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Special feature - Bradwell

From the Editor

This is my second edition of *In Touch*, thank you to everyone who said nice things about my first attempt. Remember, I can't do it without your reports, letters, notices of events, outing reports, adverts for forthcoming outings, competitions, comments, news, articles, gossip, poems, quizzes, cuttings from papers, ringing reports, photographs, etc. etc., please send them to me at:

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in handwriting, printed form or on disc in ASCII format.

This edition includes a brief report of the Branch AGM held on Saturday 5 March at Buckingham, at this meeting the Branch Committee was reshuffled and some new members have been elected to the Committee, so make sure you know who's who these days by reading the report.

Despite the bitter weather over the last few months people have been venturing out to Branch Practices and even arranging outings for younger learners. Some reports of an impromptu learners' outing in the north of the branch written by the younger participants appear inside.

Steve Crane has devised another competition - Ringer's Relief 2. He tells me that the first competition he set in an edition of *In Touch* last year is still open, he has not received any replies to that one. If he doesn't get any soon I shall have to print it again and give you the answer ... Any attempts at answering Ringer's Relief 2 should be sent to me at the address above. There doesn't seem to be a prize as yet, just the satisfaction of completing the puzzle.

I hope you enjoy this edition, the next one is due for the beginning of May, so get writing soon.



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BRANCH AGM

The Branch AGM was held at Buckingham on Saturday 5 March 1994. It was a well attended meeting which addressed a number of current issues. First among which was the election of a new committee.

The members of the new committee and their contact telephone numbers are on page 2. You will note that there have been some changes to the composition of the committee with a new post of Minute Secretary being created to support John Lonsborough in his role of Branch Secretary.

Only one Ringing Master was elected at the Meeting. Roy Keeves stood down and did not seek re-election and David Joyce was elected to continue in the post. He would, however, like to share the post with a willing candidate. If there is anyone out there who would like to be a full-blown Ringing Master, or even one or more people who would feel happier as an Assistant Ringing Master, then please step forward and make your feelings known. David and the other committee members have the power to co-opt individuals, so perhaps if you would like a 'free-trial introductory period' before the next Quarterly Meeting, then say so! David is talented, but not a mind reader (as far as I know).

Two VERY IMPORTANT EVENTS are coming up later this year. First to happen will be the **Guild AGM** on 21 May, which North Bucks Branch is hosting as part of the Guild's ten-year plan. The AGM meeting will be held at The Cross and Stable, Downs Barn, and there will be some open ringing in the area, as well as the Branch 10-Bell striking competition just over the border at Long Crendon. A request for help was made by Fiona Maybrey, further details of which are on page 8.

The second is the **90th Anniversary of the North Bucks Branch**, which falls on the 11 June. David Joyce suggested ringing throughout the branch over the weekend of this event and members voiced their approval. Some history and plans are on page 9.

NICKI KING

THE NEIGHBOURS

On Saturday 26 February, a number of our members attended a curious meeting at Roade. Curious in that it started at Item 7 - *Election of Officers*. This was Part 2 of the Towcester Branch AGM. Part 1 was held at Patishall but, owing to the strong disagreement expressed over who should hold Branch posts, it was decided to allow members time to calm down so that rational decisions could be made. Expecting more fireworks, your intrepid reporter decided to attend. However, once the apologies for absence were heard it became clear that battle was not to be resumed and that the elections were unlikely to present a problem. To summarise, the Towcester Branch Officers for the next 11 months are:

Chairman: Revd James Atwell
Vice Chairman: Revd Eddie Houston
Ringing Master: Richard Yates
Assistant Ringing Masters: Nigel Williams and Duncan Harrison
Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Yates
Steward: Chris Bulleid
Press Officer: Paula Cochrane
Guild Rep.: Brian Gross
Committee Members: Lynn Walters, Hugh Nickerson and Margaret Bulleid

This hurdle successfully cleared, Item 8 could be attempted, *Correspondence*. As it turned out, the sender of the only item was present. The Guild President, John Weaver talked to the meeting about his retirement from the post and his wish that it be taken in turn by Murray Coleman. In reply, Richard Yates commented on the importance of the Branch taking an active role in the internal affairs of the Guild and the meeting subsequently showed its support for Mr Weaver's suggestion. Item 8 was followed by the program of events. Don't forget that on the 30th of July the inter-Branch striking competition will be held, this time in North Bucks. Finally, *Any Other Business* provided the usual unexpected element. John Weaver presented Bill Yates with a certificate which commemorates his 50 years as a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Considering that the Guild is itself only 70 years old this is a particularly notable achievement. Bill deserves congratulations from both of our Branches. The time taken to set the Towcester Branch back on course? 26 minutes. Quite impressive!

