

IN TOUCH

The Quarterly Newsletter of the North Bucks Branch
of
The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

Woughton-on-the-Green Doubles

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Striking Competition and Quarterly Meeting at Woughton-on-the-Green, Saturday 3rd June 1995

4:15 Draw followed by Contest

5:30 Service

6:00 Tea

6:45 Meeting & Results

Evening Ringing until 9:00

Names for tea to Norma Baldwin (01908-670579) by Wednesday 31st May.

Competition entries to the Ringing Masters by Friday 2nd June - see the rules in this copy of In Touch.

Your new Branch Officers (and a bit about what we are there to do) for 1995/6 are listed below, please keep "In Touch" with us so that we can help you to get pleasure from your ringing and service from your Branch and Guild.

Chairman Brian Newman	Chairs the Quarterly and Officers' meetings. 01908-668347 6 Martin Close, Neath Hill, Milton Keynes. MK14 6JG
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Editorial

Welcome to the first edition of In Touch under new management, which has been produced with a lot of technical assistance from David Joyce.

Any material for future editions will be gratefully received. I am using Microsoft Works version 3.0 and can also accept 3.5 inch discs with DOS ASCII files (and return your discs when I've finished). Typewritten or legible hand-written articles are welcome and we will print off a copy in the final format if you'd like to check the re-typing! If you have a whole page for inclusion and want to retain your layout it will be photocopied as received.

This edition is full of "essentials" like minutes, striking competition rules etc. Hopefully there will be more room for other articles and I will be able to extend the belfry gossip in future editions.

Outing season is upon us so I'm sure there will be lots of reports forthcoming. Nominate someone to write the report **before** the outing, so they'll remember to take notes!

May 8th is the 50th anniversary of **VE Day** - let me know of **any** special ringing, not just peals and quarters.

I'm at most Branch events - and if not the other Bradwell ringers, including two of the Ringing Masters, will act as postman.

The next edition of "In Touch" will be distributed at the beginning of August, please submit any articles or information, to the Editor, by 9th July.

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ODG NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Bletchley on 4th March 1995.

Chairman's Welcome

Brian Newman welcomed members to the meeting. He was pleased to see John White, the Guild Steward for our branch, at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from Gordon and Lindy Ellis, Shirley and Alan Cousins (Hanslope), Gordon and Christine Abbott (Bradwell), Pat Newton (Guild Master), David and Fiona Maybrey (Downs Barn), Clive Raven and Peter White (Fenny Stratford) and David Jones (Emberton).

At this point the Chairman announced that a list of ringing times and tower contacts was being circulated. Any known amendments should be made on the list.

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting at Old Wolverton

The minutes had been published in the January to March 1995 edition of In Touch. A number of errors in the In Touch version were noted :-

- i) Line 4 of the Secretary's report should show "list of Branch Secretaries..."
- ii) Line 7 of the same report should show "which is published..."
- iii) The penultimate sentence of the Ringing Masters' report should be "The special method is not the sole method rung at a practice, but it will be the sole advanced method."

Subject to these corrections it was proposed by David Joyce, seconded by Hugh Butler and agreed by the meeting that the minutes as published in In Touch be taken as read.

Matters Arising

- i) Godfrey Foat had made no further progress on the Branch Outing. He will make arrangements and get details into the next edition of In Touch. David Joyce suggested a show of hands of those interested in the outing, and there appeared to be general support.
- ii) Brian Newman said that under the discussion of funding of In Touch the idea of advertisements in In Touch should have been raised. Alan Marchbank asked if these were required to raise revenue and if so were they really required. Sheila Ware pointed out that £56 had already been raised in the form of donations from towers. Godfrey Foat was against the idea of advertisements, but thought that the possibility of some form of long term sponsorship should be investigated. It was agreed by the meeting that advertisements should not be sought.

Election of New Members

Details of members to be elected had been requested on standard forms to ensure correct spelling and classification. The details received were read out by Brian Newman :-

Downs Barn :	Jonathan Hill (Junior)	Proposed : Doug Hird	Seconded : Scott Ayres
Fenny Stratford :	Pat Perkins Sarah Perkins (Junior) Julie Evans (Junior) June Heath (Mrs) June Heath (Junior)	Proposed : Peter White	Seconded : Clive Raven
Buckingham / :	Catherine M Stanworth (Junior)	Proposed : Bill Yates	Seconded : Dave Goodger
Maids Moreton :	Robert George (Junior)		
Hanslope :	Elizabeth Pantony	Proposed : Sheila Blenkhorn	Seconded : Roy Keeves
Bletchley :	Roger Everson Elizabeth Everson (Junior) Charlotte Everson (Junior)	Proposed : Paul Faithfull	Seconded : Peggy Faithfull
Bradwell :	Rachel Skinner (Junior)	Proposed : Ted Fawcett	Seconded : Becky Fawcett

Emberton :	Denby Murduck	Proposed : Sheila Watts	Seconded : Sheila Ware
Tingewick :	Lois Houghton Brown Tina Reeves Paul Thomas Tony Hawkins	Proposed : Bill Yates	Seconded : Dave Goodger

All were elected. Brian Newman welcomed the new members who were present at the meeting.

Officers' Reports

1. Chairman

The Chairman read his report, a copy of which is held in the minute book. He highlighted the work being done on the asset register by David Bardwell and asked if members could bring any documentation they held relating to the Branch to the next Quarterly meeting, particularly old minute books.

2. Secretary

The Secretary read his report a copy of which is held in the minute book. He pointed out that the current Branch membership was 191.

3. Treasurer

A copy of the balance sheet for 1994 is shown with these minutes. No questions were raised on the balance sheet. The adoption of the accounts for 1994 was proposed by Brian Newman, seconded by Bill Yates and agreed. Of the 25 towers with members 12 had paid their subscriptions prior to the AGM and others had paid on the day. The Treasurer asked for prompt payment of the remainder of the subscriptions. The raffle had raised £24 for the ODG Bell Fund.

4. Ringing Masters

The Ringing Masters' report was given by David Bardwell, a copy of which is held in the minute book. He highlighted events other than the regular Branch practices and Quarterly meetings. The framed certificate for the 1994 eight bell competition was displayed. There was some discussion as to where it should be hung. This was eventually left to the Branch Officers to determine.

5. Guild Representatives

A full report had been given at the last quarterly meeting and no Guild committee meetings had been held since then.

