



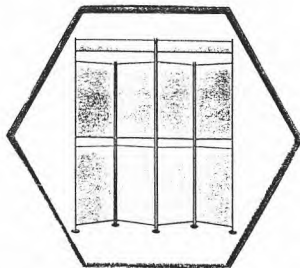
IN TOUCH

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



BRANCH DISPLAY BOARDS

Having an Open Day?
Trying to recruit new ringers?
Arranging a Church Flower Festival?
A fundraising concert?



The new Branch Display-Boards are now available to help you.

The Boards consist of eight double sided display panels, each 90 x 60 cms. They are lightweight, easy to transport in two shoulder bags, and can be erected in six minutes!

Also available is a basic display about bellringing, which will cover eight sides, leaving plenty of space for your individual items. We would like to build up more comprehensive and interesting material, so would be grateful for your contributions.

Contact Shelagh Vine (0874-2440) for more information and bookings, or any other Branch Officer.

HANDBELL CONCERT AT EMBERTON

A great evening was had on 10th April, when the Emberton Bellringers hosted a visit by the Weldon Handbell Ringers in aid of the Tower Restoration Fund.

122 handbells were rung to a wide variety of marches, polkas, lullabies, etc. by an expert band of 12 ringers. The whole audience was enthralled by their skill and professionalism, also by the great sense of enthusiasm which they displayed.

£50 was raised for the Restoration Fund by the Concert. Many thanks to all who attended and helped to make it such a successful evening.

Rounds and Plain Hunting

Part 4 Hooked by A. Learner

I was now ringing in rounds on practice evenings and even at Sunday Services even though I had my own style of ringing.

I had been taught to ring up although I would only ring up a bell on my own and not in rounds, still that would soon have to start. Now I could ring up I suppose that I should now also have to learn how to ring down.

The tower captain said it was time I progressed further, I would have to learn Plain Hunting. Before trying this I had to learn how to change with the bell next to me at both hand and back stroke as up to this point I had always changed places at the hand stroke.

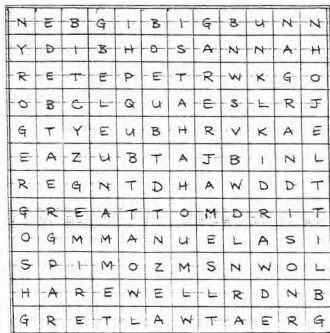
Having now shown that I could do this I had to try plain hunting. I was to be placed on number 4 bell having had the method previously explained to me. I had to learn which bells to follow and when to lead.

I was told to learn positions and not numbers I found this rather difficult and still do. The problem is that I have now become hooked on ringing, or is it the visit to the local hostelry after practice?

I have been to different branch practices and joined the Oxford Guild. While being a learner other members of my family have also become bell ringers.

I have been a challenge to most ringers as I still ring in my own way. "Relax, don't pull so hard" it seems a never ending record. Still if I stopped now where else could these ringers find such a challenge. Perhaps I will improve with practice.

WORDSEARCH: GREAT BELLS OF OF BRITAIN



Great Tom
Big Ben
Little John
Great Bede
Hosannah
Emmanuel
James

Edward
Peter
Gregory
Great Walter
Matthew
Harewell
Grandison

by Marchbank Enterprises!

BEGINNERS STRIKING COMPETITION

CALVERTON - 20TH APRIL, 1990

Owing to the fact that Stowe bells were unavailable for the competition this year, Calverton hosted the event on a wet spring evening. The Branch took refuge in the Church (with the heating on!), while the judge, Alan Cozens, was despatched outside to listen to our efforts at rounds or call changes.

Bands rang as follows:

EMBERTON - rounds

- 1 Christine Green
- 2 Pip Mynard
- 3 Elaine Lintern
- 4 Justina Bendelow
- 5 Colin Green
- 6 Lawrence Bendelow

GREAT LINFORD - rounds

- 1 Bill Yates
- 2 Steve Crane
- 3 Carol Huxter
- 4 Lisa Walker
- 5 Simon James
- 6 Alan Marchbank

STONY STRATFORD A - rounds

- 1 George Green
- 2 Peter Rowison
- 3 Jill Eales
- 4 Paul Hindley
- 5 Steve Curtis
- 6 Malcolm Hooton

STONY STRATFORD B - rounds

- 1 Jill Eales
- 2 Allison Price
- 3 Malcolm Hooton
- 4 Pat Price
- 5 Steve Crane
- 6 George Green

BRANCH "MISCELLANEOUS" - call changes

- 1 Sheila Ware
- 2 Malcolm Hooton
- 3 Sheila Watts
- 4 Bill Yates
- 5 Barry Eglesfield
- 6 Hugh Butler

The Judge got out of a sticky position by immediately disqualifying the Branch Miscellaneous team, as they rang over time by 4 minutes! He then went on to give constructive comments on each team before announcing the final results, which were:

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| 1st | Great Linford | 23 faults |
| 2nd | Stony Stratford B | 27 faults |
| 3rd | Emberton | 35 faults |
| 4th | Stony Stratford A | 42 faults |

Alan presented the Chairmans' Tankard to Lisa Walker, representing the Great Linford band, and then we retired to the pub.