DOUG HIRD

Hands up for outings !

Currently the northern end of the Branch is blessed with a number of young ringers. Trying bells at towers other than the home tower, meeting other ringers and learning from their experience, seeing other installations and touring the branch are all parts of the learning process. During last half-term holiday a day's ringing programme was devised to give some of these younger members a taste of some of these things. Here are two reports from participants. I think you'll agree they had an interesting time!

On Monday 14th February 1994 a group of ringers from Newport Pagnell, Emberton and Downs Barn went on a local ringing trip for young ringers organised by Doug Hird.

The group started off ringing at Downs Barn on their new set of eight bells. The youngsters soon realising that you needed skill rather than a big pull to ring the very light bells. Many of the group enjoyed watching Barry Eglesfield ringing two bells simultaneously.

We then moved on through the snow to our next church at Great Linford. They had six bells which were much heavier than those at Downs Barn. They were set very lightly and this gave use a chance to test our ability to stand bells to the limit.

The group then stopped for lunch before going on to the church in Newton Blossomville which had three bells. The church was locked up and much to the disappointment of the group who had missed out on their chance to ring on three bells.

Our final ring was at Clifton Reynes which had six bells that were very enjoyable to ring. After our ring the youngsters went up into the belfry and studied the bells in a cold draft! This day out gave the youngsters a new experience in ringing three very different sets of bells.

ANDREW HOBKINSON
MARK NICHOLLS
Newport Pagnell

On a Tuesday visit to Emberton tower in January, Doug Hird asked the learners if they would like to join him and some other learners on a day's ringing outing in the neighbourhood. We were all invited, but it turned out that the day chosen was only convenient for me (Roland) and Emma.

The day started with a blizzard blowing and Sheila Ware decided that she was glad that her only part in the day was to drive us to Downs Barn where we were all meeting. We were left there to meet the others and the day began with ringing up the bells and some handling practice. There were approx. 12 learners and several helpers. We found these bells very enjoyable and also the experience of seeing Barry ring two bells at once.

On to the next tower, Great Linford, which are a heavier ring and I rang the tenor. The third tower was to have been Newton Blossomville but we could not get in.

After lunch, eaten in the car while the adults went into the pub, the final tower was Clifton Reynes. After ringing and then ringing down we went up to see the bells before returning home. The day was great fun, thanks Doug, and we look forward to the next one promised for the Easter holidays.

ROLAND WARREN
Emberton

Another outing is planned for the Easter Holiday, probably to other towers in the branch. If you have a youngster (or two or more) in your tower who would benefit from a day out like this, or if you would like to help during the Easter Outing, please contact Doug Hird ☎ 0908 614741 as soon as possible.

Ringers' Relief 2

1	2	3
2	1	3
2	3	1
3	2	1
3	1	2
1	3	2
1	2	3

A puzzle for the more mathematically minded of us devised by STEVE CRANE. The objective of this puzzle is to accumulate the largest possible score by drawing a line through a course of Plain Hunt Singles (including one row of rounds at each end) and noting the value of the bells that the line touches.

Starting from any bell in the first row note down the bell's value (i.e. its number) and draw a line to an adjacent bell in the next row. You are not allowed to stay in the same position in consecutive rows. Add the value of the new bell to your total. Continue until you reach the last row shown.

For example, if you choose to start with the 2nd (giving an initial score of 2), you could draw a line to 1st place or 3rd place, adding either 2 or 3 to give a score of 4 or 5. Suppose that you choose to move to 3rd place, your next move will be to 2nd place (adding 3, giving a score of 8). Remember, you cannot stay in the same position in consecutive rows. If you are at the front or back there is only one place that you can move to, i.e. 2nd place.

Once you have worked out the highest possible score obtainable, send it, and the method with the line drawn on it, to the Editor (address on page 2). The closing date is Sunday 24th April 1994 and the senders of all correct answers will be announced in the next copy of *In Touch*.

THE COVER STORY

A few notes from the archivist about the cover tower, the next in the alphabetical sequence, Old Bradwell, Bradwell Village, Bradwell - you know where I mean, they ring upstairs now!