6. Archivist

The Archivist had spent a large part of the year as acting editor of In Touch, therefore most of the work done had resulted in articles for In Touch. Some research had been carried out for individuals inside and outside the Branch including work for Chris Pickford's article on Stony Stratford for the Ringing World. The loan of a set of Peterborough Guild annual reports by Bill Yates had enabled peals rung in the branch towers to be determined. A similar exercise with reports from the Bedfordshire Association was required. The majority of information was in computerised form and Doug was looking for other people with computers within the Branch who were willing to have the information exported to their machines. This would give extra security as the data would be backed up, and allow additional access to the data. The main area of research in 1995 would be Branch minutes, he holds those from 1904 to the 1950s and the period into the 1970s was covered by information in the Guild Library. The format since then has varied and the data is more difficult to trace. David Joyce thanked Doug for the work he had done as Archivist. The displays at the Guild AGM at Downs Barn had raised a lot of interest and reflected well on the Branch.

Reports of Special Interest Groups

No special interest groups existed, therefore there were no reports.

Election of Officers

<u>Post</u>	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Result</u>
Chairman	Brian Newman	Hugh Butler	Ron Snack	elected
Secretary	John Lonsbrough	Bill Yates	Alan Marchbank	elected
Minute Secretary	Jill Joyce	Ron Snack	Malcolm Hooton	elected

Treasurer	Sheila Ware	Alan Marchbank	Hugh Butler	elected
Ringling Masters	David Joyce David Bardwell Richard Stanworth	David Maybrey Doug Hird Ron Snack	Doug Hird David Maybrey Bill Yates	
Alan Marchbank proposed and Doug Hird seconded that three ringling masters be appointed. This was agreed by the meeting.				

Guild Representatives David Joyce Ron Snack Bill Yates elected
Sheila Watts Godfrey Foat Alan Marchbank elected

There was initially some discussion as David Joyce had been asked to stand as a Guild Steward at the AGM, but no other members wished to be nominated as representative.

Archivist	Doug Hird	David Joyce	Sheila Ware	elected
Newsletter Editor	Sheila Watts Jill Joyce	Sheila Blenkhorn Rosa Clare	Alan Marchbank David Bardwell	

A proposition was made that both candidates share the post, which resulted in both candidates withdrawing their nominations. As a result the proposal was withdrawn. Sheila Watts then withdrew her nomination totally and Jill Joyce was appointed Newsletter Editor.

Forthcoming Events

The events arranged to date are as shown in the Branch Diary on the back of In Touch. All have been confirmed with the exception of North Crawley.

The Towcester Competition will be held at Wicken on 29th July 1995 and not in June as stated in In Touch.

A list of ODG events has been distributed to all towers.

Any Other Business

- Lois Houghton Brown, a new member elected from Tingewick, said that In Touch appeared to show a lot of 8 bell events and asked if more ringing on five could be held. The new band at Tingewick felt that it needed some intensive training in basic ringing techniques.
The ringing masters explained that the 8 bell practices were specially arranged, but were not Branch events. Branch practices were arranged at five bell towers. The mini ringing schools were arranged to suit the particular needs of small groups of learners.
David Joyce suggested that towers should write an article about themselves for In Touch or Odd Bob which would show what they were ringing and where they needed help. This may encourage other ringers to come along to the practice to help.
- Richard Stanworth said that the list of Olney and Downs Barn 8 bell practices implied that this was the only 8 bell ringing in the Branch, whereas there were other 8 bell towers with regular practices. He suggested that the wording on the list of special practices should be modified. It was pointed out that the new list of ringing times and tower contacts would highlight other 8 bell ringing.
- Alan Marchbank noted that the Guild were undertaking a review of the rules. He asked if they would consider altering rule 4(a) on membership to "should ring competently for Sunday services".
- John White, the Guild Steward for North Bucks, Central and Chiltern branches, thanked the branch for inviting him to our meeting. He had been unable to attend our practice meetings as they coincided with his own practice. A number of Guild officers were hoping to stand down this year and volunteers for the posts of Master, Librarian, 2 Guild Stewards, Newsletter Editor and Public Relations Officer were required. The Guild 8 bell striking competition and ringing day were being held in the Chiltern branch on 29th April. Stewards were required for the towers that were open. The final of the competition was at Great Missenden, with heats at Aston Clinton and Bledlow.
- Advance notice of a handbell concert at Emberton on 21st October was given.
- Doug Hird asked for news of progress on the George Holland trophy. John Lonsbrough had obtained a catalogue from the trophy shop in Newport Pagnell and had sent it to Mrs Freeman with suggestions made in consultation with the shop owner. A shield had been suggested as more engraving was possible. He was awaiting her decision.

Vote of Thanks

Brian Newman thanked the Bletchley band, especially Paul and Peggy Faithfull, for the tea and the curate for taking the service.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS - NORTH BUCKS BRANCH
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1994

<u>INCOME</u>		£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		£
January	Balance B/fwd	746.46			
	Building Society Account				
June	Building Society Interest	9.79			
December	" " "	<u>11.39</u>			
		21.18			
January	Long length peal sponsorship	70.00	January	Long length peal sponsorship	
				To Downs Barn	35.00
				To Emberton	<u>35.00</u>
					70.00
	Quarterly raffles for Guild Bell Fund	35.50		Guild Bell Fund donation (for 1993)	75.00
				Guild Bell Fund (Quarterly raffles)	<u>35.50</u>
					110.50
	In Touch donations	66.29		In Touch expenses	195.14
March	AGM tea profit	13.50	June	Striking Competition expenses	10.00
April	Correcting entry for 1993 accounts	100.00	August	Simulator course expenses	15.00
June	Guild AGM at Downs Barn - tea profit	100.00	December	Simulator grants (3 x £40.00)	120.00
	Branch practice donations	44.25		Ringling World advertising account	90.00
	Miscellaneous donations	13.46		Chairman's expenses (1993/94)	32.39
				Secretary's expenses	40.66
				Treasurer's expenses	36.46
	Guild Subscriptions			Guild Subscriptions	
	1993 1 senior x £4.50	4.50		173 x £3.20	553.60
	1994 149 senior x £5.00	745.00			
	1994 23 junior x £3.50	<u>80.50</u>			
		830.00	December	Balance C/fwd	766.89
				Building Society Account	
		£2040.64			£2040.64

ODG Committee meeting held at Shipton under Wychwood on 11th March 1995

Our Branch was represented at the half-yearly meeting by John Lonsbrough and David Joyce, Sheila Watts was unable to attend. Brian Newman was also there as one of the extra six members elected at the Guild AGM.

The meeting was preceded by the AGM of the Bell Fund which reported that £7608.74 of capital had been raised and that £11,110 of investment income had been earned and was available for grants. It was anticipated that the usual policy of 15% grants could be maintained.

