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# April 2018

## Editor's Note

Sadly, I have to report that two ringing families from the Branch have been affected by bereavements. Bill Liebow's grandson Dexter died on 17th February and Keith Scudamore died 18th March, both after battles with cancer. Our condolences go to both families.

Bill conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Ambrose, Dexter's home church, in his memory.

Chris Greef

## Ringling Grannies!

It was a cold Monday afternoon anticipating the arrival of the Beast from the East when six grandmas got together at Wapley for their 'Grandma Quarter'. As not all of us had called a quarter before, three of us decided to share the calling. We started with a plain course of Stedman to warm us up and get our sixty first then went into Bob Doubles our method of choice. We had grandmas representing five different towers all from within our branch, Myra Gibbs (1) and Gloria Wilshire (5) (Warmley) Mary York (2 C) (Frampton Cotterell) Julie Scudamore (3 C) (Bitton) Gill Greef (4 C) (Winterbourne) and Sandra Godwin (6) (Westerleigh). We rang the quarter for a total of 24 grandchildren including Myra's grandson, Tom, who was to be married the following Saturday.



The Six Grannies!

After a successful quarter we had six very happy but extremely cold Grandmas who celebrated with hot Ribena and fresh homemade welsh cakes, grannie style!

Julie Scudamore

## Bristol Rural Branch Six Bell Striking Competition

It was a cold day at Queen Charlton, but luckily we had booked the Church hall where delicious cakes and hot drinks were served. It was disappointing that more teams didn't enter or more up and coming ringers didn't come along for the social and experience.

The judges David Parfrey, Corston, Nick Field and Josh Jones, Bath Abbey found that the ringing was very good on what they considered a deceptive 6. Some of their comments were:

Bitton had the best rounds of the day

Dyrham set a fast pace which worked well for them and had a good treble

Westerleigh set a slower pace which helped the band and were very good

Frampton A swapped partway through on a fairly slow pace but Frampton B set a quicker pace and had slips and trips because of this

And finally they liked the fact that 'Girls just like to have fun' enjoyed ringing and laughed all the way through (which for me is what ringing is all about).

I would like to thank Matt for organising the competition, the Ladies who helped with the teas, Tony for standing in for Linda and everyone who supported the afternoon. Congratulations to Dyrham, who came out winners.

Result.

Dyrham - 18 faults

Westerleigh - 20 faults

Ladies Scratch Team - 20 faults

Frampton B - 26½ faults

Bitton 34 faults

Frampton A 35 faults.

Sue Elliott, Ringing Master



Dyrham - Winning Team

### May Day Outing

This year's outing, arranged by Sue Elliott, is on the Hereford- Gloucester border. With a beautiful spring day expected and attractive countryside to enjoy the spring flowers in, put the date in your diary now – Monday 7th May. Details of the towers are on the attached poster.

### Horton Bellringers' Spring Lunch

A number of Rural Branch ringers attended this lunch. Anita Matthews, Wotton Branch secretary, writes:

On behalf of the Wotton Branch I would like to thank all Bristol Rural Branch ringers and their families who attended the annual spring bellringers' lunch, held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, at Horton village hall. As the event coincided with Mothers' Day, it was good to see our event well supported by many ringing mothers and their families. Thank you for supporting the raffle, which was magnificent, for donating prizes, and for buying tickets in aid of St. James' Church and the Wotton Branch. Without contributions from so many people the event could never take place.

Thank you to you all.

Anita Matthews

### Ringing Remembers

Westerleigh has joined up to ring in the armistice pageant, so perhaps some other Branch towers would like to join them? Sandra Godwin writes:

I have registered the bellringers at Westerleigh to participate in the pageant to mark the armistice in 1918 in memory of the 1400 bellringers who were lost in WW1. I received an acknowledgement (below) with the request that I share the information with other local ringers to elicit their participation, hence this email.

I would be grateful if you would share it wherever you think it appropriate.

Sandra Godwin

Dear Sandra,

We are delighted you are taking part in this unique tribute by ringing your bells at 7.05pm on 11th November this year as part of, 'ringing out for peace' and will be adding your Churches name to the list of acknowledgements in the Guide To Taking Part found at [www.brunopeek.co.uk](http://www.brunopeek.co.uk) when it is updated on this site at the end of March, and will be updating you again at the end of July. However, in the meantime, would you be kind enough to encourage all the other churches in your area to follow your lead by taking part too, asking them to confirm their involvement as soon as possible or by 25<sup>th</sup> July, please, by completing the registration form found at [www.brunopeek.co.uk](http://www.brunopeek.co.uk).

