

DECEMBER '88

# IN TOUCH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BUCKS BRANCH  
OF  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS



Merry Christmas to all our readers

## QUARTER PEAL WEEK

As you will see in the Diary of events, during the last week of March another quarter peal week is to be organised. As last time the aim is to ring a quarter peal in every tower of the Branch (which is ringable), to the benefit of the local ringers.

Andrew King has volunteered to mastermind the organisation and he will be contacting various people throughout the Branch asking them to organise the attempts in their area.

The last time we had a go at doing this the final score sheet showed 33 Quarters scored out of 38 attempts; only one tower organised with too many ringers (and never one with too few) and about £120 raised for Branch Funds. Let's make sure we surpass these results this time - especially as there are two more ringable towers in the Branch now.

## BRANCH DINNER

Make sure you book the date of the Branch dinner in your diary now.

Tickets will be available very shortly and on last years experience it promises to be be another very enjoyable and popular evening.

You will have noticed that the date has moved back a week to the 3rd weekend in February, this is to allow us to go to the COWPERS OAK at Weston Underwood where we can have our own dinning area and bar for the whole evening.

It is hoped that the Guild officers will be represented, and that an interesting guest speaker can be arranged.

Contact Alan Marchbank for more details and to book tickets.

THE 1989 BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

WILL TAKE PLACE

ON ;

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25th 1988.

AT

THE COWPERS OAK

WESTON UNDERWOOD

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY  
FOR APPROXIMATELY £10  
ON ALAN MARCHBANK  
089 521504.

## INTER-BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION 1988

Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild

-v-

North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild

Saturday 3rd September, 1988

Judges: Mr. & Mrs. Derek Jones (Past Master of Peterborough Guild)

Trophy made by: Jack Green (Chairman of Towcester Branch & Wicken Tower Captain)

Derek Jones opened his remarks by saying that he felt the secret to a good test piece lay in good leading - open handstrokes and closed backstrokes. This was where our main faults were accumulated! He awarded one fault for a "crunch", and half a fault for irregularities.

### SECTION 1 - CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

North Bucks - Nice piece of ringing after a nervous test piece, with good rhythm on the back bells. Only one crunch. Peal time 3hrs 30mins. 10 faults.

Towcester - Set off beautifully after nervous practice, then the rot set in! Bells were stood. Would have been 3hrs-ish for a peal. No marks awarded.

### SECTION 2 - CALL CHANGES

North Bucks - Leading was the main problem here, after a very quick practice piece. 35 faults.

Towcester - There was a little problem settling in, after a slower practice piece. Leading errors. 53 faults.

### SECTION 3 - GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

North Bucks - A fast practice was followed by quite a commendable performance, with good rhythm on the back bells. However, some poor leading and a fairly substantial crunching session near the beginning resulted in 35 faults. Peal speed 3hrs 20mins.

Towcester - A better rhythm was achieved here after a slower practice. Only two crunches and an unsettled bit in the middle. Peal speed 3hrs 17mins. 22 faults.

WINNERS - NORTH BUCKS BRANCH (2 out of 3 sections)

by Sheila Watts

## QUARTER PEALS

### LOUGHTON

Sunday 22nd May, 1988

1260 Stedman Doubles

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Derek Stainsby | 4. Peter Cannon   |
| 2. Anne Stainsby  | 5. Tim Davis (C)  |
| 3. Caroline Davis | 6. Bob Winstanley |

For Evensong

### LOUGHTON

Sunday 29nd May, 1988

1260 Double Court Bob Minor

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Caroline Davis | 4. Derek Stainsby |
| 2. Frank Daniels  | 5. Bob Winstanley |
| 3. Anne Stainsby  | 6. Tim Davis (C)  |

For Evensong

### FENNY STRATFORD

Friday 10 June, 1988

1320 Norwich Surprise Minor

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Chris Baldwin  | 4. Derek Stainsby |
| 2. Anne Stainsby  | 5. Fred Mynard    |
| 3. Caroline Davis | 6. Tim Davis (C)  |

