



OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

North Bucks Branch Newsletter

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St Mary Magdalene Tingewick

The tower has a ring of five bells together with a light sanctus bell. The oldest bell dates from the early 1400s and bears the initials of the Bell Founder John Walgrave. It is known from a Will of 1408 that John Walgrave was a foreman in the works of William Dawe, founder of the great Aldgate bell foundry in London.

Four of the remaining five bells are made by either Bartholomew Attom or his son Robert Attom who were patriotic bell makers in Buckingham in Tudor and Stuart times. The second oldest Tingewick bell bears the inscription, "Bartholomew Attom. Bell Found. 1591." They were patriotic in the sense that bells of theirs at Mixbury and Hanslope bear the legends, 'God save King James', and 'God save King Charles'.

The youngest bell is dated 1721 and bears the names of the Churchwardens John Yeates and William Stokes. The initials of John Yeates and Henry Markham may also be seen on an old Churchwardens' chest of the period.

Quarterly Meeting Saturday 6th September 2003

- 3.30 Ringing at Tingewick
- 4.30 Service
- 5.00 Tea
- 5.45 Business Meeting
- 7.00 Evening ringing at Stowe

Names for tea to: Lois Houghton-Brown
by **Monday 1st September**
Tel: 01280 848658

The historical information on this page was taken from the Tingewick Church website:
<http://parishes.oxford.anglican.org/tingewick/>
and the North Bucks Branch website:
<http://www.northbucks.org.uk/>
Our thanks to both.



The Tingewick Band in 1909

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Bradwell wins the Six Bell Striking Competition

This was held at Emberton on Friday 20th June instead of the Branch Practice. Five teams took part and the Guild Master, Graham Clifton, kindly judged our efforts.

He placed the teams as follows:

1st	Bradwell	27 faults
2nd	Loughton and Shenley	28 faults
3rd	Hanslope	32 faults
4th	Emberton	40 faults
5th	Great Linford	50 faults

Bradwell will go forward to represent the Branch in the Guild competition at the beginning of October.

Although we did not get more teams than last year's competition held on a Saturday, it was generally felt that this year's competition had been more successful, as all the teams had been present at the start, rather than having to fit them around ringing for weddings. This will be discussed at the quarterly meeting but the general opinion on the night was that we should hold next year's competition on a Friday evening.

The winning ringers: Chrissie Cable, Jill Joyce, Ian Green, David Joyce, Gordon Abbott, and Christine Abbott



The Bradwell Team

New Look Newsletter?

You will read in the Minutes of the last Quarterly meeting (page 5), that we are producing a temporary 'no frills' newsletter until the next AGM. It will simply be minutes, forthcoming events, quarters and anything else that gets sent to us by email or drops through the letterbox! We'd be delighted, of course, if articles came flooding in....

The deadline for the next issue is **31st October**.

Sheila Watts & Sheila Ware
Acting Editors

Peals and Quarters

St James the Great, Hanslope
Saturday 24 May 2003

5024 Hanslope Surprise Major
Composer R. Bailey (No. 4)

- 1 Julie A Haseldine
- 2 Raymond A Vickers
- 3 Ruth Stokes
- 4 Richard Haseldine
- 5 James Haseldine
- 6 David Phillipson
- 7 Andrew Haseldine (C)
- 8 Christopher Stokes



Holy Trinity, Old Wolverton
Tuesday 28 January 2003

1260 Doubles

(660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob)

- 1 Robert Saunders
- 2 John Mercer
- 3 James Woodcock
- 4 Malcolm Hooton
- 5 Michael Nimmo (C)

First in more than one method – 1

Rung in celebration of the forthcoming marriages of Sally & Chris, and James & Michelle

St Andrew, Great Linford

Friday 14 February 2003

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

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

On the Conductor's 50th Birthday

Holy Trinity, Old Wolverton

Friday 14 February 2003

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 John Mercer
- 2 Lynn Saunders
- 3 Roy Jones
- 4 Malcolm Hooton
- 5 David Moore (C)
- 6 Derek Jennings

