



In Touch

August 2012

Branch Autumn Meeting at Wavendon

Saturday 29th September 2012

Everyone is invited to the Branch Autumn Meeting at The Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wavendon, Milton Keynes



3.45 Ringing

4.45 Service

5.15 Tea

6.00 Meeting

Ringling following the meeting up to 8pm

All taking place in the church.

Names for tea to Patricia Rosewell 01908 583652 or patricia@rosewell.me.uk by Tuesday 25th September.

All welcome, especially new ringers to the branch. Wavendon tower have only just recommenced regular practices since the Big Ring Pull. Please come and show your support for the new band. **Jonathan Griggs**

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A date for your diary :



Christmas Celebration

This year we hope to have something a little different for you. The date will be **Saturday 8th December**, and we've been invited to Emberton for a short Christmas Service followed by supper in The Old School. Of course, there'll also be some entertainment to follow the meal!

More details to follow in the next In Touch and via Branch email.

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Dates for your Diary

Sept

- 1st Young Ringers Practice - Calverton - 10.30am to 12noon
- 7th Rounds and Call Changes- Old Wolverton - 7.40pm
- 15th BRP Tour of Milton Keynes
- 29th Half Yearly Meeting - Wavendon - 3.45pm

Oct

- 5th Rounds & Call Changes - Woughton-on-the-Green - 7.40pm
- 6th Guild 6 bell competition in Banbury Branch
- 13th Young Ringers Practice - Woughton-on-the-Green - 10.30am to 12noon
- 15th Branch Practice - Weston Underwood - 5pm

Nov

- 2nd Rounds and Call Changes - Shenley -7.40pm
- 10th Branch 'Plain Hunt Day' at Newport Pagnell and Olney
- 17th Young Ringers Practice - Venue & Time TBC
- 17th Branch Practice with Towcester - Olney - 7.30pm
- 24th Guild 10 Bell Striking Competition - Long Crendon

Dec

- 7th Rounds and Call Changes - Whaddon - 7.40pm
- 8th Christmas Celebration - Emberton

From the Chairman . . .

Dear All

Well here we are with the autumn soon upon us and the summer going, but for those who were able to come to the summer social and striking completion should have good memories of it.

For we had at Padbury I believe the largest attendance at a meeting that I can remember with sixteen teams taking part, some for the first and others after a long absence and everyone had a good time with a plentiful supply of tea and cakes while catching up with old friends and meeting our new members, I hope we can repeat it for the Christmas social.

In September there is an outing around Milton Keynes primarily for those who joined us as a result of the Big Ring pull. Hillary Reading is organising it and is looking for helpers to support those new ringers, if you can help please do. You can contact Hillary via my chairman's email address or the RDL one for the MK deanery.

Thinking further ahead we as a branch will need to think about our next recruitment drive, for once our new members are well on the road to becoming competent change ringers, we will need to harness that enthusiasm to help organise and run the next event.

Brian Newman

Deadline for next edition . . .

The deadline for contributions for the next edition of In Touch is **Tuesday 6th November 2012.**

Contributions to to either nick@stoperton.freemove.co.uk or intoucheditor@northbucks.org.uk please.

Nick Read

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee



As can be seen from the pages of the Ringing World HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee inspired and mobilised 1000s of ringers across the country to ring peals, quarter peals etc. in celebration of this historic event.

Below are accounts of some of the ringing undertaken locally for this event.

St. Lawrence, Bradwell, Milton Keynes

On Monday 4th June 2012 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the bells were rung at 22.15 hours to mark the lighting of a Jubilee Beacon on the Glebe Field, Bradwell, Milton Keynes. The following ringers took part in the ringing: Christine Abbott, Gordon Abbott, Jennifer Brookman, Ian Green, Emily Guinness, Jill Joyce, David Joyce and Jean Phillips

Shenley and Loughton

To mark the Diamond Jubilee ringing was arranged for 12o'clock on Jubilee Tuesday 5th June at Shenley with all ringers welcome. 14 members of the band turned up including 5 graduates from the Big Ring Pull. Ringing varied from call changes (up to Queens naturally) and the special method Diamond Treble Bob minor which the band had been struggling to get to grips with for the past couple of months. A big cheer was raised when a course of it came round at the third attempt, the moment being captured with modern technology and put on You Tube within hours, (search Diamond Treble Bob if you want to have a look).



