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IN TOUCH

The Newsletter of the North Bucks Branch
Of
The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers

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Special feature - Downs Barn

EDITORIAL

In Touch has gone 'quarterly'. From now on, each issue will be synchronised with Branch meetings so it will appear just before them. It is intended that each issue will become available one month before each meeting. This should allow about three months for compilation and printing.

An important part of each issue will be the minutes of previous meetings. By making these available to all in advance, members can be better prepared for the following meeting. Read through the minutes of the December quarterly meeting, held at Old Wolverton. There are a number of points which will merit further discussion at the AGM in Bletchley.

Thinking about the AGM, now is the time to think seriously about Branch Officers. As usual, all posts will need to be filled at the meeting. Some will doubtless remain in safe hands, others will be passed on to new hands. Do you think that your expertise could be put to use in some way? You can even volunteer if you want to be in the thick of things for a while. The *In Touch* production team should be moving south in the near future so there are some vacancies which may interest you and if you are interested in Branch history, take a look at page 8 for some possible areas of research.

We have to thank our present officers for the work they have done during the year. A year which has gone quite well, all things considered. Watching from the sidelines, the decision to cut down on 'Branch Events' for a while seems to have had precisely the desired effect. Other events are filling the spaces. These, being organised by various bands, have taken some of the pressure off of Branch Officers, who at one time were expected to organise everything. Our Officers are now able to concentrate on the essentials which enable progress to be made. It seems that a 'back to basics' approach works better for ringers than for politicians.

So, read on. Don't miss out the minutes and don't forget to phone Paul Faithful with your "Names for Tea."

DOUG HIRD

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Downs Barn; a successful conclusion



It seems that the Downs Barn project has been ongoing for ever, and some of our members have never known The North Bucks Branch without it. Each meeting was enlivened or depressed by its progress over the years. Members were divided. Should the Branch pour all of its efforts into the project? But what about all of our other towers? How many of them would benefit from a concerted fund raising effort?

The project did gather a good deal of momentum over the years, however, along with some rather determined supporters. The added support from the Guild in 1992 provided the essential boost which actually ensured that the job was done. Firstly, practical help, advice and real hard work produced a complete bell frame, a superb ring of bells and all of their fittings. Secondly, through a combination of individual contributions and the efforts of the of other Branches, funds began to be raised quickly which indicated that the work was actually going to be paid for. The financial target was eventually achieved when the Guild voted to underwrite the final shortfall in the money raised as of the end of 1994 (see page 6).

Since the bells were installed, during May Bank Holiday weekend 1993, a band of learners has become established which is now able to

ring fairly competent rounds. Some are getting to grips with plain hunting. Nine quarter peals have been rung and the first peal was rung on the 22nd January 1995. The band consisted of Guild and Branch members who had been involved in the project in some way. Several other bands could have also rung on this basis. Not even the Bull Ring bells could accommodate all of

the ringers who contributed their time and effort to the project, but it is hoped that everyone will get their opportunity soon.

Now that the bells are ringing and a band in residence all that is left to do is ring them. With a new ring of bells in an area not used to their sound care has to be taken. A gradual increase in ringing is taking place. After starting off with regular Sunday services, Weddings and practices, extra ringing is now being introduced. An extra eight bell practice now takes place on every second Sunday afternoon (see p11). As time goes on we can expect more ringing opportunities, especially for the many Branch and Guild members who have done their bit.

To summarise the project:

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| 1981 | The Cross & Stable idea was born. |
| 1984 | First plans drawn up. |
| 1985 | Building work started. |
| 1987 | Building dedicated,
Six redundant bells purchased |
| 1992 | The project is adopted by the Guild,
Eight bells are cast by Taylors, |
| 1993 | The bells are installed,
The First 1/4 peal on the bells,
The bells are dedicated. |
| 1995 | The First peal on the bells. |

December Quarterly Meeting

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Old Wolverton on 3rd December 1994.

