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In Touch



North Bucks Branch - www.northbucksbranch.org.uk September 2019

Diary of Events 2019/20					
Date	Event	Venue	tbc/ C	Timing	Organiser
Saturday 7th September	Autumn Meeting	Buckingham	С	4.30-6.30pm	Brian Baldwin
Saturday 21st September	Branch Practice	Lavendon	С	5.00-6.30pm	Barry Eglesfield
Thursday 26th September	Mid-Week Group	Woughton	С	11am-12.30pm	Nick Read
Saturday 28 th September	Branch Outing	Bedford Area	С	9.00am – 5pm	Doug Hird
Saturday 28 th September	Michaelmas Course	Details to follow	С	10am-6.00pm	Robert Newton
Saturday 5th October	Guild 6 Bell	Chalfont St Peter	С	? Heats	Brian Baldwin
Saturday 19 th October	Branch Practice	Newport Pagnell	tbc	5.00-6.30pm	Barry Eglesfield
Thursday 24 th October	Mid-week Group	Calverton	С	11am-12.30pm	Nick Read
Saturday 26 th October	Course Basic Methods	Steeple Aston	С	09.15-8.00pm	Jonathon Creshall
Monday 11th November	Officers Meeting	Venue tbc	С	7.30-9.00pm	Brian Baldwin
Saturday 16 th November	Branch Practice	Calverton	С	3.30-5.00pm	Barry Eglesfield
Saturday 23 ^d November	Guild 10 Bell Contest	Warfield	С	Details to follow	Guild Ringing Master
Saturday 23 ^a November	ODG General Com- mittee Mtg	Sonning Deanery	С	Details to follow	Guild Secretary
Thursday 28 th November	Mid-week Group	Details to follow	tbc	11am-12.30pm	Nick Read
Saturday 7 th December	Christmas Meeting	Details to follow	tbc	Details to follow	Brian Baldwin
Saturday 21st December	Branch Practice	Shenley	tbc	3.30-5.00pm	Barry Eglesfield
Monday 10 th Feb. 2020	Officers Meeting	Woughton	С	7.30-9.00pm	Brian Baldwin
Saturday 7th March 2020	North Bucks AGM	Emberton	С	Details to follow	Brian Baldwin
Saturday 6th June2020	6 Bell Competition	Wavendon	С	4.00-6.30pm	Brian Baldwin

Branch Autumn Meeting

The branch Autumn meeting is being held at the beautiful St Peter and St Pauls in Buckingham (Castle Street, MK18 1BS), starting at 16:30; there will be ringing on the fine eight, followed by a short business meeting, aiming to finish at 18:30.

Phillip Starr

Proposed Changes to Branch Communications

Having been In Touch Editor since 2016, I have been proud to contribute to the branch. In the May 2018 edition, I wrote an article here asking about engagement with branch, entitled Our Branch. It elicited no response. In the last edition of In Touch, I raised the question of the future of In touch, based upon its circulation, consumption of raw materials and how current many of the articles were by the time it is published.

This lead to the future of In Touch being debated by the Branch Officers at their meeting on the 12th of August at which I proposed the following:

- Going forward, the role of In Touch Editor will be evolved into Communications Officer, working
 with the Webmaster to keep the branch informed, aiming for the members finding the website
 a valuable tool for news and events, and using the articles submitted to enliven our website.
- Ending the hard copy publication.
- An up-to-date diary and Branch Officers contact emails will be available on the website.
- On a monthly basis, an email will be circulated to all members with a link the website
 encouraging them to look at a copy of the branch diary and news.
- Members and towers who would like a quarterly black and white branch diary sent to them by post can request this at no additional cost, by making this request to the Communications Officer.
- The members would have the final vote on this proposal, if accepted by the Branch Officers.
- The aim would be to have the proposal implemented immediately. Those who have paid in advance for a printed colour copy would receive a pro-rata refund upon request.

The aim is to have these developments implemented before the Branch AGM in 2020.

