

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

1. 2013 AGM at Filton Program below
2. Association Subscription, See below.
3. Email address changes.
4. Quarter Peal Week 19 October to 27 October.

### Farcited Thursday, 3rd October

11.00 - 12.00 Heddington 6 bells 8cwt GF  
12.00 - 14.00

Lunch The Dumb Post, post code SN11 9JZ

14.00 - 15.00 Bremhill 6 bells 17 cwt GF

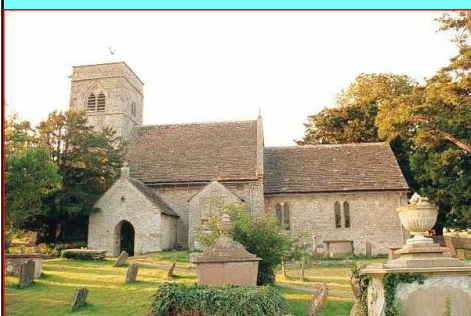
### Branch Ringing

12th G & B Training Day

19th - 27th Quarter Peal Week

26th Branch Practice 14.30 - 16.30

Syston



Chipping Sodbury Ringing  
3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

I hope you do not mind me blowing my own trumpet but since November 1995 when I became branch secretary I have now produced just 200 newsletters.

The branch has had regular newsletters from about 1991 when Alan Freke was secretary for four years, prior to that they were irregular and the earliest copy I have was produced in 1989 by I believe the then secretary Linda Drew.. All of the newsletter since 1989 can be viewed on the branch website.

The first newsletter I produced can be seen at the end of this newsletter, and at that time was distributed at the branch practices and by post.

Things have moved on since those days.

**Editor**

### Its annual Subscription Time Again

Your Tower correspondent or treasurer will soon be asking for your annual subscription. The Annual return forms are on the branch web site under "Branch Affairs and Membership Information" page, then select your tower return form from the drop down box. It is available as a word document.

When your tower correspondent or treasurer has completed it with any changes to practice or ringing times he will return it to the branch treasurer Richard Sleeman whose address is on the top of the form.

Please note all personal information about your tower has been removed for security and privacy reasons. If you think this information has changed please complete the various boxes, if not leave it as it is and send to Richard with your tower remittance.

### Information about the Branch AGM

Saturday 23rd November 2013  
Branch Meeting and AGM Filton  
The Afternoon Program.

15.00 - 17.00 Ringing

17.00 - 17.45 Service

17.45 - approx 18.30 Tea

18.30 - 19.30 Meeting

19.30 Further ringing if required.

All the information for the meeting can be found on the branch web site under "branch affairs"

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

All officers including the Twigs are up for re-election and will need proposer's and seconds.

Items for the agenda to the chairman or secretary.

If you have new members to propose please let the secretary know prior to the meeting with their details.

Note: AOB items will only be allowed unless handed in prior to the meeting or at the chairman's discretion.

### The 2014 Proposed Branch Program

Your committee will produce a draft program for 2014 which I will circulate for you to study and bring along your comments to the AGM.

Should you have any ideas or proposals for the program please do pass them on to a branch officer so that they can be discussed at the branch officers meeting at the beginning of October

### Have your say in the future of ringing

At this years Central Council meeting the work of the Recruitment and Training Forum was discussed

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which, although many aspects had been covered, it highlighted the need for involvement of all ringers in planning for the future. In order to improve the understanding of what is already being done for the future and draw upon the expertise and ideas of active ringers today, a series of regional seminars is being arranged to which everyone is invited to take part.

The seminars will have key themes:

**Listening to You -**

what is your vision for the future?

**Communication-**

current initiatives explained - ITTS (Integrated Teacher Training System). ART (Association of Ringing Teachers). Central Council services and Ringing Foundation work.

**Engagement** - your ideas on what is working well and what needs improving and how this may be done.

**Actions** - agree actions to be taken up locally and means of achieving them in terms Of both human and financial resources.

**Who is taking part?** - there will be speakers from the ART, RF and CCCBR together with representatives from local ringing societies but most importantly all interested local ringers.

Where are they being held? - the first seminar will take place at Nantwich, St Mary's church on Saturday, **12th October**. This will be followed by one at the Friends Meeting House, Nottingham on Saturday, **16th November**.

