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1. Training Day June 4th not the 12th
2. 25th June walk and Ring around Clevedon 4 towers
3. May Day Outing reports times two.

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Farcited Ringing

2nd June

10.30 - 11.15 Newent. St. Mary. (16.1/4cwt)
GL18 1AA 723260

11.30 - 12.15 Corse St. Margaret
6 (12cwt) GF GL19 3BX 789264

12.30 - 2.15 Lunch Venue and menu later.

2.30 - 3.15 Hartpury St. Mary the V 6
(14.1/4cwt) GL19 3DE 781237

Branch Ringing.

Saturday 4th June Kelston Practice,
from 2 pm -5 pm (with cake)

We are combining this with another training session of Bob Minor by popular demand, please see Chris for an application form and we will need a band of helpers and students. It goes without saying the we are not ringing Bob Minor all the afternoon and all requests will be catered for !

10th June to 12th June. As you know its the Queens Official Birthday on 11th. and the Central Council are asking all towers in the country to ring on Sunday 12th between 12 pm and 2 pm to coincide with the Patrons Lunch in the Mall. Its a time of day when there is not usually any ringing taking place so it shouldn't be a problem, Please advertise why your ringing in your Church magazine and on your notice boards, and in your local paper, I will also be touch with BBC Radio Bristol. If you can't ring at that time please do some commemorative ringing, a Q peal, even a Peal anytime over the weekend and let me know for an article in Branch newsletter.

Saturday 25th June Its the Walk'n'Ring trip around Clevedon, All the details are attached to the June and May Newsletters, If a 5 mile round walk is to much then I'll let you take you car.

So stock up on Weetabix and lets get cracking !

Alan Coombs Ringing Master.

 **Sodbury Ringing 3rd Friday**



Anne Massey

It is with regret I have to tell you Anne a ringer at Winterbourne was taken ill whilst on Holiday in Cornwall and passed away in Truro hospital on Wednesday 18th of May. Anne was not a prolific ringer, but was a regular Winterbourne band member and did not ring elsewhere in the branch very often. I am sure all who new Anne will join with the branch management in joining in with our condolences to the family.

Branch officers

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

Treasurer.

The Treasurer

As Treasurer you must collect subscriptions, Issue receipts, keep accurate records, look after the money and draw up annual accounts The Association Treasurer' though. will send you details every year of what is required, and he is available to give helpful and friendly advice at any time. Putting funds into proper interest bearing accounts is also very important, as is persuading as many members as possible to sign Gift Aid certificates' This increases the associations income substantially. Once a year you and the secretary have to update the tower details and membership list for the Association Annual report.

(Next month the role of the Secretary)

On Thursday 21st April an all girl band rang a quarter of plain Bob doubles at Bitton to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday other quarters were rang at (I'm sure you will know) you could also include a picture of the girls! for St Georges day ringing and I'll write a piece from may day outing. I don't have any gossip sorry
Sue Eliot





The next Branch training day will be at Kelston on 4th June (not the 11th as originally advertised because this is the Queen's Birthday) and will focus on Plain Bob Minor - a form is attached. As in April, the training will be combined with the regular monthly Kelston practice - if you saw the recent newsletter you will know that we rang lots of Bob Minor on that occasion, plus other things from Call Changes through to Cambridge Surprise, so there will be something for whoever comes along. Please let me know if you are interested in the Plain Bob Minor, and as usual helpers are wanted.

Chris Greef

Abson Spring Outing

Our spring outing this year was very well attended; weather was good although it was raining by the time we got to the last tower. We managed to start the day right with Coffee Tea & Muffins. The lack of Toilet facilities was a bit of a problem ... will have to address for next year.

Lunch was at The Churchill Inn, was not too bad. All lunches arrived on time and everyone got what they ordered and a nice lot of time to have a natter.

We all had a good time and lots of good ringing, towers were accessible to all everyone (even if some had long drafts.) Outstanding was the four bell tower at Orcheston. They did us proud with cold drinks, homemade fruit cake and scrummy chocolate cake. Everyone had a go ringing on four bells even the more experienced ringers among us enjoyed themselves on the four bells. Our last tower was

Shrewton, due to a misunderstanding we all got soaked waiting for the key holder to turn up. Eventually we got let in, we revived ourselves with more Tea, Coffee and homemade cake, thanks to Pam. We then proceeded to have some good ringing before wending our weary way home.

We would like to extend many thanks to John Payton for the loan of the Hot-Pots. Although through ill health he was unable to come along himself. Get Well Soon John, you are sorely missed. Would also like to extend a big Thank- You to Mervyn for fill the Hot-Pots and looking after them. Not forgetting the ringers from Gloucester Pam, Robin, and Stan also Steve for swelling our numbers and helping out when needed, last but no means lest our tower Captain for all the hard work he has done with our learners.