In the picture - Ted Fawcett, Gary Reading, John Brookman, Claire Reading, Alice Reading, Ann Birch, Linda Maycroft, Anne McIntyre Emily Maycroft, Becky Fawcett, Hilary Reading, Terry Page, Derek Stainsby and Sophie Reading

Another landmark was passed when the 5 members of the Reading family, three of whom started learning on the Big Ring Pull, rang together for the first time. A great time was had by all, helped along by the provision of Union flag chocolates and refreshments put on by churchwarden Janet Nelsey, her husband Steve and Lorraine Brookman.

In the evening a 720 of Cambridge Surprise minor was rung at Loughton to further mark the event, the band consisting of 1. Anne McIntyre, 2. Becky Fawcett, 3. Ted Fawcett, 4. John Brookman, 5. Gary Reading, 6. Terry Page (cond).

Emberton - Celebrating a double success...

A group of bellringers from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Oxfordshire and London congregated at Emberton on 5th June to attempt a special peal on Emberton's bells. All the ringers were close friends of fellow bellringer Peter Ellis who had just climbed Mount Everest and they had been following his progress up the mountain during the course of the last two months. A period of settled weather allowed Peter to make his successful summit bid a bit sooner than anticipated, so it was with some relief that Peter was safely back in the UK by the time the peal was attempted.

The date also coincided with the Queen's Jubilee, making it a cause for double celebrations. The ringers were very grateful for the opportunity to visit Emberton and they would also like to thank Mr & Mrs Ellis (no relation to the mountaineer!) for their kind hospitality after the peal was finished. A picture was taken of the bellringers just before they started.



Standing left to right are Steve Mitchell, Nicola Turner, Colin Turner, Martin Whiteley, Maggie Whiteley and George Unsworth.

Olney Jubilee Ringers



Olympics



Following hard on the heels of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations came another opportunity for bell ringers to get involved by ringing for the Olympics. The main request being to respond to the 'All The Bells' call to ring any bell at 8.12am on Friday 17th July for three minutes.

Here are the accounts of how members of our branch contributed by ringing for the Olympic celebrations:-

Fame at Emberton for 45 seconds

Ringling at 8.12am on a Friday morning for three minutes seemed a novel way to mark the Olympics, and we were delighted when the whole band signed up for this interesting piece of ringing. It was probably the idea of breakfast afterwards in Olney that tempted everyone! Sheila registered our 'event' on the "All the Bells" website some time ago and we thought nothing more of it. That is, until the day before when BBC Look East and BBC Oxford got in touch and asked 'what we had planned'? Even then it seemed unlikely that they would want to come to Emberton! But no, at 5pm the day before BBC Look East announced that they would be arriving at 7.45am, and could we be ready for them. Meanwhile the Churchwardens had got some twenty village children and their assorted hand bells ready for the next day to ring outside the Church at 8.12am.

The day dawned and at 7.15am some of us were tidying the belfry..... Jessica from Look East arrived and set up her camera, and when 8.12 arrived filmed the event, and asked us to carry on for a while. She even went upstairs and filmed the bells in action. Then it was the turn of the children outside, who were filmed making a wonderful noise with their handbells. To top it all off Sheila was then interviewed both for Look East and Three Counties Radio. We felt we'd earned breakfast after that, which was a great way to end the occasion.

What came of all this excitement? Emberton was indeed featured in Look East both at lunchtime and in the evening, but the children with their handbells stole the show! Sheila had her brief moment of fame as a clip of the interview was shown, but not a sound of an Emberton Church bell was heard! Our young learners got their moment of glory as they were outside with handbells, but we inside were edited out. We obviously should have worn Olympic coloured T-Shirts like the Norfolk ringers that were featured!

Hanslope Olympic Ringing

Nine of the Hanslope ringers rang from 8.12am for approx quarter of an hour. It was a tremendous feeling to be a part of this one off occasion and to know that thousands of other people all over the country

were ringing on many different types of bells at the same time as us.



We actually had ten ringers at Hanslope as Jamie Mutch, the son of one of our ringers, was ringing a handbell whilst we rang the tower bells. [see photo above]

Milton Keynes Village

The team of ringers from Milton Keynes Village rang for the Olympics on July 27th at 8.12am.