This evolution will not only reduce consumption of natural resources, but allow reinvestment into the website, and wider access to the world with more current information, as well as making communication easier to manage for the volunteers whose time is given to the Branch.

This proposal was unanimously accepted at a vote by the Officers present.

At the Christmas meeting and social on the 7th of December, this proposal will formally be proposed and seconded, for a vote by those members present.

This will be your chance to have your say.

Phillip Starr—In Touch Editor

EMBERTON OUTING



We set off for Bedfordshire on 18th May, on one of our occasional ringing outings. Four towers were enjoyed in a leisurely fashion, two coffee & tea stops, and a pub lunch!

We started at Meppershall, rung from the Chancel, then on to the lovely 8 at Campton, after our coffee break. We had hired Campton village hall as a tea shop couldn't be found, and thanks go to Wendy's mum for the lovely cakes, and Harvey for his scones.

Lunch was enjoyed at The Guinea, Moggerhanger

before ringing at Tempsford, then it was on to the last tower at Willington. We realised how fortunate we are to have Emberton bells when we experienced the afternoon towers! The outing over, some of us then headed off to Frosts at Willington for a much-needed cup of tea.

Thanks to Phil and Wendy Haslam for organising the outing, and to the ringing friends who joined us from Bozeat, Hanslope, Roade and Yardley Hastings.

Sheila Watts

BELL FOR SALE

Would you be interested in buying this bell? It's history is unknown, but it was cast by Bowen of London in 1848, and has a diameter of 35.4cm.

Complete with clapper and hung on a wooden frame with castors.

Contact 07703 279165 for more details.

Sheila Watts



ODG 10-Bell Striking Competition

Here is advance notice of the 2019 ten bell competition which will be held at Warfield on the morning of 23rd November prior to the General Committee Meeting. I should be grateful if you would forward it to likely organisers of competition bands within your branch. Full details will follow in due course with the official Notice.

The method chosen by the Finance & General Purposes Committee is Grandsire Caters and the touch will be:

269 Grandsire Caters

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42356798 1.2s.3 62345798 1s.4s 34265879 2s.4

Tony Crabtree (Deputy Master)

Ringer Rings for her own wedding!

Vicky Stanworth, the last of the Stanworth clan to wed, was determined to ring for her own wedding. This is comparatively easy at Padbury as they are a ground floor ring. The arrangements were not without their difficulties. Vicky was to ring on her way in, but so that the groom did not see her until she appeared beside him at the front of the church, this meant that she would need to enter the church by way of the West door straight into the tower rather than entering by way of the South door. The West door is seldom opened and so Helen and Richard spent a couple of Saturday mornings clearing away the cobwebs from around the door and cleaning the whole of the ringing room floor so that Vicky's dress would not get messed up.

On the day all went according to plan and Vicky rang a short touch with members of her family on her way into the service. Her brother recorded the event on Bellboard:

Padbury, Bucks St Mary the Virgin

Saturday, 13 July 2019 (10½ in A2)

60 Plain Bob Minor

- 1. Helen Stanworth
- 2. Victoria L R Stanworth
- 3. Catherine M Tinsley
- 4. Celia J K Stanworth
- 5. Richard S Stanworth (C)
- 6. A John Stanworth

First (and only) time ringing in a wedding dress and last touch as a Stanworth – 2

Unfortunately, the official photographer has lost the photos taken of Vicky ringing in her wedding dress, so the only evidence is a photo taken as she emerged from the tower -

A celebratory quarter peal was rung by members of the family on the following day. Vicky was due to take part in this but was unable to as she was delayed at the reception venue when they took an hour and a half to find the remains of her wedding cake (it has not been stored in the usual place). All was not lost as this allowed Celia to ring her first quarter where all the ringers had the same surname

Padbury, Bucks

St Mary the Virgin

Sunday, 14 July 2019 in 44m (10½ in A2)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1. Helen Stanworth
- 2. David J P Stanworth
- 3. Celia J K Stanworth
- 4. Richard S Stanworth
- 5. A John Stanworth (C)

To celebrate the marriage yesterday of Vicky Stanworth and Ashley Bunce. Also, to celebrate 50 years ringing by David and Richard.