For the induction of Rev S Huckle

### LOUGHTON

Sunday 26th June, 1988

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Caroline Davis | 4. Frank Daniels  |
| 2. Anne Stainsby  | 5. Tim Davis (C)  |
| 3. Derek Stainsby | 6. Bob Winstanley |

For Evensong

### GREAT LINFORD

Sunday 9th October, 1988

1440 Annable's London & Ipswich Surprise Minor

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Fred Mynard    | 4. Bob Winstanley |
| 2. Caroline Davis | 5. Alan Marchbank |
| 3. Tim Davis (C)  | 6. Dave Maybrey   |

### GREAT LINFORD

Sunday 23rd October, 1988

1440 Rosendale & London Surprise Minor

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Caroline Davis | 4. Bob Winstanley |
| 2. Tim Davis (C)  | 5. Alan Marchbank |
| 3. Brian Baldwin  | 6. Dave Maybrey   |

### LOUGHTON

Sunday 30th October, 1988

1440 Annable's London & Norwich Surprise Minor

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Tine Marchbank | 4. Bob Winstanley |
| 2. Tim Davis (C)  | 5. Alan Marchbank |
| 3. Brian Baldwin  | 6. Dave Maybrey   |

For Evensong

Thanks to whoever dropped this through my letterbox...! ED

## FIRE

Fire is a particularly serious threat to a church, whether caused by accident or malice. The Leighton Buzzard experience prompted us at Olney to think seriously about it. More than that, we sought expert advice from the Buckinghamshire Fire Service, in the person of Station Officer Miller from Bletchley Fire Station.

As most of you will know, the ringing chamber at Olney is around 30ft up, without windows and entered from within the church. Not an easy place to escape from in a hurry. It was suggested that when a number of people are upstairs someone should be downstairs to raise the alarm. This may be practical with a large party but with our normal band we would always be one short! Maybe we could install a smoke detector below the ringing room floor.

A fire needs three things before it can exist; fuel, oxygen and heat. Without any one of these it cannot happen. We cannot get rid of oxygen as we need it to breathe. Fuel comprising of our floor carpet, ceiling frame and ropes, we also need, but we can remove all our rubbish, including the debris brought in by pigeons and jackdaws. So clear such rubbish out and fix louvres and wiring. That leaves us with the sources of heat. No proper user of a church is going to smoke in the tower are they? (I do remember ash trays in Sherington some years ago). Downstairs, however, candles are lit up and the incense was lit by a bottled gas blow lamp, all next to curtains, clothing and seat cushions. The idea of Singed Server, or Barbecue Bob Major did not find favour.

This leaves the electricity supply. All wiring should be checked by a competent contractor at intervals of not more than five years. Lead light cables should not be left trailing across the floor - ours did!

We do have emergency lighting in the ringing room, but in the event of a power failure, the stairs are very dangerous. Mr Miller considered that more emergency lighting here would not help due to the deep shadows likely to be caused, and instead suggested a pair of good torches hung up in the ringing room near the door would be more practical. This has been done.

We had previously been given a water type fire extinguisher, this was considered adequate as no-one would hang about up there any longer than necessary.

Please don't let this put you off visiting us. We've never had a fire, but we have taken as many precautions as we can.

HOW ABOUT YOUR TOWER?

Chas Knight of Olney

North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of  
CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

# FORM OF SERVICE.

(When the Clergy and Choir have arrived at their places, then shall  
be said, all standing)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

## CREED.

The Lord be with you.  
Answer. And with Thy spirit.  
Minister. Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

Then the Priest standing up shall say:

O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us;  
Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.  
Priest. O Lord, save the King.  
Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.  
Priest. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.  
Answer. And make Thy chosen people joyful.  
Priest. O Lord, save Thy people.  
Answer. And bless Thine inheritance.  
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.  
Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
Answer. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY.