Until the rules have been formally revised, the F&GP committee have issued guidelines to Branch Secretaries regarding the **election of new members**. Advice was also given on **insurance** - although the guild insurance will give personal accident cover to members, it does not include public liability. It was suggested that tower outings be notified to your PCC secretary as an official activity of your band, to ensure that you are covered by your own Church insurance.

The education committee apologised for making such a large profit on the 1994 Easthampstead course and advised that the fee for 1995 would now be reduced to £115. The existing members were then all re-elected.

The tower & belfries committee reported on their considerable efforts and were also re-elected. A number of other Guild members are also co-opted to this group. One change in policy was advised - although inspection has always been needed before payment of grants, there will now also be a check made to ensure that the work complied with the faculty granted. A reminder was given that **any parish needing advice on their bells or tower** should ask the tower & belfries committee for advice (see your annual report for contacts). As their time and expertise is freely offered, perhaps a donation to the Bell Restoration Fund would be a suitable gesture? Advance notice was given of the 1995/6 Best Kept Tower contest - details will be sent out in the late summer.

The Peal Secretary reported 375 peals had been rung in 1994, with about 1/3 outside the guild - see your annual report for extra details. The peal fee remains at 30p.

Given the problems with the **annual report production** during the past few years, the appearance of the latest edition ahead of schedule was received with acclamation. For those of you who are surprised to see it spiral bound, it was explained that when the first few copies were stapled it became clear that this was impracticable for such a thick volume. The total cost was approx. £700 and copies will be sold at £2:50 + 50p for p&p. It was announced that the quarter peal analysis would now be done by Clive Buswell.

The accounts for the Bell Restoration Fund were then presented and the good news was just to hand that although the Diocese had held some funds with the recently collapsed Barings bank, there were no losses to our funds.

A number of additions to the guild calendar were mentioned and notices publicising them were handed out. Please read these adverts and get involved in a few events to expand your ringing horizons.

It was announced that the small blue **guild badges** were almost sold out and that it had been suggested that a return be made to the larger silver bell design. The meeting wholeheartedly supported this, although no costings were yet available.

Attention was drawn to a booklet that had been sent to every church in the diocese. This was entitled "Better Safe than Sorry" and gave guidelines on how any activity involving young people should be run. Although ringing was not (as usual) specifically mentioned, we should be aware and were advised to contact our own PCC for sight of their copy.

The attendance of non committee members at these meetings was discussed and it was agreed that in future a system similar to the Central Council would be used. This would mean that **attendance of observers** would be acceptable, but they would need to be seated separately to ensure that they took no part in the business proceedings. If you fancy 2-3 hours of watching us, then why not come along on 25th November?

Advice was sought by another branch about election of new members as they held only two per year - they were now considering holding very brief business meetings after their monthly practices.

David M Joyce

On Display

Church Fete season will soon be upon us. Are you ready for it? Fetes and Flower Festivals provide an ideal opportunity for us to make ourselves more widely known, and a good display will attract attention and stir the interest of non ringers. So, if you are looking for new ringers, or need to generate some positive public relations, the Branch display boards could save you a lot of work.

As Branch Archivist, I am looking after them so give me a call to book them up. Be sure to book up well in advance if you can, especially if you want me to research some archive material as well.

Finally, don't forget that the display boards will not last for ever, so a donation will be welcomed for their upkeep and eventual replacement.

DOUG HIRD

Outing to the Loughborough Bellfoundry

If you have read the minutes of recent Branch meetings you will no doubt have been interested to learn of Godfrey Foat's proposed ringing outing to the Loughborough Bellfoundry. This is Godfrey's suggested itinerary:

Saturday September 23rd

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|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8.00ish | Emberton pickup |
| 9.00 | Somewhere in Milton Keynes pickup |
| 11.00 | Museum tour |
| 12.30ish | Lunch |
| 14.15 -
15.00 | Ringing (10-bell tower) |
| 15.45 -
16.00 | Ringing (8-bell tower) |
| 17.00 -
17.45 | Ringing (10-bell tower) |
| 19.00ish | Return to Milton Keynes |



The costs, including the coach, museum fees and steepage are likely to work out at £12 for adults and £8 for children. However, at least 30 people will be needed to make the trip viable, so if this target is not reached by July 31st, the trip will have to be cancelled. Trips to the bellfoundry are usually very popular and the bus should be filled quickly though. Fill in the slip below and send it and your money to Godfrey asap to avoid disappointment!

I wish to book _____ places on the 1995 outing to Loughborough Bellfoundry and enclose
£_____ (£12 adults / £8 children) for _____ adults and _____ children.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Please send to Godfrey Foat, 18 Ashfield, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes

Bob Doubles for Emberton at Clifton Reynes and Lavendon

Saturday 14th January was a very cold day and we initially wondered why we had 'volunteered' for the Branch Bob Doubles course! This was a new Branch venture with Emberton learners (Rebecca Millman, Emma Price, Nick Roberts, Roland Warren) as the pupils, and Bob Doubles as the method.

We started off at Clifton Reynes with some tuition and then ringing, moving on to Lavendon for the final session. We each had our own tutor (Godfrey Foat, Andy King, Roy Keeves, David Bardwell) and we are grateful to them for their help. Our thanks to the other helpers who willingly rang Bob Doubles all afternoon (Sheila Blenkhorn, Samantha Hayes-Bradley, David Joyce, Jill Joyce, Shirley Waterhouse, Rosa Clare). Thanks also for the very welcome refreshments!

We all felt we had learned a lot during the afternoon, and that our Bob Doubles had improved immensely.

Rebecca Millman, Emma Price

Branch Mini Ringing School - a view from the organising end

As the January school was the first of what is hoped to be many more, I thought that a few words from me to explain what was done, and why it was done, might be useful. The ODG has a good track record when large and somewhat complicated weekend ringing schools are arranged. A number of our branch members have attended these in the past and hopefully will continue to do so. By keeping the number of pupils very small we were able to pack in quite a bit of ringing without needing to try and find dozens of helpers. It was also important to take the pupils away from their home tower and ringers so that not only would they get a 'fresh start', but also (hopefully) that when they next rang at their home tower the progress made would really stand out.

The January Bob Doubles school took 4 pupils (from Emberton), gave them some preparatory homework to write out, and paired each one off with their tutor for the day. The tutor was there to explain and help with any queries that their pupil may have as well as standing with them when it was their turn to ring. During the previous ring the tutor and pupil were free to watch and learn, the ring after theirs was time to talk through how their ring went and then the tutor had to take his turn on the end of a rope.

Each time, the other five ringers were drawn from a pool of six helpers - they only sat out for one in six touches! The helpers were required not only to ring that often, but also to strike to a very high standard throughout to give the pupil the best possible chance. It was also important that whilst the sessions were in full swing, the pupil didn't get a different person's opinion and advice each time they rang which is why they kept the same tutor throughout.