Proposed Sheila Blenkhorn, seconded Roy Keeves

Chairman's Welcome

Brian Newman welcomed members to the meeting. He asked members to think of Phil and Wendy Haslam whose son Samuel was ill in hospital in Birmingham.

Newport Pagnell: **Gareth Grayson (Junior)**

Proposed Godfrey Foat, seconded Doug Hird

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from :-

John White (Guild Steward)
Helen, John & Richard Stanworth (Buckingham)
Mick Nimmo (Old Wolverton)

Shenley: **Irene Gordon
John Brookman**

Proposed Barry Smith, seconded Bob Winstanley

Old Wolverton: **Philip Driscoll**

Proposed Mike Nimmo, seconded Mike Beck

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting at Stowe

Copies of the minutes were circulated at Old Wolverton prior to the meeting and were taken as read.

All were elected.

Matters arising

i) The Sponsored cycle ride by the Newport Pagnell ringers had already raised £250, with some sponsorship still to come in.

ii) Grants towards simulators had been agreed for the four towers applying :-

Newport Pagnell
Great Linford
Bradwell
Emberton

The grants will be made when evidence of the order being placed is received.

In his application Alan Marchbank said that the Great Linford simulator was already installed and he invited the Branch to have a go.

Godfrey Foat thanked the Branch for the grant.

Reports

1. Secretary

"Routine correspondence continues as usual, and the only point worth picking out is to mention the booklet entitled "A list of Branch Secretaries together with an Alphabetical List of Towers with Correspondents and Ringing times" which is advertised by John Payne and sold at £1 per copy as advertised in the Ringing World. It is based on the information at the rear of the Guild report but is kept up to date by receiving amendments on a rolling basis and is revised at each printing as orders are received. A very good buy for anybody needing the latest information about Oxford Guild Towers, and I can supply Mr Payne's address if required."

2. Ringing Master

David Bardwell gave the report on behalf of the ringing masters.

The branch had been represented by Bradwell at the 6 bell competition at Binstead, where they were knocked out in the heats.

In the call change competition at Simpson four bands took part. The competition was won by Bradwell, the other bands

Election of new members

The following were proposed for membership with effect from 1st January 1995 :-

Hanslope: **Mike Molyneux
Gill Whitaker
Anthony Wells (Junior)
Nigel Thorley (Junior)**

were from Emberton, Newport Pagnell and Buckingham.

The program of Branch practices and special methods is shown on the back of In Touch. Sheets have been produced on Bristol for the January practice. The special method is not the sole advanced method. Rounds, plain hunt, Plain Bob and Grandsire will always be available.

3. Treasurer

Very little had changed since the last report. The current balance is £913.06.

4. Guild Representative

The report was given by Sheila Watts and is attached to these minutes.

Forthcoming events

Future Branch events are as shown in In Touch, with one change, the January practice being at Wicken not Downs Barn.

The Secretary has circulated a list of ODG events for 1995 to all towers.

Any Other Business

1. Branch Outing 1995

Godfrey Foat had suggested a branch outing including a visit to one of the bell foundries. The branch officers had discussed this and felt that Loughborough would be more suitable in September / October to avoid the wedding season. The branch officers felt that the branch could not underwrite a coach outing. Malcolm Hooton said that if money was taken when booking there was less risk in a coach. Rosa Clare suggested opening the trip to non ringers to ensure a full coach. As Godfrey had offered to organise the outing he was asked to develop more detailed proposals.

2. In Touch

In Touch was currently being produced six times a year, the branch officers had agreed at their August meeting that it should revert to quarterly production. David Joyce then explained how the production timetable would be based on the quarterly meetings:-

Using the current meeting as an example, articles etc (including minutes of the quarterly meeting) should reach the editor by the beginning of January, allowing almost a month for collation and production before distribution early in February. In Touch would carry precise details of meetings, including names for tea and detailed timetables. Currently this information is only available in the Ringing World.

