



In Touch

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Striking Competition and Quarterly Meeting at Lavendon

Saturday 3rd June 2000

3.30 Draw & Competition Ringing
4.30 Service
5.00 Tea
5.45 Result & Business Meeting
followed by evening ringing until 8.30

Names for tea to Ann Clifton
(01234-712774) by Tuesday 30th May 2000
Entries for the Striking Competition
to Richard Stanworth (01280-814172) by
Friday 2nd June 2000

Why not have a go and enter your team (or teams) for the Branch 6-bell Competition?

Lavendon bells are a real treat to ring, and you certainly don't have to be an expert to take part. The more teams we have the better.

The Rules of the Competition are on page 3.

See you there!



St Michael (or St Mary?), Lavendon 6, tenor 10-3-3 in G

Lavendon Bells

Treble	John Taylor & Co.	1974	3-2-22
2	Alexander Rigby of Stamford	1689	4-2-22
3	Alexander Rigby	1689	5-0-9
4	Alexander Rigby	1689	6-1-3
5	Recast by John Taylor & Co.	1974	7-1-6
Tenor	Alexander Rigby	1689	10-3-3

Re-hung 1974 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, and augmented to six.

Re-dedicated 18th January 1975

Over the years, there has been much debate about the dedication of Lavendon church—St Mary or St Michael? Extensive investigation has now generally settled this as St Michael.

The building of the Church commenced in the mid 11th century, and continued through to the late 15th century, when the top stage of the tower, both porches, clerestory and the aisle windows were added.

Note the medieval tombstone embedded in the east wall of the porch, and the ornamented 12th century piscina in the Lady Chapel.

If all this fails to interest you in between ringing, then buy a copy of "The Lavendon Cookbook—Recipes for the new Millennium", on sale at the back of the Church!

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The Chairman's Soap Box

Looking Forward

We've had a few months now to get over The Millennium, the weather is improving and we can think about getting out and about again. Holy Week has given us a week off (well actually a good opportunity to sort out the ropes, phone people to arrange for visiting bands and generally catch up with things) followed by a rapid egg shaped energy intake. So let's get some ringing done. It looks like we will be entering bands in various Guild striking competitions, the branch practices continue to be well supported and now the wedding season is upon us. As I said in the previous *In Touch*, I would like for us to attempt more peals and quarter peals this year. If your weddings are spread out enough you may have a chance to ring a few quarter peals for these. By going for these longer touches we get the chance to practice our striking. After the first half an hour, the methods we ring should hold no surprises so, while trying not to go wrong, we can listen to the ringing for the rest of the touch. Unless you are the conductor. The conductor assumes that disaster is imminent and is usually a nervous wreck by the end. If you are short of a conductor, ask a branch officer to find you one.

Doug Hird

Easter at Tyringham

Half past seven on Easter Sunday morning is a real test of a band. New ropes just make it more entertaining for the visitors. After many weeks of waiting the nice people in Yorkshire have sent a new set of ropes for Tyringham, so the old Newport and Olney ropes can be retired off. At the same time as these were fitted, a new rope hole in the ceiling was drilled for the tenor, positioning it more centrally between the treble and fourth. We shall see how much this improves visibility.

The band is now making much more rapid progress as it is now possible to put four or five in together so everyone gets more ringing during the course of a practice.

Visitors are always welcome as the band could use a few steady call-change ringers to help them break into change ringing.

Doug Hird

Well Done!

Next Issue Copy Date:
Saturday, 22nd July 2000

All Quarter Peals are noteworthy and deserve congratulation. However, there are three in this issue (page 7) that need a special mention. Congratulations go to the younger members of our branch on their achievements just over the border at Alderton, Cold Higham and Wicken—a first as Conductor, first Surprise, first inside, and a very young average age of the band (13½).

With my thanks to all contributors to this issue,
Sheila Watts

Roy's first Safari of the new Millennium

On Saturday 26 February a gang of eager game hunters gathered at Piddington, Northants hoping to spot the rare Keeves Leopard roaming the rolling countryside (first spotted at Hanslope on New Year's Eve), and ring at five towers whilst they were at it. The day dawned fine and a fairly large crowd had gathered at Piddington, the bells were pulled up and the first touch commenced. A certain Nick, from Hanslope, amused himself whilst waiting for a turn by signing the visitors book in the handsome village church. However, Nick had fallen into the first mantrap of the day, probably due to leaving his spectacles behind. No, this was no ordinary visitor's book, but in fact an opportunity to volunteer for a sponsored bike ride, in aid of church restoration. No doubt the organisers are still wondering who this sporting character is and how far he'll cycle on the big day.

The second stop was Wootton, where many had rung before, but not on the ring of six. Then it was swiftly on to Courteenhall, where Ian had been delegated to be ringing master. If only it were that simple . . . In such haste to arrive first Ian set off without consulting the navigator and inevitably the old adage, more haste less speed came true. Ian then proceeded to ignore instructions, thus resulting in turning around yet again. We soon approached a narrow street with two cars waiting for the temporary traffic lights to turn green. However, laughing in the face of the rules of the road, the grey jeep swept past the waiting cars and eventually stopped just in front of the "please wait here" sign, the hapless passenger sitting agliss at the lengths gone to in order to get to Courteenhall in time. We screeched up to the church and arrived just in the nick of time. It was a beautiful setting, the country seat of the Wake family and Scrap, the trip mascot, enjoyed rustling about in the abundance of undergrowth.

The ringing continued at Collingtree and Milton Malsor, the final tower. A good afternoon's ringing was had by all; and five more grabs for me! A fine meal was enjoyed at the Greyhound, Milton Malsor afterwards. Many thanks to Roy and Sheila for organising the afternoon.

Carrie Walker



Roy Keeves of Hanslope — the mystery ringer featured in the last issue of *In Touch*. Roy's safari gear was a throw back to the 1960s and was worn especially for the midnight Millennium ringing at Hanslope

Tower Contacts

Has there been a change of officers/correspondent at your tower? Please remember to let the Secretary know of any changes.

Your Chance to Win £250

Don't forget to buy a ticket for the Bell Fund Draw which will be drawn at the Guild Festival in July. No ticket—no chance.

All monies, counterfoils and any unsold tickets should be returned to the Branch Secretary by Friday 16th June or direct to the promoter by 26th June. Please make all cheques payable to "Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers". Any spare tickets should be returned to the Secretary, Helen Stanworth, as soon as possible for resale.

ODG North Bucks Branch - Six Bell Striking Competition

RULES

1. Entries must be made to the Ringing Master by Friday 2nd June 2000.
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 two minutes practice ringing per team will be allowed before the test piece.
6. The start of the test piece will be notified to the judges by ringing two whole pulls on the treble.
7. The test piece will consist of at least 20 rows of rounds, followed by 120 changes in one or more methods, or 120 rows of call changes. If method is rung then plain courses are acceptable. If call changes are rung, then at least 10 changes must be called and at least three different bells brought down to lead.
8. Where possible, a judge from outside the branch will be appointed for the competition. He or she will be asked to offer constructive comment and advice on the ringing by each band, as well as presenting their markings. The judge's decision is final.
9. A branch officer or other suitable person will act as tower steward and timekeeper. The steward may be asked to indicate the end of the first 20 rows, and the 140th row if call changes are rung.