Their names are Sara and Paul Wheeler, Jim and Viv Coggins, Sylvia Bennet and Trisha Gifford. They also rang for St Georges Day and the Jubilee.

Weston Underwood and Stoke Goldington

The GATE Ringers did their bit for the Olympics at Weston Underwood and Stoke Goldington! We were unable to make the early time of 8.12am, but not to be outdone arranged to meet later at 11.00am at Weston for 20 minutes ringing, travelling on to Stoke to mark the occasion on their bells.

Also on 27th July **Woughton on the Green** ringers met at 08.12 and rang PB Minor for exactly three minutes with support from families and friends who all enjoyed the occasion. **St Mary & St Giles Stony Stratford** ringers rang 6 of their bells at 08:12 for 3 minutes and **Downs Barn** ringers rang 7 of their bells at 08:12 for 3 minutes.

Tower News

Bradwell

Here at Bradwell Church our ringers rang the loud and fast rounds for three minutes for the Opening Ceremony of the Olympics on 27th July.

We've also rang for the Queen's Jubilee too, which was thoroughly enjoyable.

Now we're concentrating on two quarter peals to commemorate David Green's wedding who had been a member a around 4 years ago until he left for University. We have got a full band (names tba) but will be ringing spliced PB Doubles and Grandsire on Sunday 19th August. The second quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire spliced will be as a thank you to Jenny Brookman for her 50 years of ringing. This will be on 1st September.

Padbury

In April we held a 'have a go' and recruiting morning which was advertised in the church and village newsletter. It was also advertised in the Village News section of the local paper.

We borrowed the ODG display boards from Alan Marchbank and put together a small exhibition about ringing and the history of ringing, using material that is kept with the boards and some of our own display material. Most of our regular band was on hand to talk to visitors and demonstrate ringing. We were beginning to think that all our efforts were to be of no avail but right at the end of the morning a couple came into the church who were keen to learn more and have a go. The local paper sent a photographer along and a picture of the band appeared a couple of weeks later with a short write up and contact details. This has brought us one regular visitor from the Marsh Gibbon band, keen to advance his ringing. Graham lives in Preston Bissett which is not far from Hillesden.

Over the next few weeks Catherine and I held tied bell practices on Saturday mornings to teach handling to Matt and Alex, our new recruits. However, just as they were ready to start coming to our normal Friday night practices, their circumstances changed and they were unable to come. A new job for Matt means that they have moved to Cheltenham. We wish them well and hope that we have inspired them sufficiently once they are settled to find a local tower in which to continue ringing.

The main Padbury village celebration over the Jubilee weekend was held on the village playing fields on the Sunday. As part of this we rang a short touch before the loyal toast and National Anthem at 5.15 pm. John Wrigley, announcer on the day, wrote "Much to my surprise, I did manage to quieten a marquee full of men women and children to a hush at the agreed hour but, sad to say, not a ding could be heard. I guess the wind direction did not help. Anyway, the assembled populace were made aware of your efforts, for which thank you." We also rang a quarter peal on the Monday evening, as well as a quarter at Hillesden on the Tuesday.

We were pleased to welcome the branch for the summer social and striking competition but were nearly overwhelmed by the number of entries as we were in danger of overrunning our curfew time of 8.30 pm, but we just finished in time.

Not much enthusiasm could be found amongst our band for the ringing 'stunt' on the Friday morning for the Olympics, largely because most of them would be at or on their way to work at the appointed time. We did however mark the start of the Olympics during our practice that evening. At 2012 we fired the bells and then followed this with a course of Five Rings Doubles. We continue to ring for services at Padbury and, when we can, services at Hillesden. Practices are 7.00 - 8.30 pm on Fridays. During the summer we try to practice at Hillesden once a month, usually on the third Friday, all other weeks at Padbury. All are welcome, but at this time of year it is best to check before travelling as lack of numbers sometimes causes us to cancel at short notice.

Woughton on the Green

The band have just started a commitment to Quarter Peal ringing on the 3rd Thursday at 7.45pm. Our first attempt, successfully, was PB Minor on 19th July, (details in the Peals and Quarters section). The August attempt will be Cambridge Minor and Beverley and Norwich are earmarked for future months. Anybody who has aspirations to ring a quarter please let us know.