One or more of the following prayers may be used:

Grant, O Lord, that all who ring  
Church bells may be filled with rever-  
ence and godly fear, and may be  
counted worthy to stand with those  
who praise Thee in the heavenly  
Jerusalem, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

O God, Whose Blessed Son was  
manifested that He might destroy the  
works of the devil, and make us the  
sons of God, and heirs of eternal life:  
Grant us, we beseech Thee, that, hav-  
ing this hope, we may purify ourselves  
even as He is pure; that, when He  
shall appear again with power and  
great glory, we may be made like unto  
Him in His eternal and glorious king-  
dom: where with Thee, O Father, and  
Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and  
reigneth, ever one God, world without  
end. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by  
Whose Spirit the whole body of the  
Church is governed and sanctified;  
Receive our supplications and prayers,  
which we offer before Thee for all  
estates of men in Thy holy Church,  
that every member of the same, in His  
vocation and ministry, may truly and  
godly serve Thee: through our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall  
be called by the sound of the Bells to  
Thine House of Prayer, may enter into  
Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into  
Thy courts with praise: and finally  
may sing the song of the Lamb in  
Thine House not made with hands,  
eternal in the heavens: through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall  
be hindered from coming into the  
House of the Lord, may by the sound of  
the Bells be reminded of the prayers of  
Thy Church and rejoice in the Com-  
munion of Saints, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all they for  
whose passing away from this world  
the Bells shall ring, may be received  
into the Paradise of Thine elect, there  
to find mercy, light, and everlasting  
rest: through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to Whom, with Thee and the Holy  
Ghost, be all honour and glory, world  
without end. Amen.

Which of the following 3 orders of service do you prefer ?

## HYMN.

SET them nobly in the steeple.  
Let our bells be rung on high:  
There fulfil their heavenly mission,  
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.  
As the birds sing early matins  
To the God of nature's praise;  
These their ring of changing music  
To the God of grace shall raise.  
And when evening shadows soften  
Chancel, cross, and tower and aisle;  
They shall blend their vesper summons  
With the day's departing smile.  
Christian men shall hear at distance,  
In their toil or in their rest;  
Joying that in one Communion  
Of the Church they too are blest.  
They that on the sick bed languish,  
Full of weakness and woe,

Shall remember that, for them too,  
Holy Church is gathering so.  
Year by year the steeple music  
O'er the tended graves shall pour:  
Where the dust of Saints is garnered,  
Till the Master comes once more.  
Till the day of sheaves in-gathering,  
Till the harvest of the earth;  
Till the Saints rise in their order,  
Glorious in their second birth.  
Set them nobly in the steeple,  
Let our bells be rung on high.  
There fulfil their heavenly mission  
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.  
Christ, to Thee, the world's salvation,  
Father, Spirit, unto Thee  
Low we bend in adoration  
Ever blessed One and Three. Amen.

Here followeth the Lesson.

## HYMN.

NOW thank we all our God,  
With heart, and hands, and  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours to-day.  
O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts,  
And blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplex'd,  
And free us from all ill  
In this world and the next.  
All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him Who reigns  
With them in highest Heaven,  
The one Eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

## SERMON.

## HYMN.

UNCHANGING God, Who livest  
Enthroned in realms on high:  
To men the power Thou givest  
Thy Name to magnify.  
We raise the Bells for ringing  
With ready mind and will,  
And come before Thee, bringing  
Our hearts, our strength, our skill.  
We call, from Tower and Steeple  
Upon the Day of days.  
All faithful Christian people  
To worship, prayer and praise.  
We ring with joyous gladness  
When man and wife are blessed:  
We peal in muffled sadness  
For loved ones laid to rest.

By union, free and willing,  
The work of God is done!  
Our Master's prayer fulfilling  
We would in Him be one!  
One, as the Church our Brother  
Would have her children stand.  
Befriending one another,  
A strong and steadfast band.

Our lives, like Bells, while changing,  
An ordered course pursue.  
Through joys and sorrows ranging,  
May all those lives ring true!  
May we, through Christ forgiven,  
Our faults and failures past,  
Attain our place in Heaven,  
Called home to rest at last. Amen.