Rung in celebration of the marriage of James and Michelle

Holy Trinity, Old Wolverton

Saturday 1st March 2003

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Robert Saunders
- 2 Michelle Bentley
- 3 Lynn Saunders
- 4 James Woodcock
- 5 Michael Nimmo (C)
- 6 John Mercer

Rung in celebration of the marriage of Sally and Chris

St James the Great, Hanslope

Sunday 6 April 2003

1260 Double Oxford & Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Stuart Grout
- 2 David Phillipson
- 3 Nick Gray
- 4 Roy Keeves
- 5 Richard Haseldine
- 6 Jonathan Griggs (C)

For Service. First Minor—1

St Mary, Banbury

Sunday 13 April 2003

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

- 1 Diana Reeves
- 2 Catherine Stanworth
- 3 Jean Davis
- 4 Keith Abbott
- 5 Robert A. Reeves
- 6 Josh Eldridge
- 7 Barry J. Davis
- 8 Michael Tinsley (C)

First of Surprise Major—2

St James the Great, Hanslope

Saturday 17 May 2003

1260 Stedman Triples

- 1 Roy Keeves
- 2 P David Taylor
- 3 Christina Tribble
- 4 Nick Gray
- 5 Ian Thompson
- 6 David Phillipson
- 7 Jonathan Griggs (C)
- 8 Tony Gray

Rung for the Installation of Father Gary Ecclestone, Priest-in-Charge of Hanslope and Castlethorpe

St Mary, Padbury

Sunday 25th May 2003

1440 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Helen Stanworth
- 2 David Moore
- 3 David Goodger
- 4 Peter Nicholson
- 5 Richard Stanworth (C)
- 6 John Stanworth

For the Annual Service of the Padbury Sick Benefit Society prior to their Annual Feast on Monday

St James the Great, Hanslope

Sunday 8 June 2003

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

- 1 Roy Keeves
- 2 Natalie Green
- 3 Nick Gray
- 4 Tony Gray
- 5 Ian Thompson
- 6 Christopher Stokes
- 7 Roy Keeves
- 8 Jonathan Griggs (C)

For Service.

St Mary, Padbury

Saturday 14 June 2003

1440 Plain Bob and Cambridge

Surprise Minor

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

Farewell to Rev John Hudson and thanksgiving for his Ministry in Padbury over the past 15 years

Bellhandling Video

The Branch has a copy of the video produced by the Central Council entitled 'Bellhandling—a Tutor's Companion'. This is aimed at those teaching bell handling but may also be helpful to those learning to ring.

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

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North Bucks Branch - Tower Ringing Times