The history of ringing at Bradwell spans the whole of ringing history. The tower is thought to have been built to house four old bells which came from the dissolved Snellshall Priory in Whaddon. The two trebles were cast around 1310 by Michael de Wymbis. They are quite rare as only five examples by him are left, all in Bucks. The third was later recast by Richard Chandler in 1700, and again in 1909 by Alfred Bowell. The fourth is another old bell, cast before 1440 by John Walgrave. This bell had become cracked before the start of this century but had to wait until the 1970's to be replaced. It now hangs in the south aisle roof for all to see. As part of the ring it gave Bradwell bells a unique quality. In 1909, the 1652 frame was replaced by Alfred Bowell of Ipswich who also cast two new tenors. This work was financed by the Baily family so the bells were suitably inscribed. By 1558 the bells were clearly being rung as William Wogan, who farmed the Old Priory lands, bequeathed vjd "to them that ring the belles."

However, our ringing records start in 1908 with a small membership and a peal of Bob Minor on the new bells rung by the combined Calverton/Stony Stratford/Wicken band in 1909. Activity received a boost in the early 1920s by the addition of Ted Whitlock, Alex Coley and William French who eventually achieved a combined membership of 119 years. The band rang several peals (a total of 21 have been rung on the bells so far) including four of the Branch's five peals of Stedman Doubles, the last in 1949 assisted by Bill Yates and George Holland. The band has remained strong over the years and now draws its membership from most of North Milton Keynes.

DOUG HIRD

BITS AND PIECES

It is always surprising how quickly a rumour can spread round the Branch, especially when it is untrue! To find out what is happening in our active towers I have been talking to tower correspondents to find out what their bands have been getting up to lately:

At **Bletchley** the scene is one of "quiet" activity although Paul plans to recruit some more learners this year.

The **Bradwell** band is as strong as ever following their move upstairs. Some 21 members and friends attended their recent tower dinner at *The Hollow Tree* in Stoke Goldington where they were well fed. The event, organised by Jenny Brookman, was partially supported by tower funds.

At **Buckingham** the scene is one of re-grouping following the loss of George Holland. The bells here, with **Maids Moreton** and **Stowe**, are now being rung on a "rota" basis to make the best use of the ringers of all three towers. The same band helps out at **Tingewick** and **Shalstone** when needed.

The **Calverton** practice may take on another change of character soon as the **Woburn** practice looks for a new home. Unfortunately, a crack in the tower at **Woburn** has attracted the attention of the architect and ringing has had to be stopped until the state of the tower can be investigated.

Stone restoration is continuing at **Chicheley** and the builders concerned are unwilling to allow ringing while this is being carried out. It is expected that the remaining work on the East face will be completed in about three months (hopefully in time for the Branch practice on Friday 17 June). Meanwhile, the ringers are making good use of their recently acquired set of handbells and are performing to various public groups. It is planned to arrange an inspection of **Chicheley** bells as well as those at **Sherington** and **North Crawley** by one of the Bell Foundries as well as by the Guild Towers and Belfries

Committee. The bells at **North Crawley** are back in action now after repair work on the church roof.

Downs Barn "learners" are now doing battle with plain hunting and are making good progress on the back six. The bells are regularly rung for Sunday services and the Tuesday night practice. If you also practice on a Tuesday, expect a visit some time because on the first Tuesday of the month another group has priority over the building so the band have to find somewhere else to practice. The band held its first meeting recently to decide who should do what with the following result:

Tower Captain / Correspondent: Fiona Maybrey
Steeple Keeper: David Maybrey
Ringing Master: Doug Hird
Treasurer: Ann Griffin

Fenny Stratford has fallen on stony ground recently with the loss of two ringers to University. However, Peter is not too disheartened as he has his eye on two possible learners.

At **Great Linford** it is "business as usual" with regular ringing for Sunday services and for the Tuesday night practice.

Hugh reports that no progress is expected to be made on the bells at **Great Brickhill** in the near future especially now that they are without a rector. They are also rather short of ringers and so can only just manage on Sundays.

The bells at **Hanslope** are at the moment all sitting on railway sleepers while their fittings are either replaced or otherwise sorted out. The bell frame is also being worked on to add a few more years to its already long life. We will reserve comment on this course of action until the work is done but it only seems a few years ago when similar work was done here.

The situation at **Lathbury** is similar to that at **Hanslope** only on a much smaller scale. During routine maintenance work last year,

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one of the wrought iron straps holding the 3rd to its headstock broke. The bell is now on sleepers while repairs are carried out. It appears likely that similar renovation will prove necessary on the other four bells so part of this operation will include a costing exercise.