Applications for Grants from the Powergen Money

The following applications have been received for a grant from the money donated by PowerGen for Bell Restoration. These will be considered at the Quarterly meeting at Lavendon on 3rd June. If you wish to have your say in how the money is spent then be sure to come to the meeting. Hopefully the applicants will be present to answer questions. The following criteria have been agreed for project applications:

- It should be for something specific—not a general fund
- It should be given to a project which will definitely go ahead; it should not go into a tower's fund where it might stay for several years before the project comes to fruition
- We should aim to make the grant before the end of the year 2000

SS Peter & Paul, BUCKINGHAM

Our current plans for renovation work on Buckingham bells include:

Rehanging the bells, replacing the worn plain bearings with ball bearings on modern headstocks instead of the existing Alfred Bowell RSJ style headstocks, correcting the swing times and clapper lengths as required. The wheels are to be rebuilt smaller to remove the need for such large boxes on the heavy bells and the rope circle is to be reduced to a more conventional size. In addition the bells are to be re-tuned.

The end result should be a more tuneful ring of bells with more modern handling characteristics making them easier to ring with improved striking.

The current status of the project is that we have had a quote for about £30,000 which the PCC is considering along with other works, in particular, the massive clock mechanism must be removed to gain access to the trapdoors for the removal of the bells. There is clearly some way to go yet, finalizing detailed plans and gaining approvals from the relevant authorities before we can proceed with formal fund raising.

Andrew Spencer
Ringing Master

St Mary, WUGHTON

In 1974, when I arrived in Milton Keynes and the church was being refurbished, the belfry was in poor repair and water had penetrated the roof and rotted part of the wheel on the 3rd. I completed an emergency repair from a piece of ash acquired from Blechley Timber at a cost of £3.25. That repair remains today and has given us over 25 years of ringing. It really needs a new wheel and today's cost is approximately £750.

Brian Baldwin
Tower Captain

St Thomas, SIMPSON

These bells have not been rung for two years whilst structural repairs have been completed on the walls and now the roof timbers. When I am asked to bring the bells back into action I know that there is work to be done including new clapper bushes on bells 1-4, improvements to the oil delivery on the open bearings, two new Hastings stays and two pulley blocks. I do not have an estimate for this work to hand at the time of writing. I am hoping that the repairs to the structure of the church will be completed this year and then we can have a late but special millennium ring at Simpson.

Brian Baldwin
Tower Captain

All Saints, LATHBURY

With reference to the PowerGen money, I write this on behalf of the ringers that are left to ring at Lathbury. A band had been taught and rang for a good two years at this village tower and now due to medical and family problems there are only two ringers left that still like to ring.

Newport Pagnell agreed to take the tower on board and run a practice there on the first Wednesday of the month to keep the bells in a ringable state. However, there is one wheel out of the five that could do with replacing soon. This money would, of course, go a long way towards the replacement of this wheel and would enable the bells to be rung on Sundays when services at both towers don't clash.

Gareth Grayson
Tower Captain
SS Peter & Paul, Newport Pagnell



Bill Yates with his new clock, and
The Reverend Hugh Kent
(Vicar of Maids Moreton)

Maids Moreton Dinner

Over 30 ringers and guests attended the annual dinner at the Wheatsheaf in Maids Moreton. Guests included the vicars of Maids Moreton and Stowe and their wives, and Gerald Kingston from the Towcester Branch.

This is an informal meal but we still had some speeches. Dave Goodger talked about the past year, and Gerald Kingston spoke about his friendship with the local ringers and thanked them for inviting him.

There were also some presentations. Millennium Certificates were given out to all the ringers who rang for the Millennium. A clock was presented to Bill Yates to replace the original clock presented to him by the ringers when he was married, as that had been stolen when his house was burgled before Christmas. Thanks to Dave Goodger for organising the evening.

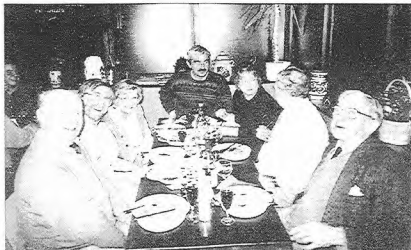
Catherine Stanworth

Bellhandling Video

The Branch has a copy of the video produced by the Central Council entitled 'Bellhandling—a tutor's companion'. This is aimed at those teaching bellhandling but may also be helpful to those learning to ring.

The video may be borrowed from the Secretary free of charge. However, a deposit of £5 will be required against safe return of the video.

Helen Stanworth



A jovial group during the meal - Gerald Kingston, Paddy & Jetta McCowen, Dave & Sheila Goodger, John Lewis & Bill Yates

Fancy another touch?

Following on from the touches in the last edition of *In Touch* this month includes some other touches which are just a little bit different. Like last month they don't come with any truthfulness guarantees so use them with care!

252 Grandsire Triples

This touch does not include any plain leads so keeps you on your toes!

- S - S - S - S - S - S - S - S - S -

336 Grandsire Triples

Like the previous one this touch also does not contain any plain leads. Indeed this I believe is the longest touch of Grandsire Triples that contains only bobs and singles – unless any one else knows different?

S S S - S S S - S S S S - S S S S S - S - S S

154 Bob Triples

W 4 B M H

- - - S -

where Wrong is 56 up and Middle is 56 down

-S is a bob the first time making the bell run out and then making seconds at a single the next lead end.

102 Stedman Doubles

This is definitely false but a little fun anyway.

Call the treble to make cats ears with a single after it goes out of the quick ie right at the beginning. This will cause it to go back in quick. Repeat twice more. Repeat with three more singles for the fifth after it next goes out quick.

Jonathan Griggs



Stowe Ringers Victorious

Stowe ringers are celebrating following their win at the Branch Beginners Striking Competition, held at Maids Moreton on 28th April.

Six teams entered the competition, and the judge was David Joyce from Bradwell. Newport Pagnell were the runners-up.

See next issue of *In Touch* for the details and photos.

STOP PRESS!

Is there something in the water?

Hanslope band will increase by two in September.

Congratulations to Kay & Steve Crane and Carole & Tim Harner who are due to become proud parents for the first time.

North Bucks in Oxford Guild Competition

A North Bucks team represented the Branch at the Guild 8-Bell Striking Competition at Linslade on 1st May.

We came 5th out of 7 teams, ringing Little Bob Major. High Wycombe were the winners.

Thanks go to our ringers: Gareth Grayson, Doug Hird, David Joyce, Jill Joyce, Roy Keeves, Alan Marchbank, Andrew Spencer, Richard Stanworth.

Hanslope—Tower Development

In the first week of January 2000, as soon as the activities to celebrate the new Millennium were concluded at Hanslope, work commenced on the development of extra church facilities at the base of the tower.

After much hard fund raising and the provision of various local and national grants, including one from the Millennium Commission, there was at last enough money to provide a toilet, a vestry and a flower store on the ground floor with a new gallery constructed above them to provide a meeting room and, in a later phase, for the re-siting of the organ.

Work progressed well through the winter. Every week our first action on entering the door at the bottom of the tower was to inspect the work which had been done since we were last there. There were only two occasions when we were unable to ring due to the work being carried out, once when there was no electricity and once when the newly laid concrete floor was still wet. It was particularly interesting to watch the stages of the construction of the gallery where a basic timber framework was utterly transformed by the addition of the oak panelling.

The work was completed by the target date and on Easter Bank Holiday Monday the church held an Easter Flower

Day and Official Opening of the New Facilities by the Mayor of Milton Keynes. The event was very well attended, mainly by local people but also by quite a few from the surrounding towns and villages. The event started in the morning with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the churchyard. Lunches were served in the church and these were followed later in the afternoon by teas and cakes. There were

flower arrangements all around the church using only yellow and white flowers which gave a most impressive display.

