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The Newsletter of Bristol Rural Branch Bellringers



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1. AGM Pucklechurch info
2. 2015 Branch Program for discussion at the AGM
3. Do not forget to input your quarter peal week quarters via Bellboard!

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What's Happening this Month

Farcited Thursday, 6th

Dundry 14.30 - 15.30 with a cup of tea and a biscuit.

1st Training Day TBA Saturday
22nd Branch AGM Pucklechurch
St Thomas



December 6th Branch Practice
14.30 - 16.30 Tytherington
27th Branch Practice (Post Mincepies)
14.30 - 16.30 Frampton
Chipping Sodbury Ringing
The 3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

17.45 - approx 18.30 Tea
18.30 - 19.30 Meeting
AOB items to the Secretary please!
Further ringing if required.
Note all the details, minutes from 2013, 2015 program, 2013 accounts may be found on the branch website under <Branch Affairs>

Syston Friday Morning Ringers and Friends in Cornwall

At the end of September seventeen ringers and friends of the Friday morning practice met at Carnon Downs for several days ringing and negotiating the narrow Cornish lanes. The ringing commenced at Truro Cathedral on the Tuesday evening following an evening meal in the hotel.

The following morning after a fairly early breakfast by almost all we drove to Mabe a short 6 miles drive if your GPS is working! We rang at 6 towers during the the day including Mawnan Henry Taysom, s old tower where he learnt to ring as a youngster and

where ex Thornbury ringers Rachael and Robert now ring.

Thursday morning saw us start at Gwennap, with a school next door. During ringing a nursery class of children arrived and visited the ringing chamber in small groups to see the ringing. It was then on to Tucking Mill where they have had cracking problems over the years and still have glass strips over the some of the cracks but we were allowed to ring.

We rang at a further four towers during the day before returning to the hotel for an evening meal. The following morning we were away with a 10.00 start, we had two further towers before heading for home, some one said we left the most difficult towers till last, this was probably true, but I will not bother saying where they are but one was in Devon and the other in Somerset. We had lost a number of ringers by this time (careless of us perhaps) but it meant everyone had to ring each time which made it quite hard work for the ringers remaining!

Annual Subscriptions 2015

May I remind all tower Contacts, Tower Captains and un-attached members that we collect our annual subscriptions between September and the date of the AGM which this year is at Pucklechurch on Saturday 22nd November!

The annual return forms for 2015 are now available on the branch web site under <Branch Affairs> <Membership Information page> >Select your return<

AGM Pucklechurch

Saturday November 22nd

Branch Meeting and AGM Pucklechurch St Thomas

The Afternoon Program.

15.00 - 17.00 Ringing

17.00 - 17.45 Service





Thanks to Sue Jay for the enthusiasm and Ian Smith for arranging the towers, we all had a great tour.



FarCited Ringers Christmas Outing



Early Notice.

December 4th Christmas Outing.

10-10.45 am Wick .St. Lawrence

11.-11.45 am Hutton. 6. BVM 1

Lunch. Weston-Super-Mare. Catering College.

The Grove Restaurant-12.15 for 12.30.

£12.50. Lunch Includes Welcome Drink Three Course Meal ,Coffee. (Bar Available) Parking near.

3-3.45 pm. W.S.M. St. John the Bapt.8

Early Booking essential we are limited on places, and please we need payment before the day!

Ryan and Eileen's
trip down memory lane to
South Wales

On Saturday 13th September a ringing outing was arranged for Mr and Mrs Price to revisit some of their old ringing haunts in their homeland of South Wales. They lived in Blackwood, and moved about 40 years ago, so it was a real trip down memory lane for them especially when Ryan seen his name on a peal board in Caldicot tower dated August 25th 1951, his first peal of Stedman Triples.

A dozen people joined us from across the Branch and the ringing ranged from Call changes to Cambridge.

Our first tower was at Magor, 6 bells 7cwt, and rung from the Chancel. Our next tower was Caldicot where we had some nice ringing following a wedding,

We then had a superb lunch in the Castle Inn opposite the church.

Our 3rd tower was at Penhow, 6 bells 15cwt

and rung from the South Aisle. Then on to the Llanwern, 5 bells 7 cwt.

The last tower was at Redwick, 6 bells 9 cwt and rung from the Chancel, where the group photograph was taken.

Alan Coombs

Assistant Ringing Master

Dear Branch Secretary/PRO/Newsletter Editor

Please see the email below from the CC. I'm not sure that it says anything of interest to members but as I never filter out anything from the CC, here it is.