The **Lavendon** band "plod along" (according to their tower captain) with the same core of eight ringers who started when the bells were rehung some twenty years ago. This is, in itself, quite an achievement.

At **Lillingstone Lovell** there are 10 or so ringers, all from the village (which has about 150 inhabitants) and two learners. Ringing alternates between the Thursday practice and the Family Service so, if you are thinking of going, phone Robin Culley to find out which week it is. They have only two experienced change ringers but the band is making good progress with the bobs and singles in Grandsire Doubles.

At **Loughton** there is a solid base of about eight ringers who are often assisted by members of the **Bradwell** band, so some varied method ringing can be found here. Their three learners are making good progress and are now making progress with Plain Hunting. The band also rings for special occasions at **Shenley** where there are no resident ringers. The practice alternates between these towers so it is best to phone Derek before turning up.

The **Newport Pagnell** band is as strong, and as enthusiastic as ever. Plenty of very young learners and a band keen to learn new methods. At the tower dinner held at *The Cowpers Oak* in Weston Underwood 16 members, and friends and relatives attended and enjoyed a hearty meal. We hear that the mixed grill and the rack of lamb were more than certain tower members could manage.

Contrary to popular rumour, there is nothing wrong with the bells at **Olney**. The Thursday night practices have been suspended due to lack of ringers but the practice held on the

first Monday of the month for ringers from nearby towers continues to be well attended. Of interest to the archives, a small book containing the peal records of William Freeman from the beginning of the century has been bequeathed to the tower along with an amount of money for tower funds.

Work on the bell frame at **Stony Stratford** has had to be postponed until restoration of the church fabric is complete. Further progress is hoped for in about two years. Meanwhile, the ringers continue to ring on Monday evenings and for Sunday services although the band is not quite as strong as it once was. Like several others, a recruitment drive is expected in the summer.

The **Wavendon** band is suffering from pressure of work which leaves it somewhat short-handed at present. The stonework on the tower has been completed, however, and the bells are ringable again.

The **Whaddon** band has also lost a few ringers and can only cover special occasions. However they do have a number of keen learners who only need more time and attention. It is hoped that something can be arranged later in the year to support this band.

And finally, at **Old Wolverton**, the scene is much as usual. The band continues its never ending task of teaching learners and also anticipates recruiting more during the summer. Support for the **Haversham** band is also an important part of the work here. This band is also under slightly new management with Mike Nimmo remaining Tower Captain with Mike Beck as Deputy Captain and Jeff Woolner as Treasurer.

WHOOOPS



Guild
A.G.M.
Plans

Not long ago, when I had only just started ringing, I went to my Nan's church in Castlethorpe. On the Sunday morning I thought "Right, I'm going to make a go of this." As you know I had not been ringing for very long, so I was chiming the bell and ringing it up, and I did not know that they did not ring the bell up. Someone said, "We don't ring it up here." So I grabbed the top of the sally and I went up a bit of course, and as I was just coming back down from about one and a half metres, the rope snapped ... *whew, whee, whee, all the way down, THUMP ... on my bum.*

After the church session when everybody was gone I went up into the bell tower and had a look at the bell. I had seen a picture of a bell in a book, so I was expecting there to be something in the corner and bird droppings all over it. But to my surprise, it was really clean and had the stay and everything.

I think bells in small villages should be restored and rung properly.

SCOTT AYERS
Downs Barn

The wheels of the Guild's 10-year plan mechanism have rolled around and North Bucks is due to host the 1994 AGM meeting and tea on Saturday 21 May. It has been decided to hold the meeting at the Cross and Stable, Downs Barn, mainly so that the Guild as a whole is invited to appreciate the new bells at the Cross and Stable and to thank the membership as a whole for their efforts in fund raising.

As hosting branch North Bucks will also be providing some open towers in the area as well as ringing at Downs Barn. The 10-Bell Striking competition is to be held the same day, at Long Crendon, so it is suggested that some towers en-route from Long Crendon could be open, as well as some nearer to Downs Barn. If a tower would like to offer itself, or if anyone thinks they can be a steward to organize ringing and prevent crushing on tower steps, then please contact Brian Newman ☎ 0908 668347.

Fiona Maybrey ☎ 0908 562233 is the contact point for anyone who would like to offer help, assistance, suggestions, a plate of sandwiches, the loan of an urn or anything else for the catering for the tea.