The afternoon started with just Plain Hunting on five bells, partly to relax everyone and partly to firmly make the point that until the pupil could hunt well, they were not ready to move on to plain courses and eventually touches of Bob Doubles. Each pupil would then progress at the pace that their tutor thought was appropriate. As the emphasis was always on ringing and striking of the highest order, the pupils were not used to fill in the treble and tenor whilst another pupil was ringing inside, although they could have used up one of their own sessions to practice this if they had wished. Although we only had four pupils, it was amazing just how fast two 90 minute sessions were used up. The last ring of the day was used to put all four pupils on an inside bell together so that they could prove to themselves that they had learnt a lot, but still needed to keep on working and supporting one another.

I was pleased with the commitment made by all of the support crew, helpers, tutors and the pupils who proved that you get as much out of ringing as you put in to it. We are also grateful to the towers for allowing us to make extended use of their bells for our practice. As for the future mini ringing schools - cutting back to just 3 pupils will give them each more ringing time, having an extra couple of helpers will avoid dragging tutors away from pupils and a few more chocolate biscuits should help too!

Your ringing masters are already planning further events and expect that there will be a lot of pupils out there waiting. Hopefully without overusing our best tutors and helpers, or getting stale, we will manage to run one every few months. Please be patient with us, but do let us know what sort of things you need to help you make progress as a member of your local band.

David M Joyce

QUARTERS

Buckingham, SS Peter & Paul

Wednesday 4th January 1995

1287 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Helen Stanworth
 - 2 Timothy H O Lewis
 - 3 Michael Tinsley
 - 4 Gerald Kingston
 - 5 Richard S Stanworth
 - 6 William A Yates
 - 7 Richard W Yates (C)
 - 8 Peter J Nicholson
- Rung on the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev Terry and June Lewis, parents of 2

Bradwell, St Lawrence

Sunday 5th February 1995

1260 Doubles (7 methods)

- 1 Rosa Clare (most methods)
 - 2 Becky Fawcett
 - 3 Jill Joyce
 - 4 David Bardwell (most methods)
 - 5 David Joyce (C)
 - 6 Gordon Abbott
- Engagement compliment to Rosa Clare and David Bardwell.

Buckingham, SS Peter & Paul

Saturday 18th February 1995

1260 Stedman Triples

- 1 Richard W Yates
- 2 Richard S Stanworth
- 3 George E Green
- 4 Rev John D Nixon
- 5 William A Yates
- 6 James Linnell
- 7 Richard C Stevens (C)
- 8 Peter J Nicholson

Wavendon, Assumption BVM

Monday 20th February 1995

1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob)

- 1 Scott Ayers (1st off Tenor)
- 2 Nicola A King
- 3 Bob Churchill
- 4 Derek Stainsby
- 5 B Douglas Hird (C)

Cosgrove, St Margaret

Monday 20th February 1995

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Scott Ayers (1st minor)
- 2 Alison Cross
- 3 Bob Churchill
- 4 Gerald Kingston
- 5 William A Yates
- 6 David J Maybrey (C)

Emberton, All Saints

Saturday 25th February 1995

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Rebecca Millman (1st Quarter)
- 2 Godfrey Foat (C)
- 3 David Jones
- 4 Sheila Watts
- 5 Ian Thompson
- 6 Emma Price (1st cover)

Emberton, All Saints

Saturday 4th March 1995

1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob)

- 1 Nick Roberts (1st Quarter)
- 2 Sheila Watts
- 3 Ian Thompson
- 4 Owen Warren
- 5 Bob Winstanley (C)
- 6 Roland Warren (1st cover)

Maids Moreton, St Edmund

Saturday 25th March 1995

1260 Stedman Doubles

- 1 Richard S Stanworth
 - 2 Richard W Yates
 - 3 William A Yates
 - 4 Richard C Stevens
 - 5 Rev John D Nixon
 - 6 David G Goodger
- Rung silent and non-conducted on the 102nd birthday of Charlie Gough, and for the Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Pamela and John Richards

Padbury, St Mary the Virgin

Saturday 25th March 1995

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Clive Goodger (1st Quarter)
 - 2 Andrew Spencer
 - 3 William A Yates (C)
 - 4 Gerald Kingston
 - 5 Peter J Nicholson
 - 6 David G Goodger
- Rung on the 102nd birthday of Charlie Gough

Stowe, Assumption of St Mary the Virgin

Wednesday 29th March 1995

1260 Stedman Doubles

- 1 Sheila Watts
 - 2 Stephen J Crane
 - 3 John E Randall (1st Stedman)
 - 4 Gordon M Ellis
 - 5 Roy Keeves (C)
- Rung for the Centenary of the National Trust

Emberton, All Saints

Sunday 2nd April 1995

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Sheila Watts
 - 2 Tony C Manktelow
 - 3 Gary M Haslam
 - 4 H T Keith Haslam
 - 5 Phil Haslam
 - 6 Tim Haslam (C)
- Rung to mark the Baptisms of Samuel John Haslam and Miles Robert Haslam

Bradwell, St Lawrence

Sunday 2nd April 1995

1260 Doubles (3 Methods)

- 1 Christine Abbott
 - 2 Jenny Brookman
 - 3 Becky Fawcett
 - 4 Ian Green
 - 5 Ted Fawcett (C)
 - 6 Gordon Abbott
- Farewell compliment to Andy King and Samantha Hayes-Bradley leaving to work in America

Newport Pagnell, SS Peter & Paul

Sunday 2nd April 1995

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Nicola-Jayne Busby
 - 2 Loretta P Ramsay
 - 3 Monty W Gilbert
 - 4 Nicola A King
 - 5 Godfrey L Foat (C)
 - 6 Andrew J P Hobkinson
- For the baptism of Alison Grayson and Sarah-Jane Pratt

HANDBELL QUARTERS

18 Ashfield, Stantonbury

Monday 6th March 1995

1344 Plain Bob Major

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

16 Wandsworth Place, Bradwell Common

Monday 13th March 1995

1344 Plain Bob Major

- 1-2 John Lonsbrough
- 3-4 Ron Snack
- 5-6 Godfrey L Foat (C)
- 7-8 B Douglas Hird

16 Wandsworth Place, Bradwell Common

Monday 3rd April 1995
1296 Plain Bob Major
1-2 Ron Snack

3-4 Alan J Marchbank
5-6 Godfrey L Foat (C)
7-8 B Douglas Hird

49th Birthday compliment to Ron
Snack. 10th Wedding anniversary for
Tine and Alan Marchbank

Points from the Quarters . . .