There was a funding problem with In Touch as there had been no donations towards production in 1994. Cutting the number of issues would be less of a strain on Branch funds. Brian Newman said that if sponsorship was forthcoming the branch funds could be used for other purposes for example giving grants for training courses such as Easthampstead and the Junior Training course at the end of March.

Doug Hird said that it was difficult producing copies every two months and they often miss meetings.

It was agreed by the meeting that production of In Touch should revert to four times a year synchronised with the quarterly meetings.

David Joyce suggested that members wrote more articles for In Touch and sent in details of quarters and other special ringing.

Jo Neville asked for a copy date to be included in In Touch.

3. Asset Register

The branch officers would like to build up a list of branch assets - certificates, trophies etc and also be aware of items of interest owned by individual bands.

David Joyce said that the Centenary 8 bell striking competition certificate was displayed at Bradwell. If the branch was aware of the whereabouts of items of interest then they could be moved when building or restoration work took place. The compilation of an asset register was agreed by the meeting.

4. Practice Night List

David Bardwell wished to update a contact and practice night list for publication in In Touch. Godfrey Foat said that such a list used to be published annually.

Arthur Harrison said that the information used to be published in a branch calendar and suggested that such a calendar could be published again. There was some discussion, but it was generally felt that the publication would be too costly.

5 Competition Certificates and Trophies

David Joyce displayed the certificate received by the branch team for coming third in the 8 bell striking competition. He felt that it should be professionally framed to protect the calligraphy. The meeting agreed to fund the framing.

The meeting also confirmed that the engraving of Branch striking competition trophies should be funded by the branch.

6. First Quarter Certificates

The first quarter peal certificates available from the ODG and the Central Council were discussed. There was some interest in obtaining them. David Joyce pointed out that the Central Council Certificates were free of charge.

Vote of Thanks

Brian Newman thanked the Old Wolverton ringers for the tea and the minister for taking the service.

REPORT ON THE GUILD GENERAL COMMITTEE

ALSO ON BEHALF OF DAVID JOYCE YOUR OTHER GUILD REP

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER @ EAST HAGBOURNE, SOUTH OF OXFORD, NEAR DIDCOT

PRECEDED BY RINGING ON THE 20CWT 8

NBucks Branch well represented - Chairman & Treasurer attended as well.

Useful reminder of the duty of a Guild Rep: Representing Branch to the Guild - representing the Guild to the Branch

Matters arising

Duplicate books in the Guild Library: after discussion decided to keep them and not sell. Bellingring books are valuable and difficult to replace.

The Central Council has asked the Guild for up to date Guild membership numbers. The Branches were asked to keep the Guild informed. This will affect the Guild's membership of the Central Council.

From the Towers & Belfries Cttee: discussion about "Seagers" apparatus (designed for enabling bells to be rung tied during war). Did the Guild think it ought to be restored? Further details on costs, etc requested.

Guild Restoration Fund

2 Applications for consideration: Somerton - 2 additional bells to make 8; Marsworth - rehang of the existing 5 plus 6th bell added. Grants proposed by Trustees £100 and £150 respectively.

Guild Subs 1995

The meeting Branch Secretaries had proposed that the Guild maintain subscription at same level in 1995, i.e. £5. Agreed by General Committee. Split is £3.20 to Guild, £1.80 to Branch. NR Life members - same as resident members.

Guild Festival 1995 - 8th July - Oxford

Communion Service at Cathedral - Preacher will be new Bishop of Buckingham. Ringing in or around Oxford, followed by Barbecue. Not yet finalised, discussion on parking difficulties and difficulties in getting city centre towers.

Downs Barn

Reported that currently the Guild had raised £23,782.35, and Downs Barn £5,589.89, leaving a shortfall of £2,591.09. It was proposed that at the close of the Guild Financial Year the Treasurer be empowered to transfer funds from the General Fund to clear the project debt. Agreed by all. On behalf of NBucks we thanked the Guild for their generosity, and support for a project within our Branch.