Richard Stanworth

August Branch Practice

The Branch Practice for August was held on the 18th at Milton Keynes Village and was well attended with 25 members representing 11 Towers. Ringing ranged from plain doubles and minor, Stedman Grandsire and a couple of courses of Carlisle Surprise Minor were successfully brought round.

Thanks to the local ringers and the incumbent for allowing us to ring, and to all who attended and made this a constructive and beneficial practice. A collection was taken up of £42 which was shared equally between MKV tower and the OD Bell Fund.

Next Branch Practice will be in October at Lavendon (6 Bells 10cwt) on Saturday 21st September from 5.00 - 6.30pm

Alan Marchbank

Ringing in Belgium

Earlier this year I was part of a group from the Whiting Society that went to Belgium to hold an intensive 4-day training session for the ringers at St George's Church in Ypres.

St George's Memorial Church (the 'English Church') was built to commemorate over 500,000 British and Commonwealth troops who had died in Ypres Salient, during World War I. Built in 1928, the church had a tower with no bells. The church's bell tower was given by the Knott family in memory of their two sons who were killed in the war, but there were insufficient funds to buy bells. As



the centenary of the First World War approached Alan Regin conceived the idea of a memorial set of 8 bells for Ypres. The bells were cast by Taylor's and travelled on the back of two vintage lorries (a Thornycroft and a Dennis, both built in 1915 and used in the Great War) via the Great Dorset Steam Fair, Tyne Cot Cemetery near Ypres, and pausing at the Menin Gate before reaching St George's Church.

Of course, it's no good having bells if there are no ringers. Initial training of a local band was undertaken by ART tutors and a regular flow of ringers from the UK has helped progress the team so there is now a competent band working through the ART training scheme. There are 11 Belgians, 4 UK expats, and 1 from Holland. Needless to say, if you volunteer to go and teach there are a few communication difficulties to overcome unless you are a fluent Flemish speaker! However, the learners we were teaching were so enthusiastic and took all our advice and new ideas on board, it was an absolute pleasure to work with them and very pleasing to see the progress made in the few days we were there. And two quarter peals were scored – both with a local ringer in the band.

But it wasn't all ringing – we did get time off for good behaviour and my (non-ringing) husband and I explored Ypres



and the surrounding area. Ypres itself is astonishing. By the end of the war the entire town lay in ruins, with only a handful of buildings left standing. After the War, most of central Ypres was rebuilt with German reparations money with each building recreated to it's original architecture – the re-building continued to as recently as the 1960s. Particularly impressive is the re-built Cathedral, complete with 102 metre spire though it's carillon is definitely in competition with St George's bells!

Last post at the Menin Gate is not to be missed but you do need to get there early to get a good vantage point. At 8pm

every night, the traffic through the Gate is halted, and the Last Post is played by buglers followed by a minute's silence, a haunting experience in a sombre setting. Out of respect, the bells of St George's are always silent at 8pm during this ceremony. The Gate itself is over-whelming — the sheer size of it and the volume of names inscribed on it commemorating 54,000 soldiers who died in Belgium and have no known grave.



Casemates in the walls of Ypres were used in WW1 as an officers' mess and was also the where the trench newspaper 'The Wipers Times' was printed. Now the casemates are home to a brewery, the first beer brewed bearing the name Wipers Times. (Duly sampled!)

We included visits to the interactive 'In Flanders Fields' museum in Ypres, Passchendaele Museum which has extensive recreated trenches, the Hooge Crater site which has original trenches and also mounds of artillery shells lying around (hopefully not live!), man-made Hill 60 with it's stark view of Ypres, and to some of the cemeteries where my relatives and soldiers from Loughton were commemorated. It was surprising the huge variation to be found just in the small number of cemeteries we visited – each beautifully kept but each with an individual style.