## THE BLESSING.

The following hymns may be used in place of any of the above:—A. & M., 104,  
100, 107, 172, 212, 201, 298, 350, 403, 700.



## St Mary's, Bletchley



### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS

5 JUNE 1988

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our  
sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

(SIT)

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against  
our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through  
weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and  
repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for  
us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life, to the glory of your name, Amen.

Minister Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon  
you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen  
you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, Amen.

(STAND)

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by  
the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to  
the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and  
is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the  
living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection  
of the body and the life everlasting, Amen.

(SIT)

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us,

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your  
will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for  
ever, Amen,

Minister Show us your mercy, O Lord;

All and grant us your salvation.

Minister O Lord, save the Queen;

All and teach her counsellors wisdom.

Minister Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

All and let your servants shout for joy.

Minister O Lord, make your ways known upon the earth;

All let all nations acknowledge your saving power.

Minister Give your people the blessing of peace;

All and let your glory be over all the world.

Minister Make our hearts clean, O God;

All and renew a right spirit within us.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to  
serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of  
our enemies; that we may trust in your defence, and not fear the power of any  
adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all who ring Church Bells may be filled with reverence and  
honour of your name, and may be counted worthy to stand with all who offer you  
praise in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

HYMN

Lesson

SERMON

HYMN

#### THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in  
the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the  
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you,  
and remain with you always, Amen.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord..

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

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NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

FORM OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

The priest greets the ringers and introduces the service; all then pray for a while in silence, then the priest says

Either The collect for the day

Or Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people; that each in his vocation and ministry may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

PSALM, CANTICLE OR HYMN

SECOND READING

AN ADDRESS MAY FOLLOW

Prayer may be offered in this form:

God our Father, may all who ring church bells be filled with reverence, joy and skill; may their sounds mingle with the praise of all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

May all who are called to church by the sound of the bells enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise; may the lives of all Christian people be lived to your glory and in witness to Christ crucified.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Lord, by the sound of the bells, stir the hearts of those who do not know Christ or do not believe in you, and rouse those who live in apathy or complacency.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We pray too for all who are held by sickness or any trouble; may the bells remind them of the prayers of the Church and give them courage.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Lord of life and death, we pray for those at whose passing from this world the bells shall ring; may they be received into the paradise of your chosen ones, to find mercy, light and everlasting rest.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Other prayers may be added, ending with the Lord's Prayer.

HYMN

THE BLESSING

Rev Christopher Burdon Emberton 1988

SUGGESTED HYMNS:

|                                                         | No. in: | AMR | AMMS | EH  | NEH |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Unchanging God, who livest -<br>(The Bellringers' Hymn) | 496     |     |      |     |     |
| All my hope on God is founded                           |         |     | 336  |     | 333 |
| All people that on earth do dwell                       | 166     | 100 |      | 365 | 334 |
| Angel-voices, ever singing                              | 246     | 163 |      |     | 336 |
| Blest are the pure in heart                             | 335     | 238 |      | 370 | 341 |
| Christ is the King! O friends rejoice                   |         |     | 345  |     | 345 |
| Let bells peal forth                                    |         |     |      |     | 395 |
| Now thank we all our God                                | 379     | 205 | 533  |     | 413 |
| O worship the King                                      | 167     | 101 | 466  |     | 433 |
| Praise, my soul, the King of heaven                     | 365     | 192 | 470  |     | 436 |
| Praise to the holiest in the height                     | 185     | 117 | 471  |     | 439 |
| Thine be the glory                                      |         |     | 428  |     | 120 |



