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1. May Day outing itinerary Poster attached
2. St Georges Day Ringing
3. Increase in Annual Subscriptions

May
2016

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Farcited Ringing

No FarCited in May
All Join the May Day Outing.

Branch Ringing.

May 2nd Mayday Outing
See below, Poster attached
21st Branch Practice and BBQ
15.00 - late Venue? Syston

Advance Notice

Walk and Ring around Clevedon.
Saturday 25th June all day
Poster Attached
Sodbury Ringing 3rd Friday

May Day Outing Towers

10.00-10.45 Barnsley(6)4 3/4 GF GL7 5EF
11.00- 11.5 Coln St Aldwyns(8)7 GL7 5AD
12.00-12.45 Hatherop (6)7 1/2 GL7 3NB
Lunch
14.15-15.00 Fairford (8)171/4 GF GL7 4AD
(No shorts to be worn)
15.15-16.00 Ampney Crucis (6)6 3/4 GF
GL7 5RY
16.45-17.30 Malmesbury Abbey (8)11
St Paul's Tower TBA SN16 9AS

St Georges Day 2016

This year St Georges Day is on a Saturday the 23rd April.

The branch will not be organising a mini outing and lunch as it is on a Saturday, and ringing will be up to each individual tower in the branch if it wants to ring!

The Ringing Master Alan Coombs will be contacting your Twig to see what is happening in your area nearer the date.

Branch officers

(Following on from the Twigs responsibilities last month from the annual report) The role of the Ringing Master.

Ringing Master

As Ringing Master you organise the ringing at Branch meetings and practices; so to do this as well as possible, the more you learn about the skills and aspirations! of all Branch ringers and bands the better. You will also probably be the person to take the lead in organising Branch training events and in encouraging Branch mem-

bers to participate in Association training events.

Organising quarter peals and/or peals for the Association Festival may also fall to you, as may finding a judge for the Branch striking competition. Beyond that any help you can give to Branch towers will be gratefully received, but do not feel you have to solve everyone else's problems.

Rural Branch also has a deputy ringing master who will help with all the above duties as and when asked, but has one very important extra role which has developed over the years in organising the annual branch May day outing.

The above two roles are Alan Coombs Ringing Master and Sue Elliot his deputy

(Next month the role of the treasurer)

Bellringers have been invited by the BBC to take part in their Music Day on 3 June by ringing at 7 pm that day. We hope there will be much coverage of ringing and do hope many bands will get in touch with the BBC to confirm they will be taking part. Please see details below from the BBC, together with details of who to contact. And please do encourage ringers in your area to get in touch with the BBC and to take part. We are hoping for a lot of coverage that day so you may want to put out your own press release and tell your local media what you are planning – there is generally a lot of local interest in local participation in national events so let's make the most of this opportunity. This may also create the opportunity to mention our other national

ringing events this year – ringing for the Queen's 90th birthday on 12 June and opening towers for tours as part of the Heritage Open Day weekend 9-11 September.

With all good wishes,
Kate Flavell CC

Kelston Training Session and Practice

The monthly Kelston practice was combined with a training session on 2nd April. Most of those there wanted to practise or help with Bob Minor, the chosen method for the training session. We therefore rang a lot of this method and the students had plenty of opportunity to practise plain courses, touches with bobs and singles and calling touches too.

We did ring other methods to suit those who wanted something different. This time it was call changes, Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire and Blaisdon Bob. Next time, who knows, it depends who turns up and what they want to practise.

There was tea and coffee on tap plus one of Alan Coombs' Victoria sponge cakes, so we were kept well supplied through the afternoon. A good time was had by all, and it was a beautiful sunny afternoon too.

Chris Greef

Rural Branch CCTV Cameras

at Newton St Loe

In the Bath Branch

On Saturday the 2nd of April Alan Coombs and myself installed the branch CCTV cameras at Newton St Loe in the Bath Branch for a ringers service in the church. The Bath branch Ringing Master had asked our ringing master if we could do this and we were only too pleased to help on the day.



(Picture over)

Notes from the Association AGM.

I circulated to all email contacts the web address of the minutes of the Association AGM at Charlton Kings on the 9th of April.

A couple of points I would like to point out from the meeting. As I circulated to you all earlier there was a to be a discussion on an increase in the Association Annual subscriptions which duly happened as follows.

Senior members subscription will now be £15.00 per annum an increase of £5.00.