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Tyne Cot Cemetery is the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world. A sad claim to fame. Tyne Cot (Tyne Cottage) was the name given to a local barn by the Northumberland Fusiliers. Nearly 12,000 are buried here, over 8,000 of whom are unidentified. The site's surrounding wall is a memorial to the missing, bearing the names of nearly 35,000 men from the UK that were never found and presumed dead.

Polygon Wood is a small original wartime cemetery surrounded by a polygon of walls containing 107 commonwealth graves (including one German soldier) with the 'new' gravestones marking the sites of the original graves.



Lijssenthoek Cemetery is on the site of casualty clearing stations. 10,784 wounded who did not survive their stay in hospital were buried on-site - mainly British but also some French and German soldiers as well as one US grave and a number for the Chinese Labour Corps. The cemetery also holds the grave of the only woman to be buried in a CWGC cemetery, nurse Nellie Spindler.

Hazebrouck was the site of a British Red Cross Hospital. The WW1 graves here are in part of the town cemetery. Pristine white stones for the British, iron crosses mournfully turning to rust for the French graves.

We ended our visit stuck in a French Customs strike – they had decided to make a laborious search of every single vehicle but chatting to the officers, when they established I'd been bellringing, they waved us through – bell-ringers are obviously trustworthy, no search required!

A really memorable visit – we are now keen to return, there was so much more to see. I couldn't recommend it enough – if you are a ringer, the bells are wonderful to ring and the local band very welcoming. But just as a really interesting and poignant place to go, it is extraordinary.

Anne McIntyre

OU Society celebrates in North Bucks

The 40th anniversary of the formation of the Open University Society of Change Ringers was celebrated in June on a very hot day. OU ringers (students and staff, both present and past) from far and wide rang at six Bedfordshire towers and scored three Quarters over the weekend. Bedfordshire was chosen as the Society have covered North Bucks towers well over the years.



Back in the Branch, a celebration dinner was held at Chicheley Hall with toasts to the Queen and the Society. The after dinner speaker was Alan Regin MBE, Steward of the Rolls

hich pays tribute to the

of Honour for the Central Council, which pays tribute to the 1,400 ringers killed in WW1 and 300 who died in WW2.

The Society flourishes with frequent new members, and intrepid outings to all parts of the UK and beyond. The latest was a weekend in Ypres, where a Quarter was rung on the new bells

Sheila Watts

ODG Youth Team Wins National Competition

Following a year of preparation, on Friday 5th July 2019, 10 young members of the ODG set off for Liverpool to take part in the Ringing World National Youth Striking Competition (RWNYC) which took place on Saturday 6th. After meeting Sophie who came up by train having set out very early on the Saturday morning, the team headed for some general ringing at a couple of 'interesting' 8's at Bootle and Walton, producing some ringing of a somewhat mixed quality. More through the quality and 'ringability' of the bells than anything else. Daniel's angry face was quite a picture when he seemed to be having some difficulty with the 2nd at Walton.

The team's designated slot at the beautiful 42cwt 12 at St Nicholas, Pier Head was immediately before lunch, after which everyone settled for a few hours of good practice on handbells and some good fun on the mini rung in the ground of St Nicholas. It would have to be said that it was hard for the smaller bells to compete with the sound of the grand tower bells emanating from the tower almost all of the day.

Having been drawn to ring 22nd out of 24 entrants, the team set off for St Francis Xavier (8 @ 16cwt) ready for their big moment at 4pm. Following an allowed 5 minutes of practice, the following band performed 168 Grandsire Triples as their test piece:

Izzy Anderson-Besant (South Oxon)

Daniel Page (Reading)

Corey Gibson (Central Bucks)

Ben Gladwyn (EBSB)

Thomas Sherwood (Reading)

Sophie Martin (Old North Berks)

Dougie Vale (C) (North Bucks)

Josh Ball (Old North Berks)

By the time everyone had returned to Pier Head, there was not long to wait for the results at 6pm. In the packed church, the tension within the team was high as we got down to the last two teams with the ODG yet to be named. A tension that was abruptly let loose as the second place team was announced, confirming that the ODG had indeed won.

