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Headlines

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| 1 Mayday Outing | 7th May | Hereford/Gloucestershire |
| 2 Branch practice | 19th May (1900-2100) | Warmley |

Editor's Note

Over the last few months this newsletter has included articles encouraging ringers to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. There is a campaign to recruit 1400 new ringers to honour the memory of a similar number of ringers who died in that conflict and also a plan for ringers to take part in a national Battle's Over commemoration taking place on Armistice day, 11th November. As part of this day, the Last Post will be played by buglers all over the country at 6.55pm, World War 1 Beacons of Light will be lit at 7pm and then all the bells will ring at 7.05pm, Ringing Out for Peace. I hope your tower will be able to contribute in some way. At Winterbourne we are hoping to have a display in the Church about all the World War 1 soldiers named on the Church War Memorial (none of them ringers to my knowledge) and the Medieval Barn next door is planning an exhibition on the role of women in the War. As a ringer I hope we will be able to join with other towers to ring just after 7pm. Perhaps you could do so too?

Chris Greef

Far-cited Outing



Thursday 5th April seemed like the first day of Spring after a cold and wet March: the sun was shining and the sky was a brilliant blue as about 30 ringers converged on

Mendip for the monthly Far-cited outing. The three towers this month were Burrington (the long rope draught proved a challenge here), Rowberrow (a good 6, with the main problem being parking on the narrow lane) and Shipham (a very easy going light 6 to finish with). Lunch was at the pub in Shipham, providing an opportunity for everyone to catch up on the news. Another good day, thanks to Mary York for doing the organizing, another three new towers for me too!

Chris Greef

The G&B Association Striking Competitions

As usual these were held on the day of the AGM. The Rural Branch was represented in the 6 bell Croome Trophy competition by Dyrham. Mary York, one of the band, writes:-

"Bristol Rural and City Branch were the only two teams in the draw at 11 am. The time waiting was much enjoyed listening to some excellent ringing in the beautiful sunshine, a welcome treat. The team of regular Sunday ringers at Dyrham visited the village hall for tea/coffee, homemade cakes and bacon rolls. We were the last team to ring, we rang too many changes so not as



successful an entry as in the branch round.”

The competition was held at St Mary Magdalene, South Marston and the results were:

1. St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
2. Cirencester, Cirencester
3. Tewkesbury Abbey, Tewkesbury
4. Bisley, Stroud
5. Brockworth, Gloucester
6. Chippenham St Andrew, Chippenham
7. Leckhampton, Cheltenham
8. St Marks, Swindon (Awarded a Ringing Master's Clapper)
9. Chipping Sodbury, Wotton-under-Edge
10. Dyrham, Bristol Rural.

Unfortunately, the Rural Branch was not able to recruit a full team for the 8 bell Penn Trophy competition, which was held at St Leonard, Blunsdon. The results were:

1. Swindon
2. Cheltenham
3. Wotton under Edge
4. Stroud
5. Cirencester
6. Tewkesbury
7. Chippenham
8. Gloucester
9. Bristol.

Chris Greef

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.

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://cccbr.org.uk/about/meetings/2018-meeting/>

Hopefully it will come nearer home next year.

Branch Ringing Achievements

Mangotsfield - 5152 Manchester Surprise Major - in memoriam Christine Andrew.

Iron Acton - 1260 Cambridge Surprise Minor - in memoriam Keith Scudamore.

Thornbury - 1344 Plain Bob Triples - first triples for Zoe Bonnet and Catherine White-Horne.

Filton - 1299 Grandsire Doubles - for Healing Service.

Filton - 1260 Grandsire Doubles - for Benediction.

Thornbury - 1280 Bristol Surprise Major - for the Queen's 92nd birthday - first in method for Hilda Shipp.

The G & B AGM minutes are now available on the G & B website for those who would like to read them.
<http://www.bellsgandb.org.uk/>

Notice Board

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What's on this month in the
Branch

FarCited Ringing

There is no FarCited on the first Thursday the 3rd of May, you are all invited to join the Rural Branch May Day outing to South Herefordshire, to see the poster click the link below.

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

Branch Ringing

7th May Branch May Day outing.

Click the link above for the outing poster

19th May

Branch Practice

Warmley 19.00 - 21.00

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?

BRISTOL RURAL BRANCH - MAYDAY OUTING

MONDAY 7th 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)