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IN TOUCH

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



Richard, Helen, Jill, Brian, Doug, David & Denby

Quarterly Meeting & Striking Competition at Milton Keynes Village Saturday 1st June 1996

3:00	Draw followed by Contest
4:30	Service
5:00	Tea
5:45	Business Meeting
	No Evening Ringing

Names for tea to Patricia Gifford (01908-665439), by **Wednesday 29th May**

Competition entries must be made to the Ringing Master
(01280-814172) by Thursday 30th May

Your Branch Officers for 1996/7 are listed below, please keep "In Touch" with us.

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Editorial

The cover picture shows your officers for 1996 (with the exception of Alan Marchbank, who was busy moving house at the time!). There have been a number of changes of post and personnel - so welcome to Helen Stanworth, Denby Murduck and Alan Marchbank, and farewell and thanks to Sheila Ware, Sheila Watts, John Lonsbrough and David Joyce. The retiring officers were regular contributors to "In Touch", so perhaps it is someone else's turn to take on that role as well.

This edition highlights some of the items to be discussed at the Guild AGM. If you have opinions make sure that they are heard - contact the Branch Officers as requested. Even better, you could turn up at the AGM yourself!

A number of the quarter peals published this month were only picked up by reading the Ringing World. As these included a number of first quarters and other firsts, it was disappointing not to be aware of them earlier. So conductors please let me know about the quarters rung and the people taking part, especially the firsts.

The coming months are generally periods of extra ringing activity, with outings and holidays as well as lots of weddings. Please think of "In Touch" before you set out and decide who will write the report - all offerings gratefully received (even if the author is more concerned with lunch than any other aspect of the day!).

Thanks to all those who have contributed to this edition - particularly those new contributors who have either heeded my pleas or are totally fed up with David's articles!

Jill Joyce

The next edition of "In Touch" should be distributed at the beginning of August, please submit any articles or information, to the Editor, by the closing date :-

7th July

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ODG NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Emberton on 2nd March 1996.

Apologies for Absence were received from Gordon & Lindy Ellis, Paul & Peggy Faithfull, Lois Houghton-Brown, Peter Nicholson, Pat Newton (Guild Master), Barry Eglesfield, Alan Marchbank, David & Fiona Maybrey, Scott Ayers and Ros Tyrrell.

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Downs Barn had been printed in the February edition of "In Touch". These were accepted as a correct record by the meeting and taken as read.

Matters Arising - there were no matters arising.

Election of New Members

Forms had been received proposing the election of the following :-

Newton Longville:	Nigel Titley Alex Titley (Junior)	Proposed : Brian Newman	Seconded : David Joyce
Great Linford :	Doug O'Neale	Proposed : Tine Marchbank	Seconded : Brian Newman

The new members were all present at the meeting and were elected.

Officers' Reports

- Chairman
Brian Newman thanked the branch officers for their work over the past year, in particular those officers not seeking re election.
John and Elizabeth Lonsbrough had moved to Bicester, which meant that Brian had temporarily taken on the Secretary's role. It also meant that John could not be congratulated personally on reaching 50 years membership of the O.D.G., but the meeting's congratulations were sent to him.
- Secretary
In the absence of the Secretary, Brian Newman read out the report submitted by John Lonsbrough to the Guild Report Editor (see Guild Report). In addition he mentioned that the method of reporting names in the Guild Report had changed. A proof copy was available for checking. The style of address should be included on all future nomination forms.
An invitation had been made to the Guild Librarian asking him to give the meeting some information on the Guild Library, but he was unable to attend.
- Treasurer
A copy of the balance sheet and auditor's report had been circulated, there were no questions on the report. The acceptance of the balance sheet was proposed by Denby Murduck, seconded by Hugh Butler and carried.
The raffle raised £31.50.
- Ringing Master
David Joyce said that the Ringing Masters had run the ringing at all meetings and practices except Olney, where Roy Keeves stepped in. He thanked the members who had turned up at the events held and worked at the ringing. During the year the ringing masters had held most of the proposed mini ringing schools, these will be discussed later.
- Guild Representative
Sheila Watts said that a report on the last meeting had appeared in In Touch and asked if there were any questions. The meeting was reminded that the next Guild Committee meeting would be held at Bletchley and observers were welcome.
- Branch Archivist
Doug Hird said that he had visited the Guild Library in its new home at Hook Norton. There were lots of books relevant to the Branch, the Guild and General ringing. However, additional cataloguing was required and he advised members to wait before visiting the Library. He had borrowed the North Bucks minute books and the minutes should be in digital form by the end of the year. He was also adding peals and other snippets to the database which should be in an easy to interrogate form - it was hoped to have a demonstration for the Guild at Bletchley. As a point of interest it was noted that in 1974 the branch organist proposed himself!

David Joyce asked if there were any gaps in the minutes - Doug Hird was fairly certain that he now held the full set. Richard Stanworth asked about the Library catalogue on disk, which was due to be sent to Branch Secretaries - Doug Hird said that the catalogue was not yet up to date.

Election of Officers

<u>Post</u>	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Result</u>
Chairman	Brian Newman	David Joyce	Hugh Butler	elected
Secretary	Helen Stanworth	Brian Newman	Sheila Ware	elected
Treasurer	David Bardwell	Sheila Watts	Roy Keeves	elected
Minute Secretary	Jill Joyce	Bill Yates	Helen Stanworth	elected

Before the election of Ringing Masters, David Joyce asked the meeting to consider a change. Last year there had been three nominations for Ringing Master and there had been a trial of three ringing masters which was not completely successful. He suggested that a Ringing Master and an Assistant be appointed, so that there was a defined direction and to encourage someone to get a taste of the job without the full responsibility. Godfrey Foat said that this was the situation earlier in the history of the Branch and there have, in the past, been two assistants. It was therefore proposed by David Joyce, seconded by Godfrey Foat and agreed that a Ringing Master and an Assistant be appointed.

Ringing Master	Richard Stanworth	David Joyce	Sheila Ware	elected
Assistant Ringing Master	Denby Murduck	Sheila Ware	Roy Keeves	elected
Guild Representatives	Doug Hird	David Joyce	Sheila Blenkhorn	elected
	Alan Marchbank	Brian Newman	Bill Yates	elected
Branch Archivist	Doug Hird	Brian Newman	Malcolm Hooton	elected
Newsletter Editor	Jill Joyce	Brian Newman	Helen Stanworth	elected

It was pointed out that this was the last year that Brian Newman and Jill Joyce would be standing as Chairman and Newsletter Editor respectively.