Tower	Bells	Sunday	Day	Practice Time	Notes	Contact	Phone no.
Beachampton	5	11:00 (1), 09:30 (2, 3 & 4)				Jo Nevill	01908-566937
Bletchley	8	09:30	Mon	19:30-21:00		Paul Faithfull	01908-379025
Bow Brickhill	4	UNRINGABLE					
Bradwell	6	10:00	Wed	19:30-21:00		Gordpn Abbott	01908-318019
Broughton	4						
Buckingham	8	09:15 (3 & 4), 17:15 (1)	Wed	19:30-21:00	Last of Month #1	Andrew Spencer	01280-817989
Calverton	6	17:30 Alternate weeks	Wed	By	arrangement	Malcolm Hooton	01908-565380
Chicheley	6	17:30 (1)	Mon	19:30-21:00	Alt with North Crawley #2	David Robertson	01234-391371
Clifton Reynes	6	By arrangement	Tue	19:30-21:00	Oct to end June	Mike Davies	01234-711082
Downs Barn	8	10:00	Tue	19:30-21:00		Doug Hird	01908-614741
Emberton	6	Variable – please check	Tue	19:45-21:00		Sheila Watts	01234-713667
Fenny Stratford	6	09:00	Thu	20:00-21:00		Peter White	01908-564309
Great Brickhill	6	09:30				David Middleton	01525-261024
Great Linford	6	09:30	Tue	19:30-21:00		Alan Marchbank	01908-611434
Hanslope	8	10:15	Thu	19:30-21:00		Sheila Blenkhorn	01908-510105
Haversham	3					Roger Everson	
Lathbury	5	10:30 (3)	Tue	19:30-21:00		Maureen Smith	01908-612395
Lavendon	6	10:15 (3)	Wed	19:30-21:00		Brian Clifton	01234-712774
Leckhampstead	5	10:30 (2)	Thu	19:30-21:00		Paul Verrier	01280-860439
Lillingstone Lovell	5	09:00 (2,4)	Tue	19:30-21:00		Bernard Phillips	01280-860228
Little Brickhill	3					Rosemary Everston	01525-261595
Loughton	6	10:30	Mon	19:30-21:00	Alt with Shenley #3	Derek Stainsby	01908-666492
Maid's Moreton	6	09:00 (1 & 4), 17:15 (2)	Wed	19:00-20:30	Alt except last Wed #1	David Goodger	01280-812868
Milton Keynes Village	6	10:30 (2,4)	Tue	20:00-21:00	Tel to confirm	Patricia Gifford	01908-665439
Moulsoe	4						
Newport Pagnell	8	09:00, 17:20	Wed	19:30-21:00	Sun eve. by arrangement	Carol Smith	01908-616666
Newton Blossomville	3						
Newton Longville	8	By arrangement	Thu	19:30-21:00		Christine Ryan	01908-648739
North Crawley	6	17:30 (2,4)	Mon	19:30-21:00	Alt with Chicheley #2	Kerry Rose	01234-391785
Old Wolverton	6	10:00	Tue	19:15-21:00		John Mercer	01908-225051
Olney	8	Variable—please check	Thu	19:30-21:00		Charles Knight	01234-713719
Shalstone	5	UNRINGABLE				Patricia Shillington	01280-700076
Shenley	6	09:00	Mon	19:30-21:00	Alt with Loughton #3	John Brookman	01908-260413
Sherington	5	10:30 (1), 09:00 (2,3,4,5)				Ella Field	01908-610560
Simpson	6					Brian Baldwin	01908-670579
Stoke Goldington	6	09:15 (2)	Fri	19:30-21:00	2,4	Owen Warren	01908-551416
Stoke Hammond	3					John Bowler	01525-270202
Stony Stratford	8	09:00	Mon	19:30-21:00	Not BH	Malcolm Hooton	01908-565380
Stowe	6	09:00 (2), 17:15 (4)	Mon	19:30-21:00		Laurence Gibson	01280-822498
Thornborough	5		Fri	19:30-21:00		Ray Goodger	01280-812976
Tingewick	5		Mon	19:00-20:30		Lois Houghton-Brown	01280-848658
Tyringham	5	09:30 (1,3)	Wed	19:30-21:00		Kathleen Williamson	01908-611900
Wavendon	6		Fri	19:30-21:00		Rev David Lunn	01908-582839
Weston Underwood	6	By arrangement	Fri	19:30-21:00	2 or 4 by arrangement	Owen Warren	01908-551416
Whaddon	6					Derek White	01908-501987
Woughton-on-the-Green	6	09:30	Thu	20:00-21:00		Brian Baldwin	01908-670579

Total : 46 Towers

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PLEASE SEND ANY AMENDMENTS/UPDATES TO RICHARD STANWORTH (01280-814172)

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NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

held at Stoke Goldington on 7th June 2003

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Barry Eglesfield, welcomed everyone to Stoke Goldington, commenting that the village is one of the few places in the North Bucks Branch which hasn't changed in the last forty years, with the added advantage that Milton Keynes is not visible from the village.

Apologies for Absence

Received from Simon Head, Christine Ryan, and Christine Cable.

Minutes of previous Meeting

Copies of the minutes of the Annual General meeting held at Olney in March had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

David Joyce commented that the minutes were unbalanced in the detail of the discussion held. The section on how applications for grants should be handled was quite detailed with much of the discussion recorded. However the discussion on the application for a grant from Emberton had not been recorded in as much detail. It was commented that depending on the acoustics of the meeting room, the tape recorder did not always pick up all the speakers, especially if they were not near the recorder. The recording of this meeting was already overwriting the recording of the previous meeting. The Chairman suggested that recordings be kept in case of any queries with the minutes. These points will be borne in mind and it was requested that in future all the salient points from a discussion should be included in the minutes. It would be difficult without the tape recording to revise the minutes and on a show of hands it was agreed that the Chairman sign the minutes as circulated as a true record of the meeting.