Shenley and Loughton Outing to North Oxfordshire - Saturday 12th May 2012

We didn't want to go too far away for our first tower outing for many a long year so Ann Birch, outing instigator and chief organiser, being suitably impressed by Banbury branch's informative and detailed website, decided North Oxfordshire fitted the bill. How she organised the glorious warm sunny weather is known only to her but it gladdened the heart to arrive at Swalcliffe on such a beautiful spring morning in a lovely rural location.

The outing was partly inspired by our influx of new ringers from the Big Ring Pull. Those beginners who came along rang with great determination and courage throughout the day, learning a great deal by such experiences as the heavy bells of Great Tew, the sloping floor of Sandford St Martin or the narrow confines of North Aston. Everyone gained something from the day. The learners' bell handling and understanding of call changes improved markedly whilst the biggest cheer came when a band finally, after many weeks of trying, rang a course of Diamond Treble Bob minor. A very pleasant lunch was taken at the Falkland Arms in Great Tew and for one car load being driven by a certain gentleman from the West Country, the recollection of the afternoon towers will always be accompanied by the clink clink of beer bottles as the pub had a special offer on cases of Wadworth bitter too good to miss.

Tower News contd

Shenley and Loughton Outing contd.

The outing ended at Lower Heyford, where the more observant members spotted what appeared to be a mummified rat hanging on the wall. The reason for its presence remains a mystery.



Shenley and Loughton ringers outside Lower Heyford church.

We are grateful to Ann for organising the day, which was enjoyed so much that another band member has been inspired to arrange a second outing for October.

Can you help?

I am an unattached member of the Guild and wonder if anyone can solve a little mystery please. My wife Alison's mother attended Tollington High School in London in the late 1930's and early 40's. In 1939 the school was evacuated, firstly to Huntingdon and finally to Wolverton in 1940, taking up residence in St George's Church Hall. Whilst researching family history, the Tollington Archivist sent us the attached picture, of which very little is known, other than it being taken on a cycle ride from Wolverton in 1940 or 41.



if anyone is able to identify the location. We have visited most of the churches within cycling range and have drawn a blank, so hopefully the power of the Guild members will surpass our efforts. Many thanks in anticipation.

Best Regards,
John Randall

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Branch News

What a turn out !

The Summer social and striking competition was held at Padbury this year. Last year at Clifton Reynes we thought we had a good turn out but this year proved to be exceptional. Ringers from all parts of the branch kept on turning up and we had a full church with probably close to 100 ringers.

Sixteen teams took part in the competition and due to the numbers we had to reduce the competition piece to 60 changes. Even so, it took almost 3 hours to complete all the ringing. It was very encouraging to see so many Big Ring Pull ringers attending and ringing in the competition along with two youth bands assembled from youngsters from the branch.

A thank you must go to the lovely tea and cake provided by the Padbury ringers which kept us going while all the teams rang their pieces.

Steve Stanford from Bedford judged the competition and provided some very useful feedback to us all at the end of the competition.

The final results were :

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| 1 | 94% | Hanslope |
| J2 | 91 | Great Linford |
| J2 | 91 | Shenley and Loughton 'A' |
| 4 | 90 | Emberton |
| 5 | 85 | Woughton |
| 6 | 81 | Great Brickhill |
| 7 | 80 | Padbury |
| J8 | 79 | Bradwell |
| J8 | 79 | Newport Pagnell |
| 10 | 73 | Olney |
| 11 | 72.5 | Lillingstone Lovell |
| 12 | 72 | North Bucks Youth team 'A' |
| 13 | 61.5 | Shenley and Loughton 'B' |
| 14 | 56 | Gate Ringers (Stoke Goldington and Weston Underwood) |
| 15 | 51 | North Bucks Youth team 'B' |
| 16 | 50 | Downs Barn |



Jonathan Griggs receiving the trophy from the competition judge, Steve Stanford, on behalf of the Hanslope ringers

Hanslope will now represent the North Bucks Branch at the Guild 6 bell finals to be held in the Banbury branch on October 6th.

