



# Bristol Rural News

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## Headlines

- 1 **May Day Outing - Swindon area - Monday 1st May**
- 2 **Striking and Listening - Frampton Cotterell - Saturday 13th May**
- 3 **Branch Practice - 20th May 7-9 - venue Syston or Abson (to be confirmed)**

## May 2017

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### Chairman's Letter

What's happened to the newsletter this month, you ask? Well, Tony York has decided to hand over the role of newsletter editor and I am standing in until someone else can be found to take on the job.

Firstly I must, on everybody's behalf, give Tony a VERY BIG THANK YOU for his efforts as newsletter editor for the last 242 editions. That makes 20 years according to my sums, a truly epic achievement of which he can feel justly proud. Throughout that period, Tony has kept us informed of forthcoming events, provided news items about things past on the ringing and social front and included articles of wider interest. It's going to be a hard act to follow.

Although Tony is handing over his newsletter editor role he will continue with all his other sterling secretarial work for the Branch: he will produce the monthly poster of forthcoming events which he will circulate with the newsletter, he will continue to keep our impressive website up-to-date and he will continue to act as our link with the G&B Association. So it's hardly a retirement for him!

As we now have a poster of forthcoming events, I've decided not to include this information on the front page of the newsletter. I'm also going to experiment with a two column layout (instead of three) but please let me have comments on this, as on any other aspect of the newsletter.

And finally, are there any budding journalists out there itching to have a go as editor?

Chris Greef

### Notable quarter peals in April

I've come across a number of significant quarter peals in the Branch in April:

Mixed Doubles at Warmley to celebrate Ian and Diane Smith's Golden Wedding

Plain Bob Triples at Warmley to celebrate Sue Elliot's significant birthday. 21 again!

Superlative Surprise Major at Thornbury: first blows in the method for Thomas Moller and also a first in the method for Phillip Joynson (Wotton Branch)

Grandsire Doubles at Mangotsfield: first quarter peal for Lynda Winter-Alsop, to celebrate Ryan Price's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

...and two out the Branch featuring a Rural Branch first: Cambridge Surprise Major at Barnwood: a first in the method for Gill Greef

Grandsire Triples at Chipping Sodbury: a first in the method for Rachel Parker



Ryan Price's 90th birthday quarter-peal band

### **Wanted PR Resources**

Our PR Officer Rachel Parker writes:

Dear All, I would like to collect (or take copies of) and collate any resources (display stands, leaflets, online materials, activities...) you may have on general bellringing or branch specific with the aim of creating a Rural Branch PR Pack which towers can borrow for use on open days, church fetes...

Any further ideas, suggestions will be welcomed. Thank you.

Rachel Parker PR  
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### **Association Striking Competitions**

Alan Coombs writes about the striking competitions, commenting that the 8 bells at Coln St Aldwyns were not the easiest of rings by a long way, and the judges had similar remarks about all the bands, so we needn't despair, we did a good job representing the Rural Branch.

The positions in the Penn trophy competition were:-

Swindon	1st
Wotton	2nd
Tewkesbury	3rd
Cirencester	4th
Chippenham	5th
Gloucester	6th
Bristol Rural	7th
Stroud	8th

And for the Croome :-

Bisley	1st
Swindon	2nd
Cirencester	3rd
Charlton Kings	4th
Tewkesbury Abbey	5th
Dursley	6th
Brockworth	7th
Frampton Cotterell	8th

### **Central Council Information.**

Recently Tony sent out an email which gave you the ability to register with the CC for updates on a regular basis about their activities. To do this you have to register on the CC web site. You can do it at the web address <https://cccbr.org.uk/subscribe/>

Tony registered a couple of weeks ago and, after a few problems, now receives updates. If you are interested give it a go.

### **Striking and listening course**

Steve Coleman is coming to run a Striking and Listening Course at Frampton Cotterell on Saturday 13th May from 10.00 - 12.00. If you want to take part in the course, please let Alan or the secretary know as soon as possible.

