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## Headlines

**1 Branch practice and barbecue 23rd June (from 1500) Abson**

**June  
2018**

### Editor's Note

It is quite likely that you have been bombarded by requests from charities, banks, retailers etc., all asking you whether you wish to continue receiving information from them. I certainly have, and it's all in response to the introduction of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) on 23rd May. The G&B Association, which is a charity, has to conform and has produced a policy. This is available on the G&B website and I urge you to check it if you send out information on behalf of the Association. Steve Coleman has produced some additional guidance which is reproduced below in this newsletter. A key message is that we have to be very careful about the use of email addresses, only using them when authorized by the owner and not passing them on to others without permission (so, for instance, all emails to groups should be sent as blind copies).

This is a matter of law, so you must make sure you do not contravene the regulations. You can contact Steve Coleman for advice in case of questions.

Chris Greef

### May Day Outing

The annual outing was on Monday 7th May to 6 towers on the Hereford-Gloucester border. It was a fine sunny day and about 27 ringers turned up. The towers rung were Newent, Linton, Bridstow, Ross on Wye, English Bicknor and St. Briavels and I am told it was a good day – I was on the Isle of Skye at the time, having a good time myself, but sorry to miss the outing. Thanks to our Ringing Master Sue Elliott for organizing the day for the Branch.

Chris Greef



**Bridstow Church**

### **Sue Elliott's Island Outing**

Following the success of a trip to ring all the towers on the Isle of Wight last year, Sue decided to go to ring the bells of Brownsea Island (just one tower!) this year. To make the journey worthwhile we also rang at 3 towers in the New Forest (Minstead, Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst), one in Branscombe, Bournemouth and 3 around Blandford Forum (Bryanston, Durweston and Stourpane).



**Stourpaine**

The ferry trip to Brownsea was especially memorable. It was a beautiful sunny day, we had time to explore the island (some of the group even spotted the red squirrels) and our return ferry gave us a tour of Poole Harbour.



So where next? Lundy was mentioned, or maybe the Isle of Ely or the Isle of Purbeck?

Chris Greef

### **Almondsbury Rehanging**

Gerry Annis, who is coordinating the Almondsbury rehanging project, has sent the following message:

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the Almondsbury

Bells Restoration Project has been awarded a grant of £65k by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This has allowed us to place an order with John Taylor & Co for the work to start 17 September 2018. The 8 bells will come out and be sent to Loughborough where they will be 1/8th turned, checked for cracks, remove remains of cast-in crown staples and fitted with new cast iron headstocks to suit each bell. New ringing fittings including wheels, stays, sliders and main bearings will be provided for each bell. Two of the bells will be returned to bring them into line with each other as a ring of 8. Whilst the bells are away the existing oak bellframe will be cleaned down and restored. Repairs will be made to the stone and brickwork grouting around the bellframe and steelwork will be checked and repaired. Existing sound abatement panels will be removed and replaced with adjustable panels to allow sound control and prevent water ingress. Belfry walls will be repointed and lime washed. Improved lighting will be installed in the belfry. Plaster in the ringing room will be restored and the room will be re-carpeted. The 8 bells will be returned to the tower hopefully before Christmas.

We are still fundraising and we have a sponsorship scheme running which may be of interest to some (form attached).

Gerry Annis

### **Pucklechurch to Wick Road Closures**

Over the next 9 months there is a rolling road closure programme on the Pucklechurch-Wick road and therefore affecting both regular Abson practices and the Branch Practice and Barbecue on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Linda Gittings has checked the arrangements and sent the following advice:

As of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May the road between Wick and Pucklechurch, via Abson, will be closed for 9 months - or so the notices either end would have you believe. The facts are that, having checked with the council, we are told that the road will be closed IN SECTIONS during that time beginning at Wick. Should you therefore be coming to Abson to ring the way to come will be via Pucklechurch in the first instance. I will send out another message just prior to the Branch Practice and BBQ to update you on the best route in, dependent on progress with the works.

Linda Gittings

### **Joint Social with Wotton Branch**

We have arranged for our annual get together with the Wotton Branch to fit around the Branch practice at Tytherington on 21<sup>st</sup> July. As a result, the practice will start earlier, with ringing from 3.30 till 5.00pm, so we can repair to The Wheatsheaf pub in Thornbury at 6.00pm for skittles and a ploughman's. Details will be sent out later, with a request for choice of food, but please make a note in your diary now.

## **GDPR - Steve Coleman's Message**

I'm very sorry to sound heavy handed but this really is important, so please read this email carefully as it will stop you committing a criminal offence.