The Vicar made a brief introduction and this was followed by an address by the Mayor who then cut the yellow ribbons across the base of the tower to officially open the facilities.



The MK Mayor cuts the ribbon while the Vicar, the Revd Christopher Beake, looks on



... and there's one of these!

The bell ringers had been asked to give a short ringing demonstration at 2.30 pm after the official opening, and so many of the assembled people came up with us to the Ringing Room to watch us ring. It was packed out with standing room only and we rang for about fifteen minutes and earned a loud round of applause at the end! Afterwards the tower was open to allow people to come up to the battlements and see the view which, as it was a fine, clear and sunny day, was excellent. We were kept busy all afternoon marshalling people up and down the tower stairs.

All in all it was a very well attended and enjoyable event.

Sheila Blenkhorn

Quarters & Peals

St Edmund, Maids Moreton

29th October 1999

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Shirley Webb
- 2 William Yates
- 3 Michael Tinsley
- 4 Gerald Kingston
- 5 John Stanworth
- 6 David Goodger

In Memoriam, George W Holland,
former Tower Captain

St Lawrence, Weston Underwood

8th February 2000

1296 Chester Surprise Minor

- 1 Chris Younger
- 2 Hilary Aslett
- 3 Michael Brown (C)
- 4 Ray Vickers
- 5 Bob Winstanley
- 6 David Harris

With get-well wishes to Hilda Collins
from fellow members of The Tuesday
Team

St John the Evangelist, Wicken

8th February 2000

1260 Stedman Doubles

- 1 Shirley Webb
- 2 Ann Fletcher
- 3 George Care
- 4 Roger King
- 5 G Nigel Williams (C)
- 6 George Green

1st Quarter of Stedman: Treble

St Nicholas, Little Horwood

12th February 2000

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Paddy McCowen
- 2 Shirley Webb
- 3 Andrew J Spencer (C)
- 4 Peter Nicholson
- 5 David Goodger

1st Quarter in method on an inside
bell: 2

Birthday compliment to the Treble
ringer

St Mary, Blakesley

20th February 2000

1260 Grandsire & Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Catherine Stanworth
- 2 Richard Yates
- 3 John Stanworth
- 4 Andrew Spencer
- 5 Nigel Williams (C)

St Edmund, Maids Moreton

22nd February 2000

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Clifford Wightman
- 2 Mary Rose Goodwin
- 3 William Yates
- 4 Jean Davis
- 5 John Temple
- 6 John Lindsay (C)

Rung at half term by the Crinklies and
friends

St Margaret, Alderton

24th February 2000

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 George Green
- 2 Helen Stanworth
- 3 Roger King
- 4 Richard Stanworth
- 5 John Stanworth (C)

First as Conductor

St Luke, Cold Higham

25th February 2000

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Louise Briar
- 2 Catherine Stanworth
- 3 Rose Bulleid
- 4 John Stanworth
- 5 James Bulleid (C)
- 6 Jamie Hunter

Birthday compliment to John Stanworth

First inside—2

Average age of band = 13½

St John the Evangelist, Wicken

27th February 2000

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

- 1 Catherine Stanworth
- 2 James Bulleid
- 3 John Stanworth
- 4 Richard Stanworth
- 5 Andrew Spencer
- 6 Roger King
- 7 Nigel Williams (C)
- 8 Christopher Bulleid

First Surprise—1, 2, 3

St James the Great, Hanslope

2nd April 2000

1250 Superlative Surprise Major

- 1 David Taylor
- 2 Alan Cozens
- 3 Phil Haslam
- 4 Nick Gray
- 5 Ian Thompson
- 6 Jonathan Griggs (C)
- 7 Roy Keeves
- 8 Richard Haseldine

For Mothering Sunday

Branch Practices

Once a quarter the branch practice focuses on rounds and call changes, especially for our new recruits who may feel intimidated by everyone ringing changes. Please come along and join in as the more experience you can get of ringing on different bells, the quicker you will improve and gain in confidence.

We will always welcome you to branch practices; they are for the benefit of ALL members, whatever level you ring at. Don't forget to bring your instructor to help out. We can only make a success of practices if we also have experienced ringers to help and provide a strong framework around the less experienced ringers.

Look in the calendar at the back of the newsletter for the dates of the practices, but in particular the next focus on call changes is at **Stoke Goldington on 16th June**.

Remind your instructor to bring his/her Ringer's Diary - they may get called upon to ring a method in the diary at short notice just to keep them on their toes!

Branch practices will always be tailored to be beneficial to the ringers present. We will always ring plain hunt, Plain Bob and Grandsire for those who request it, so don't be put off if you can't ring the special method. This is merely a focus for those who wish to try something different.

Richard Stanworth

£ Guild Subscriptions

Thanks to all those towers who have paid their subs for this year. There are just a few left who need to pay up, and I'll be delighted to see them at the June Quarterly or before!

Sheila Watts—Branch Treasurer

Branch Ringing School

A Plain Bob ringing school was held on Saturday 25th March for four members from Newport Pagnell—Rachel Stacy, Hannah Dell, Sara Gordon and Zara Ford. Sessions were held at Stoke Goldington and Clifton Reynes.

All students made some progress during the afternoon. Thanks to the towers for allowing us to ring and to those who helped by ringing Plain Bob all afternoon.

Richard Stanworth

Secretary's Snippets

Helen Stanworth

**How many members does the Guild have?
Which branch has a practice next week?
How many peals were rung for the Guild last year?**

You can find the answers to these and many other questions in the Annual Guild Report for 1999 or the Guild Newsletter "Odd Bob," issue 58 which have been sent out to all towers in the branch with members. If you haven't seen either of these yet, please ask your tower correspondent about them.

Guild AGM and Concert - 20th May

The AGM at Longcot is being held earlier than usual so that you will have the chance to go to the Concert at Witney Parish Church in the evening with the Reading Male Voice Choir, Barfield Handbell Ringers and change ringing on handbells. Notices about both the AGM and Concert are already in your towers with details of times, booking teas, and tickets for the concert.



Our ringing obviously impressed the Ringing Master at the well attended practice at Bicester!

Another 10-bell practice is planned for the end of June. Details will be publicised as soon as confirmed.

Millennium Fun Day - 10th June

Don't forget this special day for a get together, fun, and not too serious games for all. Watch your tower noticeboard for more details.

Guild Festival - 8th July

This special Millennium celebration will be held in Oxford, with a service in Christ Church Cathedral, a grand festival lunch in the hall of Christ College, a special Millennium photograph, and ringing at various Oxford towers. Watch your tower noticeboard for full details.

AN OPPORTUNITY

to do something for the Guild Bell Fund

The E.B.S.B. Fund Raising Committee (which runs the Bell Fund "Shop") have prepared a new Recipe Book, which is ready for printing. Having failed to find a commercial sponsor for the cost of printing, it has been suggested that towers and/or individuals might be approached to help by sponsoring the printing of individual pages. The cost would be £10 per page, with, of course, suitable acknowledgement of sponsors to be included in the book. We are also prepared to consider some advertisements to be carried in the book at rates to be negotiated if anyone is interested.

At this stage we DO NOT want you to actually make any payment; what we need is sufficient commitments on paper so that we can decide whether to go ahead.

Response from the E.B.S.B Branch so far is encouraging - would YOU like to help?

