

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

In Touch

August 2008

Autumn Meeting

The Autumn Meeting will be held at St Mary's, Shenley on Saturday 13th September 2008. The timetable will be as follows:

- 3.30 Ringing
- 4.30 Service
- 5.00 Tea
- 5.45 Business Meeting and Ringing until 8.30

Please telephone names for tea to John Brookman Tel: 01908 260413 by Wednesday 10th September 2008

St Mary's Church Shenley Church End

The Church of St Mary dates from about 1150 and originally comprised of chancel, nave, north and south transepts and perhaps a central tower. About 1190 the Chancel was rebuilt and the only parts of the original structure remaining are the transepts and the west wall of the nave, at this time the south aisle was added.



Much work took place on the structure in the 14th and 15th centuries. The large five-light window was added in 1490 which has been considerably repaired. At the west end is a pointed door of the 14th century and above is a large 15th century of five cinquefoiled lights under a four-centred head, all extensively repaired. In the north aisle is a large monument to Thomas Stafford of Tattenhoe (d1607).

The tower contains a ring of six bells; the treble is modern, while the second and third are by Newcome, 1615 and 1616 respectively, and the fourth and fifth by Bartholomew Atton, 1593 and 1610. The tenor, which bears the inscription 'Missi De Celis Abeo Nomen Amen Gabrelis,' was probably cast by Robert Burford in the early 15th century. There is also a small bell with no inscription, but probably of the 17th century.

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Who's Who 2008/2009

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Secretarial Snippets

Videos

Bellhandling—a tutor's companion (produced by the Central Council—video or DVD) Look to and Learn (produced by the Kent County Association—video)

Teaching Demonstration (recording of Steve Coleman teaching—video)

These videos/DVD may be borrowed from the Secretary free of charge. However, a deposit of £5 will be required against safe return of the video/DVD.

Membership Information Form

All members should have received a form at the beginning of the year of which about half have been returned. If you haven't already done so, you should complete and return to the Secretary. As we are aiming to communicate directly with each member, we cannot do this and keep you informed of Branch and Guild activities until we have received a completed form. If you have not received the form, or have mislaid it, please contact the Secretary and she will send you a copy. Forms will also be available at Branch practices and meetings.

Egroup Membership

If you have provided an email address on your membership information form, you will be invited to join

the North Bucks egroup forum so that you will automatically receive notices about Branch and Guild events via email. There is no compulsion to join the egroup. However, we would like as many Branch members as possible to join the egroup so that we can keep in touch with you directly rather than relying on notices on tower notice boards.

Business Meetings and Election of New Members

Please note that any Branch practice may be convened as a business meeting if deemed necessary by the officers present, subject to there being sufficient members present. These will mainly be for the election of new members.

The Secretary will have membership nomination forms at Branch practices as well as meetings. Under these arrangements, new members may be elected at any Branch practice or meeting.

Our Grateful Thanks...

....to all those who contributed towards our issues of *In Touch*.

The deadline for the next *In Touch* is: **Tuesday 4th November 2008** and the new Editor will notify contact details.

Sheila Watts & Sheila Ware Editors



Chairman's Jottings

The Summer Social at Maids Moreton turned out to be a sumptuous affair, with a full afternoon tea laid on by the local ringers rather than just cups of tea and a few cakes. We struggled to do justice to the tea, and more time seemed to be spent eating and chatting than ringing; but then that was the idea of the get together. Many thanks to all at Maids Moreton for a successful afternoon.

As I announced at the Summer Social, Sheila Watts and Sheila Ware have decided that, because of changed circumstances since the AGM, they will be unable to continue as Newsletter editors after this edition of *In Touch*. 'The Sheilas' as we affectionately refer to them (although I do not believe either of them have any antipodean connections!) have been joint editors for just over five years this time round and have done a wonderful job of producing *In Touch* to a very high standard. The Branch has regularly received favourable comments from our own Guild officers and those of other branches and Guilds on the quality of *In Touch*. This has been entirely due to the hard work of both Sheilas.

On behalf of the members I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to both Sheilas for their work on *In Touch* and their contribution to the running of the Branch. I must also add my personal thanks for their indulgence when, all too frequently, I failed to meet their deadlines for contributions.