Steve's summary of the course:

This is a course in which, in an entirely non-judgemental and enjoyable way, we try out all sorts of hands-on exercises that help us improve our listening and striking.

### **Starting to Put Right**

Steve also runs this course. He says:

"in which in a relaxing and fun atmosphere, participants find that putting the occasional person right is far easier than they ever thought."

Let Alan or Tony know if you might be interested in taking part.

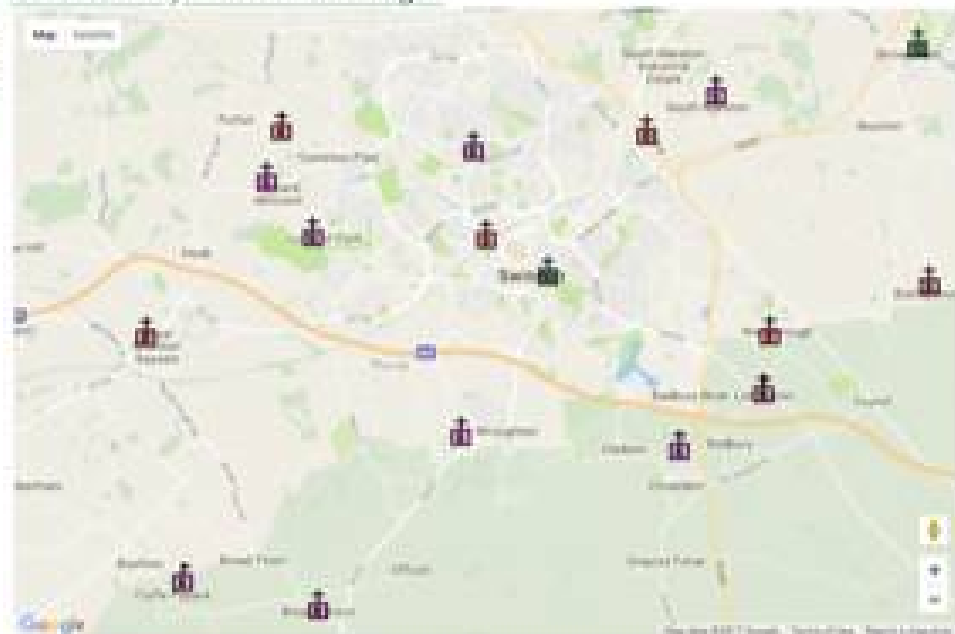
# Bristol Rural Branch - May Day Outing

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Weather will be sunny, everyone will be in a happy carefree mood ready for some bellringing in excellent company.



*Dove's Guide for Church Bell Ringers*



Viewed on a mobile-friendly browser

10.00 - 10.45	Lydiard Tregaze	(6)	11 cwt	SN5 3PA
11.00 - 11.45	Swindon St Mark	(8)	11½ cwt	SN1 5EH
12.00 - 12.45	Swindon Christ Church	(10)	21cwt	SN1 3HE

### Lunch

14.15 - 15.00	Wanborough	(8)	18 cwt	SN4 0BZ
15.30 - 16.30	Wroughton	(6)	18 cwt	SN4 9JS
17.00 - 17.45	Royal Wotton Bassett	(8)	19½ cwt	SN4 7BB

# Notice Board

Bristol Rural Branch

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What's on this month in the Branch

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## FarCited Ringing

### Thursday 4th May

No FarCited Meeting Join Rural Branch for the May Day Outing

Click <http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/Posters/2017/May%20Day%20Outing%202017.pdf>

## Branch Ringing

**13th** Listening, Striking and Rhythm course St Peter's Frampton Cotterell 10.00, just turn up if you want to attend however an idea of numbers would be helpful.

### 8 Bell Practice

**20th May**

Bitton 10.00 - 11.30

### 20th Branch Practice

**Syston**, Note moved from Abson as the 2nd Headstock had not been repaired at the date of publication of the Newsletter and Notice board!

**19.00 - 21.00**

### Chipping Sodbury Ringing

12th May Second Friday 19.30 - 21.00 (Note Change from 3rd Friday)