As you probably know, on 25<sup>th</sup> May new Data Protection regulations will come into force. They'll be called "The General Data Protection Regulation" – or GDPR for short – and they'll require the G&B to have drawn up a General Data Protection Policy and to abide by it. Our Policy and the accompanying Privacy Notice are on the Association website. The Management Committee were given authority to approve them by a decision at the recent Association AGM. Our Policy not only explains the Regulations but sets out how we will abide by them and on what basis. It's as short as it can be and, given what's involved, very readable.

Of course, we've always been very careful as regards data protection, so not a great deal will change. All the same, there are a few points to be particularly punctilious about, and these are below. Please note, though, that individual Branches and individual Branch Officers will have no power to divert from the Policy in any way at all. If anyone does, both they and the Association will have committed a criminal offence. It is for this reason that the matter went before the AGM.

So although this email isn't a substitute for reading the Policy, here are some vitally important consequences for Branches.

### **1. Branch Email Circulation Lists**

Only include people on your Branch email circulation list when they have let you have their email address for that purpose. But you don't need to get a fresh authority if they've already effectively given it.

### **2. Removal**

Always remove from your email circulation list anyone who you think no longer wants to be included – perhaps because they've ceased ringing or they've moved.

### **3. Blind Copies**

Never send any email to your circulation list except as "blind copies."

### **4. Divulging**

Never divulge anyone's email address – or any other personal details whatever – without the person's express permission.

### **5. Letting Members Know**

Draw your members' attention to the Privacy Notice.

### **6. Data Breaches**

If your email records are hacked or your paper based records are stolen, let me or Rob Clive know immediately.

### **7. Branch Websites**

Ensure your Branch website, if you have one, is fully in accordance with the Policy. If you're in any doubt, contact me or Rob Clive.

### **8. Branch Newsletters**

Ensure your Branch Newsletter, if you have one, is fully in accordance with the Policy. If you're in any doubt, contact me or Rob Clive.

### **9. Social Media Groups**

No Facebook or other social media group may be set up or run by the Association or any of its Branches. Of course, individual members can set up private groups for any collection of people they wish – and those groups may consist largely of Branch members – but they must not come under the auspices of the Association or any of its Branches. This is not because we're against social media but because we simply can't police the release of personal data by group members.

And it goes without saying that Branch Officers must never divulge personal information on social media, or indeed, use social media in their official capacity.

### **10. In Doubt?**

And if you or any of your members have any questions or concerns at all, please say.

Steve Coleman

## **Branch Practice - Bitton - 19<sup>th</sup> May**

There were 18 ringers at the Branch practice. We rang Call Changes, Plain Hunt Triples, Plain Bob Triples and Major, Grandsire Triples, Little Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. As always, these methods reflected the range in ringing experience of those present and we will always try to give every ringer an opportunity to practice something of relevance to their learning. So please come to our next practice and tell us what you want to ring.

## **Branch Ringing Achievements**

Tytherington - 1284 Plain Bob Minor - for St. George's Day and in memory of Keith Scudamore - first in method for Harry Pitcher.

Bitton - 1280 Deva Surprise Major.

Frenchay - 5040 Spliced Surprise Minor (14 methods).

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What's on this month in the  
Branch

## FarCited Ringing

7/6/18

10.30-11.15. Ashleworth SS Andrew & Bartholomew	6 15cwt	GF	GL19 4JA	SO819252
11.30-12.15. Hasfield St.Mary	6.10cwt	GF	GL194LG	SO826275
12.30-2.30 Lunch Details Later				
2.30-3.15. Staunton. St James	6.9cwt.	GF	GL19 3QS	SO781292.

## Branch Ringing

**2nd Training Day Saturday**

**23rd Branch Practice and BBQ 15.00 - late Abson Collins Farm**

See Poster attached to June newsletter

## Chipping Sodbury Ringing

Third Friday 19.15 - 21.00 Unless notified differently.

If you would like to use the Branch CCTV cameras in your tower, just ask a branch officer?

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Ajy july 2017

**Bristol Rural Branch Bar-B-Que**  
Branch Practice followed by



Where

**Collins Farm, Abson**



When

**Ringling - 3p.m. Saturday 23rd June 2018**



*There will be a limit supply of drinks,  
tea/coffee/squash etc. some wine  
Feel free to bring your own.*

We would ask that each tower supply a salad  
and/or pudding.

***All Standards of Ringing Catered For***