Best wishes

Steve

From: [Kate Flavell](#)

Subject: [PRO's] News from Central Council P R Committee

Dear Secretaries and PR Officers of Central Council-affiliated societies

Regular PR updates

We are aiming to send out regular updates from the Council's Public Relations Committee to your PR Officers so that your societies are aware of the work and the thinking and planning that is going on between Central Council meetings. Please do pass this email on to your association mailing lists so that as many ringers as possible can be aware of current topics and things where they can join in and contribute. This is the first of our regular bulletins and feedback is very welcome so we can focus on things that are of use and of interest to you and to all ringers. Please do let me know what you would like to hear from us.

Christmas and publicity

I expect all ringers are well on with their plans for Christmas ringing. Have you thought about generating some local publicity for your ringing? Christmas and bells go together very well of course, and many local papers put their Christmas and New Year editions together quite a long way in advance as so many of their report-

ers are off over Christmas, so a topical local article submitted in very good time stands a good chance of publication. Even better if you can send a suitable photo for publication. If you are using your article for recruitment purposes as well, do focus on what fun ringing is and how well-suited it is for the young to learn to keep alive a traditional and fascinating hobby.

Need help?

If you would like any help with your publicity please do contact us. There is a lot of useful information on our [website](#) or you can contact Rosalind Martin at rosalind.ann.martin@gmail.com

Central Council PR Officer

You may have heard that the Council is seeking to recruit a Public Relations Officer and we are advertising for someone to fill that post now. Here is our advertisement (attached). Please do circulate this widely around your association so we can find the right ringer with the right skills.

With all very best wishes,

Kate Flavell

Chairman, Public Relations Committee
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers
Registered Charity number 270036.

We occasionally receive items like this from the Central Council with all good intentions but generally and unfortunately nothing else ever seems to happen, I just hope that this time I am perhaps wrong!

Editor

Finally this month, do not forget to input your quarter peals for quarter peal week via bellboard! The Ringing Master Bill Liebow sent out an email giving instructions. If you are not able to logon to Bellboard send your quarters to Bill to input please.

Program Dates for 2015 AGM Discussion Bristol Rural

Branch and Association

Month	Date	Event	Time	Notes/Venue
January	10th	Training Day		Saturday (Olveston)
	24th	Branch Practice	14.30 - 1630	Bitton
February	7th	Training Day		
	14th	Quiz Night	19.15 - late	Iron Acton
	28th	Branch Practice	14.30 - 16.30	Dyrham
March	7th	Officers Meeting (Morning)		Gloucester
	14th	Association Training Day		
	21st	Striking Competition	14.00 - 16.30 (Branch)	Compton Dando
	28th	Branch Practice	14.30 - 16.30	Coalpit Heath
	30th - 5th April	Holy Week		
April	4th	Training Day		Saturday (Frampton)
	18th	G and B AGM Penn and Croome Trophies		Chippenham Branch
	23rd	St Georges Day (Thursday)		
	25th	Branch Practice	19.00 - 21.00	Filton
May	4th	Mayday Outing		TBC
	9th	Training Day		Saturday (Mangotsfield)
	16th	Branch Practice and BBQ	15.00 - late	Abson
June	13th	Training Day		Saturday (Bitton)
	27th	Branch Practice (Possible Walking tour)		
July	4th	Joint Social event with Wotton Branch		
	11th	Training Day		Saturday (Alveston)
	25th	Branch practice	19.00 - 21.00	Thornbury
August	8th	Training Day		Saturday (Wapley)
	22nd	*Branch Activity*		TBC
September	12th	Association open tower and Heritage day		All Association towers?
	20th	Gloucester Cathedral (Sunday)		Gloucester Cathedral
	26th	Branch Practice	19.00 - 21.00	Wapley
October	10th	G & B Training Day		Wotton
	17th - 25th	Quarter Peal Week		
	24th	Branch Practice	14.30 - 16.30	Winterbourne
November	7th	Training Day		Saturday (Warmley)
	21st	Branch AGM		Westerleigh
December	5th	Branch Practice	14.30 - 16.30	Pucklechurch
	29th	Branch Practice	14.30 - 16.30 (Post Mincepies)	Frampton
January 2016	9th	Training Day		Saturday (Thornbury)
	23rd	Branch Practice	14.30 - 16.30	Olveston
	3rd Friday practices		19.30 - 21.00 All Welcome	Chipping Sodbury

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Always check the Branch Newsletter for the latest information