



# Bristol Rural News

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## Headlines

- 1 Far-cited outing - no outing in October
- 2 Branch training - 13th October - details to follow (no G&B training this year)
- 2 Branch practice - Thornbury - 27th October - 1900-2100

**October  
2018**

## Editor's Note

With Remembrance Sunday not so far in the future, have you given thought to whether you will be ringing your bells then? This year is doubly special because it is the Centenary of the end of World War One and Armistice Day (11th November) falls on the Sunday. We hope that all the bells in our Branch will ring at some stage during the day, so if you don't have a band, please contact the Committee and we will find some ringers who can help.

Some of you may have been looking forward to the Association Training Day in October and hoping to learn a new method. Well sadly this year's event has been cancelled. However, all is not lost - if there is a particular method you want to practise, let us know and we will set up a bespoke training session for you. And we are arranging a Branch training morning for the 13th October to cover the St. Simon's group of methods.

Chris Greef

## September's Far-cited Outing

After a couple of outings to the Somerset levels, September's trip was closer to home and included just two towers. In the morning we arrived at Sherston and were welcomed with coffee and cake as we were there at the same time as a regular coffee morning. We then rang the bells half-muffled since the day also coincided with the anniversary of one of Sherston's World War One victims and the local ringers have been commemorating all their fallen in this way. After ringing we adjourned to The Old Royal Ship at Luckington for lunch where we re-met the group of the coffee morning regulars from the church. Apparently this is their routine – coffee in the morning at the church, followed by a pub lunch (and tea in the afternoon, I wonder?). After a good lunch we made the short journey to Alderton for the afternoon

ringing. Thanks Mary for another good day.

Chris Greef

## A Thank You from Anita

Many of you will know that Anita Matthews, secretary of the Wotton Branch and frequent visitor to Rural Branch practices and events, recently had a stroke. I am pleased to say that I have seen her up and about again, recovering well. She has sent me this letter of thanks to those who have shown concern in one way or another:

"I would like to send a sincere thank you to each of the Bristol Rural ringers who kindly visited me in hospital, telephoned or sent get well wishes and cards following my recent unexpected illness.

"I had early discharge from hospital to a community care scheme and they too have signed me off from their care. Now it is up to me to continue exercises, do as I am advised and hopefully get better as soon as this is possible.

"Thank you for all your kindness, for which I am very grateful.

"Best wishes – Anita Matthews."

And I am sure you will all join me in wishing Anita well in her continuing recovery.

Chris Greef

## When did you last do it? Preparing for autumn

This article, from the Central Council Stewardship & Management Workgroup, is from The Ringing World. Periodically checking the state of your bells is important, so have you done so recently? If you have difficulty with this, contact a member of the Branch Committee to arrange for a visit from a belfry advisor.

As autumn approaches and the evenings start to get dark again, it is worth checking and updating our towers. For some of these items, ringers may need to liaise with their PCC.

Do the lights in and around the tower function, including emergency lighting?

Does the tower heating still work and, if a portable heater is the electrical testing up to date?

Are emergency procedures up to date and clearly visible?

Have appropriate risk assessments been compiled and reviewed?

Have all fire extinguishers been serviced and checked to be in date?

Have the contents of the first aid kit been checked for completeness, and is everything in date?

Does the tower notice board carry useful, current information?

Are you complying with the new data protection regulations (GDPR)?

When was the last tower AGM held?

Have your tower officers (or equivalent) been appointed, and do they know their responsibilities?

Are you aware of your church insurance terms in relation to ringing and ringers?

Have DBS checks been carried out where required for key individuals?

The start of the new school year is a time when many people return to their hobbies and take up new ones.

Does the church notice board welcome ringers and potential ringers, giving times and contact details?

Are the tower / ringing room welcoming for visitors and potential new ringers; are they clean and tidy?

Has someone with suitable experience and knowledge checked the belfry installation recently (The CCCBR Manual of Belfry Maintenance was published in 2017)?

These are all topics that are within the remit of the new Workgroup. Over the next few months and years we will be updating and expanding the CCCBR guidance and publications on such topics.

Copied from the Ringing World by Tony York

### **Ringling Books Available**

Tony York has some books and badges available at cost as below. Please contact him if you are interested:

The One per Learner Book (the little yellow book, ideal for learners for logging progress in early stages) - £1

each.

Ringling Circles (gives the blue line and details of what happens at calls for some standard methods) - £3 each.

Diagrams (blue version – the line for large numbers of methods given) - £12.

G&B badges - £5.

Tony York

### **Annual Returns Forms 2019**

I have produced the annual return forms for 2019, they are on the branch web site under <Branch Affairs>, <Membership Information Page>, <Then select the relevant file from the drop down box> or go straight to the page <http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/page10a.htm>

Tony York

### **Branch Ringling Achievements**

Filton - 1299 Grandsire Doubles - in memory of Canon Elspeth Desmond 1949-2018.

Westerleigh - 1260 Grandsire Doubles - to celebrate the life of Herbert (Bert) T Ferris, Past Tower Captain at Westerleigh, whose funeral was on Tuesday 28th August 2018.

Frampton Cotterell - 1260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles - in memory of Bert Ferris, and before a service of the Mission Area of Fromeside and Yate Benefices.

Olveston - 1260 Grandsire Triples - to commemorate 100 years of the Olveston and Tockington Women's Institute.

# Notice Board

**Bristol Rural Branch**

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**October  
2018**

What's on this month in the  
Branch

**FarCited Ringing**

**04/10/2018**

**No FarCited in October too many people away!**

**Branch Ringing**

**13th G & B Training Day Cancelled**

**Branch training as an alternative.**

Wapley, 10 till 12 on the 13th October.

We are looking for more helpers, (4 at the moment) and a couple more students required, method St Simon's.

**13th - 28th Quarter Peal Week/Fortnight.**

**27th Branch Practice 19.00 - 21.00 Thornbury.**

**Early Notice**

**November 24th Branch AGM Bitton**

Information for the AGM can be found at , as and when it becomes available

<http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/page10d.htm>

**Chipping Sodbury Ringing**

Third Friday 19.30 - 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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