I am glad to tell you that one good thing to come out chatting at the Summer Social was a volunteer to take over as Newsletter editor. A formal election will be held at the Autumn Meeting.

Congratulations to Alan Marchbank on being elected as Deputy Master of the Guild at the AGM held at Woodstock in May. This means that Alan is now an ex-officio member of the Guild General Committee and has relinquished his position as a Guild Rep in order that our Branch might have an additional voice on the General Committee. We will thus need to elect a replacement Guild Rep at the Autumn Meeting in time to attend the General Committee Meeting at the end of November. If any of you would like to take on this job then please let one of the officers know before the start of the meeting as we would welcome a volunteer.

We haven't lost Alan as a Branch Officer. Alan has been a valuable member of the Branch management team and I was keen to keep him on the committee. I am pleased to tell you that Alan has agreed to be Assistant Ringing Master so that he remains on the committee. Indeed, Barry has already put him to work at the recent Branch Practice!

We are still in need of a volunteer to be Training Officer or to help organise one or more training events. If you are interested in helping in any way then please talk to us about how you can help.

With best wishes.

Richard Stanworth



Guild Six Bell Striking Competition

The North Bucks Branch will be hosting this Guild competition on Saturday 4th October 2008. It is planned to hold the final at Milton Keynes Village, with heats at Wavendon and Woughton if required. Availability of towers is still subject to confirmation.

St Mary, Padbury Sunday 25 May 2008 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Catherine Stacy
- 2 Lynn Pugh
- 3 Alex Marchbank
- 4 Barry R Eglesfield
- 5 B Douglas Hird
- 6 Alan J Marchbank (C)

Rung before the Service of the Padbury Feast

In the Hunt for the History of Shenley's Bells

If you enter the ringing room of St Mary's, just on the right above the notice board is a framed inscription that states "The bells in this church were re-cast (with the exception of the Tenor), augmented to a ring of six and hung in a new iron frame -6th June 1908". Noting the centenary of this event was coming up I was intrigued about the circumstance that were behind this scheme and decided to investigate.

I initially looked at the Vestry Book and accounts for that period and found a record of a vestry meeting from April 15th 1896 where the Rector the Rev. Edgar Milne presented "the Bells Accounts for the total costs of rehanging coming to £109 3s 9d" (which is equivalent to £10956 today using GDP deflator). But this was twelve years before the recasting and rehanging of 1908 of which the only record I could find was of a vestry meeting of April13th 1909 where W.Dance "congratulated the bellringers of the way the bells had been rehung and done up". More research was needed.

The staff at the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies were very helpful and informed me that a number of documents relating to St Mary's were held in the archive section in Aylesbury. My visit there proved enlightening. One document was of a village meeting held on Monday 5th November 1893, in the school, which unanimously decided to accept an estimate for £130 for the rehanging of the bells. £65 had already been raised and a collection on the night raised a further £17 15s 11d 1/2p from 48 contributors including Mr & Mrs Waddell £5, Mr Winterburn 3d 1/2p and even the football club 2s. The bellfounders Gillett and Johnstone of Croydon sent a bill dated March 16th 1894 for "Rehanging the 5 church bells, all new fittings completed, ¼ turning each bell, strengthening with new oak, bolts etc in the present frame. Cleaning and adjusting the turret clock - £85." They also provided a receipt dated June 21st 1894 for payment of £14 for installation of a chiming apparatus.

So it seems the bells and frame of St Mary's which dated back to 1593 were in need of renovation so the village clubbed together and by the Spring of 1894 the work was done and an important part of village life was maintained.

It is interesting to see the project had also included the installation of a chiming apparatus. This allowed one person, not necessarily a trained bellringer, to chime the bells using a system of wires, levers and hammers. With the church magazine at that time showing there was Matins everyday and up to four Services on Sundays I expect the chimes were used quite extensively. Unfortunately, using chiming hammers on old bells can sometimes have a damaging effect and this may explain why just 14 years after the original project, the bells were being dealt with again in 1908. This is possibly borne out by entries in the Vestry Book 1905 and 1907 where repairs to a bell had to be done.