Branch News contd

Inter Branch Striking Competition 2112

The annual inter branch striking competition against the Towcester branch was held at the estate church of Easton Neston in July. In the lovely setting but the pouring rain, the traditional 3 test pieces were rung by both teams: Plain Bob Minor, Call changes and Stedman Triples. North Bucks rang well but not well enough and were placed 2nd for each of the pieces by the judge, Simon Dixon from Rushden. May be next year we will be able to do better when we have home advantage and host it in the North Bucks area.

| North Bucks | Towcester | |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Plain Bob Minor | 28 faults | 14 faults |
| Call Changes | 99 faults | 47.5 faults |
| Stedman | 94 faults | 31 faults |

North Bucks Branch Plain Hunt Training Day

This is a follow on course for Big Ring Pull Ringers and other branch members.

Concentrated practical and theory sessions on plain hunt on all numbers up to 10 bells.

All ringing to take place on simulators.

Saturday 10th November

Provisional timings:

Olney 10am – 12noon

Newport Pagnell 2pm – 4pm

More information will be provided at the September meeting on 29th at Wavendon.

Reserve your place by emailing jonathan at secretary@northbucks.org.uk or ringing 01908 511883.

Closing date is Sunday 21st October.

First come first served.

We would also like some supporting ringers for each of the sessions. If you can ring plain hunt proficiently and would like to help please contact the secretary.

Big Ring Pull - the next stage

As a follow on event to the Big Ring Pull training in March a tour has been organised for the Big Ring Pull participants to ring at six towers in the Milton Keynes area on Saturday 15th September and Hilary Reading (BRP participant) is organising the day. At the moment there are about 30 people attending. All the ringing will be at the level that the BRP attendees can manage as it is their day. However it would be helpful to them if there was some support from more experienced ringers / teachers to help out at each of the towers. If you are able to offer your help and for more details of the tour please contact Hilary Reading at hilary@thereadings.co.uk (If you have in your tower any BRP participants who have not yet confirmed that they would like to come please encourage them to contact Hilary as soon as possible).

Oxford Guild Bell Maintenance Course

This is written as a novice bellringer who knew nothing about bell maintenance until the 28th July! The course was held at Woodstock Church beside Blenheim Palace. Dave Sharp and I attended from the Gate Group of bellringers. This is a new group who have been ringing for a year at Stoke Goldington, Weston Underwood and Ravenstone. There has been no regular band here for many years.



The course started with tea and then the climb into the belfry for the health and safety talk, and then we climbed to the top to view the bells. This worked very well as there was plenty of space for viewing, and the various parts of the bells were identified and problem areas to watch out for. This was the easy part as Len and John were in the "pits" doing the crawling around. After an excellent lunch courtesy of the Kings Head we broke into two groups and headed to North and South Leigh churches to carry out "inspections" with our extensive check sheets. We had also been joined by Graham from Whites of Appleton for this session and this gave us an extra dimension of things to look at. We were now divided into teams of two and each team had their own bell and they were all looked at from top, bottom and sideways with Len and Graham pointing things out as appropriate. We will remember not to over-grease things as this task is usually carried out enthusiastically and this just causes more mess to clean up! The time passed very quickly on the practical side and the day was finished off with a review session and the best tea and cake of the day.

Many thanks to all who put in a lot of work to make a success of the day.

Andrew Eelbeck & Dave Sharp

Ancient Society of College Youths

Congratulations to John Stanworth on recently being elected as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Younger Ringers News

Kate Hollins' First Peal

Congratulations to Kate Hollins of Newport Pagnell for ringing her first peal at only 24 hours notice! Kate ably rang the Treble at Newport Pagnell Parish Church to a peal of Plan Bob Major on Monday 4th June to mark the Diamond Jubilee.



Further details of the peal can be found in the Peals and Quarters section.

Ringling World National Youth Contest

The second Ringling World National Youth Contest took place on Saturday 30 June 2012 at St Paul's Church, Birmingham. The Oxford Diocesan Guild (ODG) entered a team and our Branch was represented by John Marchbank and Simon Read. Fifteen teams took part, twelve of them ringing call changes and three ringing a method. Included in the three teams who rang a method was our ODG Team ringing Plain Bob Triples and coming 2nd in the method ringing category - well done and congratulations to them! As well as the contest general ringing was available at a number of towers in Birmingham City Centre including St Phillip's Cathedral, St Chad's R.C. Cathedral and the ring of 16 bells at St Martin-in-the-Bullring. There was an opportunity to ring on handbells and have a go on the Charmborough Ring (a portable belfry with 6 bells hung for full circle ringing).



