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What's Happening this Month

Farcited Thursday, 3rd April

11.00 - 12.00 Radstock S. Nicholas 6(1.2.26)

12.00 - 14.00 New Inn Farmborough

14.00 - 15.00 Marksby 6(10.0.0)

14th - 18th Holy Week

23rd St Georges Day see below and poster

26th Branch Practice

19.00 - 21.00

Westerleigh



5th April G and B AGM

Penn and Croome Trophies

Bristol Branch

Information circulated by email.

Chipping Sodbury Ringing

The April Practice will be on the 11th TBC

Not the 3rd Friday

2014 Striking Competition Tortworth 15th March

I will start with the result, this year the winning team were Coalpit Heath our congratulations go to them.

Eight teams took part including a scratch team. When I booked the bells at Tortworth back in November the tower contact said to me your branch likes a challenge then.

I must say that the ringers on the day managed the bells very well indeed although one experienced ring of long standing in the branch said he missed the sally at least twice, the ropes have quite a long draft.

The judge said in his summing up that the rules stated the weather would be fine, warm and sunny, this rule was almost completely correct it was perhaps not quite that warm but it is/was March.

The afternoon started well, when most of the eight teams members arrived the tea and cake was already available and they made early use of a cup of tea as a priority.

The ringing master Bill Liebow conducted the draw followed by one item of branch business to conduct before the ringing commenced.

One of the teams had a new association member to elect.

Ben Haslum a ringer at Coalpit Heath was proposed and made a junior member, the Ringing Master presented Ben with his membership certificate and an association badge which is the branch way of introducing new junior members.

Shortly after this the first

band ascended the tower and commenced there practice peace. There was a slight change to the rules this year which was proposed by our judge for the day Robert Gray from Malmesbury he suggested that perhaps the rounds prior to the start of the competition peace should not be counted, although finishing rounds would be! The branch officers agreed that this will be the rule for all further branch competitions. The rule also aligns with the association finals competition rules.

Teams came and went throughout the afternoon until it was time for the results. You can see from the picture below we had lots of people present and they were able to talk and meet people they seldom see unless unless at a branch event.

Thank you to all of you who came along and made the afternoon a success. A big thank you to the ladies who kept the tea and cakes coming all afternoon, and especially the towers who provided the splendid selection of cake on offer.

There are quite a few more pictures of the afternoon on the branch web site including pictures of the teams as they came down the tower after ringing.



Listening and waiting

St Georges Day

Wednesday 23rd April



Iron Acton 09.45 – 10.15

Tytherington 10.30 – 11.15

Thornbury 11.30 – 12.15

Lunch 12.30 – 14.00

**The Anchor Inn, Gloucester Road,
Thornbury**

Alveston 14.15 – 15.00

**Olveston 15.30 – 16.45 (inc.
Tea)**



Just a couple of photo's of the above trip. Also I have Researched the connection between RAF Chivenor and the War Graves at St Augustine Church at Heanton Punchardon if any one would like the information?

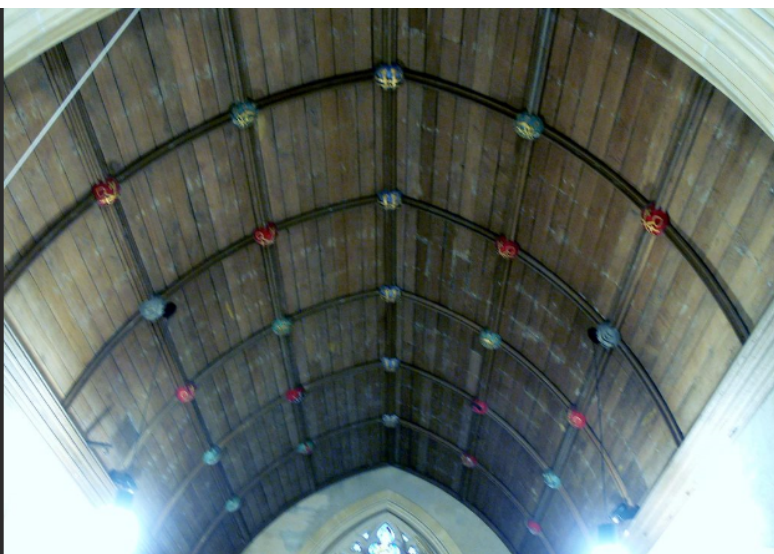
First photo St Augustine. Second Roof at St Margaret Stoodleigh, Last St Michael & All Angles Marwood.

Adrian Gittings

Far-cited outing – North Devon – March 6th

Ruth Welch has been organizing the Far-cited outings for the past seven years and has decided it is time to step down. As a final outing she organized a coach trip to North Devon and so 30 plus ringers and friends set off on a rather grey day, which continued to get worse, with pouring rain in Barnstaple when we got there for lunch. Everything else about the trip was much better than the weather, I am pleased to say!

Our first ringing stop was at Stoodleigh near



Tiverton, a newly rehung six which rang very easily. We were welcomed with tea and biscuits and whilst not ringing it was interesting to explore the church, which has a wagon roof with medieval bosses carved into mermaids, exotic beasts etc. and rows of carved green men at the base of the roof. After lunch we rang at Heanton Punchardon and then Marwood, both small villages just outside Barnstaple. Heanton is next to the ex-RAF base at Chivenor and has a number of war graves of airman who lost their lives whilst serving there. Marwood has some very attractive gardens open to the public in the summer months. Ruth had arranged a cream tea for us there after the ringing, and even through the rain one could see the camellias and azaleas already in flower.

After this we set off on our journey home at the end of a very good outing. Many thanks to Ruth for organizing this and all the other far-cited outings over the years. Thanks are also due to our coach driver for venturing down all those Devon lanes with a 50-seater coach.