*If you are able to help we would appreciate it if you would please complete the slip below and return it to:
Derek and Wenda Fowles, 10 Lynden Close, Holyport, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 2LB*

The following would be prepared to sponsor a page in the new Recipe Book:
(Block capitals, please)

Name

Address

_____	_____
_____	_____



Who is this Branch Member?



This person:

- Was born a few feet above sea level.
- Started ringing when the war time ban was lifted.
- Has rung about 25 peals.
- Met their spouse in a belfry.
- Rang in the 50th anniversary peal of Primrose Surprise Major at the tower where the first one was rung.
- Rang in 2 peals for the 75th anniversary of the founding of the North Bucks Branch.
- When leading 'ringing down' at a local tower, the rope broke at 'catch and hold'. A fresh rope was fitted. On the first pull of the raise at the next practice, this ringer broke the treble rope again! Is this a record? Yes, mice have been seen in the belfry!
- Has recently been to Lincoln Cathedral to see their sister receive some Royal Maundy Money.

Mystery Ringer

No. 2

If you can name this Branch member you could win £25! Answers on a post card please by **22nd July 2000** to the Editor of *In Touch*. The first correct postcard out of the hat will win the cash, and the identity of the mystery person will be in the next edition of *In Touch*.

Special Methods

Undershaft and Smithfield Doubles are the special methods at Beachampton in July. Blue Lines for these appear in this edition of *In Touch*. They are both principles based on Stedman. As the plain course of each is 120 changes long, the extent can be rung without the need for calls.

Other special methods over the next few months can be found in your ringer's diary.

Joint Surprise Practice

The Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association have invited us to join them for a Surprise Major Practice on Saturday 15th July at Woburn from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

This will be just a Surprise Major Practice, aimed at getting the chance to practise methods up to 8-spliced, Glasgow or Belfast which each branch may not manage within their own branch. Clearly not all ringers will aspire to such heights, but nor is the aim to ring rough Cambridge all the time. This practice expects to cater at least for those who can strike Cambridge and ring it accurately.

If it goes well then this might become a permanent arrangement, say twice yearly, once in the Luton District and once in the North Bucks Branch.

The Ringing Master writes ...

Striking Competitions

Don't forget the branch 6 bell striking competition on Saturday 3rd June. Please enter a team (or teams) if you can - the more the merrier. The rules are published in this edition of *In Touch*.

We also have our annual competition against the Towcester Branch at Hanslope on Saturday 29th July. There are three sections, changes on six, call changes on eight, and Stedman Triples, so if you would like to take part, please let me know and you can be practically guaranteed a place.

The Guild 10-bell competition is on September 9th in Oxford. If you wish to be considered then please make every effort to attend the 10-bell practices being organised during the year. The next one of these 10-bell practices will be held on 30th June, at a tower to be confirmed.

Training

There are a number of ways in which we can help you progress in ringing:

- Arranging a Ringing School - either plain hunt or plain bob. If you would like to attend then please let the Ringing Master know. Dates will be

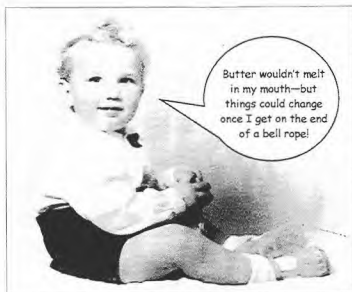
arranged once we have some attendees. The school normally runs for about three hours on a Saturday afternoon

- Helping at your tower. If you would like help then please let the Ringing Master know and he will see what can be done. Please remember however that we all have commitments to our own towers and can only help you out when we have the time available, so don't expect an instant response to your request for help. If we come to help then we will expect to run the ringing and attempt to structure the session to give most benefit to those present.
- Bell Handling Workshop - If you would like help with ironing out bell handling problems then the Ringing Master is willing to give advice or arrange a workshop.

Tower Captains - if you have ringers who would benefit from further training which you cannot give them in your own tower, then nominate them for a branch training session when we can give them some intensive tuition and practice.

BRAIN BENDERS

Answers to these puzzles
will be given in the
next issue of
In Touch



It was impossible to choose between these two photo's of the same bellringer (the one of him in the bath has been censored) — who is this angelic little chap?



BRAIN BENDERS ANSWERS

FEBRUARY ISSUE

Anagrams—Names of Branch Members (with thanks to Richard Stanworth)

Throw rancid trash	Richard Stanworth
Thorny garages	Gareth Grayson
Coy jam dived	David M Joyce
Sit as the walk	Sheila K Watts
Away slim it ale	William A Yates (had to be with ale!)
Shown her talent	Helen Stanworth
Ranch Balkan jam	Alan J Marchbank
Blew by nations	Bob Winstanley
Rough lad bids	B Douglas Hird
Dividend gold mat	David G Middleton

PICTURE: Richard Stanworth, Branch Ringing Master

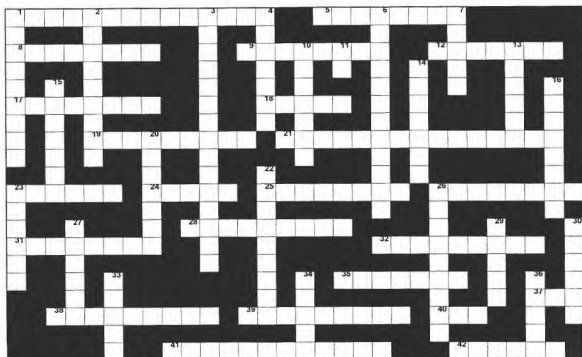
CHRISTIAN NAMES

QUESTION: A most interesting fact about the ringers at a particular church is that their Christian names all begin with the letter "R". There are thirteen of them, and each name ends with a different letter of the alphabet. Can you name them?

ANSWER: Apart from very unusual names, we only found thirteen different last letters to names beginning with "R". These are a, d, e, f, h, k, l, n, r, s, t, x, y. One set of thirteen names is as follows:- Rebecca, Richard, Rene, Rudolf, Ruth, Roderick, Rachel, Robin, Roger, Rufus, Robert, Rex, Rodney.

Your answers may be different but you are unlikely to find names ending in any other letters than these.

How Well Do You Know North Bucks? - by Jill & David Joyce



Use the clues below to fill in North Bucks towers – they are not all included. Can you name the missing eight and two sixes? The information can all be found in the Guild Report – one should have reached your tower by now.

Across

- 1 Holy Trinity, weight 9-1-1
- 5 All Saints, weight 11-0-8
- 8 A six weighing 8-3-5
- 9 St James the Great
- 12 See 7 down
- 17 St Lawrence, weight 7-2-15
- 18 SS Peter & Paul, weight 25cwt
- 19 A 16cwt six
- 20 St Faith
- 23 (and 42 across) All Saints, weight 9cwt
- 24 (and 28 across) St Martin
- 25 A five dedicated to All Saints
- 26 (and 11 down, 37 across, 33 down) Assumption BVM, weight 7cwt
- 28 See 23 across, 29 down
- 31 Another 9cwt All Saints!
- 32 All Saints, weight 11cwt
- 35 Assumption BVM, weight 12cwt
- 37 See 26 across
- 38 See 27 down
- 39 A five dedicated to St Peter
- 40 (and 26 down) Holy Trinity (anti clockwise)
- 41 (and 13 down) Assumption BVM, weight 6-2-0
- 42 See 23 across

Down

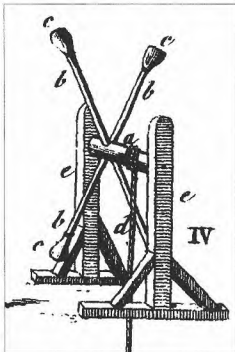
- 1 Cross & Stable
- 2 St Mary Magdalene, weight 14cwt
- 3 St Peter, weight 13-1-22
- 4 St Mary, weight 14-2-21
- 6 St Andrew
- 7 (and 12 across) St Firmin
- 10 St Mary, weight 17-1-11
- 11 See 26 across
- 13 See 41 across
- 14 (and 15 down) SS Peter & Paul, weight 21-2-16
- 15 See 14 down
- 16 A six dedicated to St Michael
- 20 (and 30 down) St Mary the Virgin, weight 10-2-14
- 22 An eight weighing 15-2-6
- 23 See 34 down
- 26 See 40 across
- 27 (and 38 across) St Laurence, weight 9-3-1
- 29 (and 28 across) An eight dedicated to St Giles
- 30 See 20 down
- 33 See 26 across
- 34 (and 23 down) St Edmund
- 36 Assumption BVM, weight 10-3-23

The internet is a wonderful thing -
this was found in
The Gentleman's Magazine
Vol 16, Sept 1746.

