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1. Branch AGM Tytherington 24th November come along and help plan 2008
2. Farcited Christmas Outing to Malvern by coach please let Ruth Welch no if you want to go. Telephone 01179 695084 email ruth.welch@virgin.net
3. Branch proposed program for 2008 on the reverse of the newsletter issue 2

Farcited Ringing 1st Thursday

1st November

Minchinhampton 14.30 - 15.30

See below for Farcited Christmas Outing

Branch Ringing

November

10th Branch Training Day

Time TBA Far East

24th Branch AGM

(Ringing Service Meeting Tea)



Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

Farcited Christmas Outing to the Malvern Area

We are going to the Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern and the cost for the lunch and the coach is £25.00. The hotel is asking for a deposits, so if you know you are definitely coming, and can let me have a deposit of £10.00 at the next meeting please.

Lunch is £16.00 per person, and we have decided to subsidise the coach, so the day out for both ringers and non-ringers is £25.00. Anyone coming 'just for the ride' i.e. no lunch, will be charged £10.00.

The towers will be :

Ripple, 6 13 cwt SO876377
Madresfield 6 13-3-0 SO805475

Lunch 12.00 - 15.00

Malvern Priory

Please let Ruth Welch know if you would to go it is always a very good day out.

Branch AGM 2007

Tytherington

Saturday November 24th

Times

- 15.30 Ringing
- 17.00 Service
- 17.45 Tea approx
- 18.30 - approx Meeting
- Further Ringing

Agenda

1. Chairman opens the meeting
2. Apologies
3. Approval of the last meeting minutes
4. Matters Arising
5. Committee member reports
6. Branch officer elections
7. New Members
8. 2008 program
9. Does the program give you what want.
10. Mayday Outing 2008.
11. Branch Events
12. Tower Expenditure/Work.
13. Tower Postcodes
12. AOB at the chairman's discretion
13. Chairman closes the meeting.

We would like to see you all at the meeting on the 24th as the AGM is the meeting where we can get feedback on the way the branch is running and if it meets your ringing needs.

Especially to see if the 2008 program has in what you want. We also require ideas for the Mayday outing.

Our MC rep Martin Pearson has made a survey of tower postcodes, I do not know how this came up at the G & B meeting but it is my understanding that should you have an emergency in your tower and you need to contact the emergency services they will ask for your Postcode. I do not have a list of these but if you could let Martin or myself know your tower postcode we will check it against the list Martin has produced.

See you at the AGM!

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Saturday each month



Association Training Day Saturday 13th October

The Association runs two training days each year, one in the Spring and one in the Autumn. The Autumn course is based in Wotton under Edge, with ringing taking place at various towers in the area, and it is focused on more advanced methods. The Spring course is devoted to simpler methods and because of the large demand it has two centres, at Tewkesbury and Cirencester. The ringing towers selected usually have fairly easy going bells, so the students don't have to struggle to get used to them whilst trying to concentrate on the method.

Some members from the Rural Branch took part in this year's Autumn course. There were just two students (myself included) and at least two helpers. I found the day very useful – an opportunity to focus on one method for a few hours, ringing it with experienced ringers who weren't thrown off course by my mistakes, and with someone standing beside me to put me right when I went wrong.

Most people who go on these courses find them helpful, whatever level of ringing they are at. I thoroughly recommend you make the effort to go on one. I think you will enjoy it. Don't be intimidated by the thought of having a lot of good ringers about. They are not there to criticise, they want to pass on some of their skills and, in my experience, often have useful little tips about something I'd never thought of before.

Information about the Spring course will be sent to towers in January/February, so look out for it

Program Dates for 2008 For Discussion Bristol Rural Branch and G & B

Month	Date	Event	Notes/Venue
January	12th	Branch Training Day	Far West
	?	Branch Event	
	26th	Branch Practice 14.30 - 16.30	Filton
	26th	MC Meeting	Cirencester
February	9th	Branch Striking Competition 14.00 start	Marshfield
	23rd	Branch Practice 14.30 - 16.30	Almondsbury
March	1st	Officers Meeting 10.00 and MC Meeting	Barnwood Church Centre
	8th	G & B Training Day Tewkesbury and Cirencester	
	16th - 22nd	Holy Week	
	22nd	Branch Practice 14.30 - 16.30	Coalpit Heath
April	7th April	G & B AGM Penn (Bourton on the Water) and Croome (Lower Slaughter) Trophies	(Guiting Power)
	19th	Training Day 10.00 - 12.30	West
	26th	Branch Practice 19.00 - 21.00	Dyrham
May	5th	Branch May Day Outing (By Car)	To where
	17th	Branch Practice and BBQ HYM 15.30 ringing	Frenchay(week early)
	<i>23rd to 26th May (the Bank Holiday Weekend)</i>		
June	7th	Afternoon Event	
	21st	Branch Practice 19.00 - 21.00	Thornbury(a week early)
	28th	Nibley trophy (young persons striking competition)	Swindon Branch
July	19th	Branch Practice 19.00 - 21.00	Pucklechurch
August	23rd	Branch Practice 19.00 - 21.00 (10 Bell)	St Ambrose
September	5th - 6th:	Ringing Roadshow (Stoneleigh Showground, Warwickshire)	
	6th	Branch Training Day	East
	20th	MC Officers Meeting	Barnwood Church Centre
	21st	Gloucester Cathedral	
	27th	Branch Practice 19.00 - 21.00	Abson
October	11th	G & B Training Day based Wotton-u-Edge	
	18th/26th	Quarter Peal Week	
	25th	Branch Practice 14.30 - 16.30	Westerleigh
November	8th	Branch Training Day	Far East
	22nd	Branch AGM (Ringing Service Meeting Tea, details later)	Mangotsfield
December	13th	Branch Practice and Carol Service	Alveston
	30th	Branch Practice	Thornbury
January	24th	Branch practice 14.30 - 16.30	Bitton (2009)
	3rd Friday practices at Chipping Sodbury 19.30 - 21.00		

Note: Branch practice times, evenings start at 19.00 not 19.30 and afternoons 14.30 - 16.30 unless times stated

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