

## Headlines <http://www.bristolrural.co.uk>

1. Joint event with Wotton Branch
2. Wedding ringing problems!
3. Invitation to a Bristol Branch Outing in the Chew Valley
4. A small survey!

**Farcited** Thursday, 4th July

11.00 - 12.00 Longhope, All Saints, 8  
GL17 0LH, 162 SO684198

note, parking is on the road and on  
the church side.

12.00 - 14.00 Lunch at the Yew Tree  
GL17 0QD (menu to follow )

14.00 - 15.00 Mitcheldean St. Michael  
and All Angels 8 bells, GF, GL17 0HN  
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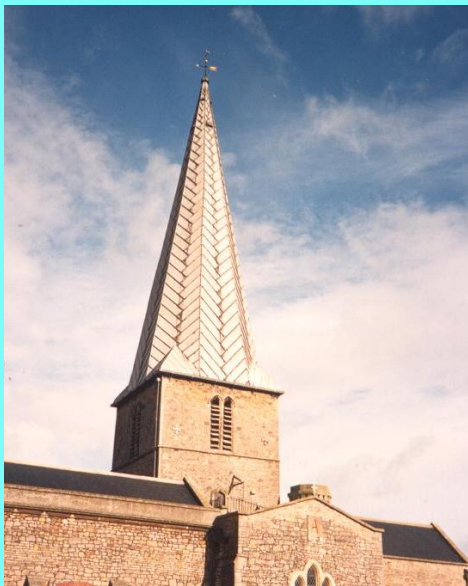
### Branch Ringing

July 6th Nibley Trophy?

11th Training Day Thursday evening

13th Joint Social event with Wotton  
Branch See Newsletter for details.

27th Branch practice 19.00 - 21.00  
Almondsbury.



Chipping Sodbury Ringing  
3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

### Time for a change?

Ringers and ringing seem quite keen on records – longest ringing, most peals in a year, heaviest tenor, quickest (or slowest) quarter... . The list already seems endless, however the events of last Saturday suggested two new categories for award – latest bride (or groom) and longest service over-run. Saturday's event is a possible contender on both counts – bride 25 minutes late and service a whopping 65 minutes over the 'normal'!. Naturally such a delay wasn't popular with the

ringers and needless to say the after-service ringing was shorter than usual!

The solution might be as simple as asking the vicar or appointed wedding co-ordinator not only for the start time of the wedding but also how long the service will be.

Maybe you know of some more outrageous examples – *there was just time to nip home, cook a meal and eat it, do some gardening, visit a neighbour ....*

### Gary Crisp

Can you beat this one

A wedding at Dyrham can, the ringers let the bells down and went home whilst the wedding service was still ongoing, some of the ringers had left work to ring and had to get back!.

### Mary York

**The Frampton 50 No 26**

Frampton Cotterell

St Peter's

Thursday, 23 May 2013

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Mary S York

2 Fran Christianson

3 David Sansum (C)

4 Val Johnson

5 Brian Angell



6 Philip Coward

To Celebrate Joan and Don Haskins  
Diamond wedding anniversary on this  
day.

Bottom right the card from the Queen  
for their 60 years of marriage that Don  
and Joan are holding.

### A Small Survey

Thank you those of you who responded to my survey recently, seven towers did not send a reply, I did manage to catch three of them on the May Day outing, just leaving four who I never heard from. I made some assumptions and added a couple of numbers to my final list for those four

At the branch AGM in November 2012 we were asked to endorse the five members of the Association who had volunteered to be the representatives at the Central Council! (CC) The meeting endorsed the five members unanimously. We asked our MC rep

to ask at the next meeting of the Association officers what these five members would be doing at



the CC meetings.

At the AGM someone said what the members do at the meetings is published in the Ringing World! subsequently I have also been told that by another branch member. Our MC rep raised the point at the last association meeting and it is my understanding that the five members will produce a brief write up on their activities.

Why the survey, I wanted to have an idea how many people in the branch had any idea what the CC do and how they actually find out if what they do is reported in the Ringing World!

The results of the survey:

13 branch members take the ringing world ,  
2 towers subscribe.

33 branch members are able to read it on a regular basis in their tower but most do not. There are 170 members in the branch, so you can probably draw a conclusion that most branch members do not have any idea about the CC and what the CC are doing.

I have been branch secretary since 1995, in that time I have received six items from the CC, four in 1998 and two this year (2013) I should remember though that like our branch officers the CC reps are volunteers!, and that perhaps most of our members might not have an interest in the CC.

If you have any comments or observations on the survey or my observations/conclusions I would be pleased to hear them!