List of donors on scroll - which will be closed at the end of the year.

The Guild will write to DB telling them of financial decision and suggesting a bit more open ringing for those of the Guild who had contributed towards the bells.

Guild General Committee Meeting continued

Forthcoming Events

You will have seen these in OddBob. Additional events will be:

4 Feb - Tower leadership seminar (for some branches - working their way around the Guild)

10 June - Seminar on Judging Striking Competitions

Guild Festival will now permanently be on the 2nd Saturday in July & Banbury Branch will host for 1996

Any Other Business

Guild Membership rules: These will be reviewed to correct anomalies. e.g. Resident members cannot be elected prior to peals, but N-Resident can. If you've any comments on the rules, please see David or myself so that these can be passed on to enable a worthwhile review to take place.

Insurance: Belfry warning notices to your own wording are available from Len Palfrey, Reading branch, at nominal cost. Treasurer commented that the bulk of claims come from more experienced ringers. Is this because they do more ringing, or could it be that there can be an element of carelessness in the experienced? Learners appear to be safe in insurance statistics!

Request that Branch Secretaries give dates of Branch events to the Guild Officers. This will assist them in planning their attendance at Branch meetings, or if the Guild Banner will be required.

Striking competitions - entries must be in by the closing date or you don't ring!

Guild "first Q.Peal certificates" available from the Master.

Presentation of Certificates for the 8 bell competition at Steeple Aston in May. 3rd place went to N.Bucks and David came away with a beautiful certificate.

Early warning that Guild Officers will change. The Master and Dep Master wish to go, although one will resign at a time to give some continuity.

SHEILA WATTS

Eight bell practices

There are now two regular monthly eight bell practices taking place within the branch, and on two very different rings of bells. The Tenor at Downs Barn is actually lighter than the Treble at Olney, so these two rings offer a great opportunity to extend your eight bell experience. Both present a challenge.

You can expect to ring a range of more advanced methods at both practices so be sure to do your homework beforehand.

The Olney practice is on the 4th Monday and the Downs Barn practice is on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Page 11 lists all of the dates.

Dynamic duo

Take a look at our Ps & Qs page (page 10). You will find a quarter by the Loughton band, but with an extra Stainsby!

The quarter peal was rung to celebrate the 65th birthday of Derek and his brother David, a ringer at St Peter's Nottingham.

Derek has been tower captain at All Saints, Loughton for some years and has also held Branch office serving as Guild Rep between 1976 and 1981 and Branch Ringing Master between 1978 and 1987.

Its a wind up!

At the January eight bell practice at Olney, the clock pendulum was noticable by its lack of movement. Apparently, it has been decided to modify the clock so that it will no longer be necessary to wind it every day. Gilletts are carrying out the work, the full extent of which is, at present, unclear.

The Neighbours

Of the 40 or so members who attended the Towcester Branch AGM at Roade on January 28th about a quarter were resident North Bucks Branch members. Indeed the first band to ring after the meeting was an OGD band.

The meeting went comparatively smoothly. The Officers presented reports which all indicated a strong and active ringing community, which, in spite of the political manoeuvring which marred the start of the year, has been able to make real progress on all fronts. Meetings have been well attended, members have rung first quarters and peals and Branch officers have been active at higher levels within the Peterborough DG.

The election of officers proceeded as expected with a substantial vote of confidence in the existing regime with only a few changes. It is interesting to note how easily volunteers are found to carry out these various duties. In all, 12 officers were elected, or re-elected, without difficulty. The officers who we in the North Bucks Branch are most likely to have dealings with are Bill Yates as Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Yates as Ringing Master with Duncan Harrison and Nigel Williams as Deputy Ringing Master.

One of the six new members elected was Bob Winstanley as a member of the Passenham band.