Forthcoming Events

These were as published in In Touch. Members getting information from other branches were asked to pass this on to the Newsletter Editor for publication in In Touch.

Any Other Business

1. A direct contribution to the sponsored quarter peal week had been received from Great Brickhill and a number of quarters had been rung. Completed quarters would be published in In Touch, but the stories behind other attempts would also be of interest.
2. Godfrey Foat had badges, books etc on sale and would also be selling the new chrome badges, which should be available at the Guild Committee meeting at Bletchley.
3. A letter had been received requesting ringing for the fete at Tyringham, to mark the completion of restoration work on the tower. The fete would take place on 9th June and ringing was requested from 2:15.
4. The new officers were asked to wait at the end of the meeting to arrange the first officers' meeting.
5. The Marchbanks had just moved to 6 Broadway Ave, Giffard Park, Milton Keynes MK14 5QF (Tel 01908-611434)
6. Richard Stanworth said that no requests had been received for the last two mini ringing schools and wondered if different formats were required - a special practice for learners, or a concerted effort to attend a specific practice to help for a month. There was some interest in a more advanced ringing school, David Joyce said that there was a problem in getting enough experienced helpers to run the existing format of school for more advanced methods. Some towers which would benefit from the current style of school were suggested. Members were also reminded that sponsorship for intensive ringing schools, such as Easthampstead was available.
7. David Joyce said that the Guild now had a Home Page on the World Wide Web - he had labels with details.

Vote of Thanks

Brian Newman thanked the Emberton ringers for hosting the meeting and providing the tea, and the vicar for taking the service.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS - NORTH BUCKS BRANCH
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1995

<u>INCOME</u>		£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		£
January	Balance B/fwd	766.89			
	Building Society Account				
June	Building Society Interest	11.14			
December	" " "	<u>10.94</u>			
		22.08			
	Quarterly raffles for Guild Bell Fund	70.50		Guild Bell Fund (Quarterly raffles)	70.50
	In Touch donations	107.00		In Touch printing expenses	135.87
	Branch practice donations	28.98	January	Course expenses	20.00
	Miscellaneous donations	5.00	May/July	Striking competition expenses	40.00
				Miscellaneous expenses	57.45
			December	Ringling World advertising account	151.45
			May/Dec	Ringling Masters' expenses	42.10
			December	Secretary's expenses	41.81
			December	Treasurer's expenses	17.10
			May/Dec	In Touch & Minute Secretary's expenses	61.35
	Guild Subscriptions			Guild Subscriptions	
	1995 143 senior x £5.00	715.00		173 x £3.20	553.60
	1995 30 junior x £3.50	<u>105.00</u>			
		820.00			
			December	Balance C/fwd	629.22
				Building Society Account	
		£1820.45			£1820.45

Thanks to those towers and individuals who have contributed towards the costs of In Touch this year.

Guild Rules

The Guild Rules are currently undergoing revision. There are two main changes under discussion :-

1. The various classes of membership and their definition
2. Election of officers and committee.

At the General Committee Meeting at Bletchley in March this matter was referred back to the Branches for further discussion, with submissions to be sent to the General Secretary before the Guild AGM on 18th May.

1. The proposed rules define 4 classes of membership :-

- (a) Resident Ringing Members
- (b) Non - Resident Ringing Members
- (c) Honorary Ringing Members
- (d) Associate Members

The definition of Resident status is confusing. The proposed rules do not define where a resident lives or rings, but do require members to become non-resident if they move outside the Diocese - confused ? As some of our towers are very close to the Diocesan boundary, we may have regular ringers who live outside the Diocese and we need a definition which allows these ringers to be resident members. We therefore propose to put forward revised rules to allow for tower members living outside the Diocesan boundary.

2. The other area of change is in election of officers. The proposed rules clarify that officers and committee members must be elected from members present at the meeting or must have agreed in writing to be nominated - all quite reasonable. Nowhere do the rules state who may hold office or who may vote at meetings. Having looked at the rules of some other guilds we propose to put forward a rule to state that only Resident Ringing, Honorary Ringing and Associate members shall have voting rights and be permitted to hold office in the Guild - i.e. non-resident members are not eligible.

If you have any comments to make or wish to know more about the changes, contact either one of the Branch Representatives or the Branch Secretary as soon as possible and definitely before the Guild AGM on 18th May.

Helen Stanworth

Three Firsts & One Not-First for Emberton

It all started a year or so ago, when the Branch ran an excellent intensive Bob Doubles course for our learners. Emma and Rebecca came back fired with enthusiasm and have made really good progress with their ringing. Then we heard about the Guild "Sponsored Ringing" week in aid of the Guild Bell Fund. We thought we had better do our bit, to "repay" some of the effort the Guild had put into our Branch with the Downs Barn project. What an ideal opportunity to sponsor Emma and Rebecca's first quarter peal "inside"! The date was set - 25th February. Nerves set in and the girls decided there would be more chance of success if they were in separate attempts. Rebecca drew the short straw to be the first candidate and she rang a successful quarter peal on the 25th February. Our thanks go to the Emberton ringers, who raised £70 in sponsorship for the Guild Bell Fund.

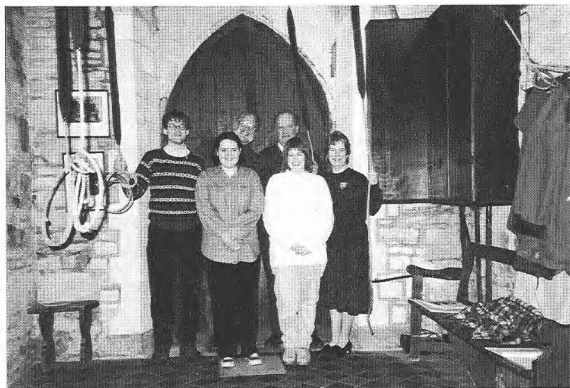
Emma's attempt was fixed for 17th March - Mothering Sunday. Illness struck the night before (or was it sabotage), and it had to be cancelled. However, the following Tuesday there were just seven of us for Practice night and we decided to attempt the quarter peal. All went well and two firsts were scored as it was Rebecca's first at covering.

The "One not-First" refers to Sheila Ware's first at trebling to Grandsire Triples at Hanslope. This was attempted on 29th February, the date that only occurs every four years, and was to be dedicated to her sister's 60th birthday (well, actually only 15th birthday when you count that she's only managed 15 actual birthday celebrations in 60 years). Unfortunately the ringing came to grief after a while, but we did have some enjoyable striking. Better luck next time!

Sheila Watts

Photographs of the two successful bands can be seen opposite.