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Of FIG. IV, an Engine to serve the purpose of a Dumb Bell

THIS contrivance, being framed together, and placed in a garret, or upper room, affords the exercise called RINGING, by means of a rope, which comes thro' the floor or floors down to the study or chamber, and was practised by an eminent physician who was very fat. It consists of a wooden cylinder *a*, which turns two centers, inferted in the upright pofts, or flands *e*, *e*, and two iron rods *b*, *b*, which pass thro' the cylinder, intersecting each other at right angles (or they may be rails of strong wood) having weights of lead at the ends *ccc*; these carry the cylinder round with great velocity upon pulling the rope *d*, fasten'd to and wound about it; and drawing up the rope again with considerable force, winding it backwards and forwards about the cylinder, upon the fame principles as the whirlingig made for children, with a wooden ball at the end of a stick, alternately drawn in and lets out the firing, which being pull'd puts it in motion.



With thanks to Nicki King
for this gem

E-group Overhaul

At the beginning of April the format of the e-group was upgraded by the service provider. After a few teething problems (I don't think they could tell the time, or cope with the clocks changing so the start times for all the events were wrong) the group is now more user friendly and easier to navigate than its previous format.

Membership stands at around 27, but I'm sure there are more potential members out there. All the old messages are still in the archive, so new joiners can see what topics have been discussed so far.

If you'd like to join then send me an e-mail Nicola_king@hotmail.com, or via the front page of the e-group at:
www.egroups.com/group/nbb_odg

Nicki King

Chairman's Anagrams

*Thanks to the Stanworths for these
Anagrams of B Douglas Hird !!*

His bold guard, Lush rabid dog,
Abhor birds did, Hid guard slob,
Laugh birds do, Bold hogs raid,
Load bush grid

The Branch Web Site www.northbucks.org.uk



Yes, very clever Microsoft but automatically turning the text into a hyperlink isn't much use after the newsletter has been through the photocopier. Anyway, if you haven't found the site yet, just type this URL (that's what they call the [www. bit](http://www.bit)) into the address section of a browser and see what happens. I had hoped that it would be the same experience regardless of browser but it appears that Microsoft are winning at the moment. The tables come out in colour in Internet Explorer but in black in Netscape. Maybe the next version of Netscape will see our true colours.

I think I have sorted out the teething problems that the site initially had. After making good use of the free technical support I decided to see if I could bypass the database set-up offered and hacked into the archive database directly. Lo and Behold it worked. After having spent loads of time on this problem, I am now going to concentrate on something else. I want to look at the way the site looks and behaves. If anyone has any neat bits of code, or things they would like to see but don't know if they are possible, let me know. Impossible things will be attempted first. Actually, recordings of ringing are quite high up the list at the moment as well as including a short piece of text from each band describing itself. I am also hoping to add a few more photos, current and historical.

Another thing the web site comes with is an e-mail facility. So we have the possibility of e-mail addresses like doughird@northbucks.org.uk. If you want one, let me know. It doesn't seem to cost any more so we might as well see if we can make use of it.

Also, if anyone has a better list of other sites that could usefully be linked to (not only ringing) then let me know. The Buckingham Scouts link is there because my boss is responsible for it!

Doug Hird

Over the Branch Border (please check these events before setting out!)

May			
5	7.45	Brafield-on-the-Green	Northampton Branch Surprise Practice
13	6.30-8.30	Nether Winchendon	Central Bucks Practice
20	4.00	Maulden	Bedford Association AGM
27	3.00-4.30	Collingtree	Northampton Branch Practice
27	7.30-9.00	Holy Cross, Daventry	Towcester Branch Practice
27	Evening	Bletchley	Luton District Practice
June			
2	7.45	Brafield-on-the-Green	Northampton Branch Surprise Practice
10	2.00-9.00	Greens Norton	Peterborough Guild AGM
17		East Claydon	Central Bucks Striking Competition
17	9.30	Open Towers Celebration	Bedfordshire Association
24	7.30	Harlestone	Northampton Branch Meeting
July			
1	6.30-8.30	Turvey	Bedford District Quarterly Meeting
7	7.45	Brafield-on-the-Green	Northampton Branch Surprise Practice
15	6.30-8.30	Waddesdon	Central Bucks Practice
22	7.30	Piddington	Northampton Branch Practice
August			
4	7.45	Brafield-on-the-Green	Northampton Branch Surprise Practice
5	4.00-7.00	Bletsoe, Milton Ernest, Clapham	Bedford District Meeting
12	6.30-8.30	Marsh Gibbon	Central Bucks Practice
12	7.00-9.00	Easton Neston	Towcester Branch Practice
September			
1	7.45	Brafield-on-the-Green	Northampton Branch Surprise Practice
16		Welford	Peterborough Guild Summer Festival
23	7.30	Church Brampton	Northampton Branch Meeting
30	3.00-8.00	Potterspury & Cosgrove	Towcester Branch Meeting & S.Competition
October			
6	7.45	Brafield-on-the-Green	Northampton Branch Surprise Practice
7	3.30-8.30	St Andrew, Bedford	Bedford District Quarterly Meeting
7			Towcester Branch Outing
28	3.00-4.30	Milton Malsor	Northampton Branch Practice
November			
3	7.45	Brafield-on-the-Green	Northampton Branch Surprise Practice
4	3.00-5.30	Pavenham, Felmersham	Bedford District Meeting
11	6.30-8.30	Steeple Claydon	Central Bucks Practice
11	7.00-9.00	Greens Norton & Blakesley	Towcester Branch Practice
December			
2	6.30-8.30	Biddenham	Bedford District Meeting
2	7 for 7.30	Towcester Town Hall	Towcester Branch Dinner
9	6.30-8.30	Soulbury	Central Bucks Practice

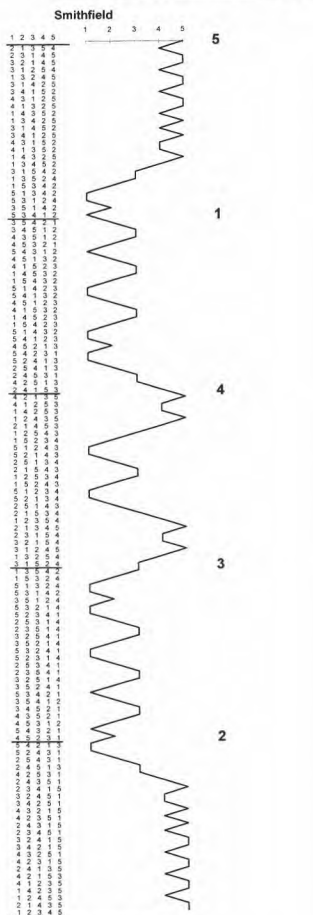
Tower movement? Worried about the 'go' of your bells?