Congratulations to Rebecca Millman, Nick Roberts and Clive Goodger on ringing their first quarters, and to all the other ringers with firsts.

Two quarters were rung to celebrate the **102nd Birthday of Charlie Gough**. Charlie Gough is the oldest member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He has been a member for over 85 years, having been elected in 1909. He lived in Padbury until he was 99 when he moved to Maids Moreton Hall, opposite the church in Maids Moreton. He last rang on his 98th Birthday - a 60 of Grandsire Doubles at Padbury. Only 60 changes were rung as 'Young Bill', as Charlie calls him, thought he had had enough. Charlie chastised him for not calling a single and ringing the other 60!

. . . News from the Towers

Bradwell : St Lawrence Bellringers held their Annual Dinner at Splinters Carvery this year, which was a change (although not a very pleasurable one) from our usual venue of the Hollow Tree. At our meeting in January we had a change of two of our officers. Ian Green is now Captain and David Bardwell Steeple Keeper. Thanks to Ted Fawcett and Gordon Abbott for their years of dedicated service. After Easter we say goodbye to Andy King and Samantha Hayes-Bradley as they leave us for two years in Detroit, America. Andy has the chance to work there and both he and Sam have jumped at the opportunity. We wish them well and hope they will come back to us.

Jenny Brookman

Buckingham : Two experienced ringers - Andrew and Ann Spencer Have moved to the area from Goldington in Bedford.

Downs Barn : As a result of a safety inspection carried out as part of the renewal of the entertainment licence parts of the tower have been declared out of bounds. The ladder to the bells and the seating area have to be roped off.

This is probably the first tower in the branch to suffer under modern legislation and powers. We hope they can solve the problems quickly without too much disruption to the ringing.

Emberton : A handbell concert is being held by the Weldon Handbell ringers on 21st October in aid of the Bell Restoration fund. Further details will be available later in the year. The special ringing for the Haslam family baptisms was newsworthy enough to make the Milton Keynes Citizen.

Great Linford : The simulator is proving more difficult to set up than originally expected. The gloss paint on the wheels is providing additional signals. Alan Marchbank intends to spend some time in the tower painting the wheels matt black, then will use white paint stripes to provide the reflective signal - after some trials with chalk.

Newport Pagnell : A Polish visitor is being taught to ring. She is staying with Gerald Ramsey and will be teaching English when she returns to Poland. By the time this edition of In Touch is published she will, hopefully, be ringing rounds. During June and July there may be some special ringing as services of "spiritual refreshment" are being taken by the Archdeacon of Berkshire. Some of these events will be taking place at Olney.

Simpson : Members of the church are undertaking a three day pilgrimage from May 6th to 8th. As this is going from Aldbury to Simpson via Edlesborough and Leighton Buzzard and some of the ringers are taking part there may be some ringing en route.

Tingewick : The new band are making progress, with the help of Bill Yates and Dave Goodger, and are now ringing Plain Hunt. Ringing for Sunday services is not taking place as the band still require some support, but they are ringing for weddings and intend to ring for Easter.

Practice night is on Monday from 19:30 to 20:30 as shown on the list published in this edition of In Touch and not as shown in the Annual Report.

Tower News

The snippets of news included in this edition of In Touch were gleaned from the towers I've spoken to during the production period. Hopefully people will pass information on to me for future editions - I should have my trusty notebook at Branch practices and other events.

Jill Joyce

Are you getting too much ?

This edition of In Touch has been distributed on the basis of one copy for every two ringers at a tower. For some towers this means that all the copies are taken home, with none left for the tower notice board or for visitors to peruse. At other places piles of copies are left in the tower.

Please let me know if you are getting too many copies of In Touch, or if you would like an additional copy to keep in the tower. As the costs of In Touch were one of the reasons for returning to a quarterly issue it is not really possible to issue copies to every member of a band.

The new 1994 Guild Annual Report

By now you will all have read your tower copy and checked all of your details - please make sure that any changes of correspondent or ringing times are sent to the Branch Secretary, who will pass changes to the guild report secretary and to the newsletter editor. Membership details are based on the subscriptions as paid to the Branch Treasurer in 1994. The report secretary keeps a constantly updated list, on his computer, that is printed as required to anyone wanting to organise outings etc. As the 1995 report will be created by amending the computer records, rather than retyping from scratch each year, it is worth notifying minor errors to get the next edition even more accurate.

The list of ringing times and contact details that has just been collated by David Bardwell, and included with this newsletter, does contain a number of changes from the report details. These changes will all be passed through to the report editor for the 1995 edition.

Ringing and the Revenue

You may have read in the newspapers last year that the Inland Revenue has discovered Church workers as a source of income tax. Anyone being paid by the Church as an organist, vergers, bellringer etc. is technically an employee and your employer should be deducting National Insurance and Income Tax from the amounts paid.

One church in the branch has taken this seriously and has issued letters to all such "employees" asking for their full name and address and National Insurance number and has asked them to complete a P46 if they are not in other paid employment. Fees will be paid monthly with the appropriate deductions and will eventually be paid direct to an individual's bank account.

What is happening at your church? The vicar should at least be collecting names and amounts paid to allow notification of the Inland Revenue if a set value is reached. And what happens if you're asked to help out elsewhere? - can we expect to have our details taken and receive payment some time later! If this approach is taken by a number of local churches it will become harder to arrange bands and it will be the not so happy couple that will suffer.

Ringing with N.T.G. (?what's that?) in North Bucks

No, it is not a new type of simulator, it is the National Teachers Guild. A core of members holds meetings around the country with local support.

At their Quarter peal day in North Bucks on 18 Feb 95 the local support was Simon Head (a versatile visitor) and John Lonsbrough, who just qualifies by having done a few years' teaching (his first 'proper' job) many moons ago.

Neither Simon nor John keeps personal ringing records so full details are not to hand, but a quarter was scored at each tower visited, as follows:

Plain Bob Minor at Great Brickhill and also at Fenny Stratford; Grandsire Doubles at Milton Keynes Village; St Clements at Simpson; and Doubles in 51 methods/ variations at Woughton-on-the-Green.

Multi-doubles is an N.T.G. speciality, and you do not have to learn the name of every variation - just a few base methods and the ability to do quickly and exactly what the conductor says!

A good leisurely lunch was enjoyed at The Plough before Simpson ringing, and a friendly informal day was enjoyed by all.

Further information and 1995/6 programme from John L or by phoning the Secretary (Roy Jones) 01543 276218.