They had done it, first place in the National Competition. The team collected their medals and the Whitechapel Trophy was duly handed to Dougie, which Sophie subsequently managed to drop on the floor, much to the hilarity of all present. This did not however detract from the visible delight at having been placed first in such a prestigious event.

Conductor Dougie Vale of North Bucks branch lifting the Whitechapel Trophy.

Judging comments – You rang steadily but in a controlled manner. You had a good sense of what you were doing as a team which kept you going through the odd inaccuracy. The roll ups and downs were executed well. Pleasing. Well done.

Well done to a fantastic team.

By Colin Newman

Amazing Pilgrimage 2019

On September 15, there will be a pilgrimage from CMK to Olney to celebrate the 240th anniversary of the publication of *Olney Hymns*, which included *Amazing Grace*.

The details are here: www.amazingpilgrimage.co.uk, and the promotional YouTube video https://youtube/420fk230gal

It will use Newport Pagnell and Sherington churches as way stations, and obviously terminate at Olney church.

It is hoped that the bells at these three churches will ring to encourage and celebrate the pilgrimage.

Martin Petchey

In Memory—Gerald Stratton 1928 – 2019

Ringers who have known the Newport band over the years will be familiar with the presence of Gerald Stratton in the tower. Members of the congregation will also remember his contribution to the church choir. His first quarter was on the tenor to Grandsire Triples in 1948. Although Gerald could ring inside, most of his ringing was on Treble and Tenor. His reliable presence on Sundays and practice nights was a positive help for all of Newport's tower captains.

Meanwhile, a number of other snippets are of interest:

He was posted to Silverstone for national service.

He was a reporter for The Bucks Standard, based at Newport, then Deputy Editor and Editor of The Wolverton Express.

His ability with shorthand was useful in Newport's tower meetings resulting in reliable minutes every time. Gerald's skill as a photographer resulted in some photos of ringers such as this one of the Newport band ringing for the Queen's coronation.



He was organist at Sherington and was mentioned in several wedding reports in the local paper, possibly because he wrote them.

Gerald was a cricket supporter, particularly of Northants.

A strong supporter and organiser of money raising ventures for good causes; here we see Gerald organising the tombola at a church fete in the 1970's.

Gerald's father, Laurence, was a ringer in the Lathbury band.

Doug Hird

All Saints—Calverton Ringing

From October 2019, Malcolm Hooton and Wendy Price are encouraging regular ringing at the newly re-hung eight bell tower. Ringing will be on the second and forth Sundays of each month, between 17:00 and 18:00, and when there is a fifth Monday in the month, between 19:30 and 21:00. All Welcome!

Phillip Starr

Midweek Ringing

Future dates for your diaries are:-

- September 26th Woughton-on-the-Green - 10.30am tea and coffee, ringing 11.00am – 12.30pm
- October 24th Calverton 10.30am tea and coffee, ringing 11.00am – 12.30pm

Nick Read

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

BELL MAINTENANCE COURSE

Based at Checkendon

Organised by the ODG Towers & Belfries Committee

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2019

10 am to 3.30 pm Cost £5

- Inspection and maintenance
- Working safely in a tower
- Rope management- identifying wear points
- Guide frames
- Improving the ringing circle
- Sound control
- Improving bells clapper alignment, odd-struckness

Please send replies by 1st September, to: Secretary; Anthony Williamson: anthony.williamson@tiscali.co.uk

For more details of topics please contact: Chairman; Tony Crabtree: tony.crabtree@talktalk.net (01793 784064)

Tea & coffee available. Please bring packed lunch.