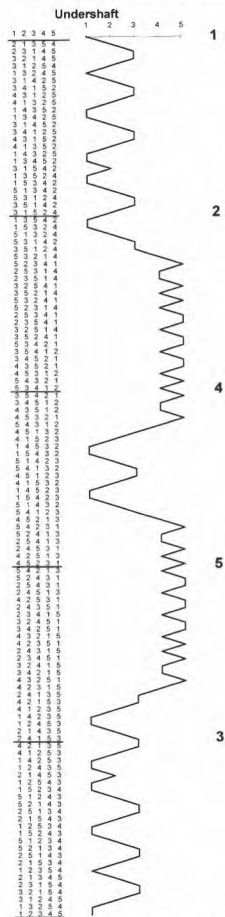
Then spare a thought for the ringers (or perhaps ex-ringers) of Cwmymoy in the Black Mountains of Wales. The tower houses a 12cwt ring of 6, cast in the 17th and 18th centuries. The guide book reads "The Church of St Martin is unique. No part of it is square or at right angles with any other part, and the tower has a severe lean. This irregularity is accounted for by the geological formation of the underlying rock. Through the centuries there have been disturbances causing subsidence." Currently two bells are chimed. It's definitely worth a visit!



Smithfield & Undershaft Doubles - for the practice at Beachampton on 21st July



Smithfield = fifths place Undershaft
 Front work - like Smithfield but Stedman
 slow work gets broken into two segments
 Back work - includes Stedman single type work



Front work = Stedman slow work with extra lead and
 thirds between each segment of work
 Back work = Stedman back work with extra point
 fourths/fifths between each segment

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Olney on 4th March 2000

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Doug Hird, welcomed all those present to the meeting, and remarked on the large turnout, such that the room was overflowing. He hoped that all had enjoyed the ringing so far and would be able to ring after the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Received from David Middleton, Clive Raven, Peter White, Barry Cowper (Gen Sec), Ray Goodger, David Jones, David Scrutton.

Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the Quarterly meeting held at Woughton on the Green last December were published in the February edition of *In Touch*. It was agreed by those present that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

Election of New Members

Nominations had been received proposing 27 new members -

Tower	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Buckingham	John Lewis	Andrew Spencer	Peter Nicholson
Stowe	Mrs Gillian Macdonald	Bill Yates	Richard Stanworth
Hanslope	Anthony Gray	Sheila Blenkhorn	Roy Keeves
Thornborough	Ray Goodger (re-election)	David Goodger	Richard Stanworth
	Allen Payne (re-election)		
	Mrs Beverly Goodger (re-election)		
	Mrs Connie Burchet		
	Stuart Bury (Junior)		
	Miss Vickey Pater (Junior)		
	Miss Nicola Vinson (Junior)		
	Lee Hazell (Junior)		
	Miss Freya Fricker (Junior)		
	Miss Caroline Beach (Junior)		
Maids Moreton	Miss Lucy Robinson (Junior)	David Goodger	Catherine Stanworth
Emberton	Miss Heather Phillips (Junior)	Sheila Watts	Philip Haslam
	Miss Carrie Walker		
Bradwell	Martin Petchey (re-election)	Brian Newman	Jill Joyce
Tyringham	Kathleen Williamson	Doug Hird	Nicola King
	Gerald Williamson		
	David Williamson		
	Brian Hansford		
	Ingrid Hansford		
	Margaret Appleby		
Newport Pagnell	Daniel Morris (Junior)	Gareth Grayson	Catherine Stacy
Stony Stratford	Tim Hague (re-election)	Malcolm Hooton	Mick Nimmo
	Jenny Freeman		
	Bernard Davies (Junior)		

All were elected without dissent. The Chairman welcomed them all to the Guild and Branch and asked those present to stand and make themselves known to the meeting.

Officers Reports

Chairman. The Chairman's role is one of co-ordination really. All meetings have been held as planned and records kept of decisions made and actions taken - an improvement on some previous years. The Millennium ringing in the middle of our year took up quite some time and in the end went well. A final millennium report will be given later in the meeting. There were no changes in officers during the year - we finished with the ones we started with.

Secretary. The pattern of monthly Branch Practices and quarterly meetings continued as in previous years. Average attendances at quarterly meetings were up in 1999 compared with the previous year. An average of 31 attended each quarterly meeting and 24 at each practice.

Membership of the branch increased by 13 in 1999. 33 new members were elected but 20 members did not renew their subscriptions. Whilst it is pleasing to welcome so many new members, should we be concerned at the turnover in membership?

The branch hosted the Guild AGM in May 1999. Afternoon ringing was arranged at Buckingham and Calverton, with evening ringing at Wavendon. The service, tea and meeting were held at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone in Central Milton Keynes. It was a most successful occasion. Thanks must go to all helpers involved.

Treasurer. Copies of the audited accounts had been circulated. The balance at the beginning of the year was £556 and at the end of the year the balance was £1246. This is an unusually high balance which is due to £500 Powergen money which we are holding. 216 subscriptions were collected with 12 more juniors than the previous year. Donations at branch practices were £114 - up £43 on last year, no doubt due to the improved attendance. *In Touch* cost £174.61 to produce. This was almost covered by the tower and personal donations towards its production. Many thanks for these.

The Powergen money is to be allocated towards a restoration project within the branch. This should be for something specific. It should be a project which is definitely going ahead, it should not go into a tower fund where it might stay for several years before the project comes to fruition. Please apply to the Secretary by 22nd April. Details will then appear in the next *In Touch* and you will be able to vote on the grants at the June meeting. Several concerns were raised about applications for grants from the Powergen Money. It was agreed that applicants for grants be required to attend the June meeting to answer any queries and to support their application.

The treasurer requested that subscriptions for new members elected today are now due. The raffle today had raised £32 for the Guild Bell Fund.

Andrew Spencer questioned why we were charged for the hire of the church for Guild AGM, and was this normal? It was clarified that the hire charge was actually for the Guild Hall where the tea and meeting were held. This was considerably less than the hire cost to a commercial concern.

Ringling Master. Practices continue to be well attended with the average attendance up on the previous year. This has meant that we have generally been able to ensure that everyone attending has a chance to ring with a strong band around them and helpers behind when necessary. The special methods have also been rung successfully, often with several complete bands able to ring the method. We continued with quarterly practices where the focus was on rounds and call changes. These have been useful for those with less experience and have enabled some of our newer members to make noticeable progress. These will continue as required. This does not mean that methods will not be rung at these practices. If sufficient ringers are present then a spot method of the day may be called for, so don't forget to bring your diaries with you.

The Beginners Striking Competition, held at Wavendon, proved successful with four teams taking part. It was particularly pleasing to see some new faces involved. A team representing Wavendon were judged to be the winners.

Our Branch six-bell striking competition was held at Bradwell with five bands taking part. Hanslope were the winners and went on to represent us in the Guild competition.

The Inter Branch Striking Competition was held at Wicken. We had the largest number of members taking part that I can remember, with 20 members ringing. We lost the competition by two sections to one. Perhaps we will get our revenge on home territory at Hanslope this year.