Chris Greef

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING - REGIONAL SEMINARS

Make your views known, learn about ART and ITTS and support given by local Societies, Ringing Foundation and Central Council New ideas from Worcester, Birmingham, Sussex and elsewhere.

Session 5: Bristol

St Matthew's Hall, Clare Road, Kingsdown, Bristol, BS6 5TB

Saturday 17th May 10am 4.30 pm

Buffet Lunch will be available

Registration details to follow

Information The Ringing World no 5368 dated March 14th

With support from the ringers at Keynsham there will be a new monthly practice at Queen Charlton starting on Tuesday, 4th March from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Queen Charlton currently has a small band of its own ringers that we will be encouraging to grow and become self-sufficient, and any additional help to achieve this would be more than welcome.

Practices will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00-9:00 pm, along with service ringing on the first Sunday of the month at 10:45-11:05 am.

Martin Pearson

Thank you to those of you who submitted articles this month.



Farcited Program May to October 2014

May1st. 2- 3.30. Frenchay. St.John the Bapt.6.4cwt. (T) ST.639775.

June5th. Summer Outing.

Morning Coffee recommend Coffee1 upstairs plenty of room for us all.

9.45-10.30. Monmouth. St. Mary the V. 8. 16cwt.	162	SO.508129.
11am-11.45. Skenfrith. St.Bridget. 6.7 cwt.	161	SO.455203.
12-2pm. Lunch. Angel Grosmont.	161	
2pm-2.45. Grosmont. St.Nicholas. 6.7 cwt.	161	SO.404243.
3-3.45. Llantilio Crossney. St.Teilo. 8.4 cwt.	161	SO.390189.
4-4.45. Dingestow. St.Dinigat & St.Mary. GF. 6.8 cwt.	161	SO.457104.

July3rd .2-3.30 Warmley. St.Barnabas. 8.15 cwt.	172	SO.674732.
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Aug.7th. Two Towers and Pub Lunch.

11am-12 noon Morton Valence. St.Stephen. 6.11 cwt.	162	SO.780097.
Lunch 12 noon-2 pm. The Old Forge Inn. Whitminster.		
2-3pm. Whitminster. St.Andrew. 6.11 cwt. GF.	162	SO.760091.

Sept4th. Dundry, St.Michael. 6.14 cwt.	172/182	ST.557668.
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Oct 2nd.Day Out by Car.

10-10.45.Sutton Veny. St.John the Evan. 6.8 cwt.	184	ST902417.
11-11.45. Longbridge Deverill. SS Peter & Paul. 8.12 cwt.	183	ST866413.
Lunch .12 noon-2pm. Somerset Arms. Maiden Bradley.		
2-2.45. Maiden Bradley All Saints. 6.13 cwt.	183	ST.803386.
3-3.45. Horningsham. St.John the Bapt. 6.16 cwt.	183	ST.820414.

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BRANCH May Day OUTING FOR MONDAY 5th MAY 2014

Any Queries Contact Alan Coombs Assistant Ringing Master

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We travel by cars, Lunchtime at Marlborough either pub, cafe or take sandwiches. and there is also an afternoon break for half an hour for tea at Preshute.

1st **St Michael's**

LYNEHAM SN15 4PR from 9 am - 10am 6 Bells 14 cwt

Church car park, (Public Toilets opposite)

2nd **St Bartholomew**

ROYAL WOOTON BASSETT SN4 7BQ from 10.30 - 11.30 am 8 Bells 19 cwt.

There may be some parking available in the High St. alternatively go through Wooton High St to the mini roundabout at the end. Turn Left and follow the road around to the shoppers car park, (pay and display) walk through the back of the car park towards the Church.

3rd **Holy Cross**

CHISELDON SN4 0NJ from 12noon - 1pm 6 Bells 13 cwt

There is a Church car park and the hall will be open for toilets.

LUNCHTIME 1pm - 2.30 pm

4th **St Mary**

MARLBOROUGH SN8 1JQ from 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm 8 Bells 16 cwt

Parking at various car parks or in the High St Centre, the Church has Toilets

5th **St George**

PRESHUTE (MANTON) SN8 4HQ from 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm 6 Bells 9cwt.

There is a large Church car park

1/2 hr Tea Break (picnic in the car park after ringing)

6th **St James**

AVEBURY SN8 1RG from 5.30pm - 6.30 pm 8 Bells 4 cwt

There is a large National Trust car park in Avebury (free to members) alternatively

there is a free car park near the Church, but only after 4pm

7th **All Saints**

YATESBURY SN11 8YE from 6.45 pm - 7.45 pm 5 Bells 9cwt.

Own Church car park with a hall that will be open for toilets.

BRISTOL RURAL

ST. GEORGES' DAY RING 2014

Where will 23rd April 2014 take



St. George

to find



The Dragon

Iron Acton 09.45 – 10.15

Tytherington 10.30 – 11.15

Thornbury 11.30 – 12.15

Lunch 12.30 – 14.00

The Anchor Inn Thornbury – 3 course meal - Roast Beef of Old England
(Fish and Veggie options available details to follow)

Alveston 14.15 – 15.00

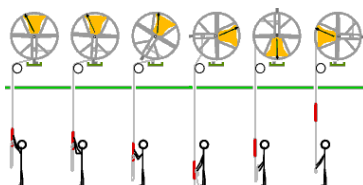
Olveston 15.15 – 16.30 Tea included

Come and join us to make a great days ringing

Everyone is very welcome - for some or all of the day.

The more who come the wider range of standards catered for.

Remember - Ringing is a Team Game.



NUMBERS REQUIRED FOR CATERING FOR LUNCH

Please inform Linda on 07528581106. Or winzig.weg@googlemail.com