The 1908 inscription states "the new treble bell was given in memory of John and Harriet Morris by their surviving sisters". This maybe gives a clue as to who funded the 1908 scheme so I felt it prudent to find out a bit more of the Morris family. Their family grave is opposite the west window, four graves side by side, John, Charlotte, Julia and Rebecca. John died on 31st December 1899 and with this information I went off to Milton Keynes library Family History Section, hopefully to find John Morris' obituary, home address and possibly his will.

There was no obituary in the local paper, just a quick mention in the local news for Shenley/Loughton that "since the last meeting the Clerk, Mr John Morris had died" and a letter of condolence would be sent to his sisters. The 1891 census showed he lived in Shenley Lane and was a thrashing machine proprietor; living with his sisters who were of "independent means". Unfortunately his will was not available so I am uncertain whether he left money to the Church.

However, light was finally shed on who funded the project when I came across a report in the North Bucks Times, 13th June 1908 which described the dedication ceremony for the bells held on 6th June. The report said the new bell was given by the Morris sisters whilst "Colonel and Miss Duncan gave a handsome donation of £80, and the remainder was willingly subscribed to by the villagers and friends" The cost was £170 (£15621 today, GDP deflator). The report goes on to describe the work of Gillett and Johnstone and also details of the service led by WL Barnett, Vicar of St George's Wolverton with a sermon by the Rev. CL Norris, former vicar of Newton Longville. The Rev. Norris was presented with a solid silver inkstand in the shape of a bell subscribed to by the members of the North Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers in recognition that he was founder and first president. St Mary's vicar the Rev. JR Vincent and his wife hosted tea on the rectory lawn for the large number of people there and finally "a peal was rung by the ringers from Bletchley Parish Church tower".

So there we have it, Colonel Duncan, a physician surgeon with a practice at 6 Harley St, London and the Morris family, a well off local family, gave substantial amounts to the bell fund. The parishioners obviously felt that the bells were an important part of village life that they were willing to contribute for a second time in 15 years to keep them ringing. One hundred years on St Mary's still benefits from their commitment and the bells continue to ring out to a much changed locality. Let's hope their faith with the bells rings out for hundreds of years to come.

Ted Fawcett

For Sale - Stoke Goldington Bells!



Well, actually an exquisite scale model of the old bells at Stoke prior to augmention in 1952. The model was made by tower captain Owen Warren in 1941, helped by Ernie Shouler. The bells used came from a local large house.

Owen is now wanting to sell the model; the funds raised to go to the Church at Stoke Goldington.



The highest offer over £100 will be successful.

All enquiries and offers should be addressed to:

Sheila Ware, 18 Colsons Way, Olney, Bucks. MK46 5EQ Tel: 01234 713667 Email: swandsw@btinternet.com



NORTH BUCKS COMES THIRD!

Somewhat old news, as the Guild Six-Bell Competition took place in October last year, but we hadn't received the superb Guild Certificate until recently.

Most of the original band assembled at the Branch Summer Social at Maids Moreton in early June, and newly elected Guild Deputy Master, Alan Marchbank,





made the presentation.

A magnificent tea was served by the Maids Moreton ringers, and everyone enjoyed a lot of chat and some ringing!

L to R:

Roy Keeves Jonathan Griggs Tony Gray Barry Eglesfield Alan Marchbank Ian Thompson





DEPUTY MASTER Alan J Marchbank



When Alan was elected Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers at their AGM in May, we asked him if he would tell us (and the Branch) a little more about his ringing career. Eds.

When did I start ringing?

About 1971 I think, I can't properly remember. I know we used to have two practice nights, Monday for teaching bell handling and Thursday for the other stuff. I can recall starting to learn on a Monday evening and also getting extra practice by going along to Sunday service ringing – morning and evenings – and ringing the service bell!

Where did I learn?

Heanor, Derbyshire. Just on the Derbyshire side of the Erewash Valley and in the middle of "pit" country.

David Camm, who had previously taught my two brothers, taught me. David was one of 4 brothers – all ringers, who had moved into the area.

Heanor is a 15cwt 8 which had been augmented from a 5 by Taylors in 1902 – the middle of one of their best periods of casting and tuning. It benefited from a large H section iron and steel frame from the same period.