Plans are in hand for some ten-bell practices. As we do not have a ten-bell tower in the branch, these have to be organised outside the branch. These will only work if they are well supported. Some individual training sessions are also being planned for members who have requested help. Please let me know if you would like similar sessions to be arranged for you or members of your tower.

Branch Archivist. Doug was pleased to report that something had actually been done with the archives this year. The branch now has a web site and there will be a demonstration of it after the meeting. This will allow anyone with access to the web to view the branch archives. This has involved reducing the volume of information in order to make it easily accessible on the web site. The end result means that it will now be possible to perform analyses on the data which were not previously possible. For example, it will now be possible to check if Barry really did ring the tenor here at Olney to a peal in the 1970s.

This now makes the archive available to many more instead of being in the personal possession of the archivist. It contains historical information about the branch, the bells within the branch and ringing activities within the branch. Recent additions have been minutes from recent years so that the minutes of all meetings are now held in the archive. Some miscellaneous quarter peals in the 1950s have also been added from the Ringing World. Data continues to be added from various publications as it is identified. The address of the web site is www.northbucks.org.uk

Election of Officers

Post	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Doug Hird	Hugh Butler	Richard Stanworth
Secretary	Helen Stanworth	Roger Blackburn	Malcolm Hooton
Treasurer	Sheila Watts	Sheila Blenkhorn	Roy Keeves
Ringing Master	Richard Stanworth	John Stanworth	Hugh Butler
Assistant Master	Gareth Grayson	Hugh Butler	Leigh Head
Guild Representatives	Alan Marchbank	Gareth Newman	Gareth Grayson
	David Middleton	Richard Stanworth	Bob Winstanley
Branch Archivist	Doug Hird	Brian Newman	Alan Marchbank
Newsletter Editor	Sheila Watts	David Joyce	Hugh Butler

All the above were elected unopposed.

The chairman expressed his thanks to all the officers for their work during the year.

Forthcoming Events

Richard Stanworth outlined the next few ringing events. The calendar of forthcoming events is pretty well as has been published in *In Touch* until the end of September. Events beyond then have still to be arranged.

The next event is the Branch Practice at Wolverton - this will be a chance to see what has been done there.

A ten bell practice is planned for 31st March at Bicester but it is subject to confirmation, so watch the Ringing World and the branch e-group. It is hoped that we will know by the practice at Wolverton and it can be confirmed then.

The Guild 8-bell striking competition is on Monday 1st May. It will be held in the Central Bucks Branch so it is not far to go. The Guild 10 bell competition is not until September this year so we have longer to plan for this - the method will be Grandsire Caters.

Millennium Report

Doug Hird gave a final report just to conclude the millennium ringing activities. We rang just about everywhere that we could ring - any failures were due to circumstances outside our control. Most bands sorted out what they were going to do and where they were going to help out at other towers or ring later in the day. Some of the towers which were thought to be unringable were actually chimed by local people - a number of these were organised locally so we did not have to organise anything for these places. Details of some 43 towers have been sent to the Guild Secretary for the commemorative plaques which the Guild are paying for. These record that the bells were rung. Details of the ringers at those towers which have requested additional plaques with the names on have not yet been sent off. The timescale for these is not as rigid and we have still to confirm the cost. A remarkable peal was rung at Great Linford - well done to the participants. The millennium ringing was overall a good effort and thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success.

David Joyce expressed a concern that the plaques do not appear very impressive. He advised that the Central Bucks Branch had decided to go ahead and order brass plaques. If anyone would like to go that route then they should get in touch with Terry Wagstaff. David also advised that an archdeacon's certificate will not be required for putting up the plaques in your tower - the diocesan authorities do not want to know anything about it.

Doug agreed that we should look into the Central Bucks option and refer this to those towers who have requested the additional plaque with ringers names on.

Any Other Business

Data Protection Act This is of concern to us with particular reference to the branch web site as well as other records held by the branch officers. The branch needs to consider the implications of the act because we hold personal details on members and others, such as tower correspondents, who are not members. It is not clear what the Guild is doing with respect to the act. Doug has made some investigations to find out what is required for the branch to comply with the act. He has put some preliminary information about the DPA on the web site. The act is to do with data held about individuals, the quality of the information, letting individuals know what data is held, and what the data is used for. All this has to be open and clear and people have to know what you are doing. Guidance has appeared in the Ringing World but some of this is at variance with previously published guidance and is not completely clear as to where Guilds stand with the act.

David Joyce gave some indication of what the Guild has been doing. Essentially there are two options to consider. One option is to try to get exemption, but this involves having to do many things to prove exemption. The more simple option is to comply with the act. This means declaring who you are, what you are doing with the data, processing it fairly, and keeping it secure. If the Guild were to register under the act (called notification under the new act) this should cover the Guild and all the branches and may cost £100-£200. The Guild is still considering what action to take. The chairman expressed his disappointment that, as the Central Council and the Guild had probably been looking at this matter longer than we had, they had not come up with a recommendation of what to do.

The chairman stated that from his investigation so far avoiding the act is very nearly impossible; exemption barely covers what we do and would involve a significant amount of work; the easiest way to deal with this is to notify, pay the necessary fee, and have done with it. It will not necessarily change what we do with the data as we already do the right things. We just need to make sure that we carry on within that framework and fit in with the law. We should press the Guild to get its act together as otherwise the branch is going to have to work independently of the Guild.

David Joyce expressed the concern that the officers are putting themselves personally on the line as the act holds people personally responsible for the data and because it has now come into force. He therefore proposed that if the officers think it necessary they be authorised to spend up to £200 dealing with registration if it is necessary. This was seconded by Brian Newman. Doug said that because of the inconvenience of the timing of the act coming into force then the ability to act quickly will be of value. This proposal was then put to the vote and carried unanimously. The chairman said that he would carry working on this as a matter of urgency.

Newsletter Helen Stanworth passed on compliments to the editor that she had received regarding the newsletter. These were from the Guild General Secretary, who had said that it was one of the better ones that he had seen, and from the Towcester Branch Secretary who thought it was very good and she had thoroughly enjoyed reading it. (applause).

Sheila Watts expressed her thanks to all who had contributed to the newsletter and especially for the photos of ringers when they were younger.

Web Site Doug Hird reminded members that he would be giving a demonstration of the branch web site immediately after the meeting for those who would like to stay and see it.

Thanks

The chairman thanked the Olney Ringers for their hospitality, The Rev Nigel Pond for taking the service, and Barry Eglesfield for playing the organ. Members showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1999

INCOME		£	£	EXPENDITURE		£	£
January	Balance brought forward: Building Society Account		556.60				
June	Building Society Interest	6.89					
December	Building Society Interest	6.51					
			13.40				
	1999 Guild Subscriptions 171 senior x £5.50	940.50					
	1999 Guild Subscriptions 45 junior x £4.00	180.00				1999 Guild Subscriptions 216 x £3.50	756.00
			1120.50				
	Meeting raffles – March/June/Sept/December		67.50			Guild Bell Fund (meeting raffles)	67.50
	Branch practice donations		113.95			Tower donations from Branch Practices	65.00
	In Touch donations		168.50	Feb/May/Aug/Oct	In Touch printing expenses	134.42	
					In Touch Editor expenses	40.19	
							174.61
May	Guild AGM – balance for hire of Church profit on AGM tea	80.00 9.09		May	Guild AGM – Church hire charge		80.00
			89.09	May	Striking Competition expenses		20.00
August	PowerGen Quarter Peal – for restoration		500.00	December	Ringling World advertising account		100.00
	Donation – display board hire		5.00		Secretary's expenses		93.71
					Treasurer's expenses		21.39
					Honorarium for Auditor		10.00
				December	Balance carried forward:		
					Building Society Account	1235.29	
					Cash in hand	11.04	
							1246.33
			£2634.54				£2634.54