The ODG Team with the ODG Guild Master, Robert Newton

Young Bellringers Cycling Tour

This years cycle tour to south Devon was a very enjoyable tour. This year we had a pleasant ratio of ringing to cycling, although the hills did pose a little bit of a problem at times... We had a good standard of ringing, ranging from Devon style call changes to surprise major. Our accommodation this year was at St Ritas RC conference centre who supplied us with a very good breakfast, evening meal and comfortable rooms to stay in.



Once again this year there was a plentiful supply of local beers and ciders arranged by Thomas Pellham (successor to Phil 'the pint') On the Thursday of the tour, we cycled down to the coast to ring and have lunch by the seaside, that afternoon turned to being quite a pleasant one, with lots of sun and not too any hills to climb on the way home!

John Marchbank

YOUNG BELLRINGERS!

Is there or are you one of the few young bellringers in your tower?

FANCY RINGING AT A DIFFERENT TOWER AND MEETING SOME OTHER YOUNG BELLRINGERS?

If you are interested the first practice is on:-

**SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
10.30AM TO 12NOON AT CALVERTON**

OTHER PRACTICES ARE:

**SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER
10.30AM TO 12NOON AT WOUGHTON-ON-THE-GREEN**

**SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
TIME & PLACE TBC**

**For more information contact myself
John Marchbank or Simon Read by email:-**

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simon_950@hotmail.co.uk**

Hope to see you soon!

(Parents are welcome to stay but this is aimed at people under 25)

Guild Training Course

Steeple Aston Course 2012

The Steeple Aston one day course is to be held on

Saturday 13th October 2012.

The course will provide tuition and practice ringing basic methods from plain hunt to plain bob major.

Applications are invited from Guild Members only.

Priority will be given to members who have not attended before.

Cost: £25

For further details and an application form please email

steepleastoncourse@odg.org.uk

or write, with SAE to Richard Stanworth, 11 Valley Road,
Buckingham MK18 7BW

The Application Form will also be available on the Guild Web

Site www.odg.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 31st August 2012

Jubilee Peals & Quarters

Maids Moreton, Bucks

St Edmund

Sunday 3 Jun 2012 (10-3-20)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Laura Primiceri
2. Margaret Vince
3. Shirley Webb
4. Laurence Gibson
5. Andrew Spencer (C)
6. Ray Vickers

First quarter peal -1

Padbury, Bucks

St Mary

Monday 4 June 2012 (10 ½cwt)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Helen Stanworth
- 2 Catherine Stanworth
- 3 John Stanworth
- 4 Peter Nicholson
- 5 Richard Stanworth (C)
- 6 Michael Tinsley

Also for the naming of the village playground 'The Bill Thatcher Playground'. Bill was Chairman of the Parish Council, Tower Captain and Churchwarden.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Newport Pagnell, Bucks

SS Peter & Paul

Monday 4 June 2012 in 3h 17 (21-2-16)

5072 Plain Bob Major

Composed by Simon Read

- 1 Kate S Hollins
- 2 Nick Read
- 3 Robert Tregillus
- 4 John B Marchbank
- 5 Scott P Ayers
- 6 Alan J Marchbank
- 7 B Douglas Hird
- 8 Simon Read (C)

First peal at first attempt - 1

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Downs Barn, Milton Keynes, Bucks

Cross and Stable

Tuesday 5 June 2012 in 2h 46 (6-0-10)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Composed: C Middleton

- 1 John B Marchbank
- 2 Nick Read
- 3 Alan J Marchbank
- 4 Sarah M Green
- 5 Peter J Blight
- 6 Simon Read (C)
- 7 David Phillipson
- 8 B Douglas Hird

First in method - 2

50th peal - 6

Bedfordshire Association

Emberton, Bucks

All Saints

Tuesday 5th June 2012 in 2h 42 (9-0-18)

5040 Minor

(7 methods: Everest TP, Carlisle S, London S, Wearmouth S, Westminster S, Bourne S, Beverley S)

- 1 George Unsworth
- 2 Nicola J Turner
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Colin M Turner
- 5 Stephen J F Mitchell
- 6 Martin J Whiteley (C)

Specially arranged and rung to congratulate Peter Ellis who, on 25th May 2012, stood on the summit of Mount Everest and in so doing completed the Seven Summits.