Three Firsts at Emberton



The band ringing the sponsored quarter - Doug Hird, Rebecca Millman, Denby Murduck, David Jones, Emma Price, Sheila Watts.



Emma's first inside - Phil Haslam, Denby Murduck, Emma Price, David Jones, Rebecca Millman, Sheila Watts.

PEALS & QUARTERS

PEALS

Downs Barn, Cross & Stable

Sunday 24th December 1995

5040 Plain Bob Minor

1 Nicola A King

2 Scott Ayers

3 Bob Winstanley

4 Simon Head

5 Peter Tribble

6 B Douglas Hird (C)

First Peal 2,4,5

109 Bradwell Road, Bradville

Monday 5th February 1996

5040 Plain Bob Minor

1-2 Alan J Marchbank

3-4 Ronald J Snack

5-6 Godfrey L Foat (C)

1st on handbells 1-2, 1st as conductor

Farewell compliment to Elizabeth & John Lonsbrough.

QUARTERS

Downs Barn, Cross & Stable

Tuesday 12th September 1995

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Jonathan Hill (1st away from cover)

2 Alison Cross

3 Nicola King

4 David Maybrey

5 B Douglas Hird (C)

6 Dean Mileham (1st Quarter)

Newport Pagnell, SS Peter & Paul

Sunday 29th October 1995

1264 Plain Bob Major

1 David Taylor

2 Scott Ayers

3 Nicola King

4 Shirley Waterhouse

5 Peter Tribble

6 Bob Winstanley

7 David Maybrey

8 B Douglas Hird (C)

Newport Pagnell, SS Peter & Paul

Sunday 19th November 1995

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Gareth Grayson

2 Peter Tribble

3 Nicola King

4 Simon Head

5 Scott Ayers

6 B Douglas Hird (C)

Using Singles only

Clifton Reynes, St Mary the Virgin

Wednesday 20th December 1995

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Kevin Haseldine

2 Ruth Stokes

3 Nick Gray

4 Ian Thompson

5 Roy Keeves

6 Richard Haseldine (C)

Little Horwood, St Nicholas

Saturday 23rd December 1996

1260 Doubles (2m)

1 Helen Stanworth

2 Alex Titley

3 William Yates (C)

4 Peter Nicholson

5 Nigel Titley

In thanksgiving for the life of Joyce Hosking

Thornborough, St Mary

Saturday 23rd December 1995

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Alex Titley

2 Nigel Titley

3 William Yates (C)

4 Peter Nicholson

5 David Goodger

Maids Moreton, St Edmund

Sunday 24th December 1995

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Helen Stanworth

2 Alex Titley

3 Nigel Titley

4 Raymond Vickers

5 Peter Nicholson

6 William Yates (C)

For Carol Service

Hanslope, St James

Thursday 25th January 1996

1260 Doubles (6 methods)

1 Roy Keeves

2 Richard Haseldine (C)

3 Nicholas Gray

4 Stephen Crane

5 Ian Thompson

For the wedding anniversary of Jim and

Dorothy Thompson (parents of 5)

Loughton, All Saints

Sunday 28th January 1996

1260 Doubles (3 methods)

1 Frank Daniels

2 Anne Stainsby

3 Derek Stainsby

4 Barry Smith

5 Bob Winstanley (C)

6 David Day (1st Quarter)

In Appreciation of the work of Revd G Godber in the parish and as a farewell compliment to the Godber family

Little Horwood, St Nicholas

Saturday 3rd February 1996

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Helen Stanworth

2 Peter Nicholson

3 Andrew Spencer (C)

4 Richard Stanworth

5 David Goodger

80th Birthday compliment to Albert Smith (Tower Captain)

Bradwell, St Lawrence

Sunday 4th February 1996

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Michelle Copson

2 Becky Fawcett

3 Ted Fawcett

4 Jill Joyce

5 Brian Newman

6 David Joyce (C)

First minor 1,5

Farewell compliment to John & Elizabeth Lonsbrough

Stoke Goldington, St Peter

Friday 9th February 1996

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Catherine Priestley (1st quarter)

2 Sheila Watts

3 Audrey Jones

4 Nicholas Gray

5 Ian Thompson

6 Roy Keeves (C)

With best wishes to Revd Stephen Weston, Rector of the GATE group, leaving for Chipping Norton.

Stowe, Assumption of B.V.M.

Thursday 15th February 1996

1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob)

1 John Stanworth

2 Andrew Spencer

3 Peter Nicholson

4 David Goodger

5 William Yates (C)

6 Helen Stanworth

Newport Pagnell, SS Peter & Paul

Sunday 18th February 1996

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Nicola-Jayne Busby

2 Loretta P Ramsay

3 Godfrey L Foat

4 P D Taylor (C)

5 Gerald R Stratton

6 Gareth Grayson

For evensong. First on the new ropes.

Get well compliment to Ralph

Mazzone. 16th Birthday compliment to Gareth Grayson



SPONSORED QUARTER PEAL WEEK

Beachampton, Assumption B.V.M.

Friday 23rd February 1996
1260 Cliffords Pleasure Doubles
1 Jo Nevill
2 David Joyce
3 Derek Stainsby
4 Peter Tribble
5 Bob Winstanley (C)

Emberton, All Saints

Sunday 25th February 1996
1320 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Sheila Watts
2 Denby Murduck (C)
3 B Douglas Hird
4 Rebecca Millman (1st inside)
5 David Jones
6 Emma Price

Wicken, St John

Sunday 25th February 1996
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 John Stanworth (1st on 8)
2 Richard Yates
3 George Green
4 Andrew Spencer
5 William Yates
6 Nigel Williams
7 Richard Stanworth (C)
8 Helen Stanworth
12th Birthday compliment to I

Old Wolverton, Holy Trinity

Tuesday 27th February 1996
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 Lorraine Brookman (1st Quarter)
2 J Brookman
3 J Woolner (1st in method)
4 S M Beck
5 M Nimmo (C)

Bradwell, St Lawrence

Sunday 3rd March 1996
1260 Grandsire & Stedman Doubles
1 Becky Fawcett
2 David Bardwell
3 Jill Joyce
4 Ian Green
5 David Joyce (C)
6 Gordon Abbott
In memory of Harry Newman of Bath

Shenley, St Mary

Sunday 3rd March 1996
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Anne Stainsby
2 Irene Gordon
3 John Brookman
4 Bob Winstanley
5 Barry Smith
6 Derek Stainsby (C)
Rung for a special Evensong in honour
of the life of Ella Cheyne

Old Wolverton, Holy Trinity

Tuesday 5th March 1996
1272 Plain Bob Minimus
1 J Woolner
2 Lorraine Brookman (1st Inside)
3 J Brookman
4 M Nimmo (C)

Leckhampstead, Assumption of BVM

Saturday 9th March 1996
1260 Doubles (3 Methods / Principles)
1 Peter Nicholson
2 Ann Fletcher
3 William Yates (C)
4 Nigel Tittle
5 David Goodger
Birthday compliment to 2

Emberton, All Saints

Tuesday 19th March 1996
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Phil Islam
2 Sheila Watts
3 Emma Price (1st Inside)
4 David Jones
5 Denby Murduck (C)
6 Rebecca Millman (1st cover)
For Mothering Sunday and a birthday
compliment to Rebecca Millman

Beachampton, Assumption of B.V.M.