The retired subscription will be £15.00 or £10.00 (a concession) you may pay either, the association would like all retired members to pay the £15.00.

Junior remains at £2.50.

Associate although not mentioned in the association minutes will be the same as a retired member, £15.00 or £10.00(concession)

Also being rather cynical, five members were elected to the Central Council, I expect that is all we hear from them for the next couple of years in the branch! But well done to them anyway for being willing volunteers. The only other significant item was the tower of the year competition which was won by Church down in the Gloucester Branch.

There really was not much else of import in the minutes.

The Penn and Croome Trophies.

The branch entered a team in each competition pictures of the two teams are opposite at the relevant towers Woolstone for the Croome and Bishops Cleeve for the Penn.

Unfortunately four members of the Mangotsfield team who won the branch competition pulled out prior to the competition leaving Alan Coombs in a quandary, fortunately four members of the Penn team stepped in and helped

toilet facilities and probably just as important to be honest no refreshments were laid on.

Whereas at Bishops Cleeve there was a toilet it was warm and you could get a cup of tea or coffee and a cake. Just an observation on my part.

There was no Branch Practice last month due to Holy Week so no list of methods rung at the practice.

out. Similarly the Penn trophy lost a member who was unfortunately not well enough to attend and one of the Croome members stood in.

An observation of the competitions which I would like to make. As an organiser of many outings and helper with the FarCited for many years so not without experience of these things. We arrived at Woolstone a lovely Gloucestershire church with the sun shining and the bells ringing although it was not very warm. Woolstone is a GF ring so waiting ringers could not go in the church thus we stood

around outside for our turn with lots of other people who were also waiting. Several points to make one there was no where to go if

it rained and it did, the church was very cold, there were no



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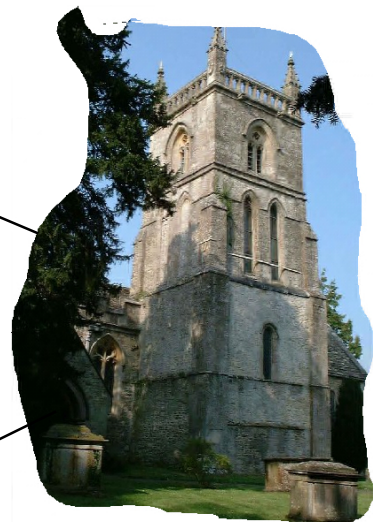
May Day Outing 2016

Monday May 2nd



10.00-10.45 Barnsley(6)4 3/4 GF GL7 5EF
163 SP144052

5.2 miles 10 mins



11.00- 11.5 Coln St Aldwyns(8)7
GL7 5AD 163 SP144052

1 mile 4 mins



12.00-12.45 Hatherop (6)7 1/2 GL7 3NB
163 SP154051

Lunch 3.5 mile 9 mins



14.15-15.00 Fairford (8)17 1/4 GF GL7 4AD
163 SP152012 (No shorts to be worn)

5.6 mile 10 mins



15.15-16.00
Ampney Crucis (6)6 3/4 GF
GL7 5RY 163 SP065019

17 mile 30 mins

16.45-17.30 Malmesbury Abbey (8)11
St Paul's Tower
SN16 9AS
183 ST933873



Walk n'ring Trip around Clevedon

Saturday 25th June 2016

Please bring a packed lunch

1) St Andrews BS21 7UE 10 - 11am 8 bells 14 cwt.

We can use St Andrews car park all day, or there's plenty of free parking nearby.

There are no toilets here, nearest is on the sea front by The Little Harp pub.



2) St John's BS21 7TH
11.30 am - 12.30 pm 6
bells 5 cwt.

The hall next door will be open for WC facilities.

3) Walk to All Saints
Church hall BS21 6AU for
1pm

Dinner Time 1 - 2 pm

We are allowed to have use of the hall facilities for 1 hr to make tea, coffee etc.

We need to raise £13.50 to cover this cost,

Ringling next door at All Saints from 2 - 3 pm 5 bells 11 cwt.

4) St Mary Walton BS21 7BY 3.30 - 4.30pm 6 bells 6 cwt.

The hall next door will be open for WC facilities.

We then walk back along sea front to St Andrews and perhaps enjoy an evening meal in The Little Harp. (This is not a pre booked arranged event)

Any queries please contact Alan Coombs 07773 017 586