Newport Pagnell, Bucks

SS Peter & Paul

Tuesday 5 June 2012 in 46mins (21-2-16)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Loretta Ramsay
- 2 Kate Hollins
- 3 Simon Read
- 4 Scott P Ayers
- 5 Nick Read
- 6 B Douglas Hird (C)

Potterspury, Northants

St Nicholas

Tuesday 5 June 2012 (13-0-4)

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Helen Stanworth
- 2 Richard Yates
- 3 Catherine Stanworth
- 4 Richard Stanworth
- 5 Michael Tinsley
- 6 John Stanworth (C)

Hillesden, Bucks

All Saints

Tuesday 5 June 2012 (9-0-12)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Michael Tinsley
- 2 Helen Stanworth
- 3 Catherine Stanworth (C)
- 4 Richard Stanworth
- 5 John Stanworth
- 6 Peter Nicholson

Jubilee Peals & Quarters

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Olney, Bucks

St Peter & St Paul

Saturday 16 June 2012 in 3 hrs & 17 mins (24 cwt)

5060 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Composed: Donald F Morrison (No 6012)

- 1 Rosemary H Buckle
- 2 Christopher J Sharp
- 3 B Douglas Hird
- 4 David Phillipson (C)
- 5 Martyn J Marriott
- 6 Benjamin F Ricketts
- 7 Alan J Marchbank
- 8 Stephen H Stanford
- 9 Richard A Horne
- 10 Simon Read

Arranged as a 60th Birthday compliment to the Conductor (13th June)
50th together 8 & 9.

General Peals & Quarters

South Northamptonshire Society

Beachampton, Bucks

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday May 5, 2012 in 2h46 (8cwt)

5040 Doubles (7m)

(7m: 6 exts each St Nicholas, Winchendon Pl, St Simons, St Martins, Rev Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain B)

- 1 James A Haseldine
- 2 Julie A Haseldine
- 3 Ruth Stokes
- 4 Christopher C Stokes
- 5 Andrew Haseldine (C)

Rung immediately prior to the service for the re-dedication of the bells, following major overhaul and rehanging, on the centenary of the casting of the bells.

Newport Pagnell, Bucks

SS Peter & Paul

Sunday 27 May 2012 in 49mins (21-2-16)

1344 Superlative Surprise Major

Composed: Simon Read

- 1 John B Marchbank
- 2 Nick Read
- 3 Robert Tregillus
- 4 Nick Gray
- 5 A John Stanworth
- 6 B Douglas Hird
- 7 Alan J Marchbank
- 8 Simon Read (C)

Rung before the deanery confirmation service in celebration for the 100th birthday of Maud Pugsley.

Newport Pagnell, Bucks

SS Peter & Paul

Sunday 1 July 2012 in 50mins (21-2-16)

1311 Plain Bob Major

Composed: Simon Read

- 1 John B Marchbank
- 2 Kate Hollins
- 3 Nicola King
- 4 Alexandra J Marchbank
- 5 Simon Read (C)
- 6 Nick Read
- 7 B Douglas Hird
- 8 Alan J Marchbank

First in method - 2

Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Peter & St. Paul.

Woughton on the Green, Bucks

St Mary's BVM

Friday 27 July 2012 (7cwt)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Brian Baldwin
- 2 Christina Tribble
- 3 Martin Smith
- 4 Martin Petchey
- 5 Peter Tribble
- 6 Simon J O Head (C)

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Towcester, Northants

St Lawrence

Saturday 4 August 2012 in 3h 7 (23-1-16)

5080 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Composed: Simon Read

- 1 Simon Read (C)
- 2 Catherine M Stanworth
- 3 B Douglas Hird
- 4 Andrew F Alldrick
- 5 Benjamin F Ricketts
- 6 Michael Chester
- 7 Michael J Tinsley
- 8 A John Stanworth
- 9 Richard I Allton
- 10 Nicholas D Brown

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Calverton, Bucks

All Saints

Thursday 9 August 2012 in 2h 32 (10-1-24)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

720 of each London, Hexham, Berwick, Primrose, Surfleet, Beverley & Cambridge.

- 1 Alan J Marchbank
- 2 B Douglas Hird
- 3 Richard Haseldine
- 4 A John Stanworth
- 5 Richard I Allton
- 6 Simon Read (C)

A get well compliment to David Phillipson who was due to ring in this peal.