Further seminars are being planned in South Wales (likely December) with the intention to hold a spread of such gatherings across the country during 2014, discussions are taking place with local host societies, which will lead with local publicity and there will be notices in The Ringing World.

Now is your chance to have an input into the future of ringing in your area and beyond. Do try to attend your nearest seminar, send in your ideas in advance and contact our local society if you feel one should be arranged locally.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Chris Mew

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Thanks to the Ringing World for this article.



**Westerleigh Ringers  
go walkabout**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August, a group of ringers (mainly from Westerleigh) took to their feet for a walking tour around the east of Bath. Starting at Bathford at 10.00 am we rang various doubles and minor methods plus some call changes on an honest ring of six. The 5<sup>th</sup> had a peculiar sound to it, we think because the crown staple and/or clapper pivot was not aligned, but other than that a nice ring of six.

It was then a walk to Bathampton via the river/railway bridge and over the fields to the canal and church. Here we rang from 11.30 am. These were a little less easy to ring, partly because of the clock mechanism and some oddness in the striking. The 4<sup>th</sup> is rung by standing under the clock case which occasionally caught you knuckles. Ouch!! The same 3 methods were rung as at Bathford.

The group then walked to Batheaston via the toll bridge and riverside footpath (nobody took an involuntary swim) for a lunch break near the local refreshment options (Pub meal/Fish & Chips/Packed lunch) by the river.

A short walk to Batheaston church for 5.00pm and we rang on the eight bells. We were a bit short on eight bell ringing, and struggled somewhat, but nevertheless enjoyed a

fairly honest ring of bells except for the odd bell dropping slightly. We then walked back to our transport for the journey home.

Thanks to the non-Westerleigh ringers (Mary Taylor, Peter Devrell, Sandi Hardwick + Nathan and Bethany and to the Non-ringing walkers Patrick, Elliot and Anouska. Thanks also to the host towers for their assistance/hospitality. The Photo shows the group outside Bathampton Tower. Finally, thanks to the weather which stayed mainly dry despite an atrocious forecast.

**Martin Blanchard**

**Email Addresses's**

Could I just remind you all that if your email address changes please let me know!

I understand that anyone with an hot-mail email address is going to be changed. I have had a couple of people phone and tell me of that change!

For the August Branch outing I received two articles, one from Chris the chairman and one from Bill our Ringing Master. I received Chris's first so put it in last months newsletter then Bill sent me one with the picture which I used. Here is Bills experience of the outing.

Thanks to Bill for last months picture!

**August Branch Meeting**

We had received an invitation from Bristol City Branch to join them on their August outing to the Chew Valley area. After discussion between the Branch Officers, we decided we would join them and not hold our own meeting which was planned for the following



Saturday as attendance levels have been low in recent years.

Around twenty ringers attended, which included six from Rural Branch. The first tower was Stowey, 6, 6 cwt, the ringing here included Rounds and Call changes, Doubles Methods and Norwich Surprise Minor.

The next tower was Chew Magna, 8, 28 cwt. As the bells were heavy, the ringing was kept simple with Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Hunting on seven and Doubles with three cover bells.

Most of us went to the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke, where a good lunch was served, while some brought their own picnic.

The first tower after lunch was Chew Stoke, 6, 10 cwt, where we rung more Rounds and Call Changes, Doubles Methods and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The last tower of the day was Compton Martin, 6, 15 cwt, where we rung more Rounds and Call Changes, Doubles Methods and Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor.

Thank you to Bristol City Branch for arranging a good day out which was enjoyed by everyone.

**Bill Liebow**



### **G&B Association Quarter Peal Week**

GB Association Quarter Peal Week this year is from 19 October to 27 October.

The Branch hope that as many Towers as possible will take part. If there are any Towers that would like to ring a quarter, but do not have enough ringers, or if anyone would like to attempt a method not normally rung at their tower, please let me know and I will hopefully be able to help with forming a band. Please pass on details of any quarters, to me so I can pass them to Hazel Bridges, Association Ringing Master, for publication in the Ringing World.