Any Other Business. Following the previous AGM, the meeting rather expected more of the massed, but largely silent, ranks of the Towcester band. As it turned out, a single query about the availability of annual dinner tickets just puzzled the members about what all the fuss was about. Some disputes still seem to remain brooding under the surface, according to the gossip mongers.

Hilary Azlett had more or less the last word with a date for the diary. Don't miss "Today's the Day" on March 17th at 4.00. Hilary will be raising funds for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund, being sponsored for every point scored. Sponsorship forms will be circulating, so sign up and count the number of points to see what it is going to cost you.

IN TOUCH FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Our Past's future

Whenever the Branch Officer posts change hands there is always something of a change in direction. One Ringing Master might refuse to ring Surprise methods, another might refuse to ring Doubles methods (I wonder who that could be). Everyone brings their own way of doing things to each post. We each tend to concentrate on the areas which interest us most. So at this year's AGM we might expect a few changes in direction. I hope that each of our "new" officers will be able to put some of their thoughts into writing for the next issue of *In Touch*.

The post of Archivist is somewhat optional and as such has a good deal of latitude regarding what it involves. I have used it as an opportunity to research all aspects of Branch history. The information already researched may now provide a starting point for a number of more specific areas of research. The following topics spring to mind:

- 1 A survey of bell frames in the branch. This sounds like a huge task but read Chris Pickford's book on the classification of bell frames. A very basic summary, combined with some sort of "at risk" statement, would be valuable as hardly anyone else in the country has this yet.
- 2 Set up a database of Branch information. Most of the information collected so far is computerised but is not very "user friendly." Something with pretty graphics would be popular.
- 3 Reminiscences of older members. This sort of recording is good fun and is also of interest to other local historical groups. Our existing data provides a good starting point for memories.

You can probably think of other areas yourself. I think that the "single project" approach might appeal to the membership. It is easier to report on the progress of a specific task during the year. Perhaps we could take it in turns to research our own tower's history. However the post develops, I will watch with interest from a distance.

DOUG HIRD

In Years Gone By

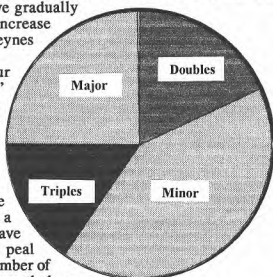
One of the advantages of storing Branch archive material on computer is that it is very easy to analyse. In a few minutes you can see how the Branch has changed and developed over the years. Branch membership records, for example, are particularly interesting, if you like that kind of thing. This graph shows how membership has fluctuated from year to year.



So what does it tell us? Well, firstly that, the Branch had members even before its formation in 1904. In fact, North Bucks Branch towers were among the first to join the Guild in the early 1880s. However, 1904 saw a rapid increase in membership as more and more towers joined the Guild. Membership peaked at 225 in 1908 but dropped, as we might expect, to around 130 as priorities turned towards the war effort. Following the First War, membership returned to its previous strength, dipped a little during the 1920s (perhaps as a result of the depression) and was just starting to build up when the Second War interrupted matters.

Again, the Branch had to build itself up. This time, however, the total seldom reached 200 as it did in earlier years. In fact, membership seems to have gradually fallen over a period of 40 years until the population increase which resulted from the construction of Milton Keynes improved the situation.

We are now back to our early level of membership. Our data for the 1970s is, as you can see, a little "noisy." Some of the Annual Reports covered two years (for financial reasons) so the membership appears to be the same for both years. Some only give a total membership, so we don't know for sure who our members were these years.



Peal analysis is just as easy. This Pie Chart shows where our peal ringing strengths are. As you might expect in a branch with so many six bell towers, peals of Minor have been the most popular over the past 90 years. Our peal records still need to be completed, however. A large number of them have been rung for other societies. Many have recently been identified from the Towcester Branch's Peterborough DG reports. With a little more work, we will have a complete record for every tower.

