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 Alveston
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 Coalpit Heath
 Iron Acton

There must be some scope for calling the tower groupings more appropriate names?
 Editor

The Ringing Master Writes (cont) posts, specially designed to cope with the very real ringing problems we all share today. And what's even better, we have a first class team of Officers who have stepped forward. The plans the Officer Team are drawing up are extremely exciting, and bring together a splendid balance of Training Events, Social Events and standard Branch Practices. As Tony says, these plans will be finalised in the New Year, as will the plans for maintaining contact with all ringers in all towers. But for my part, I just want to say, "Hello," to you all. I believe I've already had the pleasure of ringing with the majority of Branch ringers, but if you and I haven't met somewhere yet, I hope we'll be meeting shortly.

Put simply, like all the other Branch Officers I absolutely guarantee that the Branch Practices will be packed full of training and progress in an atmosphere of friendship, encouragement and fun. Whatever your level of experience - be it anything from rounds, plain hunt or bob doubles, to Stedman or surprise - you'll always get a warm and friendly welcome, a good time and a distinct feeling of progress.

There won't be a carol service on 11 December at Frampton Cotterell but we will be having a Branch Practice from 7.30 to 9.00 there instead. With everyone setting aside their Christmas worries for a while it promises to be a splendid evening, and I much look forward to seeing you there.

Steve Coleman
Ringing Master
Rural Branch



A Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

to all our readers

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 November 29th



Information for February Newsletter by
 24th January



Farcited Ringing

December 1st

Christmas Day out to Oxford by Coach
Leave Coalpit Heath Church promptly at
07.45.

Coffee at the Fishes Public House nr
North Hinksey Church

09.45 Hinksey

11.15 Marston

12.30 Christmas Lunch
Randolph Hotel

14.30 Cowley

15.45 Iffley

Home about 18.45

January Ringing

Thursday January 5th

14.30 - 16.00 Calne

Branch Ringing

December

Note Carol Service cancelled

Branch Practice

Saturday 10th December

Frampton Cotterell 19.30 - 21.00

January Ringing

Saturday January 14th

Branch Training Day

Alveston

Details and Times to be advised

Branch Practice

Saturday January 28th

Bitton 14.30 - 16.00

February Ringing

Saturday February 11th

Branch Striking Competition

Wapley times and details to be
advised

Autumn Training Day

Once again the G & B members arrived at the British School at Wotton-u- Edge to the smell of bacon frying. So with a cup of coffee and a bacon roll we started to meet ringers and friends from around the association. It was good to see a number of ringers from Rural Branch, Alveston, Olveston Westerleigh, Frampton, Thornbury and Winterbourne.

A number were trainees and several were running courses. Gary Crisp from Frampton was Steeple Keeping and visited Iron Acton and Berkeley during the day.

The organiser Wynne Holcombe was very prompt and at nine o'clock we were called to order and sent to the appropriate training rooms. For the course I was on was lucky enough to have Steve Coleman as the classroom instructor, and we were soon into the intricacies of Stedman Doubles. Classroom training over it was time to put the theory into practice. and move on to the local tower which in my case was Cromhall. Our Instructor was Janet Covey-Crump and I was with a group of people who I had never met before except Janet. We had five trainees and six instructors which throughout the day worked out very well. The trainees came from across the association and were soon being put through their paces at the level at which they thought they should be ringing. The morning passed very quickly ringing coat hangers and cats ears over and over again, and it was soon time to move on to the Royal Oak for lunch.

We had a room to our selves at the Royal Oak and the food was soon being served. By the time lunch was over it was raining hard as we made our way back to St Andrew which has a 12cwt tenor. Several of us were able to ring touches of Stedman during the rest of the afternoon, and everyone thought that they had made progress during the day. Having thanked our instructors for a tiring but fruitful day we made our way back to Wotton for tea and cake before dispersing to the four corners of the Association. A day well spent in my view, Thanks to Wynne Holcombe and her team of Helpers

Rural Branch AGM Almondsbury

November 26th

We were made very welcome as ever at Almondsbury for our AGM. Ringing commenced promptly at 15.45, there was a goodly number for the ringing.

The service was conducted by the Rev'd

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1. We have a Ringing Master and Deputy
2. Minutes of the AGM on the Branch Web
3. The Ringing Master Writes

Phillip Rowe and the organ was played by Mark Weaver the Almondsbury organist. We thank them both for their time and efforts for the branch.

We retired to the local church hall for a ringers tea which was very welcome on a cold and damp day.

As you are all aware this AGM was to be quite crucial to the future of the Rural Branch as we have not had a Ringing Master or Deputy for twelve months and two of the committee the Chairman and treasurer were resigning this year.

The meeting started promptly by the outgoing Chairman Bryn Shackleton at 18.31. We were soon through the preliminaries thanking the Almondsbury members for the tea and welcoming the branch members. We had 31 people present representing 13 branch towers which was I think quite exceptional in recent years. We elected six new members to the branch which takes our membership to 160, I think the highest ever! only 31 at the meeting I ask you!

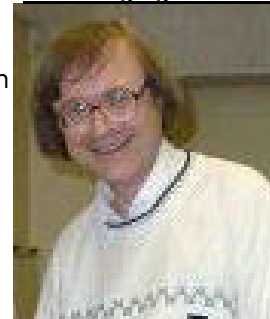
We then came to the difficult part or so I thought the election of officers, I was to say at the least very surprised.

As you know our Chairman was resigning and we soon had a new chairman, followed by a new Treasurer, a Ringing Master and a Deputy plus four ringing representatives which was the outcome of the October Syston Tower Captain Meeting. The biggest surprise to those who did not attend the meeting I expect was the election of Steve Coleman as the Ringing Master. There is a complete list of the management committee on the back page.

So with the management structure resolved the meeting continued apace. We currently do not have a 2006 program for the branch, this will be addressed in early January when the incoming branch Chairman will hold a meeting, in the mean time branch ringing dates and times are included in this newsletter. the meeting concluded at 19.31 and was followed by ringing with our new Ringing Master in charge Steve Coleman.

Let us look forward to a very successful 2006 we have a good team to achieve this. All we need now is the branch members to get behind the committee.

The Ringing Master Writes



Can I say what a pleasure it is to be your Branch Ringing Master for the coming year! The Bristol Rural is, and always has been, a truly

great Branch, packed full of talent, energy and enthusiasm, quite apart for being famous for its long history of regular and high quality Sunday Service ringing. But this year, as Tony explains in his article, the extensive consultations with members and tower captains have resulted in changes. There's a new structure to the Branch Officers