John Lonsbrough

Christian Aid's 50th Birthday

Christian Aid, a development Agency of the Churches, is celebrating its 50th birthday on the weekend of 30th September / 1st October. The branch has been asked to publicise a request from Johanna Jones, the Area Co-ordinator (and a ringer!), for quarter peals to be rung in celebration. For further information contact Johanna at 25 Newmarket Road, Burwell, Cambs. CB5 0AE (Tel. 01638 742220). If anyone wishes to ring a peal, please let her know in advance and she will arrange local publicity.

N. Bucks v Towcester Striking contest

As we go to press, the details for this inter-branch event are still being fine-tuned as there is a ringer's family wedding booked up for Wicken on that afternoon, with a peal planned for the morning.

This will be the first year that we will also be ringing for the George Holland Stedman trophy, presented by his daughter. As in previous years, we need volunteers to come forward to make up all of the bands. There are lots of places to fill from Call Changes to Cambridge so please contact one of the ringing masters if you can come along.

Branch Assets / Lost Property ?

We have recently realised that there are a number of trophies, certificates and other branch property in homes and towers that most of us have forgotten about. There are also quite a few minute books missing - if you can help with any information, please liaise with David Bardwell.

Stop Press

Please note the following slight changes to the Guild 10-bell courses that you should already have tower notices about :- Sat 17th June, Long Crendon - will also cover Plain Hunt. Sat 4th November - ringing is now at Amersham and Slough. These changes have, of course, been updated in the Branch Diary.

Notes for the June Practice meeting - St Nicholas & Winchendon Place Doubles

If you can already ring Reverse Canterbury and St Simons Doubles, then you should quickly adapt to St Nicholas. Similarly St Martins adapts to Winchendon Place. If you can't already ring those methods, then you are jumping logical progressions and will probably struggle to master these special methods - you have been warned !!!

Potential Treble ringers should also study the method carefully before catching hold - if you're used to passing each bell once on the way to the back, then the same bells in the same order as you hunt back to the lead you are in for a shock. If you look carefully you will notice that the last two bells that you passed, become the first two as you hunt back down! For this reason, hunting to these sorts of methods is an excellent halfway step between hunting to Bob Doubles and ringing plain courses of it inside. So long as you are aware of the difference you should cope quite safely and actually find it a little more interesting to treble to.

These two special methods only differ in the front work - in St Nicholas the bells double dodge in 1-2, whilst in Winchendon the bells in 1-2 make places around each other. Away from the front, both methods have hunting between 3rds and 5ths place - remember that these two blows in 3rds are always at handstroke then backstroke. All that is left to learn is how to link the front to the back - in this case both methods have (Reverse Canterbury) places made in 3-4, but these are at backstroke then handstroke. Getting this mixture of right & wrong places clear in your mind is the key to striking (and indeed surviving) in these methods.

Touches only require Bobs and they are the same as for Reverse Canterbury i.e. long 4ths from the back and two lots of 3rds made on the front. It may help you to cope with this if you realise that the bells making 3rds actually then repeat the lead that they have just rung. Any Bob Doubles touch will work for either of these methods, so you don't have to just call yourself to make long 5ths each time (coward!).

As with so many methods, there is a bit of jargon used, especially when ringers have rung all of these sort of methods but can't match the work to the name. St Nicholas would be described as "dodges on the front with places in 3-4" and Winchendon as "places everywhere". Similarly St Martins is "places on the front with dodges in 3-4" and St Simons is "dodges everywhere".

There are many more methods that can be created by putting different frontworks or backworks together - every one of them is a named method in its own right. Use two more frontworks with 3-4 dodges and 3-4 places and you will get St Osmund, Eynsbury, St Remigius and Huntley Place. Add Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire and you've got 11 methods for your next quarter peal.

If in doubt, **ask the Ringing Master** to put a reliable helper behind you.

St Nicholas	Winchendon
12345	12345
21345	21345
23154	23154
32514	32514
23541	32541
32451	23451
23415	23415
32145	32145
31254	31254
13254	13254
13524	13524
31524	31524
35142	35142
53412	53412
35421	53421
53241	35241
35214	35214
53124	53124
51342	51342
15342	15342
15432	15432
51432	51432
54123	54123
45213	45213
54231	45231
45321	54321
54312	54312
45132	45132
41523	41523
14523	14523
14253	14253
41253	41253
42135	42135
24315	24315
42351	24351
24531	42531
42513	42513
24153	24153
21435	21435
12435	12435
12345	12345

NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH - TOWER RINGING TIMES

TOWER (BELLS)		SUNDAY		PRACTICE		NOTES	PHONE NO.
		DAY	TIME	DAY	TIME		
BEACHAMPTON	5	11:00 (1), 09:30 (2, 3 & 4)	-	-	-		01908-566937
BLETCHLEY	8	09:30-10:00	Mon	19:30-21:00			01908-379025
BRADWELL	6	09:30, 17:30 (2, 3, 4 & 5)	Wed	19:30-21:00			01908-311506
BUCKINGHAM	8	17:15 (1), 09:15 (3 & 4)	Wed	19:30-21:00	Last of Mth #4		01280-814937
CALVERTON	6	By arrangement	-	-			01908-618754
CHICHELEY	6	17:30-18:00 (1)	Mon	19:30-21:00	Check Venue alt #5		01234-391371
CLIFTON REYNES	6	By arrangement	-	-			01234-711082
DOWNS BARN	8	10:00-10:30	Tue	19:30-21:00			01908-562233
DRAYTON PARSLow	6	17:30-18:00	-	-			01525-240287
EMBERTON	6	09:15 & 17:30 (3)	Tue	19:45-21:00			01234-711113
FENNY STRATFORD	6	09:00	Thu	20:00-21:00			01908-642826
GREAT BRICKHILL	6	By arrangement	-	-			01525-261663
GREAT LINFORD	6	10:15-10:45	Tue	19:30-21:00			01908-321564
HANSLOPE	8	10:15-11:00	Thu	19:30-21:00			01908-510105
HAVERSHAM	3						
LATHBURY	5	UNRINGABLE					01908-313859
LAVENDON	6	10:15-11:00 (3)	Wed	19:30-21:00			01234-712774
LECKHAMPESTEAD	5	No ringing	-	-			01280-860303
LILLINGSTONE DAYRELL	3						
LILLINGSTONE LOVELL	5	09:00-09:30 (2, 4)	Thu	19:30-21:00	1, 3, 5 of Mth.		01280-860665
LITTLE BRICKHILL	3						
LOUGHTON	6	10:30	Mon	19:30-21:00	alt #1		01908-666492
MAIDS MORETON	6	09:00 (1), 17:15 (2), 10:45 (4)	Wed	19:00-20:30	All except last Wed #4		01280-812868
MILTON KEYNES	6	10:30-11:00 (2, 4)	Tue	20:00-21:00			01908-665439
NEWPORT PAGNELL	8	08:50-09:30, 17:30-18:00	Wed	19:30-21:00	Sun eve. by arrang.		01908-676467
NEWTON BLOSSOMVILLE	3						01234-881581
NEWTON LONGVILLE	8	By arrangement	-	-			01908-375794
NORTH CRAWLEY	6	17:30-18:00 (2, 4)	Mon	19:30-18:00	Check Venue alt #5		01234-391785
OLD WOLVERTON	6	10:00-10:30	Tue	19:15-21:00			01908-321011
OLNEY	8	-	Mon	19:30-21:00	4th of mth		01234-713719
SHALSTONE	5	No ringing	-	-			01280-700014
SHENLEY	6		Mon	19:30-21:00	alt #1		01908-666492
SHERINGTON	5	10:30-11:00 (1), 09:00-09:30 (2,3,4,5)	-	-			01908-610560
SIMPSON	6	-	Thu	20:00-21:00	1,3 alt #2 (5 chk venue)		01908-670579
STOKE GOLDINGTON	6	09:15-10:00 (2)	Fri	19:30-21:00	2, 4 alt #3		01908-551416
STOKE HAMMOND	3						
STONY STRATFORD	8	09:00-09:30	Mon	By arrangement			01908-565380
STOWE	6	09:00 (2), 17:15 (4)	Thu	19:00-20:00			01280-814937
THORNBOROUGH	5						01280-812454
TINGEWICK	5	-	Mon	19:30-20:30			01280-848658
TWYFORD	6	By arrangement		By arrangement			01869-277671
TYRINGHAM	5	No ringing	-	-			01234-711566
WAVENDON	6	No ringing	-	-			01908-582839
WESTON UNDERWOOD	6	By arrangement	Fri	19:30-21:00	2, 4 alt #3		01908-551416
WHADDON	6	-	Thu	19:30-21:00			01908-502470
WOUGHTON-ON-THE-GREEN	6	09:30	Thu	20:00-21:00	2, 4 alt #2		01908-670579