| TOWER           | CONTACT                        | RINGING TIMES  |                         |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                 |                                | SUNDAY         | PRACTICE                |
| BEACHAMPTON     | Mrs J. Nevill (MK) 566937      |                |                         |
| BLETCHLEY       | Mr. P. Faithfull (MK) 79025    | 5:15           | Tues 7:30               |
| BRADWELL        | Mrs. C. Abbott (MK) 318019     | 5:45           | Wed 7:30                |
| BUCKINGHAM      | Mr. P. Nicholson (0280) 814201 |                | Fri.                    |
| CALVERTON       | See Stony Stratford            | By arrangement |                         |
| CHICHELEY       | Mr. Robertson (023065) 371     | 5:30(1st)      | Mon 7:30<br>alt with ** |
| CLIFTON REYNES  | Mr. M. Davis (0234) 711082     |                |                         |
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| EMBERTON        | Mrs. S. Watts (0234) 711113    | 9:15           | Fri 7:45                |
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| GT. BRICKHILL   | Mr. H. Butler (0525) 26663     |                | ++                      |
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| HANSLOPE        | Mrs. J. Haseldine (MK) 510895  | 10:15          | Thur 7:30               |
| HAVERSHAM       | Mr. J. Randall (0604) 863054   | By arrangement |                         |
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| LECKHAMPTSTEAD  | Mr. Pentland (02806) 303       |                |                         |
| LILL, LOVELL    | Mr. Valentine (0280) 816360    | 8:50           | Wed 7:30                |
| LOUGHTON        | Mr. D. Stainsby (MK) 666492    | 10:30          | ++                      |
| MAIDS MORETON   | Mr. G. Holland                 |                | Wed. 7:15               |
| MILTON KEYNES   | Mrs. P. Giffard (0908) 665439  |                | Mon. 7:30               |
| NEWPORT PAGNELL | Miss. C. Murphy (0525) 61408   | 8:45/5:15      | Wed 7:30                |
| NEWTON LONG'LE  | Mr. J. Clarke (MK) 75794       |                |                         |
| NORTH CRAWLEY   | Mr. W. Parker (023065) 226     | 5:30(2,3,4,)   | Mon 7:30<br>alt with ** |
| OLD WOLVERTON   | Mr. M. Nimmo (MK) 321011       | 10:30          | Tue 7:30<br>alt with *  |
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| SHALSTONE       | Mr. C. Mullineux (0280) 704963 | By arrangement |                         |
| SHENLEY         | See Loughton                   | By arrangement |                         |
| SHERINGTON      | Mr. D. Williams (MK) 611946    | By arrangement |                         |
| SIMPSON         | See Woughton U-T-6,            | 9:40(1st)      | Thur 7:45<br>alt with + |
| STK. GOLDINGTON | Mr. O. Warren (090855) 416     |                |                         |
| STONY STRATFORD | Mr. M. Hooton (MK) 565380      | 9:00           | Mon 7:30                |
| STOWE           | See Buckingham                 |                |                         |
| THORNBOUROUGH   | Mr. D. Goodger (MK) 812976     |                | Thur 7:30               |
| TINGEWICK       | Rev. Willmott (02804) 273      |                |                         |
| TWYFORD         | Mr. E. Herring (08697) 671     |                |                         |
| TYRINGHAM       | See Haversham                  | By arrangement |                         |
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| WESTON U'WOOD   | See Stoke Goldington           |                |                         |
| WHAUDON         | Mrs. S. Green (MK) 501970      |                | ++                      |
| WUGHTON U-T-6,  | Mr. B. Baldwin (MK) 670579     | 10:00          | Thur 7:45<br>alt with + |

++Joint practices check venue

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# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

## NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

### DIARY OF EVENTS 1989

#### JANUARY

|               |                              |         |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------|
| FRIDAY 6th    | BRANCH PRACTICE              | STOWE   |
| FRIDAY 20th   | BRANCH PRACTICE              | SHENLEY |
| SATURDAY 28th | BRANCH COURSE (details soon) |         |

#### FEBRUARY

|               |                      |                     |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| FRIDAY 3rd    | BRANCH PRACTICE      | WESTON<br>UNDERWOOD |
| FRIDAY 17th   | BRANCH PRACTICE      | MILTON KEYNES       |
| SATURDAY 25th | BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER | COWPERS OAK         |