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North Bucks Branch - Tower Ringing Times

Tower	Bells	Sunday	Practice		Notes	Contact	Phone no.
			Day	Time			
Beachampton	5	11:00 (1), 09:30 (2, 3 & 4)				Jo Nevill	01908-566937
Bletchley	8	09:30	Mon	19:30-21:00		Paul Faithfull	01908-379025
Bow Brickhill	4	UNRINGABLE					
Bradwell	6	10:00	Wed	19:30-21:00		Brian Newman	01908-668347
Broughton	4						
Buckingham	8	09:15 (3 & 4), 17:15 (1)	Wed	19:30-21:00	Last of Month #1	Peter Nicholson	01280-823373
Calverton	6	17:30	Wed	By arrangement		Malcolm Hooton	01908-565380
Chicheley	6	17:30 (1)	Mon	19:30-21:00	Alt with North Crawley #2	Mr D Robertson	01234-391371
Clifton Reynes	6	By arrangement				Mike Davies	01234-711082
Downs Barn	8	10:00	Tue	19:30-21:00		Doug Hird	01908-614741
Drayton Parslow	6	17:30 (2,4)				Rev. N. Cotton	01525-240287
Emberton	6	17:30 Fortnightly	Tue	19:45-21:00		Sheila Watts	01234-713667
Fenny Stratford	6	09:00	Thu	20:00-21:00		Peter White	01908-642826
Great Brickhill	6	UNRINGABLE				Hugh Butler	01525-261663
Great Linford	6	09:30	Tue	19:30-21:00		Alan Marchbank	01908-611434
Hanslope	8	10:15	Thu	19:30-21:00		Sheila Blenkhorn	01908-510105
Haversham	3						01908-312136
Lathbury	5	09:00 (1), 10:30 (3)	Tue	19:30-21:00		Maureen Smith	01908-612395
Lavendon	6	10:15 (3)	Wed	19:30-21:00		Brian Clifton	01234-712774
Leckhampstead	5		Thu	19:30-21:00		Paul Verrier	01280-860439
Lillingstone Lovell	5	09:00 (2,4)	Tue	19:30-21:00		Robin Culey	01280-860665
Little Brickhill	3					Rosemary Everston	01525-261595
Loughton	6	10:30	Mon	19:30-21:00	Alt with Shenley #3	Derek Stainsby	01908-666492
Maids Moreton	6	09:00 (1 & 4), 17:15 (2)	Wed	19:00-20:30	All except last Wed #1	David Goodger	01280-812868
Milton Keynes Village	6	10:30 (2,4)	Tue	20:00-21:00		Patricia Gifford	01908-665439
Moulsoe	4						
Newport Pagnell	8	08:50, 17:20	Wed	19:30-21:00	Sun eve. by arrangement	Gareth Grayson	01908-210073
Newton Blossomville	3						
Newton Longville	8	By arrangement	Thu	19:30-21:00		Benedicte Titley	01908-646632
North Crawley	6	17:30 (2,4)	Mon	19:30-21:00	Alt with Chicheley #2	Kerry Rose	01234-391785
Old Wolverton	6	10:00	Tue	19:15-21:00		Mike Nimmo	01908-321011
Olney	8	09:30	Thu	19:30-21:00		Charles Knight	01234-713719
Shalstone	5	UNRINGABLE				Patricia Shillington	01280-700076
Shenley	6	09:00	Mon	19:30-21:00	Alt with Loughton #3	John Brookman	01908-260413
Sherrington	5	10:30 (1), 09:00 (2,3,4,5)				Ella Field	01908-610560
Simpson	6	UNRINGABLE				Brian Baldwin	01908-670579
Stoke Goldington	6	09:15 (2)	Fri	19:30-21:00	2,4 alt Weston Underwood #4	Owen Warren	01908-551416
Stoke Hammond	3					John Bowler	01525-270202
Stony Stratford	8	09:00	Mon	19:30-21:00		Malcolm Hooton	01908-565380
Stowe	6	09:00 (2), 17:15 (4)	Thu	By arrangement		Bill Yates	01280-814937
Thornborough	5		Fri	19:30-21:00		Ray Goodger	01280-812976
Tingewick	5		Mon	19:00-20:30		Lois Houghton-Brown	01280-848658
Twyford Bucks	6					Mr E Herring	01869-277671
Tyringham	5					Kathleen Williamson	01908-611900
Wavendon	6		Fri	19:30-21:00		Leigh Head	01908-670560
Weston Underwood	6	By arrangement	Fri	19:30-21:00	2,4 alt Stoke Goldington #4	Owen Warren	01908-551416
Whaddon	6		Tue	19:30-21:00		Derek White	01908-501987
Woughton-on-the-Green	6	09:30	Thu	20:00-21:00		Brian Baldwin	01908-670579

Total : 48 Towers

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PLEASE PASS ANY AMENDMENTS/UPDATES TO RICHARD STANWORTH (01280-814172)

North Bucks Branch—Calendar 2000

MAY	1		<i>Guild 8-Bell Striking Competition Ringing Day</i>	<i>Linslade Central Bucks Branch</i>
	19	7.30	Branch Practice Special Methods: Erin Triples	Newport Pagnell
	20	2.00 7.30	<i>Guild AGM Concert</i>	<i>Longcot Witney</i>
JUNE	3	3.30	Striking Competition & Quarterly Meeting	Lavendon
	10 10 & 11		<i>Millennium Fun Day Pentecost 2000</i>	<i>North Hinksey Bucks County Showground</i>
	16	7.30	Branch Practice Focus on Rounds & Call Changes	Stoke Goldington
	30	7.30	Branch Ten Bell Practice	TBA
JULY	8		<i>Guild Festival</i>	<i>Oxford</i>
	15	7.30	Joint Surprise Practice with Luton District	Woburn
	21	7.30*	Branch Practice <i>(see page 14)</i> Special Methods: Smithfield & Undershaft Doubles	Beachampton *
	29	6.00	Inter-Branch Striking Competition	Hanslope
AUGUST	18	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Stedman Doubles	Drayton Parslow
SEPTEMBER	2	3.00 4.00	Ringing Quarterly Meeting	Leckhampstead Lillingstone Lovell
	9		<i>Guild 10-bell Competition</i>	<i>Oxford City</i>
	15	7.30	Branch Practice Focus on Rounds & Call Changes	Loughton
	29		<i>Easthampstead Course</i>	<i>Easthampstead</i>
OCTOBER	6		<i>Branch Secretaries Meeting</i>	<i>Radley</i>
	7		<i>Guild Six Bell Striking Competition</i>	<i>Brightwell Baldwin</i>
	20	7.30	Branch Practice Special Methods: St Simon's & St Martin's Bob Doubles	Tingewick
NOVEMBER	17	7.30	Branch Practice Special Method: Yorkshire Surprise Major	Stony Stratford
	24		<i>Pudsey Peal Appeal (Children in Need)</i>	
	25		<i>Autumn General Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Wokingham</i>
DECEMBER	2	3.30	Quarterly Meeting	Fenny Stratford
	15	7.30	Branch Practice Focus on Rounds & Call Changes	Milton Keynes Village

Items marked * were unconfirmed as at 20 April 2000
 Italicised events are Guild events