PLEASE PASS ANY AMENDMENTS/UPDATES TO D. BARDWELL (01908-676841)

O.D.G. North Bucks Branch - Six Bell Striking Competition

RULES

- 1/ Ringers should ring regularly at the tower, within the branch, that they represent. At least 5 members of the team must be paid-up members of the branch.
- 2/ No ringer may ring for more than one team.
- 3/ A tower may enter more than one team.
- 4/ Up to 2 minutes practice ringing shall be allowed before the test piece, followed by a bell being rung to alert the judges.
- 5/ The test piece will consist of at least 20 rows of rounds, followed by 240 changes in any method(s) or 240 rows of call changes. If method is rung then plain courses are acceptable. If call changes are rung, then at least 30 changes must be called and at least 5 different bells brought down to lead.
- 6/ The winning tower shall be invited to represent the branch in the guild competition.
- 7/ Where possible, 2 judges from outside the branch shall be appointed. They will be asked to offer constructive comment and advice on the ringing by each band, as well as presenting their markings.

NOTES

These rules have been slightly adapted from the rules for the Guild final, to meet the needs of our branch.

Rule 5 - if necessary, due to timing difficulties, the 240 will be reduced to 120 and call changes halved to 15 calls minimum. This decision would be made by the ringing masters and announced prior to the draw being made.

Usually, one of the branch officers will act as tower steward and timekeeper.

It is not reasonable to adjust the rope lengths whilst guests of the host tower - if you consider it may be necessary, you should bring boxes or tail end extenders for your ringers who may need them.

Please advise one of the ringing masters by the previous day (or even earlier please !) that your team will be entering. If your team need to be drawn slightly later, due to ringing for weddings, please let us know what time you will arrive by.

The 1995 competition will be held at Woughton on Saturday 3rd June, following the draw at 4:15. Parking may require some care as this is immediately after a wedding. Details of the quarterly meeting are as shown in the newsletter - **please note that entering a band does not automatically book teas.**

O.D.G. North Bucks Branch - Call Change Striking Competition

RULES

- 1/ Ringers should ring regularly at a tower within the branch, but do not need to be branch members.
- 2/ No ringer may ring for more than one entry.
- 3/ Up to 2 of the team may be from 'outside' of the local band.
- 4/ At least 3 of the team **must not** have rung more than 1 quarter peal on an 'inside' bell.
- 5/ The team is allowed (if they wish) to have a helper present in the ringing room to call the changes, count the rows, or correct mistakes.
- 6/ Up to 2 minutes practice ringing shall be allowed before the test piece, followed by a bell being rung to alert the judges.
- 7/ The first 20 rows of the test piece will not be marked, to allow for 'settling down'.
- 8/ The next 100 rows will be marked, but all rows beyond these will not. It is not necessary to return the bells to rounds before setting.
- 9/ At least 6 call changes must be made **during** the 100 marked rows.
- 10/ Where possible, 2 judges from within the branch shall be appointed. They will be asked to offer constructive comment and advice on the ringing by each band, as well as presenting their markings.

NOTES

Rule 3 allows 'outsiders' either to let other learners join an established team, or for helpers to go and assist a neighbouring band of learners to enter.

In rule 4, an 'inside' bell does not include hunting a treble or covering to a method.

Usually, one of the branch officers will act as tower steward and timekeeper.

It is not reasonable to adjust the rope lengths whilst guests of the host tower - if you consider it may be necessary, you should bring boxes or tail end extenders for your ringers who may need them.

You are advised to plan a way of checking that sufficient rows are rung and changes called - rule 5 allows you to bring in an extra person to help with this. The tower steward is **not** available to assist with this, you must arrange your own helper (usually your own Captain, Conductor or similar local expert).

It would help the smooth running of the event if teams avoided ringing too many extra rows after the marking period has ended. If you are still ringing after 5 minutes (approx 150 rows), the tower steward will call out a 5 minute warning.

Please remember that although the competition is intended to encourage attention to good striking, it should never be taken so seriously that the enjoyment of your ringing is lost. Listen to, learn from and encourage your fellow ringers.

If you have any queries, please contact the ringing masters.

The 1995 Contest

Further details will be given in the next issue of In Touch, but it will be held at Wavendon on Saturday 16th September 1995, with the draw at 3:45 - there should be time for a little **mixed** practice from 3:30 to allow some of your ringers to get to know the bells in advance.

Please advise one of the ringing masters by the previous day (or even earlier please !) that your team will be entering. If your team need to be drawn slightly later, due to ringing for weddings, please let us know what time you will arrive by.