Sunday 24th March 1996
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1 John Stanworth
2 Andrew Spencer
3 Jo Nevill
4 Peter Nicholson
5 William Yates (C)
For Deanery Evensong

Padbury, St Mary the Virgin

Saturday 30th March 1996
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1 Helen Stanworth
2 Nigel Tittle
3 Peter Nicholson
4 Gerald Kingston
5 David Goodger
6 William Yates (C)
103rd birthday compliment to Charlie
Gough in his home tower

HANDBELL QUARTERS

16 Wandsworth Place, Bradwell Common
Sunday 8th January 1995
2520 Plain Bob Minor
1-2 A J Marchbank
3-4 R Snack
5-6 G L Foat (C)
For the New Year

16 Wandsworth Place, Bradwell Common
Monday 29th January 1996
1440 Kent T B & Plain Bob Minor
1-2 A J Marchbank
3-4 R Snack
5-6 G L Foat (C)

Points from the Quarters . . .

Congratulations to Scott Ayers, Peter Tribble and Simon Head on ringing their first peal, to Godfrey Foat on conducting his first peal and to Alan Marchbank on ringing his first peal on handbells.

Also **congratulations** to Dean Mileham, David Day, Catherine Priestley, Lorraine Brookman and, belatedly, Jonathan Hill on ringing their first quarters.

A number of other firsts were also noted. Quarters published in earlier editions included the first minor and major for Scott Ayers and first major for Simon Head. The number of younger ringers reaching these significant milestones should mean that we can raise a band for the **junior striking competition** in July.

Several quarters were rung as a farewell compliment to **John and Elizabeth Lonsbrough** who moved to Bicester - encouragingly these included a number of firsts.

A peal of 8 surprise minor methods was attempted at Maids Moreton on Monday 25th March to celebrate **Charlie Gough's 103rd birthday**. Charlie is the oldest member of the Guild and longest serving member, having joined in 1909. Unfortunately the attempt came to grief after just over an hour's ringing. This was the second year in a row that a peal attempt for Charlie's birthday has failed. The band visited Charlie in the home just across the road from the church after the attempt. He looks as well as ever, so we fully expect to attempt a birthday peal for him next year - third time lucky!

Richard Stanworth





- to Albert Smith (80), Gareth Grayson (16), John Stanworth (12), Ann Fletcher and Rebecca Millman.

In addition to the listed peals and quarters Messrs Stanworth, Haseldine and Yates took part in a "Richard" peal of 8 spliced Surprise Major at Wicken. A peal has also been rung at Maids Moreton.

Charles Knight took part in a touring band quarter at Olney.

Attempts made in addition to the quarters listed in the **Sponsored Quarter Peal Week** included Grandsire Triples at **Hanslope** and Stedman Triples at **Newport Pagnell**. Although **Great Brickhill** were unable to ring a quarter they did contribute to the sponsorship.

... News from the Towers

Bradwell : At the tower AGM in January we had one change of officer - Michelle Copson is now our Secretary. Her address is :-

2 Atterbrook, Bradwell, MK13 9EY
Telephone 01908-222187

Thanks to Jenny Brookman for all her work as Secretary.

The promised alterations to our balcony rail have taken place - although we were without any rail for a couple of weeks - it's surprising how unpopular the 2 and 3 became when there was only a kicking board between us and the window. In addition a gate has been fixed at the bottom of the steps, which should be helpful in family services and weddings.

The boxes have been topped with carpet and a shelf fitted - we just need the seats and the transformation will be complete.

It doesn't pay to be part of a ringing couple at Bradwell - Ted Fawcett has broken his finger (at cricket practice), Rosa Bardwell hurt her back (at the gym) and Jill Joyce has had an operation (not fit at all!).

Great Linford : Ringing at Great Linford was stopped for a while when work on the church roof was undertaken, and access was required from the tower. The work was originally planned for before Christmas and was delayed when the parish realised there would be no Christmas bells. Unfortunately not much notice of the start or finish of the work was received.

Newton Longville : Regular practices are being held despite limited numbers.

Tyringham : The tower has been undergoing repairs, which will be completed in time for the biannual fete on 9th June.

✉ Letters to the Editor ✉

John Lonsbrough would like to thank everyone for their help and co-operation whilst he was Branch Secretary.

He would also like to point out that in his Emergency Quarter Peal article in the February edition of "In Touch" the standard part for 2nds place Major or Minor methods should be **Make, Out, Out** and not as printed.

John Wells (ODG General Secretary) pointed out that he, and not Bill Butler, gave the talk at the 10 bell day reported in the last "In Touch" (*Apologies from the Editor*).

He also pointed out that John Lonsbrough's Emergency quarter peal standard calling is false for Cambridge Major. In, Out, In will work for many, but not all 8th place methods.



The **mini ringing school** planned for **11th May** is the last pre-planned date. Future training will be based on the response to the Ringing Master's request for the opinions of the Branch. So if there is some form of training that **you** would like - intensive schools, special practices etc contact the Ringing Master!



The programme for the **Guild AGM** on **18th May** is as follows :-

Ringing at :	
Woodeaton	1:00 - 2:00
Charlton on Otmoor	1:30 - 2:30
Islip	2:30 - 3:30
Service at Islip	3:30
Tea, Islip Village Hall	4:30
AGM	5:30
Ringing at Islip	7:30 - 8:30



The Luton District Evening Meeting on **22nd June** is being held in our Branch at **Great Brickhill**. It would be good if as many Branch members as possible could attend.



On 28th September a Tower Leadership course is being held at Kidlington. Ian Green's article in the last edition of "In Touch" described the benefits of such a course, so if anyone was inspired, now is your chance! Details are available from Pat Newton or see the notice in your tower.