Ps & Qs

Peals

The Oxford Diocesan Guild

Maids Moreton, St Edmund

Saturday 5th November 1994 2h50 (10h)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Berwick, Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Primrose, Cambridge and Norwich)

- 1 William A Yates
- 2 G Nigel Williams
- 3 Rev John D Nixon
- 4 James Linnell
- 5 Richard W Yates (c)
- 6 George E Green

In memory of George Holland, tower captain at this tower, on the first anniversary of his death.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

Great Linford, St Andrew

Saturday 19th November 1994 3h4 (16)

5040 Doubles

(5m: 2 extents Stedman; 10 each St Simons, St Martins, Plain Bob, Grandshire)

- 1 Ann Wilby
 - 2 Alison M Brookbanks
 - 3 Godfrey Foat
 - 4 Ronald J Snack
 - 5 Alan J Marchbank
- first of Doubles; 2,3. First five bell peal on the bells, to welcome Aiden Mark, first son of Revds Ruth and Ian Jagger formerly of this parish. In loving memory of Colin Snack and Katherine Marchbank

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Stowe, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 10th December 1994 2h52 (11)

5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Single Oxford, Childwall, St Clements CB and Plain Bob)

- 1 Helen Stanworth (1st peal)
 - 2 George E Green
 - 3 Richard W Yates
 - 4 David J P Stanworth
 - 5 William A Yates
 - 6 Richard S Stanworth (c)
- (50th peal)
First peal as conductor.
Birthday compliments to the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild

Downs Barn, Milton Keynes

The Cross & Stable

Sunday 22nd January 1995 2h40 (6)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major Comp.

- 1 Nicola A King
- 2 B Douglas Hird
- 3 Bernard Stone
- 4 David J Maybrey
- 5 Alan J Marchbank
- 6 Graham J Clifton
- 7 Robert H Newton (c)
- 8 Patricia M Newton

Rung in celebration of the 8th anniversary of the dedication of the Cross & Stable Church and Community Centre and after the service in which a scroll of Bell fund Donors was dedicated.
First peal on the bells.

Quarters

Buckingham, St Peter & St Paul

Friday 11th November 1994

1280 Glasgow Surprise Major

- 1 William A Yates
- 2 Margaret J Bullied
- 3 L Ruth Stokes
- 4 C E Bullied
- 5 Christopher C Stokes
- 6 Richard S Stanworth
- 7 Barry R Eglesfield
- 8 G Nigel Williams (c)

Buckingham, St Peter & St Paul

Friday 25th November 1994

1280 Shepperton Surprise Major

- 1 William A Yates
- 2 Lynn M Walters
- 3 Margaret Bullied
- 4 Ruth Stokes
- 5 Christopher C Stokes
- 6 G Nigel Williams
- 7 Christopher E Bullied (c)
- 8 Barry R Eglesfield

Wavendon, St Mary

Friday 9th December 1994

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Margaret Pemble
- 2 Lucy Shepherd
- 3 Michael Barker
- 4 David Adams
- 5 John Pemble
- 6 Alan Shepherd (c)

Stewkley, St Michael

Tuesday 27th December 1994

1344 Plain Bob Major

- 1 Barry Smith
- 2 Bob Winstanley
- 3 B Douglas Hird
- 4 John Pemble
- 5 Peter Phillips
- 6 Bob Churchill (c)
- 7 Monty Gilbert
- 8 Raymond Watkin

Newport Pagnell, St Peter & St Paul

Sunday 8th January 1995

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Nicola Jayne Busby
- 2 Lorretta P Ramsay
- 3 B Douglas Hird
- 4 Gerald R Stratton
- 5 Godfrey L Foat (c)
- 6 Andrew J P Hobkinson

Rung as a compliment to Sister Jean Harris, retiring after 15 years in this parish as Church Army Lay Worker.

