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What's Happening this Month

Farcited Thursday, 5th June

Outing to the Monmouth Area

Program attached All Welcome.

Branch Ringing Note Change

28th Almondsbury 19.30 - 21.00



Mayday Outing

On Monday 5th May it was the annual branch outing and this year our destination was 7 Churches in Wiltshire, approximately 30 members came along and the weather was perfect. We made an early start and at 9 am we were at our first tower of the day, St Michael's, Lyneham. a nice 14 cwt peal of 6. Our

next stop was at St Bartholomew's, Royal Wootton Bassett. these were a 19 cwt peal of 8, that went very well and we all rang a variety of methods.

Our 3rd tower before lunch was at Holy Cross, Chiseldon. these are a 13 cwt ring of 6, again these bells went well and sounded nice.

Lunch time was left to our own devices



Chipping Sodbury Ringing

The 3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

All Welcome all methods rung.

We have two ringing activities to report on this month and a picture from last month's St Georges day local outing.

Note Change of Venue for June Branch Practice

We have had to change the BBQ and Branch Practice to the 19th of July at Winterbourne. Almondsbury have kindly stepped into the breach, thus for the 28th June it will be Almondsbury not Winterbourne.

We have a problem with the BBQ, currently we do not have a BBQ. Martin and Bryan are not available due to the date change, if you have a BBQ we can borrow we would be very grateful.

Please let Chris Greef no asap, or we may have to cancel.





vening 7 years had not happened at all. We were shown a lot of the surrounding country side including Paul and Lorene's sons 800 acre dairy farm with 500 milking cows. The picture above is of the hot springs at Rotarua, there is no doubt when you are there of the strong smell of sulphur. Unfortunately our stay was far too short and we had to leave to go onto see our grandchildren in Sydney Australia.

Cornwall Devon and St Mary's on the Scilly's

On Wednesday the 14th of May 24 of us all met up at the services at Exeter on our trip to the Scilly Isles. On the way to Penzance we rang at Ide, South Tawton, Lifford and Lanivet arriving at the Lugger Hotel on the promenade at Penzance at about 17.00 where we were all allocated our rooms. Mary and I were fortunate and had a room overlooking Penzance promenade on a lovely sunny evening.

The following morning we were up early, had an excellent breakfast and off to the airport about 8 miles from Penzance. Arriving at Sennen airport the majority of us were reprimanded for being late for check in but with the problem overcome we were soon studying the aeroplane's for our flights (picture below) We had two aircraft an eight and twenty four seater. Each party was soon called and we were all up and away. A very short but pleasant flight and we were landing on St Mary's. A bus was waiting for us and gave us all a trip around the island calling at an excellent cafe for refreshment which were all glad of, life isn't worth living without your coffee!

Back into St Mary's we had until 13.30 before ringing so we all did our own thing, wandering around the town, taking local walks and getting some lunch. We all met up at St Mary's church (8) and fairly light. The local who met us joined in for a touch of Stedman and he really wanted it too be rung very fast, after a couple of attempts it was thought that ringing new bells and the speed was not for us today so slowed it down a bit.

The bells were fine sounding and went very well, everyone had a ring and even several. Following ringing a group photo was taken and we again dispersed to amuse our selves which for many meant heading to a local cafe for a cup of tea and a cake. We all then had an hour and a

but we all met up at 2.30 pm for ringing at St Mary's Marlborough, these bells I felt were the best ring of the day, a 16 cwt ring of 8, we all a good ring from call changes to surprise major and we were complimented here on our striking. Our 5th tower took us just outside Marlborough to St George Preshute, another beautiful Church set in idyllic surroundings and where we all had our group photograph taken. Preshute has 6 bells and a 9cwt. tenor. We had our afternoon tea break in the car park and a well earned cup of tea. The 6th tower of the day was at St James Avebury, these bells were a 4cwt ring of 8, and rather flighty, again ringing ranged from call changes to 3 leads of Bristol. Our last stop was at All Saints Yatesbury, this is a lovely little Church with a 9cwt. ring of 5, and has had a great many connec-

tions with the RAF training base near by, which is now all in ruins.

I would like to thank everyone for coming and hope you all had a good day, and also for all your generous donations to each tower, I have received thank you's from all the towers we visited saying they all enjoyed our company and our generosity.

Alan Coombs.

Visit to New Zealand

Mary and I visited Paul and Lorene Grainger-Alan at the beginning of April for several days. Paul emigrated to New Zealand in 2006, prior to emigrating they lived at Pilning and Paul was Tower Captain at Olveston for many years.

We landed at Auckland airport where Paul met us off the plane, he lives about 25 km from Rotarua which is a 3 hours drive away from Auckland. We had a tremendous time whilst there and it really felt as if the inter-



half before getting back to the airport for our flight back to the mainland.

Several elected to walk back as it was not far, with most of us deciding to stay in the town and catch a taxi back at 5 o'clock. Whilst waiting for the taxi those who had walked to the airport phoned to say our flight had been called, however all was well and we made it back in time and flew back to the mainland. Back to the Lugger Hotel for an evening meal after it must be said an absolutely perfect day.

The following morning we found we had to be at Camborne earlier than expected as there was a funeral scheduled, so an early breakfast and on our way, leaving behind a very sunny Penzance and stunning views across the bay to St Michael Mount.

After ringing at Camborne where the three had a split stay and had to be handled with care we had quite a drive up the A30 to Roche a very pleasant ring of bells those who raised the bells were complimented by the treble ringer on the best rise of the tour to date. We were also met with tea and coffee provided by the locals which was very welcome. Several people purchased eggs which were on sale at a very reasonable price. It was lunch time next and so a further drive up the A30 several stopping off at the Jamaica Inn and quite a few met up at a pub near Altarnun for lunch. Then on to the very

pleasantly located church still in brilliant sunshine!

The next tower at Tedburn St Mary was well down country lanes and a good job we did not meet any other traffic on the way. A fairly lumpy six but still very manageable by all.

Unfortunately this was our last tower of the day, so lots of goodbyes were said and expressions of thanks to Sue Jay for the overall organisation of the three days and Ian Smith for arranging some excellent towers.

Thanks to you both for a splendid outing and arranging such good weather.

Have Your Say Seminar

Did any one go to the recent seminar in Bristol arranged by Bristol Branch on the future of ringing?

If you did is there any chance you might be able to write something about it for the next newsletter.

I did ask a member of the management group but nothing was forthcoming!



Farcited Summer Outing 2014

June 5th.

Morning Coffee recommend Coffee1 upstairs plenty of room for us all.
In the Main Street about halfway down!

9.45-10.30.	Monmouth.St.Mary the V.	8.	16cwt.	162	SO.508129.
11am-11.45.	Skenfrith.St.Bridget.	6.	7cwt.	161	SO.455203.

Please Note the Lunch arrangements have changed due to a road closure.

12.00 - 1.45 Lunch. The Bridge In Kentchurch HR2 0BY 161

2pm-2.45.	Grosmont.St.Nicholas.	6.	7cwt.	161	SO.404243.
3-3.45.	Llantilio Crossney. St.Teilo.	8.	4cwt.	161	SO.390189.
4-4.45.	Dingestow.St.Dinigat &St.Mary.	GF.	6.8cwt.	161	SO.457104.

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