The Branch has a number of joint meetings with other branches and districts - the striking competition with the Towcester branch of the Peterborough Guild and the Picnic meeting with the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association, they give us the chance to meet and ring with a different circle of ringers. If you've never been before please support these events.



Change of Address

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Radley 1996 - my first time, and I'm there as a Tutor !

Although I've done my time as an organiser, pupil and helper at a variety of ringing schools, this year was my first involvement with the Radley Ringing Course - I was asked to tutor Group 2 (Plain Bob Doubles). Other than remembering old articles from students in previous years and having the 1996 "advert" pinned up in our tower, I realised that I didn't know much about the event. After a brief chat with Peter Starling I found that there were to be 4 groups of 6 students plus a team of helpers to keep busy all day, with an evening meal and "extra options" in the evening. I was amazed to discover that the course was heavily oversubscribed and that the waiting list had started filling up around Christmas (they can't have known I was to be a tutor!).

As the months rolled by, Peter kept in touch with me - each student had answered a short questionnaire about their current ringing experience and indicated where they hoped to be by the date of the course. As the course date grew nearer, 3 of my group were gone (they'd found out that I was their tutor?). This made my life easier as 2 were edging towards surprise minor, which was some way from the needs of my other students, but there were 3 replacements lined up to take their place. At this stage I realised that I'd got the easy bit - it was Peter who seemed to have the toughest job. Around this point I also found out from Len Cox that he had collected up enough helpers to give us at least 6 per group - how many phone calls that much fixing took, I can only guess.

Shortly before the course, I freshened up and augmented my method sheets and notes - it looked as if my pupils would need anything from a gentle start on Bob Doubles up to some Stedman. As I am a firm believer in learning by watching as well as by ringing, I wanted to keep to Bob Doubles for the first part of the day. It was time for some of my nasty collection of touches to be printed out ready for the more advanced students. I believe that until you know the method well enough to call a variety of touches, there is still room to learn.

On the evening before, the snow started falling - looked like a 1 hour drive might take longer, I hoped my students and helpers lived a bit closer. In the event I was there in time for the first cup of coffee and eventually found all of my students preparing for a long day. After a few introductions and domestics, we settled down for a short chat about the day and the methods, as well as what my intimidating pile of paperwork was about. The day then seemed to fly past - 3 sessions of 90 minutes is quite a workload for helpers who are ringing or "propping" with little respite, but it is still so little to share between 6 pupils who are all so keen to progress.

At this stage in a learner's career even a slightly unfriendly bell or rope can add to the pressure and drain concentration away from the blue line, but it is still part of learning, so think positive ! Towards the end of the day all of the students had made clear progress, they were more relaxed and confident, the leading much more consistent and the 3-4 dodges getting easier all the time. It had to be time for a little taster of ringing Bobs, so that at least all knew a bit of what it felt like to ring them when the homework continues over the next few weeks and months. We even had time for a few very brisk courses of Stedman for one student before our time ran out.

Back at Radley, we met up with the other groups to exchange weary notes and anecdotes before tucking into an excellent hot meal. A fiery curry followed by double helping of sticky toffee pudding was all that I needed to settle down and listen to John Harrison and his computer prove how much of a skill it is to listen and correct slight striking errors. Eventually we all had to go home - I was pleased by the progress and effort from my students, grateful for the tireless efforts of my helpers and very impressed by all of the hard work that had gone on to prepare for and support the day.

Next year, if you are asked for the use of your bells - please try to help out; if you are asked to be a helper - give part of a day if you can't manage more; if you want to be a student - get in quick as the places fill up so quickly.

If you know one of the students, please give them all of the help that you can to keep the momentum from this course going and please encourage them to give some feedback to the organisers - we need your comments to help to get it better each year.

David Joyce

WANTED !

On Sunday 9th June at least five ringers are required to ring at the Tyringham fete. The fete is partly a celebration of completion of work on the tower, which has prevented ringing for some time.

Ringing is required from 2:15 to 2:30 to mark the opening of the fete and then at a time to suit later in the afternoon (I'm not sure for how long, but it may be possible to negotiate if there is a keen quarter peal band).

If there is someone willing to organise the ringing can they contact me - also any ringers able to help.

Jill Joyce

Have You Seen Them?

The Guild Annual Report for 1995 and the Guild Newsletter "Odd Bob", issue 46, have already been sent out to all towers in the branch with members. If you haven't seen either of these yet, ask your tower correspondent about them.

There are a few copies of the Guild Report left which can be purchased from the Branch Secretary at £2.50 per copy + 50p postage.

Helen Stanworth

Exactly when should I call that Bob ?

Although it can seem confusing when you try to see why some things are called at handstroke and others at backstroke, the "rule" is always the same - a whole pull of warning. If you write out the method that you want to call and then put in the effect that the call has, you will see which row is the first to be altered - the call is therefore due a whole pull before that point.

Grandsire is unusual in having a structure that requires calls at handstroke, whereas Plain Bob has calls at backstroke. Stedman is awkward because in doubles the Single happens within a "six" and should be called at backstroke, in triples and above the calls happen across the junction of "sixes" and are called at handstroke.

Changes of method (in touches of spliced) should be called at handstroke because it will be at the next handstroke that the band should start ringing the new method. This is logical enough because when you call "Go" to start any method, that is at handstroke too. So is calling "Stand" at the end of your ringing. Call Changes are another handstroke call, because you shouldn't change until the next handstroke.

The exception is that calling "this is all" should be towards the end of penultimate row - try giving a generous whole pull warning and see who instantly stops before they have run out of blue line!

In the real world you will find that some conductors will put calls in the "wrong" place - you can always *try* educating them, but it may be wiser to just do it properly yourself and make sure that *you* only ever teach the correct way (with this explanation).

David Joyce

One short for a touch of Grandsire Doubles? II

Following on from David Joyce's article in the February edition of "In Touch". If you only have three in the band that can ring a touch and your fourth person can only ring plain courses, try calling Single, Bob, Single, Bob - a call every lead. Place the plain course ringer on the 3rd. He will only double dodge up and then come down to lead. The treble will take him from lead, so he will make 3rds. This way he only has to learn that at a Bob he dodges 4-5 up instead of 4-5 down if he was ringing a plain course. The bells work in pairs, so place a good ringer on the 2nd to help him.

Mick Nimmo

St Giles & St Miles... What are they ?

The special methods for the Branch Practice at Beachampton in July are actually special **variations** (see February "In Touch" for an explanation!).

The "foreign" bob in both cases is a Plain Bob bob and the plain lead is :-

St Nicholas for St Giles
Winchendon Place for St Miles

So the basic method would normally have a Reverse Canterbury bob.