Our thanks to Alan Cozens for judging the competition, Barry Eglesfield for the use of Calverton tower, and to Alan Marchbank for the organisation of the event.

It would be good to see some more teams entering next year - if you only have one or two 'learners' - don't worry - we can arrange bands around them. It all makes for an enjoyable evening.

THE BEGINNERS STRIKING COMPETITION,CALVERTON.



THE WINNING BAND, GT LINFORD& FRIENDS.....



LISA RECIEVES THE TROPHY FROM ALAN COZENS

E D U C A T I O N

April 7th was the date for another of our Plain Hunt and Plain Bob courses. The demand for places was twice the number available and the course was split into two groups - at Fenny Stratford and Calverton.

For a number of reasons I do not consider these as successful as some of our previous offerings and I apologise to those attending for the problems experienced.

But, on the bright side, everyone learned something and my thanks go to all the helpers who made the sessions possible.

E D U C A T I O N

October 6th is the date for the next formal education session. My current proposal is that this be for those who are slightly more advanced and who would like to learn more about and practice Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise.

This will include lectures on:

The structure of the Principal.

The formal definition of 'Surprise'

Cambridge as a method

Use of Place Notation when learning and ringing methods.

Ringing practice will allow:

Newcomers to these methods to have a first try

Plain courses and touches for those who want/need

The course will run from 2.30pm until 5.00pm, with an optional session of open ringing in the evening.

Places are limited, so please contact me as soon as possible about this or any other needs that your tower may have. If another Plain Hunt/Bob session is wanted, then it will be arranged.

GODFREY FOAT

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SOME OF THIS QUARTERS QUARTERS

St Andrews, Gt Linford.

22nd April, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles.

1.S.M.Beck; 2.Heather Beck; 3.T.K.Gibson; 4.J.E.Randall;

5.A.J Marchbank (C); 6.S.James.

Rung in memory of Bishop George Reindorp, father of Rev.Julian Reindorp Vicar of Linford. 1st quarter for 6.

St Saviour, Dartmouth, Devon.

4th May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles.

1.Carole Huxter; 2.Heather Beck; 3.T.K.Gibson; 4.M.Burns;

5.J.E.Randall(C); 6.S.M.Beck.

Rung on the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr & Mrs Tucker, parents of 2 & St Saviors tower captain.

1st as conductor for 5.

St Lawrence, Old Bradwell.

13th May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles.

1.G.Abbott; 2.M.R.Petchy; 3.F.Mynard; 4.E.Fawcett;

5.D.Maybery (C); 6.B.Newman.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Samantha Hayes-Bradley & Andrew King. 1st quarter not on a cover bell

St Lawrence, Old Bradwell.

6th May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. M.R.Petchy; 2.E.Fawcett; 3.F.Mynard; 4.Jenny Bookman

5.A.J.Marchbank, (C); 6.G.Abbott.

All Saints, Loughton.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1.Christine Abbott; 2.Anne Stainsby; 3.E.Fawcett;

4.Rebecca Fawcett; 5.D.Stainsby (C); 6.G.Abbott.

SITUATIONS VACANT

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

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GUILD STEWARD

The Oxford Diocesan Guild is one of the largest Bellringers Associations in the country - covering the counties of Oxfordshire; Buckinghamshire; and Berkshire. With over 2,000 members it has the largest representation of any territorial Guild or Association.

Following the Guild A.G.M a vacancy has arisen for a **GUILD STEWARD** to assist the Guild Master in the management of the North Bucks; Central and Chiltern Branches of the Guild.

As the Guild Steward you will represent the Guild Master at the business meetings of the Branches in 'your' patch - some 7 or 8 occasions a year; and attend the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the General Committee meetings held throughout the year.

If you are interested in taking on this interesting role which will take you to other towers and Branches and help you to understand more fully the workings of the ODG, please contact: GUDFREY ROSE (0908) 313659 for more details.

SIX BELL STRIKING CONTEST

RULES

1. A TEAM WILL REPRESENT A TOWER(S) IN THE BRANCH.
AT LEAST FIVE OF THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE TEAM, INCLUDING
THE CONDUCTOR, MUST BE PAID-UP MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH.
2. THE ORDER OF RINGING OF THE TEAMS SHALL BE DRAWN
AT THE START OF THE COMPETITION BY THE STEWARDS OF THE
DAY
3. EACH TEAM SHALL BE CALLED TO RING BY THE STEWARDS OF
THE COMPETITION AND SHALL :

RING NO MORE THAN TWO MINUTES PRACTICE.

RING A SINGLE BELL TO ADVISE THE JUDGE.

