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1. Tower subscriptions due by the AGM at Warmley November 26th

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Farcited Ringing

October 6th

A DAY OUT WITH Ken(Webb).

10.30-11.15 Yatesbury 5 (9.3.16) GF

SN11 8YE SU063714

11.30-12.15 Avebury 8 (4.2.20)

SN8 1RF SU099699

12.30-2.15 Lunch details to follow

2.30-3.15 Broad Hinton 6 (8.3.10)

SN4 9PS SU105763

Branch Ringing

October 22nd - 30th

Quarter Peal Week

22nd

Olveston

14.30-16.30



Keltston 1st Saturday

14.00 - 16.30

Chipping Sodbury Ringing

3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

Association Training Day

Saturday 8th

Wotton Based

Tower Subscriptions

The tower return forms for 2017 are on the branch web site. Tower Contacts or tower captain can select the tower under <Branch Affairs> and <Membership Information Page> on the branch web site. Rural Branch returns should be with the branch treasurer by the date of the branch

AGM at Warmley on Saturday the 26th of November. Do not forget to send your remittance with the form.

The Branch Program for 2017

Your branch committee members will be meeting in early October to discuss and consider the branch program for 2017.

Should you wish to have an input to the shape and content of the 2017 program now is your chance, just have a word with your Twig or a branch officer what you would like to see in the program. As I have said many times before the branch is its members, YOU elected the committee they are there to provide what you would like to see.

Don't sit back and do nothing have your say.

But of course you can also have your say at the AGM.

Heritage Open Days at Winterbourne Church and Barn

Visitors to Winterbourne Church and the adjacent medieval Barn enjoyed a feast of bellringing during Heritage Open Days weekend, as well as exploring the history and architecture of the two buildings.

In the church, our Branch CCTV cameras were installed so that visitors could simultaneously watch the ringers in action in the ringing room and the bells themselves up above. The Barn was host to the Lichfield Diocesan Mobile Belfry (LDMB), a set a small bells (80 pound tenor), which arrived on a trailer and was set up in the middle of the Barn. Phil Gay, one of the Trustees of the LDMB charity, transported the bells from Crewe and also supervised the assembly of the belfry by an enthusiastic group of Rural Branch ringers. Ringers from local towers were on hand all weekend to demonstrate

ringing on both sets of bells, to give visitors the opportunity to have a go, and to talk about what a wonderful hobby we have. Three of our towers also took the opportunity to turn up as a band to do some demonstration ringing.

Non-ringing visitors were fascinated to watch the bells rotating in response to the ringers pulling on the ropes below, quite unlike the popular perception of monks flying up and down on the ends of the ropes! And after the visitors had left on the Saturday, the ringers continued to enjoy a social evening with members of the Wotton Branch and some ringers from Portishead and Clevedon who had been on a Ladies' Guild outing during the day and had heard about the event. We rang the bells, both in the tower and the LDMB, had a good chat and tucked into a fish and chip supper from the local chippie in Winterbourne. The weather on Sunday was better and this seemed to attract more visitors. There were several lapsed ringers who had a go and admitted that they could get drawn back into ringing again, plus a number of non-ringers who were intrigued by the possibilities. We hope to see some of them again at one of our towers!

At close of play on Sunday, Phil Gay supervised the dismantling of the mobile belfry and then set off back to the Midlands at the end of a successful weekend.

Chris Greef

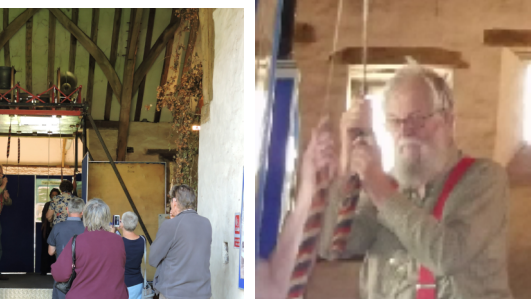
Branch Chairman

Pictures over page.

Thanks to Gill Greef for the mobile belfry pictures, Julie Scudamore, Lucy Bailey, Tony York and Alan Coombs son Stephen for the pictures on page 3.

Branch CCTV Cameras

Do not forget to book the cameras for your Church Fete or any event you have in your church or tower? They are for your use!



The small picture half way down on the RH side is of Phil Gay who drove the ring down from near Crewe. His comments were, "He enjoyed the weekend, the organisation and the supper on the Saturday evening"



The Ringers Prayer
 Our Tower Captain who art in tower
 “**Name**” be his name
 Thy rounds be rung, Thy Peals done
 In tower as it is in hand
 Give us this day, our daily stay
 And forgive us our missed dodges
 As we forgive those who missed their
 dodges with us
 Lead us not into stay bumping and
 deliver us from miss-calling
 For thine is the Bob the Single and the
 sally forever and ever.
 That’ All
 by Isaac O’Shea and David Tomas.
 Found by Mary York on Facebook.

Gloucester & Bristol
 Diocesan Association
 Frampton Cotterell, Gloucestershire
 St Peter Saturday, 17 September 2016
 in 47 mins (14–1–11)
 1260 Plain Bob Minor
 1 Mary S York
 2 Lucy Bailey
 3 Sue Alexander
 4 Christopher P Greef

5 Gary Crisp
 6 Alan J Coombs (C)
 Rung to Celebrate the 80th Birthday of
 Tony York, Secretary of Bristol Rural
 Branch.

Gloucester Cathedral

On Sunday 18th September the Bristol
 Rural Branch held its annual invitation
 to ring for Evensong Service at
 Gloucester Cathedral.
 It was a lovely sunny day which proba-
 bly accounted for the poor attendance

this year. However those that did
 attend enjoyed the ringing which
 included 2 new ringers Debbie and
 Sally, there was also a group who
 had a tour of the bells and look
 around the Gloucestershire coun-
 tryside from the tower roof. The
 ringing consisted of rounds and call
 changes on 12, plain hunting on
 10, Grandsire and Plain Bob triples.
 Afterwards Linda Gittings invited
 everyone back to her house for
 high tea.



I would like to
 say a big Thank
 you to Adrian
 and Linda, and
 all those that
 came to the
 Cathedral.
Alan Coombs
 Ringing Master