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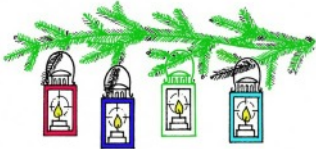
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Headlines

- 1 Far-cited Christmas outing - 5th December
- 2 Post mince pies practice - Frampton Cotterell - 28th December - 14.30-16.30
- 3 Branch practice - Warmley - 25th January - 14.30-16.30
- 4 Branch quiz - Iron Acton - 8th February - details later

December 2019

HAPPY



CHRISTMAS

Editor's Note

I have been reminded that two of our Rural Branch ringers have recently been formally approved as belfry advisors for the G&B Association, Matt Johnson and Jon Storey. Congratulations to them both! With Gary Crisp and Bryan Hardwick, this gives us four of the nine advisors across the Association. So, if you've got a problem or just want someone to have a look at your bells, you've got several experts on your doorstep to choose from. No excuse for delay!

Chris Greef

G&B Youth Training Day

On a cold and icy November morning we set off with Ada to All Hallows, South Cerney to take part in the G and B Youth Training Day where all abilities of ringers were catered for from rounds to surprise major methods. Ada was in the beginners group of six children aged nine upwards, led by Roger Haynes. The morning was spent ringing call changes, hunting and trebling to methods with lots of helpful guidance from Roger. Lunch was held at Watermoor church hall where all the groups met up to socialise and partake of a plentitude of delicious cakes. Afterwards everyone set off on a wet and rainy walk to St John the Baptist, Cirencester where all had the opportunity to ring on 12 bells. It was an enjoyable day for students and helpers alike and great friendships were made, with a wonderful opportunity for the youngsters to enhance their confidence and ability.

Julie Scudamore



The beginners group



The whole crew

Rural Branch young ringers

This year there are 91 junior ringers in the G&B and a good proportion were able to ring at the G&B youth training day. Unfortunately numbers have seemed to have declined over the years. As a Branch we should be doing everything possible to encourage youngsters to either learn to ring, or progress with their ringing. So we decided at our AGM to organize a get together for all our young ringers. This will be in the new year but in the meantime if you have young ringers as members at your tower, let us know so we can be sure they get an invitation.

Chris Greef

Rural Branch AGM

We had our Branch AGM at Coalpit Heath this year and as usual we were treated to an excellent tea, courtesy of the Coalpit Heath ringers and members of other towers who brought cakes.

On the Committee front, Lucy Bailey stood down as Branch treasurer - thanks to her for her efficient efforts in the role - and Alison Holliday has agreed to pick up the reins. Alison has also agreed to act as our Management Committee representative at G&B Association meetings. Other members of the Branch committee have remained in post.

Members present asked for us to arrange for Steve Coleman to come to run a couple of his popular training sessions, specifically on bell handling and raising and lowering in peal. So, if you are interested in either of these keep your eyes open for details when we have arranged suitable dates.

Members also responded to a request for comments on our Branch programme and we have a number of Post-it notes with suggestions to go through and see what the key messages are.

Chris Greef

Ringling Books Available

Tony York has some books and badges available at cost as below. Please contact him if you are interested:

The One per Learner Book (the little yellow book, ideal for learners for logging progress in early stages) - £1 each.

Ringling Circles (gives the blue line and details of what happens at calls for some standard methods) - £3 each.

G&B badges - £5.

Branch Ringling Achievements

Thornbury - 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Wapley - 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Filton - 1260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob & Grandsire) - rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday

Filton - 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles - first in multi-methods for Andrew Marker

Firsts Fortnight

Every year the G&B has a Firsts Fortnight, normally the last two weeks in October. I found the following entries for the Rural Branch on the G&B website. I detect the influence of our Branch Secretary in a number of these, so well done to her and all those who achieved a 'first'. Surely most of us could try something for the first time - maybe next year, but you don't have to wait till then?

Chris Greef

Glenn Laurence - called a touch of 120 Plain Bob Doubles

Kathy Mills - called a touch of 120 Plain Bob Doubles

Mary Taylor - called a touch of 120 Plain Bob Doubles

Sheila Lewis - called a touch of 120 Plain Bob Doubles

Judith Parsons - rang the tenor behind for a touch of 120 Plain Bob Doubles

Kathryn Mills - called a touch of 120 Grandsire Doubles

Glenn Laurence - called a touch of 120 Reverse Canterbury

Glenn Laurence - organized an Open Tower event at Dyrham to raise local interest in the bells and to try to recruit new ringers. He organized ringers, CCTV to show the bells and ringers in action, display boards, refreshments and advertising

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What's on this month in the
Branch



Farcited Ringing



Farcited Christmas Lunch

Thursday 5th December is:-

Morning coffee and ringing at Slimbridge GL2 7BJ with coffee from 10.15

Ringing 10.30 - 11.15

Parking in the car park behind the village hall (opposite the Church) Please note there are no toilets.

Ringing at Tytherington GL12 8UP 11.30 - 12.15 Road side parking.

Lunch at Eastwood Park GL12 8DA Seating 12.30 onwards; Meal 13.00

Note No Farcited January 2nd

Branch Ringing

28th December

Post Mince Pies Ringing

Frampton Cotterell

14.30 - 16.30

All Welcome



If you would like to use the Branch CCTV cameras in your tower, just ask a branch officer?

"If you want some help with a practice, some assistance to learn a new method, a special training session, or if you have any other query, please contact one of the Committee members.



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