I had not long started to learn when ringing stopped whilst the bells were re-hung on roller bearings. At the same time the 6th and 7th bells, which had not been recast in 1902, were put in the pot. My father gave me and my brother the cost of the initial ingredients to make bonfire toffee, which we sold at a surplus to buy more ingredients and put the profit into the bell fund. I recall we added £10 to the fund, which went on to raise the £1,500 required. £1,500 for two new bells and a re-hang, how times have changed!!

Why ringing?

Both of my brothers were ringers and I suppose I just wanted to join in. There was encouragement from my parents as both of them had been ringers, although at different times and 300 miles apart, and they never rang together.

Ringing was a good way of getting into a "grown-up" community. As a cocky teenager I was intrigued by an entry in the Heanor peal records. In 1963 David Camm had rung a peal of Cambridge Major and in my mind that set him amongst the gods. I wanted to do it as well, but younger, sooner, better, faster etc etc. I actually rang my first peal of Cambridge Major in November 1977.

It was through ringing in Leicester (where brother Trevor went to Polytechnic) that I met Tine, and her best mate Carol (also a ringer) went on to marry my brother!

Peals and Quarters

I recall very clearly my first Quarter, but not the date. It was at Heanor (of course) and it was Plain Bob Doubles on the front six (ugh), on a practice night when there were just six of us.

I have lost my entire early quarter peal records and so don't really have a clue how many I have rung, what or where. I remember we rang Grandsire Triples at Heanor for the Queens Silver Jubilee in 1977. Derbyshire Association was hosting the Central Council Meeting that year and we had to join a coach outing at 9.00 so we started the quarter at 07.30 and rang it before we went! On the same weekend I remember ringing at the Cathedral at midnight as the Queen had conferred City status on Derby and the Provost – then the Association President - insisted the bells be rung. I think Mr Phillipson was in the tower that night too…

My first peal was nearly at Heanor on October 17th 1975, the day after my 15th birthday. It was nearly a peal of Bob Major, but it fired out in the last two courses after three hours.

Six days later we went to Stanton-by-Dale (a Derbyshire Thursday night peal tower at the time), rang Bob Triples and scored. I can still remember how fine the Shipstones Bitter tasted that night! There have been a few more nearly peals since then, some have nearly come round and some were nearly true! It was during this time that I first came across Bob Winstanley, when we rang a peal of Lincolnshire together at Rocester, Staffordshire. This was called by Ian Roulstone.

My early records are a bit sketchy and I must get them sorted so my peal total is nearly accurate. I have rung an all Marchbank peal and more recently an all Alan peal. The latest start for a peal was the one at Linford, which started at 21.00 on 31st December 1999 and finished at 00.03 on 1st January 2000, and my longest in time and changes was the 10,080 in five hours at Emberton.

I have rung three handbell peals, all with Ron Snack and called by Godfrey Foat, and all for the Cumberlands.

I was instrumental in starting the BBC Society, and rang in the only peal for the Society with Edie Hartley and Roger Powell.

Jobs in Ringing

At 14 I was steeple keeper at Heanor, which presented a bit of a problem with insurance!

Moving into Milton Keynes in 1984 I took charge at Great Linford in 1986 when Ron Snack stood down due to pressure of work and the demands of caring for Colin.

I seem to recall standing for election in the Branch as Secretary at about this time and not being elected, as I was too new to the area. I think I took on the Guild Representive's job instead and caused a stir at the Guild General Committee by attending!

I did get to be Secretary for the Branch towards the end of the 1980s under the Chairmanships of Dave Phillipson and Sheila Watts before taking the top job for a year or two. I have been Branch Chairman twice.

I have served on the Guild Tower and Belfries Sub Committee for most of the time I have been on the General Committee and have had two spells as a Bell Fund Trustee—the latest for the past six years.

I was involved in the installation of the bells at Downs Barn, and project managed the re-hang at Great Linford.



Alan and Tine and the next generation of Marchbank ringers!

Grants

Applications for grants for assistance from individuals for training or from towers for work or for the provision of things that keep bells ringing shall be submitted to the Secretary. Details of applications received will be sent out to towers as soon as possible after receipt. All applications received and sent out at least one month before a meeting will be considered at the next general meeting of the Branch. A meeting for this may be convened at a Branch practice or other Branch event.