Election of New Members

Nominations had been received proposing two new members:

Loughton

Terry Page (re-election)
Proposed—Derek Stainsby
Seconded—Frank Daniels

Thornborough

Ray Goodger (re-election)
Proposed—Helen Stanworth
Seconded—Richard Stanworth

Both were elected without dissent.

Rosa Scott has transferred to Loughton from the Reading branch and does not need electing.

Officers Reports

Ringling Master. Richard Stanworth reported that a band had taken part in the Guild 8-bell competition. We were involved in a heat with four other bands at Sonning and were placed 4th. Thanks to all who took apart, especially the late substitute!

Treasurer. Sheila Watts reported that the balance in the Building Society account currently stood at £1891, and after we have paid what is due to the Guild there will be £1371 left. Thanks to all who have paid their subscriptions. Current paid up membership is 187. There are four towers still to pay. These are Great Brickhill, Leckhampstead, Newton Longville and Shenley. Sheila asked that if anyone is in touch with these towers then please remind them to pay up. Thanks to those who contributed to the raffle in aid of the Bell Fund. The matter of the raffle will be raised later.

Guild Reps. Alan Marchbank reported on behalf of the Guild Reps. They had attended the Spring Committee meeting in March. There are actually two meetings. This first is the AGM of the Bell Fund. Last year we discussed the £30,000 gap in funds due to funding millennium projects. This year the deficit has been reduced to £26,000 by donations specifically for this purpose. There is a real belief that if we don't do very much then the problem will go away, although it might take a little time. Capital appreciation of the fund amounted to £9,000, despite the state of the markets, and there is something like £16,000 available for allocation to towers that are doing work, although all of this has already been provisionally allocated. The second meeting is the General Committee meeting. There was a short debate about insurance. There is a claim outstanding from Aston Clinton where the project to re-hang the bells has caused an injury. Insurance of the library is expected to cost more as the contents has been re-valued at a much higher worth than before. The cost of insurance of members has fallen because the number of members has fallen. The Education Committee are planning first aid training and also a 'Training the Trainers' day. On 20th November there will be a seminar, rather than a training session on 'Running a Branch'. We will need to consider whom we send from the Branch to represent us. This is more a

development day then a training day. The peal fee for 2004 will remain at 35p per rope. The Annual Report was produced on time.

Previous meetings had discussed donations from the General Fund to the Bell Fund and the Restoration Fund. The committee agreed that £1000 be donated from the General Fund to the Bell Fund and to the Restoration Fund. These donations would need to be ratified at the Guild AGM. These were the salient points from the Spring Meetings. David Joyce gave a brief update from the AGM held in May. The insurers had accepted the injury claim from Aston Clinton. The valuation of the Library has been increased from £10,000 to £40,000, although it has been recognised that much of the historical documents are irreplaceable. The Donations to the funds were ratified. Graham Clifton gave notice that this will be his second and final year as Guild Master, due to changes in his work commitments.

Grant Applications

There had been an initial enquiry about grants towards the Easthampstead course; but this had not been pursued as anyone under 18 needs to be accompanied on the course by a parent. This effectively doubles the cost for those under 18.

Forthcoming Events

An up to date calendar had been circulated to all present. Richard Stanworth drew attention to changes made to the programme since the last meeting. Evening ringing at the September Quarterly Meeting will be at Stowe, and the October Branch practice will be at North Crawley. The first quarter of next year has been planned and towers have been approached. Suggestions for special methods would be welcomed. Gainsborough Little Bob Major was suggested from the floor of the meeting. Other ideas included Hanslope Surprise Major at Hanslope.

There will be a Guild One Day Course at Steeple Aston on 1st November. This is not too far away and would be a good opportunity for our members unable to attend Easthampstead. The Secretary has further details to be circulated to towers. The course covers from plain hunt to Plain Bob Major. We have also been approached to help with this course. Anyone who is able to help will they please contact the Branch Ringing Master.