RING A TEST PIECE OF AT LEAST ONE MINUTES ROUNDS
FOLLOWED BY 240 CHANGES IN ANY METHOD(S) OR 240
ROWS OF CALL-CHANGES ENDING IN ROUNDS.
IF CALL-CHANGES ARE RUNG THEN AT LEAST 30 CHANGES
MUST BE CALLED AND AT LEAST FIVE DIFFERENT BELLS
BROUGHT TO LEAD
IF METHOD IS RUNG THEN PLAIN COURSES WILL BE
ACCEPTABLE

THE TEST PIECE MUST FINISH WITH ROUNDS AND SHALL BE
CONCLUDED BY AT LEAST ONE BELL STANDING.

THE STEWARD IN THE TOWER WILL HELP WITH TIMING IF
REQUESTED.
4. AT THE END OF THE COMPETITION THE JUDGE SHALL BE ASKED
TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE IS
FINAL. EVEN WHEN IT IS WRONG!!
5. THE WINNING TEAM SHALL REPRESENT THE BRANCH IN THE
GUILD SIX BELL STRIKING CONTEST.

Whos Who & When

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	Mr B.Eglesfield (0908) 564658	5:30	Thur 7:30
CHICHELEY	Mr.Robertson (023065) 371	5:30(1st)	Mon 7:30 alt with **
CLIFTON REYNES	Mr. M. Davis (0234) 711082		
DRAYTON PARSLow	Mr.F.Houndslow (029672) 707		
EMBERTON	Mrs. S. Watts (0234) 711113	9:15	Fri 7:45
FENNY STRATFORD	Mr. P.White (MK) 642826		
GT. BRICKHILL	Mr. H. Butler (0525) 26663		Thur 7:30
GT. LINFORD	Mr.A. Marchbank (MK) 321564	10:15	Tues 7:30
HANSLOPE	Nrs.J.Haseldine (MK) 510895	10:15	Thur 7:30
HAVERSHAM	Mr. J. Randall (0604) 853054	By arrangement	
LAVENDON	Mr.B. Clifton (0234) 712774		Wed 7:30
LECKHAMPTSTEAD	Mr. Pentland (02806) 303		
LILL. LOWELL	Mr. R. Culley (0280) 816360		
LOUGHTON	Mr. D.Stainsby (MK) 666492	10:30	Wed 7:30
MAIDS MORETON	Mr. G.Holland		Wed, 7:15
MILTON KEYNES	Mrs. P. Giffard (0908) 665439		Mon, 7:30
NEWPORT PAGNELL	Miss G. Watson (0908) 676467	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 alt with **
OLD WOLVERTON	Mr.M.Nimmo (MK) 321011	10:30	Tue 7:30
OLNEY	Mr C.Knight (0234) 713719	5:30	Tues 7:30
SHALSTONE	Mr.C.Mullineux (0280) 704963	By arrangement	
SHEWLEY	See Loughton	By arrangement	
SHERINGTON	Mr. D.Williams (MK) 611945	By arrangement	
SIMPSON	See Woughton O-T-G,	9:40(1st)	Thur 7:45 alt with +
STK. GOLDINGTON	Mr. D.Warren (090855) 416		++
STONY STRATFORD	Mr.M.Hooton (MK) 565380	9:00	Mon 7:30
STOWE	Mr. W.A. Yates (0280) 814937		Thur 7:30
THORNBOROUGH	Mr.R.Goodger (0280) 812976		Thur 7:30
TINGEWICK	Mr. A. Hawkins (02804) 526		
TWYFORD	Mr.E.Herring (08697) 671		
TYRINGHAM	See Haversham	By arrangement	
WAVENDON	Mrs. R. Davis (0908) 583016		
WESTON U'WOOD	See Stoke Goldington		++
WHADDON	Mrs.B. Brown (0908) 502470		
WOUGHTON O-T-G,	Mr.B.Baldwin (MK) 670579	10:00	Thur 7:45 alt with +

++Joint practices check venue

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DIARY OF EVENTS

Revisions shown in italics.

JUNE

SATURDAY 2nd	BRANCH QUARTERLY	Lillingstone Lovell & Maids Moreton
SATURDAY 9th	6 BELL CONTEST	Wavendon
FRIDAY 15th	<i>BRANCH PRACTICE</i>	<i>Stoke Goldington</i>
FRIDAY 29th	8 BELL PRACTICE	Stony Stratford Grandsire Triples & Yorkshire S.M.

JULY

SATURDAY 7 th	GUILD FESTIVAL	North Bucks Towers Open
FRIDAY 6th	BRANCH PRACTICE	Tingewick
FRIDAY 20th	BRANCH PRACTICE	Bradwell

AUGUST

FRIDAY 3rd	BRANCH PRACTICE	Old Wolverton
SATURDAY 4th	JOINT MTG. WITH BEDS. ASSOC.	Chicheley & Harold
FRIDAY 17th	BRANCH PRACTICE	Shenley
FRIDAY 31st	8 BELL PRACTICE	Bletchley Little Bob Major & Lincolnshire

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 1st	BRANCH QUARTERLY & STRIKING CONTEST vs. TOWCESTER BRANCH	Woughton Wicken
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