#### MARCH

|               |                                  |              |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| SATURDAY 4th  | BRANCH A.G.M.                    | VENUE T.B.A. |
| SATURDAY 11th | ODG GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING    |              |
| FRIDAY 17th   | BRANCH PRACTICE                  | TINGEWICK    |
| SUNDAY 26th   | QUARTER PEAL WEEK (details soon) |              |

#### APRIL

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| FRIDAY 7th    | BRANCH PRACTICE              | BRADWELL  |
| FRIDAY 14th   | LEARNERS STRIKING COMP.      | STOWE     |
| SATURDAY 15th | JOINT MTG WITH CENTRAL BUCKS | WINSLOW   |
| FRIDAY 21st   | BRANCH PRACTICE              | CHICHELEY |

#### MAY

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| MONDAY 1st    | ODG RINGING DAY & 8 BELL CONTEST<br>(ERIN TRIPLES) | E.B.S.B.B.<br>WHADDON |
| FRIDAY 5th    | BRANCH PRACTICE                                    |                       |
| SATURDAY 6th  | JOINT MTG WITH BEDS.                               |                       |
| FRIDAY 19th   | BRANCH PRACTICE                                    | THORNBOROUGH          |
| SATURDAY 20th | ODG A.G.M.                                         | CHILTERN<br>BRANCH    |

#### JUNE

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| SATURDAY 3rd  | BRANCH QUARTERLEY | STOKE GOLDINGTON<br>Tyringham |
| SATURDAY 10th | 6 BELL CONTEST    | M. MORETON                    |
| FRIDAY 16th   | BRANCH PRACTICE   | CLIFTON REYNES                |

#### JULY

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| SATURDAY 1st | GUILD FESTIVAL  | OXFORD                 |
| FRIDAY 7th   | BRANCH PRACTICE | LILLINGSTONE<br>LOVELL |
| FRIDAY 21st  | BRANCH PRACTICE | LOUGHTON               |

# AUGUST

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| FRIDAY 4th  | BRANCH PRACTICE | GT. LINFORD   |
| FRIDAY 18th | BRANCH PRACTICE | GT. BRICKHILL |

# SEPTEMBER

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| SATURDAY 2nd | BRANCH QUARTERLY<br>STRIKING CONTEST vs.<br>TOWCESTER BRANCH | BUCKINGHAM |
| FRIDAY 15th  | BRANCH PRACTICE                                              | WICKEN     |
| FRIDAY 29th  | EASTHAMPSTEAD RINGING COURSE                                 | WAVENDON   |

# OCTOBER

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| FRIDAY 6th   | BRANCH PRACTICE                          | DRAYTON<br>PARSLOW |
| FRIDAY 6th   | ODG SECRETARIES MEETING                  |                    |
| SATURDAY 7th | ODG 6 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION<br>FINAL | BICESTER BRANCH    |
| FRIDAY 20th  | BRANCH PRACTICE                          | CALVERTON          |

# NOVEMBER

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| FRIDAY 3rd   | BRANCH PRACTICE           | FENNY STRATFORD |
| SATURDAY 4th | ODG GENERAL COMMITTEE MTG |                 |
| FRIDAY 17th  | BRANCH PRACTICE           | NEWPORT PAGNELL |

# DECEMBER

|              |                  |               |
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| SATURDAY 2nd | BRANCH QUARTERLY | OLD WOLVERTON |
| FRIDAY 15th  | BRANCH PRACTICE  | LECKHAMPSTEAD |

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## A Note from the Editor' Boss

A recent burglary in Newport Pagnell robbed an elderly widow of a valuable gold chain with a gold pendant in the shape of a church bell. The pendant was flat and about one inch in length.

The chain was a Double Albert watch chain, formerly the property the widow's father, Mr. Arthur Lucas of Stoke Goldington and of great sentimental value. Mr. Lucas was a regular ringer at Stoke Goldington before the last war. If anyone is offered this chain or gold pendant or sees it for sale anywhere would they contact Dennis Mynard or Ros Tyrrell on MK 312 475 (days). A suitable reward would be offered for the return of both items.