### Bell Handling DVD

The branch have a new bell handling DVD produced by the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) I have sent out several newsletters from this group during the last few months.

It is available to borrow from the branch, go to the web page below and send an email to me and I will arrange to get it to you!

<http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/page83.htm>

### Bristol Branch Outing August 17th

On Saturday 17th August 2013, I have organised a day outing to towers in the Chew Valley area. We would very much like to invite the members of the Rural Branch to join us and to that end I have attached the tour sheet with all the details, so that you can forward it on to your e-mail list. I will need to know in advance if there are people who do intend to come as I will need to organise a pre-order for lunch nearer to the

date, so if you could ask people to e-mail me at this address, that would probably be easiest.

[robert.convey@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:robert.convey@blueyonder.co.uk)

I do hope that many of you will be able to join us on this day.

All best wishes,

Rob Convey Secretary Bristol Branch

### Joint event with Wotton Branch

July 13th

Ringing 15.00 - 17.00

Chipping Sodbury



### Followed by a BBQ at

Harwood Gate Farm

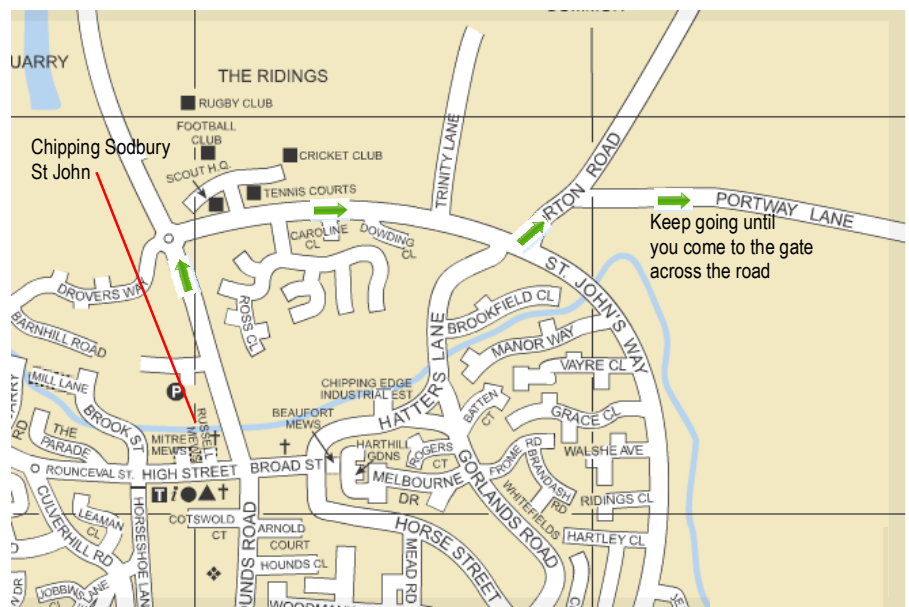
Old Sodbury

Thanks to Sally and John Ludlow



### What is it any Ideas

Whilst Gary and I were working in the bells recently (May 2013) replacing the window mesh to keep the birds out, we had occasion to clear out one of the window ledges which was full of dirt, rubbish, and stone we found the old bottle in the picture above. The bottle was originally we think covered with a straw cover, but whilst this was around the bottle it was quite rotten. We also found the piece of leather but have no idea what that is or was!



Follow the Green arrows

Starts approx 18.00

In the Stone Barn and Garden  
Country Walk with a map  
Garden Games  
Bring your swimming costume,  
Heated pool available  
And a Bat Hunt.

### BBQ 2013

We had a good bbq, the rain almost stayed away!  
Report next month.

**Bristol Branch Outing - Saturday 17th August 2013**

The following towers will be visited on the Bristol Branch's outing to the Chew Valley. If you wish to cycle then the timings on the tour have been organised to make this possible, and there are many places to park and leave your car safely for the day situated around the Chew Valley Lake.

10am-10.45am - Stowey (6 bells) - We have been asked not to park cars on the grass outside this church.

11.15am-midday - Chew Magna (8 bells)

12.30pm-1.45pm - Lunch at the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

2pm-2.45pm - Chew Stoke (6 bells)

3.30pm-4.15pm - Compton Martin (6 bells)

If you are intending to come on the outing please let me know by e-mailing me on [robert.convey@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:robert.convey@blueyonder.co.uk). We need to provide the pub with a pre-order for lunch, so I will need to send you through the menu so that you can make your choices in advance.

Note: I will send this out again about three weeks before the event to remind you all!

***Editor***