As there is no service, tea or business meeting the judges' comments and results will be given shortly after the last team has rung.

Other Events Within and Without the Branch

This section is intended to bring you information about some other ringing events, that are not organised by our own Branch or Guild. This information is not kept as complete or up-to-date as our own Branch diary, so please keep an eye on Odd Bob and The Ringing World. If you wish to check before attending, or want to know further details, please contact the following people :-

Olney - A Monday evening 8 bell practice is run by Roy Keeves (01908-510105) from 7:30 to 9:00 each month. There is a core of regular attendees, but new faces are always made welcome. Methods rung range from Rounds to Surprise Major, with a special method sometimes being chosen in advance.

Downs Barn - What started as a small Surprise Major practice has now been expanded into a general monthly 8 bell practice, run by David Maybrey (01908-562233), on Sunday from 3:00 to 4:30. There are a variety of methods rung, depending on attendance. Permission for ringing has been given as it is for a special service of Compline, which the ringers are expected to attend.

Central Bucks Branch - Mrs Jackie Sellin (01296-392175).

Bicester Branch - Simon Cole (01869-247525).

Towcester Branch - Bill Yates (01280-814937).

Northampton Branch - Mrs Dorothy Stopps (01604-890638).

Wellingborough Branch - John Holmes (01933-404169).

Bedford Branch - Eddie Lambert (01234-363513).

Luton Branch - David Adams (01582-868534).

Date	Time	Event details	Location
Wed 3rd May	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Launton
Sat 13th May	6:30	Central Bucks Branch Practice (to 8:30)	Wootton Underwood
Sun 14th May	3:00	Eight bell Practice	Downs Barn
Sat 20th May	3:00	Bedford Guild AGM	Biddenham & Bromham area
Mon 22nd May	7:00	Northampton Branch Practice	St Peters, Northampton
Sat 27th May	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
	6:30	Luton Branch Practice	Woburn
Thu 1st June	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Weston-on-the-Green
Sat 10th June	3:00	Central Bucks Branch Striking Competition	Bierton
Sun 11th June	3:00	Eight bell Practice	Downs Barn
Sat 24th June	6:30	Luton Branch Practice	Wing
Mon 26th June	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Sat 1st July	6:00	Bedford Branch Quarterly Meeting	Keysoe
	6:00	ditto	Thurleigh
Fri 7th July	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Kirtlington
Sat 8th July	6:30	Central Bucks Branch Practice (to 8:30)	Whitchurch
Sun 9th July	3:00	Eight bell Practice	Downs Barn
Sat 22nd July	3:30	Luton Branch Quarterly Meeting	Whipsnade
	7:00	Northampton Branch Practice	Courteenhall
Mon 24th July	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Mon 7th August	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Brill
Sat 12th August	6:30	Central Bucks Branch Practice (to 8:30)	Bicester
Sun 13th August	3:00	Eight bell Practice	Downs Barn
Sat 19th August	6:30	Luton Branch Practice	Silsoe
Mon 21st August	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Tue 5th September	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Islip
Sun 10th September	3:00	Eight bell Practice	Downs Barn
Sat 23rd September	7:00	Northampton Branch Practice	Harlestone
Mon 25th September	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Wed 4th October	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Middleton Stoney
Sat 7th October	3:00	Bedford Branch Quarterly Meeting	Sharnbrook
Sun 8th October	3:00	Eight bell Practice	Downs Barn
Sat 14th October	6:30	Central Bucks Branch Practice (to 8:30)	Linslade
Sat 21st October	7:30	Handbell Concert - contact Sheila Watts (01234-711113)	Emberton
Mon 23rd October	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Sat 28th October	6:30	Luton Branch Practice	Dunstable
	7:00	Northampton Branch Practice	Hardingstone
Thu 2nd November	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Ambrosden
Sat 4th November	6:30	Bedford Branch Meeting	Turvey
Sat 11th November	6:30	Central Bucks Branch Practice (to 8:30)	Long Crendon
Sun 12th November	3:00	Eight bell Practice	Downs Barn

Don't forget all of the local tower practices in our branch each week. If you visit any of these events, why not take along another member of your local band ? However, it would be courteous to check with the organiser before taking an entire band along !

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ODG North Bucks Branch Diary

Date	Time	Event details	Location
Sat 29th April	3:00	Guild 8 bell Striking Competition	Great Missenden
Sat 29th April		Guild Ringing Day	Chiltern Branch
Fri 19th May	7:30	Branch Practice Special method = Erin Triples	Olney
Sat 20th May		Guild Annual General Meeting	Bucklebury
Sat 27th May	2:00	* Mini Ringing School Subject = Grandsire Doubles	tba
Sat 3rd June	4:15	6 bell Striking Competition & Quarterly Meeting	Woughton
Sat 10th June		* Guild Seminar on Judging Striking Competitions	EBSB Branch
Fri 16th June	7:30	Branch Practice Special method = Winchendon Place & St Nicholas Doubles	North Crawley
Sat 17th June	6:30	Guild 10 bell course - Rounds & Call Changes [now also includes Plain Hunt]	Long Crendon
Sat 8th July		Guild 10 bell Striking Competition	St Thomas, Oxford
Sat 8th July		Guild Ringing Festival & Evening BBQ	Oxford City
Fri 21st July	7:30	Branch Practice Special method = Kent Treble Bob Minor	Clifton Reynes
Sat 29th July	6:00	* Striking Competition v Towcester Branch	Wicken
Sat 5th August	2:30 6:00	* Joint meeting & Picnic with Bedford Branch	Odell Lavendon
Sat 12th August	2:00	* Mini Ringing School Subject = Plain Hunt / Bob Doubles	tba
Fri 18th August	7:30	Branch Practice Special method = Stedman Triples	Newton Longville
Sat 2nd September	3:00 4:00	Quarterly Meeting (Service, tea, meeting & evening ringing)	Twyford Tingewick
Sat 16th September	3:30	Call Change Striking Competition	Wavendon
Sat 23rd September	9:00	Coach Outing to Loughborough Bellfoundry [Book & Pay by 31st July. Info from Godfrey Foat (01908-313859)]	Loughborough

Any event marked with * was awaiting confirmation when this list was prepared, if a more recent list is unavailable then please check with the Secretary for the current situation before attending.

Rounds, Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob & Grandsire will always be available at Branch Practices. The special methods are intended to be a focus for the more advanced method ringing.

The Branch Mini Ringing Schools are specially arranged for a very small number of pupils to get intensive, high quality, training in one specific method. Although demand will always exceed supply, please write to the Ringing Masters if you wish to be considered as a pupil for a future school.

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