Shenley and Loughton Ringing Outing

On a lovely sunny morning at the beginning of August the Shenley and Loughton ringers, plus a couple of friends from Bradwell, set off for their Warwickshire ringing outing. The towers were mainly in the Edge Hill area at the very top end of the Cotswolds with pretty, honey-coloured stone villages.

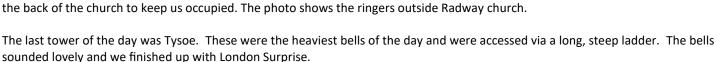
First stop was Hanwell, just over the border in Oxfordshire, where the church was down the narrowest of lanes. This was a lovely ring of six to get us started and the ringing ranged from doubles to surprise.

Next stop was Kineton, the only eight of the day. We rang call changes, Grandsire Triples and a particularly well-struck plain course of Plain Bob Major – not bad for six-bell ringers!

Then on to lunch at the National Herb Centre in Warmington. The food was good and there was time for the gardeners in the group to have a wander through the plant centre and purchase some plants.

After lunch the first tower was Farnborough. This was a pretty village and the church looked out over the Warwickshire countryside. The ringing chamber was on a balcony and was rather cramped and that, combined with light, lively bells, made for a challenging ring.

The penultimate tower was Radway – a ground floor ring of five arranged around the font. For those not ringing, there was a Civil War exhibition at



All in all, it was a very enjoyable, relaxed day out – sunny weather, beautiful countryside, pretty villages and good friends. What more could you want?

Ann Birch, Shenley



While Whaddon is no longer able to hold a band practice due to a lack of numbers, the ringers are fortunate to have the monthly Open Practice at St. Mary's, Whaddon. This continues with ringers from a vast array of ability and from across branch boarders, on the first Friday of every month. All abilities are welcome, and every effort will be made to accommodate you.

Please join in this friendly practice on a fine set of six (Tenor 14 hundred weight).

Phillip Starr



Education Committee

STEEPLE ASTON

ONE-DAY COURSE

Saturday 26th October

2019

9.15am to 8.00pm

A one-day training course providing tuition and practical experience ringing basic methods from Plain Hunt, Plain Bob and Grandsire to Plain Bob Major

£30 per person, including evening meal)

For further details and an application form please email steepleastoncourse@odg.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Sunday 15th September

Branch Outing 28th September 2019

As advertised, there will be an outing on 28th September. It won't be far away so you can fit it in with Weddings etc. The route is:

- Bromham 9:00
- Stevington 10:15
- Carlton 11:30
- Lunch—The Fox at Carlton
- Harrold 2:00
- Bozeat 3:15
- Castle Ashby 4:30

Please let me know if you are interested in coming. I will pass on pub menus and organise lunch nearer the date.

Doug Hird

Hanslope Rehang

Whites are due to start work at Hanslope on Monday 9 September. The bells will be removed from the tower during that week and then transported to Appleton for the refurbishment to begin. It is estimated that the work will take between three and four months to complete.

Work was originally due to begin in mid July, but Whites had to reschedule the date because there was a backlog of work at the foundry which meant the frame would not have been ready in time for this start date.

I have forwarded this email on to Diane Gordon who is our project co-ordinator, and hopefully she will be able to give you an update on current the financial situation.

Will get back in touch when I have some more information for you.

It's so exciting to think that the project is finally getting underway, there were times when it felt like it was never going to happen.

Sheila Watts

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Quarter Peals

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Loughton, Buckinghamshire

All Saints

Friday, 19 July 2019 in 45m (11–2–14 in G)

1296 Battle's Over Treble Bob Minimus

- **1.** Edward Fawcett (C)
- 2. Anne McIntyre
- 3. Terry Page
- **4.** Gary Reading (C)
- 5. Linda Maycroft

Rung to mark the 100th anniversary of Peace Day 1919

First minimus for all

Back in February we were set the challenge, by Linda, to learn a method to ring for the Peace Day Anniversary to be rung at both Loughton and Shenley. Minimus methods were selected as this allowed for two cover bells to involve as many Loughton and Shenley ringers as possible. We practised Last Post for many weeks and then tried Battle's Over so that we could ring different methods at Loughton and Shenley. As we all know, the best laid plans found that there were not enough ringers available on the day for one tower let alone two!