A Training day is planned for 18th October. This is planned to be a Stedman day, starting with Stedman Doubles, progressing to Stedman Triples. Concern was expressed that this might not be appropriate as it would be difficult to move on to triples if doubles had not been mastered. There was also doubt that, as we are not a particularly strong eight bell Branch, we might not get enough helpers for such a day. The candidates would also need to be selected carefully. A ringing up and down training day is also at the planning stage but a date has not yet been set for it.

Branch Centenary and Guild Festival

The Centennial AGM is booked for Great Linford on the first Saturday in March. Alan Marchbank suggested

that a peal be rung on the morning.

The Centenary day falls on Friday 11th June and we have invited the Guild to join us on Saturday 12th June for the Guild Festival and to join in our celebrations. We are thinking of inviting teams from each branch to enter a raising and lowering competition as a means of bringing people to the event. As the date is earlier than the usual date for a Guild Festival this needs as much publicity around the Guild as possible. It was suggested that the Secretary send round a preliminary notice to the other branch secretaries as soon as possible. The front page of the Ringing World has been booked for Friday 11th June 2004, the exact centenary of the forming of the Branch. It is hoped that an article can be prepared about the history of the Branch. The Chairman asked for other ideas for celebrating the centenary. These included:

A special beer with special label – suggestions for breweries to approach were the Chiltern Brewery and the Frog Island Brewery.

A Centenary Dinner for the Branch – this was suggested for a date in the year other than the centenary date, either earlier or later in the year. Alan Marchbank volunteered to investigate further the options for holding a dinner.

Ring 100 quarter peals during the centenary year. Details would be collected together and would be published once they were all completed. As many as possible of our 200 members should be involved with ringing these quarters.

As June 2004 will be a busy time with the Branch centenary and Guild Festival it was suggested that we do not hold a June Quarterly meeting next year. This was agreed by the meeting.

Any Other Business

Sheila Watts raised the matter of the raffles held in aid of the Bell Fund. The effectiveness of these as a fund raising mechanism had been discussed at several officers meetings and it was felt that the raffle was often costing the officers more to provide the prizes than the money raised. The feeling of the meeting was that it should be dropped except perhaps at the AGM and that instead a collection be held for the Bell Fund during tea. Sheila Watts proposed that 'A collection be held in aid of the Bell Fund during tea before a meeting, instead of holding a raffle'. Brian Newman seconded this and, on a show of hands, the motion was passed.

Sheila Watts also raised the absence of *In Touch*. It had been hoped that, having found an editor, all our problems with the newsletter would be behind us. The Chairman suggested that perhaps, for the time being, we should not have a newsletter. Sheila Watts was against this and expressed the view that much of the membership rely on *In Touch* for information about the Branch. It is also an important vehicle for disseminating information about forthcoming events. As an interim measure until the next AGM, Sheila Ware and Sheila Watts offered to produce an *In Touch* newsheet. This would be a 'no frills' newsletter with the basic requirements in it – minutes, forthcoming events, and anything else that was contributed. Although the Chairman was happy to take up this offer immediately,

the general feeling of the meeting was that the current editor, Scott Ayers, should be approached in order to find out if he intended to continue as editor. It was reported that he had been expected to attend this meeting but had not appeared. Richard Stanworth proposed that the Chairman talk to Scott in order to find out if he wished to continue as newsletter editor. If he does not wish to continue then the officers are authorised at the next officers meeting to accept Sheila Watts' and Sheila Ware's offer to produce a newsheet. This was seconded by Brian Newman and agreed by the meeting. The Chairman urged all who contribute to the newsletter to make every effort to get contributions to the editor in good time.

David Joyce also asked if the e-group could be revived as it was somewhat dead at the moment and was sending out incorrect information about events. The secretary agreed to undertake to keep the calendar of events on the e-group up to date by entering the information herself. This would allow her to update it if any changes were necessary. There are also members who may not be aware of the existence of the e-group. David Joyce suggested that notices could be circulated to the e-group as well as tower correspondents.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the poor attendance at the joint practice with the Towcester branch at Towcester. This was a fine opportunity to

ring on an easy going ring of twelve. He also felt that the attendance today was very poor. He encouraged all to make an effort to attend branch events. He also encouraged everyone that if they had comments to make then don't wait until a meeting, pick up the telephone and talk to a Branch officer.

