

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

1. Branch Outing and Practice August 25th Poster attached
2. Berkley Show 27th August with the Charmborough Mini Ring all welcome
3. Branch Training September 8th Poster
4. Gloucester Cathedral evensong ringing 16th September 13.30

### The branch email address

[bellringing@bristolrural.co.uk](mailto:bellringing@bristolrural.co.uk)

### Farcited Ringing

1st Thursday September 6th

As I am publishing a week early I have no information.

### Branch Ringing

August 25th

Event and Branch Practice

(Young people and Family Ringing)

The day will depend on how many people may be available to attend.

See poster attached

Do let Bill Liebow know please

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email [wjliebow@btinternet.com](mailto:wjliebow@btinternet.com)

### September 8th Training Day

See Poster attached

16th Gloucester Cathedral (Sunday)

Gloucester Cathedral

22nd Branch Practice

19.00 - 21.00 Alveston



Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday

19.30 - 21.00

### Autumn Training Day

Details of the autumn training day are now available on the association web site, with a list of courses on offer, application forms (either electronic or paper) and directions to registration at Wotton-under-Edge. The closing date for applications is Monday 17 September. This year, in addition to most of the usual options, we have included an introduction to 7 & 8 bell ringing for ringers who have little or no experience of more than 6 bells.

**Chris Greef**

*Thank-you to those people who gave me copy for this issue.*

### Gloucester Cathedral Ringing

If you would like to ring at Gloucester Cathedral for their evensong on Sunday September 16th at 15.00 these are the arrangements. Parking can be found in the Cathedral precinct.

If you go to the main gate the gates will open and allow you in to park, should there be an attendant, just say you are the ringers then go to the entrance which is at the RH end of the car park facing the front of the cathedral. If you are early there is a cafe round to the left of the Cathedral. You should be at the RH entrance at 13.30 - 13.35, when we have ascended the tower the door is locked behind us. Ringing commences when we get into the ringing chamber and then the Rural Branch Ringing Master will organise the ringing. Ringing finishes at 14.50 you should then be able to see the Cathedral Bourdon Bell chime. It is also possible to go to the top of the tower during the ringing!

We look forward to seeing you there.



### An Olympic Quarter at Syston

Brian (Mick) Lewis, Bob Davis, Linda Gittings, Bill Liebow, Ian Smith and Merve Gibbs.



### Right up your Street

#### Radio Bristol at Mangotsfield

It started with a phone call from Radio Bristol informing me that they would be in Mangotsfield Village on Monday, 6th August, interviewing residents on various aspects of living in Mangotsfield.

It would be part of an ongoing programme about the villages that surround Bristol.

The Church bells would be featured in the programme and they would appreciate having someone from the tower to chat on the programme about

the bells and the ringing. They had already spoken to Alan Coombs who redirected them to me.

Chatting to Alan afterwards, we realised that most of Mangotsfield ringers were away on holidays on that day -



also Eileen and I would be attending an international Handbell Symposium at Liverpool for the week before the proposed date and we would not be home until the Sunday evening. So, Alan was left with the task of contacting sufficient ringers from around Bristol Rural to form a band!

When Eileen and I returned home we were pleased to be told that a full band was available and would be at the Church for 11.00. Alan and I reported to the Flower Shop on Monday morning and after a long wait our turn arrived!! We were interviewed by a very attractive lady who was in contact with the tower via a radio link.

.After a pleasant talk about how long we had been bell ringers etc, she called the ringers to ring one bell only, then two bells, then eight the bells in rounds. (I found out later that her brother was a bell ringer and that she knew quite a lot about bells!!) The sound of the bells was used to finish the broadcast.

My thanks to all the ringers for the help and patience with the presentation of the programme and to Alan for arranging the band to be present.

For the record, the ringers were:-

Linda Gittings Abson

June Curry Almondsbury

Peter Deverill Beckington

Edna Cause, John Payton Frenchay

Gill Greef Winterbourne

Eileen Price, Sheila Clarke Mangotsfield

**Ryan Price**

### **The 2013 Annual Return**

I hope you can all remember that we have changed the time of year we collect the annual return! This year 2012 we will collect it twice, once in Jan - Feb which we have completed. Now in Oct - Nov to be completed by the AGM at Frampton on November the 24th. Next year 2013 we will only collect in Oct - Nov for 2014. Your tower annual return form for 2013 is available under "Branch Affairs" on the branch web site. This gives the opportunity for your tower details, service ringing and practice times to be up-to-date for the 2012 Association Annual report! to be published in March 2013.



It was possibly a ship's bell on the German WW2 Graftspeer. The frame is made of aluminium and the wheel is from an old wheelchair. The bell weighs 3lbs, is 7.5 inches tall. The note of the bell is between G and an A. Has anyone got a spare tiny bell rope as Thomas is currently trying to make his own?

**Mary Haslum**

### **Frampton Cotterell**

**and its 25,000 - 35,000 recruits**

### **Youngest Bell Hanger?**

Twelve year old Thomas Moller, his mother, Janet, and father, Nick, have been leaning to ring at Filton. Recently, Thomas bought a bell on e-bay and with help from his father has been hanging it for ringing. This is a picture of the bell and the bell frame not quite completed. From left to right, the people in the picture are Stephen Cowl, Nick Moller, Terri Arman, Thomas Moller, David Haslum, Janet Moller, Eddy Welch, Ruth Welch. The picture was taken by Andrew Marker. The bell is made of brass/bronze. One side has an inscription "Graftspeer 1939", the other side has an emblem of an eagle.

Recently the church warden at Frampton noticed bees going into the tower through a window below the clock. He called a beekeeper who on investigating found they were entering along the clock fingers shaft. You can see the size of the comb and the shaft in the picture.

The beekeeper removed the comb but not quite all the bees who were quite angry at losing their queen.

Over the next few days a lot of dead bees were swept up in the ringing chamber but the recruits seem to have gone away.



# **The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers**

## **Bristol Rural Branch**

### **BRANCH TRAINING DAY**

## **SYSTON**

**Saturday September 8th, 10.00 – 12.00**

## **Treble Bob**

How to enter:

- Contact Chris Greef on 01454-774479 (or email to [cgreef@btinternet.com](mailto:cgreef@btinternet.com) or letter to 11 West Ridge, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol BS36 2JA)
- Provide information shown on entry form below
- Please return entries asap

Notes:

- Entry is on a first come first served basis
- **We need helpers to make the training effective (one helper per bell). If you can't manage the whole session, please come along for part of it (let me know if this is the case)**

<b>ENTRY DETAILS</b>		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Phone/email</b>		
<b>Treble Bob Hunting</b>		
<b>Kent Treble Bob</b>		
<b>Oxford Treble Bob</b>		
<b>Will act as helper</b>		

If You would like to print this form to send to join the course you can find it on the branch web site at <http://www.bristolrural.co.uk/Posters/2012/training%20day%20form0912.doc>

# **Bristol Rural Branch Mini Outing and Picnic**

**25<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

This outing is for families and ringers of all ages

West Cranmore	8-1-12	15.30 – 16.15
BA4 4QY / ST668433		

Marston Bigot, Pig le Tower	0-0-20	16.45 – 17.30
BA11 5BP / ST769443		

Picnic – Piglet in the Wild (Please bring own food)

High Littleton	6-3-19	19.15 – 20.00
BS39 6HG / ST645579		

A charge will be made to cover tower donations