It was a quarter we are all glad we scored for the anniversary, and a major achievement to stay focussed – it was so repetitive! First minimus for all and probably last too!

Anne McIntyre

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Loughton,

Buckinghamshire

All Saints

Friday, 12 July 2019

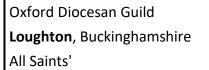
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1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- **1.** Robin Starr
- 2. Ann Birch
- **3.** Anne McIntyre
- 4. Bob Tregillus
- 5. Gary Reading
- **6.** Simon J O Head (C)

1st birthday compliment to Georgia Crozier, granddaughter of Anne & Steve McIntyre.



Monday, 22 April 2019 in 44m (11–2–14 in G)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1. Anne McIntyre
- 2. Becky Fawcett
- **3.** Edward Fawcett
- **4.** Graham Bartholomew
- **5.** Gary W Reading (C)
- **6.** Claire E Reading

Rung to commemorate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mark and Valerie Jeffries. First in method as conductor: 5 Anne McIntyre



Oxford Diocesan Guild

Emberton, Buckinghamshire

All Saints

Monday, 25 March 2019 in 47m (9-0-18 in G)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1. Maureen White
- 2. Roy Keeves
- 3. Martin Petchey, Mayor of Milton Keynes
- 4. Wendy A Haslam
- 5. Phil M Haslam
- 6. Tony Gray (C)

Dedicated to the 800th anniversary of All Saints' Church. Also rung for the

Milton Keynes Mayor's Challenge, supporting 'The Bus Shelter MK', a charity for the homeless in Milton Keynes.

Sheila Watts

St. Johns, Wicken, Northamptonshire

28th May 2019 in 48 mins 1344 Lessness Surprise Major

- 1. Ann M Fletcher
- 2. Barbara A King,
- 3. Margaret J Bulleid
- 4. Nick Gray
- 5. Ruth Stokes
- 6. Andrew J Spencer
- 7. Christopher E Bulleid (C)
- 8. Christopher C Stokes

Rung with best wishes to Emma Thompson and Jonathan Spencer on their recent engagement

Nick Gray

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Loughton, Buckinghamshire

All Saints

Monday, 11 March 2019 in 42m (11-2-14 in G)

1260 Doubles (4 Methods)

120 St Osmund, 360 St Simon's, 360 St Martin's, 420 Plain Bob

- Terry Page
- 2. Anne McIntyre
- **3.** Gary W Reading
- 4. Ann Birch
- **5.** Edward Fawcett (C)
- 6. Sarah Elliott

To celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Shenley and Loughton Women's Institute.

Anne McIntyre

Calverton, Buckinghamshire

All Saints

Tuesday, 11 June 2019 (9–3–8 in G2)

1264 Plain Bob Major

- 1. Raymond Vickers
- 2. Julie Haseldine
- 3. Malcolm Hooton
- 4. Wendy Price
- Ruth Stokes
- 6. Douglas Hird
- 7. Christopher Stokes
- 8. Andrew Haseldine (C)

First quarter peal on the bells since augmentation, tuning and rehanging.

Wendy Price

Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire

St Mary and St Giles

Monday, 24 June 2019 in 49m (12cwt)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1. Roger Everson
- 2. Wendy Price
- 3. Malcolm Hooton
- 4. David G Sanderson
- 5. Michael Nimmo (C)
- 6. Derek White

80th Birthday Compliments to Derek White

Wendy Price

Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes

Holy Trinity

Tuesday, 14 May 2019 in 50m (14 in G)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1. Wendy Price
- 2. James Woodcock
- Martin Petchey
- 4. Tony Gray
- 5. Michael Nimmo (C)

Last by 3 as Mayor of Milton Keynes

Wendy Price