we again divided our activities between ringing and enjoying a leisurely cup of tea and a slice of cake. This kept our energy levels high enough to cope with our last tower, Timsbury. This was, perhaps, the most interesting experience of the day, if only because I had never before rung with ringers who were more comfortable

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kneling to ring than standing !
Some 27 ringers supported the day, plus a few non-ringers, thank you all for coming and making all the arranging worthwhile.

Ruth Welch
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From Steeplekeeper

Move the ropes up or down 1-3 inches at least once a year to spread Any wear around the garter hole, Sally and tail. Put a marker(sticky tape, string, clothes peg, or an Assistants fingers) to allow the movement to be accurately judged.