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1. Annual return forms available at <http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/page10a.htm>
2. The minutes of the Branch AGM available at <http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/page10b.htm>
3. 2011 Branch program can be found on the branch web site

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Information for the next news letter the Tuesday prior to the 4th Saturday

Farcited Ringing

1st Thursday January 6th

Thornbury 11.00 - 12.00

Lunch TBA

Frampton Cotterell 14.30 - 15.30

Branch Ringing January

January 8th

Branch Training Day West

January 22nd

Branch Practice Wapley

14.30 - 1630 Wapley

branch management committee. The chairman secretary and MC rep remain the same namely Chris Greef, Tony York and Martin Pearson. The four Twigs remain the same.

Have you been a member for 40 years or more

I have been through the membership in the 1970 Annual report. I did not find any names who were members In 1970 who were not already on page 4 of the 2009 annual report. If

at Haselbury Plucknett, where we crunched through the newly arrived snow to the Church! Here we were given



Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00



Haselbury Plucknett

The Branch Committee 2011

If you did not know two of the branch committee relinquished their posts at the the AGM namely Rosemary Morgan and Ruth Welch. The branch chairman thanked them both for their services during the last few years.

Gary Crisp became Ringing Master again and two new branch members stepped forward to fill the vacancies.

Bill Liebow (below)ringer at Warmley



took over the role of assistant ringing master and Richard Sleeman ringer at Frampton took on the treasurer's role. Richard's profession is as an accountant. We welcome them both to the

you know different and you are alive do let me know?

AGM 2010 Minutes

The minutes of the 2010 AGM on the 27th of November at Thornbury are available on the branch web site under Branch Affairs. I would like to thank Sue Alexander for taking and producing the minutes whilst I was away. Also available under branch programs is the AGM approved 2011 program. I will issue the approved 2011 version when I have had responses from the tower correspondents that the program has been checked by them and the towers are all available.

Farcited Christmas Outing

E-mails to an fro assured us that Yeovil was now free, so we left on time from Coalpit Heath and arrived

coffee and biscuits and enjoyed the light six. Frantic phone calls to the contact at Hardington Mandeville confirmed that the village was cut off, and we were grateful to be allowed to extend our ringing at Haselbury.

Extra retail therapy time was thus available in Yeovil before our lunch at the Manor House.

Yeovilton also gave us a warm welcome and we enjoyed our session there. The snow disappeared on our way home, and we made good time. The consensus was that we should repeat the day in the summer, when we could enjoy Hardington Mandeville and two other towers when we would not be affected by snow and ice. Lunch will not be included, but we have been recommended some good pubs!

Ruth Welch

See over for two more pictures



The Manor House Yeovil Lunch

3 Elaine M Scudamore
 4 Kristian D Scudamore
 5 Martin Blanchard
 6 Keith W Scudamore (C)
 First peal inside - 2.
 First peal of Minor - 2 and 4.
 Rung to celebrate the Royal engagement of HRH Prince William to Catherine Middleton.
 First peal on the bells.

Branch practice and carol service

- Saturday 11 December -
 This year's carol service was hosted by Warmley. We rang the bells, call changes, Grandsire triples, Stedman triples and Cambridge minor. As it was the festive season, we even tried Noel Triples but failed on this one – five lots of second's place, followed by five lots of third's place from the back was obviously too many to count! After ringing the vicar conducted a very enjoyable short carol service for us, introducing each carol with a short story about it. We then ate mince pies and drank a hot drink whilst catching up on the news from other ringers. There was no rush to leave, since the church was very well heated, presumably part of an ongoing project to upgrade the facilities and enable a wider range of uses for the building. As part of the project, I believe there are plans to lower the ringing chamber and create a ringers' balcony. All in all, it was an enjoyable afternoon. It was just a shame that there were so few people present.
Chris Greef.

Finally for 2010:

This newsletter is early this month so do not forget the branch practice at Tytherington on the 28th of December.



Yeovilton

Congratulations to Warmley the first tower to return the 2011 annual return form on the 7th of December and following a close second Pucklechurch tower and Angela Robb an unattached member, they paid their 2011 subscription on the 10th of December.
 Well Done

Siston Conquered.

On a cold Saturday afternoon six branch tower ringers met at St Annes Siston to attempt the first peal on the bells. As there had not been a peal on the bells before, Mervyn Gibbs, local tower secretary, had done the groundwork prior to the attempt to inform the nearby residents of what was to go to happen. There being no objections

from the local residents the date of 20th November was agreed for the peal attempt. After 2 hours and 42 minutes of ringing the first peal on the bells was successfully scored. In the band was Russell Scudamore, aged 13, only ringing his second peal which was also his first on an inside bell.
 GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 SISTON, S. Glos, St Anne Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sat Nov 20 2010 in 2h 42 min
 Tenor 9-2-12
 5040 Minor (2 methods)
 (4 extents Cambridge Surprise and 3 extents Plain Bob)
 1 Henry Taysom
 2 Russell N Scudamore