Ringing a bob will be the same as ringing a bobbed lead of St Simons (for St Giles) or St Martins (for St Miles).

The variations have been chosen from the chart on page 8 of Pam Copson's Follow-On book (the blue one). The book is worth consulting for further explanations, and some tips for conductors.

Jill Joyce

Teaching a Ringer to Call & Keep Right a Method

Grandsire Doubles is a good method to start to look at how to call methods. A very short touch is 20 changes, call a BOB every lead - 2 leads and it comes round.

To call from the 3rd, call a bob after ringing over 2 bells and the treble, then call the second bob as you have your first blow at lead.

How to keep it right..

In a plain course the 2 is the hunt bell, at the first Bob the 2 dodges 4-5 down. 3 dodges 4-5 up. 4 and 5 make 3rds and the 4 goes into the hunt. At the next Bob the 4 (the hunt bell) dodges 4-5 down, 5 dodges 4-5 up and 2 and 3 make 3rds, the 2 going into the hunt.

Mick Nimmo

Get Selling!

Don't forget to sell your tickets for the Bell Fund Draw. All monies and counterfoils should be returned to the Branch Secretary by **Friday 21st June** or direct to the promoter by 30th June. Please make all cheques payable to "Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers". Any spare tickets should be returned as soon as possible.

Helen Stanworth

ODG on the Internet

As mentioned in the last edition of "In Touch" the ODG now has a home page on the World Wide Web. The address is :-

<http://www.dra.hmg.gb/odg/odg.html>

David Joyce

"All the best ringers I know have never been on a training course."

Discussion at some of our recent meetings has considered the merits of formal training courses. The Oxford Diocesan Guild has provided courses of one sort or another for many years. When our own branch was formed, a few skilled ringers were appointed as instructors who would provide much needed assistance to village bands. They even took a complete tower in hand at Great Linford in 1922.

The branch also has a history of providing support for ringers who make use of Guild courses outside the branch. These two items from the minute books show the first case of branch sponsorship:

North Bucks Branch AGM
May 29th 1965
Whaddon

"The attention of members was drawn to a training course to be held at Wantage in November, suitable for young people who might benefit from training in leadership as well as the principles and practice of ringing. The Secretary reported that he had approached two such young men Mr B Eglesfield and Mr A Jeffs, both who had signified their willingness to attend. The proposed fee was to be £4=0=0 and it was recommended that the Branch pay this. This proposition by Mr Yates was carried unanimously."

North Bucks Branch AGM
June 4th 1966
Wavendon

"The Secretary reported that once again the financial position of the Branch was healthy, in that despite contributing to the rehanging of Stowe bells, and the expense of sending Mr Eglesfield on the training course, the balance had only fallen by £1=5=4."

I think the results of this particular course speak for themselves.

Doug Hird

St Remigius & Huntley Place Doubles

These two methods extend the Reverse Canterbury family beyond St Nicholas & Winchendon Place and therefore will use normal Reverse Canterbury Bobs.

Huntley Place is the easiest to ring as the 2nd would lead for four blows, then stay in 2nds place for 3 blows until the treble needs to pass you and reach the lead. You then make places (wrong) in 3-4 and lie in 5ths, down to 3rds place and back up to long 5ths. Reverse this to get to the end of the Plain Course.

St Remigius has a slightly different front work - you only lead or 3 blows, then dodge with the new arrival in 1-2, before striking two blows (wrong) in 2nds place. The line is then the same as for Huntley Place.

St Remigius

12345
21345
23154
23514
32541
23451
32415
32145
31254
13254
13524
31524
35142
35412
53421
35241
53214
53124
51342
15342
15432
51432
54123
54213
45231
54321
45312
45132
41523
14523
14253
41253
42135
42315
24351
42531
24513
24153
21435
12435
12345

Huntley Place

12345
21345
23154
23514
23541
32451
32415
32145
31254
13254
13524
31524
35142
35412
35421
53241
53214
53124
51342
15342
15432
51432
54123
54213
54231
45321
45312
45132
41523
14523
14253
41253
42135
42315
42351
24531
24513
24153
21435
12435
12345

Perivale Alliance Minor

Alliance methods are used to splice with Little methods to enable a full 720 changes to be rung. With Little Bob Minor, all of the rows with the treble in 5ths or 6ths place don't exist. By splicing with an Alliance method, which has extra rows with the treble in 5ths and 6ths place, one balances out the other. No Alliance methods could be regarded as common, but the most well known is Perivale.

Perivale has a number of features that occur in more advanced methods, so it could be used as a midway point on the way to these. As with a number of other less common methods, an accurate treble ringer is essential for success. As Perivale is likely to be used in spliced, it is crucial that you learn where every place bell starts (and finishes). The method is similar to Plain / Little Bob in that when the treble is leading, one bell makes 2nds place whilst the other pairs dodge. Bobs are also similar, with the front bells running in, out or making the bob in 4th place.

Seconds Place Bell starts by turning the treble from lead and then dodging in 1-2, it then hunts straight up to the back to dodge 5-6 up with the treble, lie in 6th place and then start dodging in 5-6 down. After the 2nd dodge you will become **Sixth Place Bell** which starts with another dodge in 5-6 down, then hunts straight down to treble bob on the front (dodge, whole pull at lead, dodge), and then hunts up to dodge in 3-4 up. **Thirds Place Bell** makes alternate places in 4ths and 3rds until the treble hunts down through your places, which is your cue to dodge 3-4 down. **Fourths Place Bell** hunts down to treble bob on the front, then hunts up to dodge 5-6 up. **Fifths Place Bell** starts with two more dodges in 5-6 up, lies in 6th place and then dodges 5-6 down with the treble, hunts down to dodge and lead, then make 2nds place over the treble.

As you should see from the above details, the treble is a very important bell which can make a real contribution to keeping the method right. You should know that the two bells that you dodge with in 5-6 are the bell that has just made seconds over you and the bell that will make seconds over you at the next lead. As you hunt away from the lead, you will pass through Thirds Place Bell making their places in 3-4, remember that they will be looking for you hunting back in towards the lead so that they know when to dodge 3-4 down.

The simple touch shown below should help to understand the basis for splicing these two methods together - the important thing to remember if you are making a touch up as you go along, is that a plain lead of each comes round. This means that to avoid the touch being false, you must make a call at either the lead where the method changes, or at the very next lead end. Anyone who has tried splicing Plain Bob with St Clements will already be well aware of these little problems.