Altogether everyone had a good day out I hope ☺

Sheila Lewis

Abson Tower Contact

May Day 2016

It was a cool sunny start to the day as we traveled up the A46 to Barnsley. The day didn't start well as we couldn't find the key to unlock the bell ropes but after that the day got better and better. Onto Coln St Aldwyns where some frequented the local coffee shop and then to Hatherop, where we were invited to enjoy the gardens on the way to the church. After lunch it was onto Fairford to ring from the choir stalls, a long draft and slightly on an angle. As we left the heavens opened but was dry by the



time we got to Ampney Crucis. To finish the day we rang at Malmesbury, St Paul's Tower. A mixture of methods were rung and call

changes at every tower. In total 31 ringers rang during the day and all the towers had lovely bells. In my opinion a very successful day.

Sue Elliot Assistant Ringing Master

The Mayday outing started quite early for us as ever we had to have our coffee before arriving at the first church at Barnsley between Cirencester and Bibury a pleasant Gloucestershire ground floor ring church with parking on the main road. However as Cirencester was on our route and Waitrose was available we stopped for Coffee at Waitrose as did a couple of other's who were on there way. On arriving at Barnsley there were already a lot of people and the bells were being raised. At this time of day the sun was shining and it was looking like a pleasant day ahead. We moved on to Coln St Aldwyn another very pleasant village and church. A good thing about this village was that it had a village shop and and a cafe, which many of the ringers made use of for the consumption of coffee, and several purchased their lunch there. The next tower was Hatherop quite a long walk from where we parked the cars, people stood outside before ascending the tower in the sunshine. The small picture in the the corner of the group picture was take in Hatherop and I thought was rather special!

Following Hatherop was Fairford and lunch time. Many of the ringers frequented the Bull Hotel in the Centre of Fairford and I believe they all had a relaxing lunch. Then up the town square to St Mary the Virgin which has a central chancel ringing area, and our organiser Sue had been asked that none of our ringers wear shorts, a strange request? and none did. With the ringing completed and group photo of the day taken it was time to move on to Ampney Crucis. As we were leaving the church at Fairford the heavens opened and it

rained very hard all the way to the next tower. I have been to Ampney Crucis on at least three or four occasions and it has been raining or a very dark day which makes it seem quite dismal church, I am sure it is fine when the sun is shining. Having rung at this tower we made our way home missing the last tower at Malmesbury as the dog had been in the car for a lot of the time during the day and it was his tea time. Thank you Assistant Tower Captain for a very pleasant day and a reasonable group of towers suitable for Rural Branch Ringers.

Branch Secretary

A trip to Ireland

I am sure some of you will be aware that a group of ringers from around the association branches recently spent four days in Ireland ringing at nine towers which were arranged by Sue Elliot.

The towers were from Arclow in the south in County Wicklow to Drogheda in the north.

I have really put this brief article in to show you the entrance to the ringing chamber at St Augustine's in Dublin, the photograph above which was a very long and twisty spiral staircase and you were staring out in to space at every turn! Also as it can be seen, and it is very visible from the church itself.

At least one of the party was unable to ascend the stairs.

I think it is also relevant because the Ecclesiastical insurance company have suggested that all towers compile and have an emergency exit procedure.

St Georges Day

Well done to all those teams that took part in the ringing for St Georges Day, This year instead of the usual outing I invited all towers to do their own thing, I am pleased to say that a total of 11 towers took part with 6 quarter peals being rung and the other 5 did some general ringing, Those that participated were Warmley, Syston, Filton, Tytherington, Pucklechurch, Mangotsfield, Frenchay, Dyrham, Abson, Frampton Cotterell, and a quarter peal at Kelston.

Kelston

On May 16th 2015 we rang for a wedding at Kelston, and throughout the year the



The Stairway to

because it was a wet afternoon.

Those who did make the effort had a good ring followed by a good chat and some excellent food. Thanks to Chris and Adrian for the bbq'd food, the ladies who provided the superb salads, and those of you who provided the excellent sweets and puddings. All in all those of us who went along I think had a very pleasant evening.

Weston family has always shown a keen interest in the bells, So this year to mark their 1st Anniversary we rang a quarter peal of "Anniversary Doubles" Mr & Mrs Weston also invited all the ringers to their house for a superb tea beforehand. Unfortunately the newly wed couple were in New York so they relayed our ringing via skype to them in New York. They also donated £70 towards the tower funds.

Alan Coombs

Branch Practice and BBQ 2016

Well it was wet again, fortunately we had a gazebo for Adrian and Chris to do the BBQ'ing under. Unfortunately we only had about thirty people come along, perhaps it was



Branch Practice Information

Methods rung at the branch practice at Syston on May 21st.

St Martins, St Julian, Eynsbury, Grandsire, Plain bob, Stedman, Plain hunt, and lots of call changes on 5 bells, also Plain Bob Minor, and St Clements.

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