Training Grants

Grants will be given towards training courses as follows: 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £50. Applications for grants should be made in writing to the Secretary. It would help us if you apply before you attend the course if at all possible.

Sheila Blenkhorn ON AND OFF THE RAILS

Earlier this year on a Saturday in May we were invited to join some friends on an outing that had been organised on behalf of the Rugby Deanery of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. We were quite excited at the prospect as it was to be an outing with a difference with most of our travelling being done by train and tram.

The instructions said to meet at Warwick Parkway station at 9.00am. Unaware that there were two stations in Warwick, Roy and I confidently made our way to the wrong station! Luckily we had started out early so we were still able to arrive at Warwick Parkway with time to spare. There were fourteen of us in all and having purchased our tickets we made our way up to the platform and boarded the train for Birmingham Snow Hill. The journey lasted approximately 45 minutes and took us along through the beautiful Warwickshire countryside and into the urban sprawl of Birmingham.

When we reached Snow Hill we had to walk up through the station in order to get our tickets and board the Midland Metro tram. Only one stop down the line and a couple of minutes later we arrived at St Pauls Metro Stop where we all got off the tram and proceeded to the exit. The instructions were very precise and we duly turned left and right as instructed in the itinerary but somehow we did not end up where we should and we eventually realised that we had come out of different exit from the Metro station to the one detailed in the instructions. Anyway, it was very interesting walking around the edge of the old jewellery quarter, past many former manufacturing buildings and over the canals until we finally all reached the Church of St Paul [10 bells] which is in a wonderful location on a square surrounded by grass and trees.

After our ring it was brunch time and most of us, on advice from the locals, went to a pub just near the Church called The Rope Walk which, as the name suggests, had been converted from an old rope making factory. It was a lovely day and we all sat together outside on the terrace in the sunshine to chat while we had our food and drink. Then once again it was time to get moving and we had a short walk across the busy city centre streets to the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St Chad where we all managed to squash into the rather small ringing room to ring the eight bells.

Afterward we set off to walk to Snowhill Metro Stop

and got back on the tram for a twenty minute journey to take us to Bilston Central Metro Stop where the Church of St Leonard was situated just across the road from the station on a busy corner at the end of a



shopping precinct. We arrived on time but the person meeting us was late. However we were all quite content to sit in the sun on the stone seats just outside the door to the Church. It was a busy spot with lots to see as the Churchyard was obviously used by many people as a short cut to get to the shops. After a reminder by phone, the man finally arrived to let us in but it meant that we didn't have a lot of ringing time, only one ring each on the peal of eight, or else we would have been late for our next tower.

So it was we were soon back onto the tram for a short journey to Wolverhampton St George's Metro Stop which is in the middle of a shopping centre and by the time we arrived it was raining quite hard so we all had to get out our kagouls and brollies. The timing of the rain couldn't have been worse because we now had the longest walk of the day [approx one mile] to get to our final tower which was in Blakenhall but luckily this time we all followed the directions correctly with no wrong turns and duly reached the brick built Victorian church of St Luke [8 bells].

By the time we had finished ringing the rain had stopped and we started on our return journey by retracing our steps to back to Bilston Central Metro Stop. It was now late afternoon and the tram was crowded with shoppers and daytrippers but we all eventually managed to find a seat thinking that we would now have a nice long sit all the way back to Snowhill. Not so – about half way along the route an announcement came over the tannoy on the tram that there had been a power failure further up the line and so at the next station we all had to get out and wait on the platform for about twenty minutes until a tram arrived from the other direction to collect us.

Anyway, we eventually arrived at Snowhill where most of us caught the train back to Warwick.

Although it had been a long and quite tiring day [about twelve hours], it had nonetheless been most enjoyable and we all agreed that it had been great fun and definitely something that we would all like to do again.

Perhaps it might inspire someone in North Bucks to organise something along similar lines

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MINUTES OF THREE BUSINESS MEETINGS

LAVENDON - 18TH APRIL 2008

The Chairman called a short business meeting for the election of a new member.