We would like to make this a successful day so that the rest of the Guild can appreciate our bells and our individuality, so please help make this a day to remember.

The Branch needs you



More than one hundred years ago North Bucks ringers felt the need to join together to make the best use of each individual's qualities and to add respectability to their activities. 1892 saw this wish fulfilled when Rev J H Travers gathered together seven bands. Unfortunately, he moved to Henley in 1894 and the branch collapsed. Unity within North Bucks remained strong though and on June 11th 1904, in the presence of Rev F E Robinson, the Guild Master, the North Bucks Branch was re-formed. At the inaugural meeting at Newton Longville, the Vicar, Rev C Leslie Norris was elected Chairman and another local man, A E Powell Secretary. It would appear that the Branch made a good start on its task of keeping the Guild and its officers in good order. Its first resolution states that "no long peals be rung on the day of meeting unless begun early so that bells may be free from beginning of meeting," depriving the Master of an easy peal opportunity.

So the Branch is 90 years old.

How should we celebrate this? At the AGM at Buckingham it was suggested that the whole Branch should have the opportunity to contribute to the celebration. The suggestion is to ring a quarter peal at every ringable tower in the Branch over the weekend 10th - 13th June.

Every member is urged to ask themselves "How can I take part? Have you a surplus of ringers or are you just a few short for a quarter peal? Do you need help to score a "first", for a learner, for more experienced ringers, to repeat a feat from the past. If you need help, or can help, just phone David Joyce on 0908 667025. Otherwise, do your own thing and tell us how you got on afterwards. A round-up will be published in *In Touch* afterwards.



Among the 1904 members were the Hanslope band. T Nichols was almost certainly present at the first meeting. This photo shows the band who attended our first AGM at Newton Longville on June 3rd 1905.

Back Row, left to right: Jack Smith, Tom Evans, Stanfield Nicholson, Teddy Nichols, Harry Warner.

Front Row, left to right: Jessy Kingston, Edgar Ekins, Tommy Nichols, Reg Kingston.

WHAT CAN WE RING FOR THE BRANCH ANNIVERSARY?

Ringer: "What shall we ring in June for the 90th anniversary of the Branch then?"

Another Ringer: "Bob Doubles?"

First Ringer: "No, that won't do. what will the world think of 43 quarters of Plain Bob?"

Second Ringer: "Yes, they will think we are all mad."

First Ringer: "OK so Bob Doubles it is."

Well, what else is there? A quick look at the method books turns up a whole load of possible "local name" quarters.

Just look at all these method names:

Beachampton
Broughton
Buckinghamshire
Caldecote
Lathbury
Lavendon
Leckhamptstead
Linford
Little Linford
Lillingstone
Loughton
Olney
Netherfield
Shalstone
Shenley
Sherington
Simpson
Stowe
Thornborough
Tyringham.

We have tried ringing All Saints at All Saints' on All Saints Day so perhaps some of these could be put to similar use.

Alternatively, what is in the archives? Is there anything we could repeat. We seem to be getting good at proving that we haven't deteriorated over the intervening years so how could we add to this trend? How about

these performances?

18th June 1904, Newton Longville, the Branch's first peal.

9th July 1904, Newport Pagnell, claimed to be the first on the bells.

24th September 1904, Bletchley, the Branch's first peal of Stedman Triples.

29th October 1904, Olney, The Branch's first peal of Major.

8th November 1904, Fenny Stratford, first peal on the bells.

19th November 1904, Simpson, first peal on the bells.

and, of course there is the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Towcester & District Association which was amalgamated into the Peterborough D G in the 1920s to become its Towcester Branch. I'm sure there are lots of peal opportunities for this.

We have already missed the 30th anniversary of Uncle Barry's first peal as conductor (Loughton Feb 15th 1964) but may just catch his first on Great Linford's tenor on March 13th. Then, perhaps, we could celebrate the 20th anniversary of the restoration of Lavendon's bells. 20 years with no peals is quite a record for such a good ring.

Let's try and mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of the North Bucks Branch with some interesting ringing. Let David Joyce know if you fancy ringing something a little different.

DOUG HIRD

PEALS

Stowe, Bucks., St Mary the Virgin.

Saturday 18th December 1993, 2 hours 55 mins.
5040 Plain Bob Minor.

- 1 George E Green
- 2 Richard S Stanworth
- 3 Antony J E Lloyd
- 4 Rev Robert Jackson
- 5 David Goodger
- 6 William A Yates (C)

First Peel 3, 4. First Peel on the bells since augmentation.