Loughton, All Saints

Sunday 22nd January 1995

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Jo Nevill
 - 2 Derek Stainsby
 - 3 David Stainsby
 - 4 Bob Winstanley
 - 5 Barry Smith
 - 6 Monty Gilbert (c)
- 65th birthday compliment to Derek and David Stainsby.

Stoke Goldington, St Peter

Wednesday 25th January 1995

1260 Stedman Doubles

- 1 Roy Keeves
- 2 Audrey Jones
- 3 Nick Gray
- 4 Steve Crane
- 5 Alan Cozens (c)
- 6 Owen Warren

1st Stedman Doubles 4.

Rung as thanksgiving for the life of Ernest Carroll, one time Sexton, Grave digger and Bellringer; the last to ring the passing bell with tellers. Died 18-12-94, aged 94.

16 Wandsworth Place, Bradwell Common.

Monday 12th December 1994

1260 Plain Bob Royal

- 1-2 Alan J Marchbank
- 3-4 Ron Snack
- 5-6 Godfrey Foat (c)
- 7-8 John Lonsbrough
- 9-10 B Douglas Hird

16 Wandsworth Place, Bradwell Common.

Monday 6th February 1995

1280 Kent Treble Bob Major

- 1-2 Alan J Marchbank
- 3-4 Ron Snack
- 5-6 Godfrey Foat (c)
- 7-8 B Douglas Hird

Forthcoming Events 1995

In addition to the usual back page list of North Bucks Branch events we have put together a number of extra ringing opportunities in the area.

Date	Time	Event	Place
March			
Sunday 12th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Monday 27th	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
April			
Saturday 22nd	7.00	Towcester Branch Practice	Buckingham
Monday 24th	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
May			
Sunday 14th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Monday 22nd	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
June			
Sunday 11th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Monday 26th	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
Saturday 29th	6.00	Striking Competition v Towcester Branch	Wicken
July			
Saturday 8th		Guild Festival	Oxford
Sunday 9th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Monday 24th	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
August			
Sunday 13th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Monday 21st	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
September			
Sunday 10th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Monday 25th	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
October			
Sunday 8th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Monday 23rd	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
November			
Sunday 12th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Saturday 25th	7.00	Towcester Branch Practice	Passenham
	8.00		Stony Stratford
Monday 27th	7.30	Eight Bell Practice	Olney
December			
Sunday 10th	3.00	Eight Bell Practice	Downs Barn
Saturday 30th	7.00	Towcester Branch Practice	Stowe
	8.00		Maids Moreton

For up to the minute information call:

David Maybrey ☎ 0908 562233 for Downs Barn practices

Roy Keeves ☎ 0908 510105 for Olney practices

Bill Yates ☎ 0280 814937 for Towcester Branch practices

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH DIARY

Date	Time	Event & Special Method	Place
March 95			
Saturday 4th	3.30	Annual General Meeting confirmed	Bletchley
Friday 17th	7.30	Branch Practice Method: Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles confirmed	Shenley
April 95			
Friday 21st	7.30	Branch Practice Method: Little Bob Minor confirmed	Lavendon
May 95			
Friday 19th	7.30	Branch Practice Method: Erin Triples confirmed	Olney
June 95			
Saturday 3rd	4.15	Quarterly Meeting and 6-bell striking competition confirmed	Woughton
Friday 16th	7.30	Branch Practice Methods: Winchendon Place and St Nicholas to be confirmed	North Crawley

For up to the minute information on any of these events call the Branch Secretary.

North Bucks Branch Annual General Meeting

Saturday 4th March 1995
At St Mary's Church, Bletchley

3.30 pm	Ringin (8 bells)
4.30 pm	Service in Church
5.00 pm	Tea in the Hall
5.45 pm	Business Meeting

Evening ringin may be allowed until 8.30 pm.

**Names for Tea to Paul Faithfull on (Milton Keynes) 379025
by 1st march please.**