In this touch, the 6th would change from Perivale to Little Bob as they dodge 3-4 up, then call a Bob each time that they are "Home" (backstroke) and change the method to Perivale at the next blow (handstroke).

Remember that changes of method are called at handstroke with a whole pull of warning - that's why you must learn where each place bell finishes, as so many touches of spliced are fired out when learners try to react instantly.

David Joyce

Perivale	123456	142356	134256
	214365	412365	312465
	241356	431256	321456
	423165	342165	234165
	243615	432615	324615
	426351	346251	234651
	462315	346215	263415
	643251	632451	624351
	463521	362542	264531
	645312	635214	625413
	654321	653241	624311
	564312	562314	564213
	653142	652134	654123
	561324	561243	561432
	516342	516234	516423
Little	153624	152643	154632
	156342	156234	156423
	513624	512643	514632
	531264	521463	541362
	352146	254136	453126
	325164	245163	435162
	235146	421536	341526
BOB	213456	BOB	412356
Perivale	124365	Perivale	143265
	142356		123456

123456
214365
241356
423165
243615
426351
462315
643251
463521
645312
654321
564312
653142
563214
536214
352641
325614
236541
326451
234615
243651
426315
246135
421653
412635
146293
142635
461235
642153
462513
645231
654213
564241
652341
563214
536241
352614
532164
351246
315246
132546
135264
312546
321546
235146
325416
234561
243516
425361
245631
426513
462531
645213
465123
641532
141623
165432
164523
615432
615423
564132
654312
563421
536412
354621
534261
352416
325461
234516
324156
231465
214365
124365
123456

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

RULES

- 1/ Entries must be made to the Ringing Master by the closing date.
- 2/ 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.
- 3/ No ringer may ring for more than one team.
- 4/ A tower may enter more than one team.
- 5/ Up to 2 minutes practice ringing shall be allowed before the test piece, followed by a bell being rung to alert the judges.
- 6/ 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.
- 7/ The winning tower shall be invited to represent the branch in the guild competition.
- 8/ 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 6 - 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.

The 1996 competition will be held at Milton Keynes Village on Saturday 1st June, following the draw at 3:00. Details of the quarterly meeting are as shown in the newsletter - **please note that entering a band does not automatically book teas.**

Entries for the competition must be made to the Ringing Master (01280-814172) by **Thursday 30th May.**

If your team need to be drawn slightly later, due to ringing for weddings, please let us know what time you will arrive by.

NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH - TOWER RINGING TIMES

Tower	Bells	Sunday	Practice		Notes	Contact	Phone no.
			Day	Time			
Astwood	3				Chime	Mr Wrighton	01230-65381
Beachampton	5	11:00 (1), 09:30 (2, 3 & 4)	-	-		Jo Nevill	01908-666937
Bletchley	8	09:30-10:00	Mon	19:30-21:00		Paul Faithfull	01908-379025
Bradwell	6	09:30, 17:30 (2, 3, 4 & 5)	Wed	19:30-21:00		Michelle Copson	01908-222187
Buckingham	8	17:15 (1), 09:15 (3 & 4)	Wed	19:30-21:00	Last of Mth #4	Bill Yates	01280-814937
Calverton	6	By arrangement	Wed	20:00-21:00		Shirley Waterhouse	01908-618754
Chicheley	6	17:30-18:00 (1)	Mon	19:30-21:00	Check Venue alt #5	Mr D Robertson	01234-391371
Clifton Reynes	6	By arrangement	-	-		Mike Davies	01234-711082
Downs Barn	8	10:00-10:30	Tue	19:30-21:00	Not 1st. Tuesday	Fiona Maybrey	01908-562233
Drayton Parslow	6	17:30-18:00	-	-		Rev N Cotton	01525-240287
Emberton	6	09:15 & 17:30 (3)	Tue	19:45-21:00		Sheila Watts	01234-711113
Fenny Stratford	6	09:00	Thu	20:00-21:00		Peter White	01908-642826
Great Brickhill	6	By arrangement	-	-		Hugh Butler	01525-261663
Great Linford	6	10:15-10:45	Tue	19:30-21:00		Alan Marchbank	01908-611434
Hanslope	8	10:15-11:00	Thu	19:30-21:00		Sheila Blenkhorn	01908-510105
Haversham	3					Rev Simon Weedon	01908-312136
Lathbury	5	UNRINGABLE				Godfrey Foat	01908-313859
Lavendon	6	10:15-11:00 (3)	Wed	19:30-21:00		Brian Clifton	01234-712774
Leckhampstead	5	No ringing	-	-		Mr I Pentland	01280-860303
Lillingstone Lovell	5	09:00-09:30 (2, 4)	Thu	19:30-21:00	1, 3, 5 of Mth.	Robin Culley	01280-860665
Little Brickhill	3						
Loughton	6	10:30	Mon	19:30-21:00	alt with Shenley #1	Derek Stainsby	01908-666492
Malds Moreton	6	09:00 (1), 17:15 (2), 10:45 (4)	Wed	19:00-20:30	All except last Wed #4	David Goodger	01280-812868
Milton Keynes Village	6	10:30-11:00 (2, 4)	Tue	20:00-21:00		Patricia Gifford	01908-665439
Newport Pagnell	8	08:50-09:30, 17:30-18:00	Wed	19:30-21:00	Sun eve. by arrangement	Jeanette Ross	01908-676467
Newton Blossomville	3					Jack Letts	01234-881581
Newton Longville	8	By arrangement	Thu	19:30-21:00		Alex Tittley	01908-646632
North Crawley	6	17:30-18:00 (2, 4)	Mon	19:30-21:00	Check Venue alt #5	Kerry Rose	01234-391785
Old Wolverton	6	10:00-10:30	Tue	19:15-21:00		Nick Nimmo	01908-321011
Olney	8	-	Mon	19:30-21:00	4th of mth	Charles Knight	01234-713719
Ravenstone	3				Swing Chime	Len Adams	01908-551212
Shalstone	5	No ringing	-	-		Arthur Hurdman	01280-700014
Shenley	6	09:00-09:30	Mon	19:30-21:00	alt with Loughton #1	Derek Stainsby	01908-666492
Sherington	5	10:30-11:00 (1), 09:00-09:30 (2,3,4,5)	-	-		Ella Field	01908-610560
Simpson	6	-	Thu	20:00-21:00	1,3 alt #2 (5 chk venue)	Brian Baldwin	01908-670579
Stoke Goldington	6	09:15-10:00 (2)	Fri	19:30-21:00	2, 4 alt #3	Owen Warren	01908-551416
Stoke Hammond	3	-		All visitors	welcome by arrangement	Mr P Heaton	01525-270289
Stony Stratford	8	09:00-09:30	Mon	By arrangement		Malcolm Hooton	01908-565380
Stowe	6	09:00 (2), 17:15 (4)	Thu	19:00-20:00		Bill Yates	01280-814937
Thornborough	5				Steel	Ray Goodger	01280-812976
Tingewick	5	-	Mon	19:30-20:30		Lois Houghton-Brown	01280-848658
Twyford, Bucks	6	By arrangement		By arrangement		Mr E Herring	01869-277671
Tyringham	5	No ringing	-	-		Marion Hansford	01234-711566
Wavendon	6	No ringing	-	-		Rev David Lunn	01908-582839
Weston Underwood	6	By arrangement	Fri	19:30-21:00	2, 4 alt #3	Owen Warren	01908-551416
Whaddon	6	-	Tue	19:30-21:00		Barbara Brown	01908-502470
Woughton-on-the-Green	6	09:30	Thu	20:00-21:00	2, 4 alt #2	Brian Baldwin	01908-670579