Calverton, Bucks., All Saints.

Monday 24th January 1994 2 hours 43.

5040 Alnwick, Chester, Beverley, York, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

- 1 William A Yates
- 2 Shirley Waterhouse
- 3 Ruth Stokes
- 4 B Douglas Hird
- 5 Ali Smith
- 6 Barry Eglesfield (C)

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the first peel of seven Surprise Minor methods rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

Old Wolverton, Bucks., Holy Trinity.

Wednesday 17th November 1993, 48 minutes.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles.

- 1 Alison Leeming
- 2 Sally Hobbs
- 3 Jamie Canvin
- 4 Adrian Gates
- 5 Mike Nimmo (C)
- 6 Jeff Woolner

First quarters 1 and 6. The quarter is in memory of Fred Mynard who helped to teach and encourage the rings of the first four bells and the tenor.

Newport Pagnell, Bucks., Sts Peter and Paul.

Sunday 16th January 1994, 47 minutes.

1260 Grandsire Triples.

- 1 Marilyn Ray
- 2 Nicki King
- 3 R Winstanley
- 4 P D Taylor
- 5 D Joyce
- 6 G Foat (c)
- 7 B D Hird
- 8 G Stratton

In memory of Miss Catherine Bull, descendent of Rev Bull (friend of Cowper), long-serving supporter of the Church.

Lavendon, Bucks., St Michael.

Thursday 27th January 1994.

1260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 each St Simon, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob).

- 1 Sally Adnitt
- 2 Jo Smith
- 3 Ann Clifton
- 4 Brian Clifton (C)
- 5 Tom Peach
- 6 John Lay

To celebrate the 75th birthday of Tom Peach (born 25th January 1919).

Downs Barn, Bucks., Cross and Stable.

Sunday 6th February 1994, 37 minutes.

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

- 1 Monty Gilbert
- 2 John Lonsborough
- 3 David Maybrey
- 4 Steve Crane
- 5 Barry Eglesfield
- 6 B Douglas Hird (C)

To congratulate Ros and Dennis Parrett on becoming grandparents.

Newport Pagnell, Bucks., Sts Peter and Paul.

Sunday 20th February 1994.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles.

- 1 Nicola Beckley
- 2 Marilyn Ray
- 3 Loretta P. Ramsay
- 4 P Tribble
- 5 G L Foat (C)
- 6 Mark J Nicholls

For Evensong. First quarter on a working bell 3, first quarter 6.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH DIARY

Mar 94

Sat 5

Branch AGM

Buckingham

Early afternoon ringing at Thornborough

Sat 5

Cuddesdon Training Day

Radley

Sat 12

ODG Spring General Committee Meeting

Tilehurst

Fri 18

Branch Practice

Emberton

Method: Oxford Treble Bob

April 94

Sat 2

ODG Handbell Day

Reading

The ability to ring Plain Bob Major in hand is required

Mon 4

Easter Egg Hunt

Downs Barn

Contact: Fiona Maybrey ☎ 0908 562233

Sat 9

Wine and Wisdom Evening

Downs Barn

Contact: Fiona Maybrey ☎ 0908 562233

Fri 15

Junior Ringing Weekend (15 -17)

Dorney

Fri 15

Branch Practice

Bletchley

Method: Double Norwich

Sat 23

Simpson/Woughton-on-the-Green

South Northants

Bellringers and Friends Leisurely Outing

Contact: John Lonsborough ☎ 0908 691498

May 94

Mon 2

ODG Ringing Day & 8 Bell Competition

Banbury Branch

Fri 20

Branch Practice

Tingewick

Method: Winchendon & St Nicholas

Sat 21

10-Bell Competition

Long Crendon

Sat 21

Guild AGM

Downs Barn

Tea helpers contact: Fiona Maybrey ☎ 0908 562233

Other helpers contact: Brian Newman ☎ 0908 668347

June 94

Sat 4

Quarterly Meeting & 6-Bell Competition

Bradwell

Note: This year both events on same day

Sat 11

BRANCH 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Everywhere!

See inside

Fri 17

Branch Practice

Chicheley

Method: Little Bob Minor & Cambridge

July 94

Sat 2

Guild Festival and Barndance

*Amersham &
Aston Clinton*

Sept 94

Fri 9 - Sun 11

Easthampstead Course

Easthampstead

Oct 94

Sat 1

Guild 6-Bell Striking Competition

*Sonning Deanery
Branch*