Warmest Regards

Bruno Peek

### Ringing Remembers - News Release

An appeal has gone out to church bell ringers around Britain to join in a major event this year to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1. The organisers of Battle's Over, a national and international event marking the Armistice, wants to see more than 1,000 churches and cathedrals participate by ringing their bells simultaneously at 7.05pm on the night of November 11th 2018. Pageantmaster Bruno Peek is encouraging bell ringers to take part in Ringing Out for Peace. "We want this to be the most widespread ringing of church bells since the first world war," he said. "It would be a fitting and moving tribute to the 1400 or so bell ringers that we understand lost their lives during World War One. I have no doubt that dedicated campanologists in Britain and around the world will want to join in this once-in-a-lifetime tribute to everyone who served on the battlefields, the high seas and the home front."

Ringling Out for Peace is part of Battle's Over, a unique day-long commemoration of the end of the first world war taking place throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and at scores of

locations overseas, including Australia, Canada, Denmark, Somaliland, the United States and Germany. It begins at 6am on November 11th 2018 with lone pipers playing Battle's O'er, a traditional tune played after a battle, outside every cathedral in the country. At the same time, pipers everywhere will be playing the same tune in their local communities around the world. The tribute is being organised with the assistance of the Glasgow-based College of Piping, local pipe bands around the world, the Air Training Corps and the Army Cadet Force. At 6.55pm buglers will sound the Last Post at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7pm WW1 Beacons of Light will be lit, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of war. Then at 7.05pm church and cathedral bells will be Ringing Out for Peace, organised with the assistance of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

### **Something To Do On A Bank Holiday?**

Central Council Annual Meeting Weekend - Saturday 26th – Monday 28th May

There are various seminars available – Tower maintenance; Stewardship and Management; Bell restoration; Public Relations; Youth Leadership – to name a few.

Also available are such attractions as the Litchfield Mini-Ring, the Carter and the Woodhouse Ringing Machines.

Now the crunch – it's at Lancaster University and the cost is £12 per person per day ticket but in case anyone was going to be in the area anyway, it's an option.

To register follow the link <https://ccabr.org.uk/about/meetings/2018-meeting/>

Hopefully it will come nearer home next year!

### **Branch Ringing Achievements**

Wapley – 1260 Doubles (Stedman and Plain Bob) – rung for fun by 6 grannies.

St. Ambrose, Bristol – 1260 Grandsire Triples - rung in memory of Dexter Philip Liebow, aged 8, grandson of the conductor, who passed away on 17th February after a 15 month battle against cancer. His funeral was held at this church on 24th February. He also attended Sunday School at this church. He will be fondly remembered.

Frampton Cotterell – 1260 Plain Bob Doubles – first quarter for Charlie Proe and for a significant birthday for Chris Proe and Sue Alexander.

# Notice Board

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**April  
2018**

What's on this month in the  
Branch

## FarCited Ringing

5/4/18 Note same as last month's cancelled program due to poor weather.

10.30-11.15 Burrington Holy Trinity 6.11cwt GF BS40 7AD ST478593  
11.30-12.15 Rowberrow St.Michael & All Angels 6 7cwt GF BS25 1QL ST449586  
12.30-2.30 Lunch The Penscott Inn Shipham. The Square, Shipham BS25 1TW  
phone: 1934 842659  
2.30-3.15 Shipham St.Leonard 6 6cwt. (T) BS25 1TW ST443574

## Branch Ringing

**23rd St Georges Day (Monday)**

**28th Branch Practice 19.00 - 21.00 Olveston**

## Association

April 14th Association AGM, Penn and Croome trophies Swindon Branch.  
Information sent to tower contacts and all branch email addresses.

Early Warning

May 7th

**Branch May day outing.**

See poster

<http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/Posters/2018/Mayday%20outing%20poster%20%202018.pdf>

## Chipping Sodbury Ringing

Third Friday 19.15 - 21.00 Unless notified differently.

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Ajy july 2017

# BRISTOL RURAL BRANCH - MAYDAY OUTING

## MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018



10.00 NEWENT St. Mary's GL18 1AA 16cwt. 8

Allow time to walk from the car park! (Toilets in the town)



11.00 LINTON St. Mary's HR9 7AX 8cwt. 6



12.00 BRIDSTOW St. Bridget's HR9 6AG 8 1/4 cwt. 8

### LUNCH



14.15 ROSS-ON-WYE St Mary's HR9 5HT 20cwt. 8



15.30 ENGLISH BICKNOR St. Mary's GL16 7PG 7cwt. 6

Anti Clockwise (Toilet at the Church)



16.45 ST. BRIAVELS St. Mary's GL 15 6RG 10 1/4 cwt. 8

(Toilets at the Church)