Election of New Members

A Nomination had been received proposing the following new member:

| Tower | Name | Proposed by | Seconded by |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Stony Stratford | Christopher Crompton | David Moore | Malcolm Hooton |
| He was elected without dissent. | | | |

MAIDS MORETON - 7TH JUNE 2008

The Chairman called a short business meeting with three items on the agenda – Presentation of Certificate, Election of Officers, and Election of New Members.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Richard Stanworth, welcomed everyone to Maids Moreton. He thanked the Maids Moreton ringers for making the arrangements and providing the tea. The members present showed their appreciation in the usual manner. The Chairman also congratulated Alan Marchbank on being elected as Guild Deputy Master at the recent AGM.

Presentation of Certificate

The Deputy Master presented the Hanslope band who represented the Branch in the Guild Six`Bell striking competition with their certificate for coming third in the competition.

Election of Officers

<u>Assistant Ringing Master</u> - As Alan Marchbank is now an ex-officio member of the Guild General Committee he has stood down as a Guild Rep for the Branch, but has agreed to take on the role of Assistant Ringing Master. Richard Stanworth proposed Alan Marchbank for the post of Assistant Ringing Master. This was seconded by Barry Eglesfield. <u>Newsletter Editor</u> – The Chairman announced that, because of changed circumstances since the AGM, Sheila Watts and Sheila Ware will be unable to continue as Newsletter editors after the next edition of *In Touch*. The Chairman thanked them for all their work on the newsletter. A new editor will need to be elected at the Autumn Meeting and the Chairman asked that members give some thought to finding a new editor.

Training Officer - This post is still vacant and a volunteer or volunteers to help with training will be welcome.

Election of New Members

Nominations had been received proposing the following new members:

| Tower | Name | Proposed by | Seconded by |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Lillingstone Lovell | Mrs Elizabeth Watson | Bernard Phillips | Richard Stanworth |
| | Jeff Samuel | | |
| | Mrs Claire Horwood | | |
| Olney | Miss Ella Sheaf (Junior) | David Phillipson | Alan Marchbank |
| All were elected without | dissent. | | |

NEWPORT PAGNELL - 18TH JULY 2008

The Chairman called a short business meeting for the election of a new member.

Election of New Members

A Nomination had been received proposing the following new member:

| Tower | Name | Proposed by | Seconded by | |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| Great Linford | Ione Chadwick (Junior) | Alan Marchbank | Helen Stranworth | |

She was elected without dissent.

| North Bucks Branch—Calendar 2008 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|--|------------------------|
| AUGUST | 15 | 7.30 | Brancb Practice Special method: Durham Surprise Minor | Chicheley |
| SEPTEMBER | 13 | 3.30 | Autumn Meeting | Shenley |
| OCTOBER | 4 | | Guild Six Bell Striking Competition | North Bucks Branch |
| | 17* | 7.30 | Branch Practice | Old Wolverton |
| NOVEMBER | 1 | | Steeple Aston Course | Steeple Aston |
| | 15 | 7.30 | Autumn Joint Practice | Downs Barn |
| | 22 | | Ten Bell Striking Competition | Old North Berks Branch |
| | 22 | | Autumn General Committee Meeting | Old North Berks Branch |
| DECEMBER | 13* | 4.30 | Christmas Celebration | Whaddon |

Items marked * were unconfirmed as at 4 August 2008 Events in *italics* are Guild events

We will always ring Plain Hunt, Plain Bob and Grandsire at any Branch practice for those who request it, so don't be put off if you can't ring the special method. This is merely a focus for those who wish to try something different.

Branch Six-Bell Competition Stoke Goldington Friday 20 June 2008

Judge: Ed Houghton from Wing, Ringing Master of the Central Bucks Branch

Results:

- 1st Hanslope, ringing Stedman Doubles. 35 faults
- 2nd Loughton & Shenley, ringing Bob Doubles. 39 faults
- 3rd The Branch 'scratch band', ringing Stedman Doubles. 40½ faults
- 4th Great Linford, ringing Grandsire Doubles. 41 faults



Winning band, with tower captain Owen Warren and judge Ed Houghton



Jonathan Griggs, Hanslope, receives the trophy from the judge