A reminder from the Ringing Master that the Branch striking competition will be on Friday 20th June and entries should be made to him by the Thursday before.

David Joyce enquired about the idea of organising a coach outing to the Ringing Road Show. There seemed to be little interest shown within the Branch but there might be a possibility of joining in with the Towcester Branch. John Stanworth, an assistant ringing master of the Towcester branch may be able to help find out about this possibility.

Thanks

The Chairman thanked Owen Warren for hosting the meeting at Stoke Goldington, commenting that he has been a member of the Guild for nearly 70 years (applause). He also thanked the Rector for taking the service, and the organist for playing for us. Sheila Watts expressed thanks to all who had helped with preparing the tea. Members showed their appreciation in the usual manner. The Chairman then closed the meeting, prior to the drawing of the raffle.



The date for the Inter-Branch Striking Competition was brought forward to Saturday 19th July in order not to clash with the Ringing World Roadshow. Despite this both sides still had difficulty getting enough ringers together to take part.

It proved even more difficult to find a judge for the competition. Arriving at Wicken without a judge, it was agreed that each side would nominate a judge for each section of the competition and that they would judge the section jointly. The first section was the six-bell section, ringing a plain course of Cambridge Minor. We nominated Richard Stanworth to judge this and Towcester nominated John Stanworth who is one of their assistant ringing masters. Alan Marchbank judged the Stedman Triples along with Gerald Kingston for the Towcester Branch. Finally David Joyce, for North Bucks, and Nigel Williams, for Towcester, judged the call changes on eight.

The judges placed the bands as follows:

Section	North Bucks	Towcester
Cambridge Minor	27	34
Stedman Triples	37	47
Call Changes	89	78

North Bucks won two of the sections – Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples – and thus both the Inter-Branch Trophy and the George Holland Stedman

Trophy. This is only the second time that we have won the George Holland Trophy.

North Bucks ringers were: Chrissie Cable, Barry Eglesfield, Simon Head, Doug Hird, Robert Hutchings, David & Jill Joyce, Alan Marchbank, Brian Newman, Ann & Derek Stansby, Catherine, Helen, Richard & Victoria Stanworth, and Michael Tinsley.

Next year we will try an earlier date before the school holidays start, in the hope that we can get more of you to take part. The date proposed is Saturday 10th July 2004 – keep the evening free. The joint judging worked out well and we will try this format again.



The Chairman receives the Inter-Branch Trophy and the George Holland Stedman Trophy from Gerald Kingston of Stoke Bruerne

North Bucks Branch—Calendar 2003/2004

AUGUST	15	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Beverley Surprise Minor	Shenley
SEPTEMBER	6	3.30	Quarterly Meeting Evening Ringing	Tingewick Stowe
	12-14		<i>Easthampstead</i>	<i>Easthampstead</i>
	19*	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Double Norwich Court Bob Major	Downs Barn
OCTOBER	4		<i>Six bell Striking Competition</i>	<i>Central Bucks</i>
	17	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Little Bob Minor	North Crawley
	18*		Branch Training Day—Stedman	TBA
NOVEMBER	1		<i>Steeple Aston One-Day Course</i>	<i>Steeple Aston</i>
	21	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Focus on Rounds & Call Changes	Milton Keynes Village
	22		<i>Ten Bell Striking Competition Autumn General Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Vale of White Horse</i>
DECEMBER	6	3.00	Quarterly Meeting	Bradwell
	19	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Surfleet Surprise Minor	Woughton
JANUARY	16	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Gainsborough Little Bob Major	Newport Pagnell
FEBRUARY	20*	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Single Oxford Bob Minor	Maids Moreton
MARCH	6	3.30	Annual General Meeting	Great Linford
	19	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Hanslope Surprise Major	Hanslope
JUNE	11		Branch Centenary	Ringing World
	12		Guild Festival	Newton Longville

Items marked * were unconfirmed as at 22 July 2003
Events in *italics* are Guild events, etc.

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.

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.

There has been one application for a training grant towards the cost of attending the Easthampstead Course. This is from Christine Cable of Bradwell and will be discussed and voted on at the September meeting.