**Bill Liebow**

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### **Charmborough Ring at the Berkley Show**

On the August Bank Holiday Monday I visited the Berkley Show, as the Charmborough portable mini ring was going to be there. It should have been there last year but had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the wet weather we had during the Summer. In contrast this year it was a very warm day. Wotton Branch arranged this as part of their publicity programme and attracted much

interest. The ringing was mostly organised by Ian Unsworth, with help from other Wotton Branch members. As only a few ringers had rung on mini rings before, the ringing was kept fairly simple with Rounds and Call Changes up to Plain Bob Doubles/Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Many non ringing visitors had a go on the bells with help from the ringers who attended, which led to some of them expressing an interest in learning to ring. Most of those interested lived in the Wotton Branch but two were from the Bristol Rural Branch near there.

**Bill Liebow**

### **Gloucester Cathedral 2013**

I hope not too many of you were thinking of going to Gloucester on the 22nd, using the branch program instead of the newsletter which stated the 15th. So sorry if you were

mislead.

Happily it did not mislead the 15 people in the photo. We were met at the appropriate spot by John and Margaret Smith who also helped us as a branch to ring on 12 bells!

Bill the ringing master asked Steve his deputy to organise the ringing, he started the afternoon by raising all 12 bells in peal very creditably..

As we have no 12 bell towers in the branch there were lots of rounds and call changes and plain hunting on the 12. We also rang with the help of the Smiths's grandsire caters very well, and several touches on 8 whilst people were visiting the the bells and

the top of the tower which I was told was very windy and quite cold.

So thank you to those who came along and made it quite an enjoyable afternoon although several present were saying they had to ring every time too keep the bells going for the allotted time.

The ringing finished by lowering all 12 bells lead by John Smith and once again they came down sounding very well.

For the record the branch ring at Gloucester Cathedral on the third Sunday in September each year which is the branch scheduled time and date.

Thank you once again to the branch members who came along on the day!

**Editor**



Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers

Bristol Rural Branch

**Newsletter December 1995**

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all our readers**

**December and January Ringing**

Thursday 7th December Farcited outing to Cirencester/Stow(Christmas Lunch)\ and Chipping Norton. There are 55 people booked to attend.

The next organised ringing will be in January:-

Saturday 13th January 6 Bell Practice Frampton Cotterell at 19.30

Saturday 27th January 8 Bell Practice Coalpit Heath at 19.30 TBC

**Branch Dinner**

The Branch Dinner will take place on the 9th of December at the Stoke Gifford Trust Hall.

The guest speaker is Steve Coleman the author of two popular ringing books.

The Winterbourne handbell ringers will also be present to entertain.

Ring Ruth Welch and book your seats so as not to miss a very entertaining evening(Phone Number 01179 695084)

Steve Coleman's two books will be the raffle prize

**Bristol Rural Branch AGM at Tytherington**

The ringers at Tytherington welcomed the AGM this year in style, we had an excellent service, a superb tea, some good ringing, and to top it all they have taken away the ladder and put in a magnificent doorway. The minutes from the AGM have been sent out with this newsletter. In general the officers of the branch remain the same with only a change of secretary, and a new appointment this year of Public Relations Officer(PRO). The new secretary is Tony York and the PRO is Mary York telephone number 01454 772532. Our address for the articles you are going to send for the newsletter is:-

Portbury 170 Watleys End Road Winterbourne South Gloucestershire, BS17 1QH.

**Iron Acton Ringing**

For a number of months now there has been ringing at Iron Acton for evening service on the 2nd Sunday in the month at 17:30. This has been particularly well attended and so an attempt at setting up a monthly Practice on the 4th Thursday of every month is to be tried. Starting on 25th January 1996 at 19.30 all welcome.

**Thornbury Bells**

We are reliably informed that Thornburys bells are to be removed for major work to be carried out. If you want a final ring on the bells it will have to be before Easter 1996. So get along to their practice or Sunday ringing. To raise money for this task they are arranging a number of events the first is a recital,

The Celebration of Advent

Sung by Chanson an unaccompanied choir from Gloucester. This is taking place in St Mary's Thornbury on the 2nd of December at 7.30pm.

Tickets available from Norton Clothier on 01454 417830

Price £3.50 and includes a glass of wine.

Your article or  
event could be  
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