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

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.

Central Bucks Branch - Mark Sellin (01296-392175).

Towcester Branch - Bill Yates (01280-814937).

Wellingborough Branch - John Holmes (01933-405169).

Luton District - David Adams (01582-868534).

Bicester Branch - Simon Cole (01869-247525).

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

Bedford District - Eddie Lambert (01234-363513).

Date	Time	Event details	Location
Mon 22nd April	7:30	Eight bell practice	Olney
Sat 27th April	5:00	Luton District Striking Contest(to 7:00)	Caddington
	6:30	" Evening Ringing & Meeting (to 8:30)	Dunstable
Sat 27th April		Peterborough Guild AGM	
Fri 3rd May	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Kirtlington
Sat 4th May	7:00	Towcester Branch Business Meeting/ Ringing/ Skittles	Litchborough
Sat 11th May	3:00	Wellingborough Branch Meeting (to 9:00)	Great Doddington
Sat 11th May	6:30	Central Bucks Branch Practice (to 8:30)	Mursley
Sat 18th May		Bedford Association AGM	Biggleswade
Mon 20th May	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Sat 25th May	6:30	Luton District Evening Meeting	Eversholt
Sat 1st June	2:00	Towcester Branch Training Day	Patishall/ Cold Higham
Mon 3rd June	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Brill
Sat 8th June	eve *	Central Bucks Striking Competition	Padbury
Sat 22nd June	6:30	Luton District Evening Meeting	Great Brickhill
Mon 24th June	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Tue 2nd July	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Islip
Sat 13th July	6:30	Central Bucks Branch Practice (to 8:30)	Quainton
Sat 20th July	7:00	Luton District / Herts C.A. Surprise Practice	Woburn
Mon 22nd July	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Sat 27th July	3:30	Luton District Quarterly Meeting	Tilsworth
Sat 27th July	eve	Luton District Quarterly Meeting	Stanbridge
Wed 7th August	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Middleton Stoney
Sat 10th August	6:30*	Central Bucks Branch Practice	Hillesdon
Sat 17th August	6:30	Luton District Evening Meeting	Cranfield & Wootton
Mon 19th August	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Sat 24th August	7:00	Towcester Branch Practice (to 7:45)	Heladon
Sat 24th August	8:00	Towcester Branch Practice (to 9:00)	Whitfield
Thu 5th September	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Wootton Underwood
Mon 23rd September	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Sat 28th September	6:30	Luton District Evening Meeting	Toddington
Sat 28th September	4:00	Towcester Branch Striking Contest	Greens Norton
Fri 4th October	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Ludgershall
Sat 26th October	3:30	Luton District Quarterly Meeting	Silsoe
Sat 26th October	eve	Luton District Quarterly Meeting	Flitton
Mon 28th October	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney
Sat 2nd November	2:00	Towcester Branch Training Day	Roads/ Stoke
Mon 4th November	7:30	Bicester Branch Practice	Bicester
Sat 9th November	6:30	Central Bucks Branch Practice (to 8:30)	Aston Abbots
Sat 23rd November	6:30	Luton District Evening Meeting	Westoning
Mon 25th November	7:30	Eight bell Practice	Olney

Remember that a comprehensive list of meetings is published regularly in the Guild "Odd Bob" and some are advertised in the Ringing World as well. The information about our neighbours can only be published here in "In Touch" if someone lets us know - if you have any details (or corrections), please let the editor know.

If you visit our neighbours' events, please let them know about our branch and encourage them to visit us.

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 !

ODG North Bucks Branch Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event details</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mon 6th May		* Guild 8 bell Striking Competition Test Piece = Plain Bob Major	Sutton Courtney / Drayton Harwell (final)
Mon 6th May		* Guild Ringing Day	Old North Berks Branch
Sat 11th May	2:00	* Mini Ringing School Subject =	t.b.a.
Fri 17th May	7:30	Branch Practice Special method = St Remigius & Huntley Place Doubles	Shalstone
Sat 18th May		Guild Annual General Meeting	Islip
Sat 1st June	3:00	6 bell Striking Competition & Quarterly Meeting	Milton Keynes Village
Fri 21st June	7:30	Branch Practice Special method = Perivale Alliance Minor	Whaddon
Sat 29th June (possibly)	6:30	* Guild Under 18 Striking Competition (look out for notice from Len Porter 01865-67716)	Oxford City
Sat 13th July		* Guild Ringing Festival Barn Dance (in a real barn)	Adderbury for lunch Somerton
Sat 13th July		* Guild 10 bell Striking Contest Test Piece = Grandsire Caters	Banbury
Fri 19th July	7:30	Branch Practice Special method = St Giles & St Miles Doubles	Beachampton
Sat 27th July	6:00	Striking Contest v Towcester Branch	Buckingham
Sat 3rd August	4:00	Joint Picnic Meeting with the Bedford Branch afternoon ringing, picnic at Willen Lake, evening ringing	North Crawley t.b.a.
Fri 16th August	7:30	Branch Practice Special method = Double Oxford Minor	Chicheley
Sat 7th September	3:30	Quarterly Meeting	Newton Longville
Fri 13th September (to Sun 15th)		* Guild Ringing School	Easthampstead
Sat 21st September	3:30	Call Change Striking Competition	Maids Moreton
Sat 28th September		* Tower Leadership Course	Kidlington

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 tailored for a very small number of pupils to get intensive, high quality, training in one basic method. Please write to the Ringing Master if you wish to be considered as a pupil for a future school or are interested in different types of school.

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