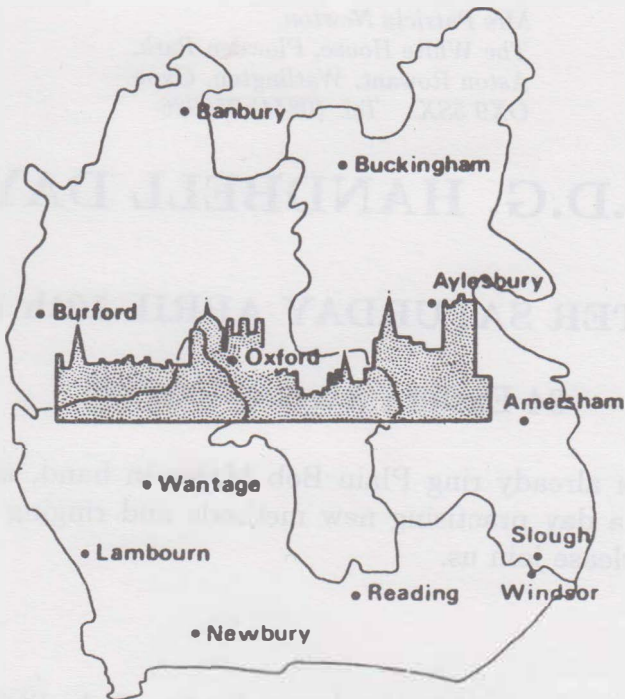


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# 1993 YOUTH WEEKEND

## Friday 2nd–Sunday 4th APRIL

Based at the **ETON DORNEY**  
**CENTRE** near **WINDSOR**

**Cost: £45.00**

Applications are invited from Guild members aged between 11 and 16, who can ring plain hunt and beyond.

Further details and application forms from:

*Mrs Patricia Newton,  
The White House, Plowden Park,  
Aston Rowant, Watlington, Oxon.  
OX9 5SX Tel: (0844) 352926*

## O.D.G. HANDBELL DAY

**EASTER SATURDAY APRIL 10th 1993**

**94 Eastern Avenue, Reading**

If you can already ring Plain Bob Major in hand, and want to spend a day practising new methods and ringing the odd quarter, please join us.

**Contact:**

*Helen McGregor, 94 Eastern Avenue, Reading, Berks, RG1 5SF  
(0734) 660384*

**for more details**

# EASTHAMPTSTEAD

## '93

FRIDAY 10 – SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Lectures and practicals for all standards from  
Rounds and Call Changes to Surprise Major.

**Application forms available from:**

*Mrs A.M. Carpenter, 41 Napier Road, Crowthorne, Berks. RG11 7EJ  
(Please enclose a large (A5) S.A.E.)*

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**From the Editor:-**

This copy of ODD BOB has a larger number of photographs than usual - most of them illustrating the work which has been done on the Downs Barn Bells and Frame. I am grateful to Graham Clifton for these. The North Bucks report gives an account of the progress at the Cross and Stable, Downs Barn.

In the past a long tenure of office both at Guild and Branch level was not unusual. Today this is rarely the case. On February 12th Dennis Leslie resigned after 21 years as Ringing Master of the Vale-of-White - Horse Branch. During that time, in his quiet way, he has served the Branch faithfully and its present strength is in large measure due to his devotion. The Branch made a presentation to him at tea on the February 27th.

In this copy of ODD BOB there is an article on Striking Competitions from another point of view and Michael Morley replies to Dorchester Doreen's report (S.OXON BRANCH) on an OPEN DAY at Dorchester and its problems. Michael describes their efforts at Henley and some of his suggestions may be viable elsewhere. He also draws attention to the safety of visitors and the need for adequate supervision - particularly on the top of the tower - as well as safety on the staircase.

At the suggestion of the Education Committee Shipways Principle has been included in this copy. Should you have a special method you find useful with beginners (ie St.Helens or Bastow) or an unusual method which your band finds interesting to ring please may I have it.

Once more thank you to all those who sent me reports etc and to Daphne Pollard who once again coped with the Diary, advertisements etc. I am afraid the notice was very short this time.

M.R.C.

## GUILD MASTER'S REPORT

1992 has been a very difficult year for many of our members. With the continuing recession in this country and abroad, those without work find it increasingly difficult to make ends meet, whilst those in employment must strive hard to secure their jobs.

The recession of the past few years may be a contributory factor in the steady decline in membership in some parts of the Guild, but it has not affected the generosity of many of our members. So many have given freely of their time and money during the year. Firstly the sponsored ringing on 29th February raised a considerable sum for the Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund, far surpassing the amount collected in previous years.

Despite the effort put into this sponsored ringing, 171 quarter peals and 20 peals were successfully completed during the summer in celebration of the 450th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Oxford - a tremendous achievement.

As a permanent memento of the 450th anniversary, it was decided to support the installation of a ring of bells at the new eucumenical church at Downs Barn in Milton Keynes. An appeal was duly launched at the AGM in May, and by the end of the year half of the £30,000 needed had been raised. The response from all parts of the Guild has been terrific, with ringers dipping deep into their own pockets, and arranging a wide variety of fund-raising events from "guess the doll's name" to quiz nights and tower open days.

Previously I had no idea of the work and skill involved in the designing, building and installation of a bell frame, and I am extremely grateful to all those who have made valuable contributions to the practical side of this project. Particular thanks are due to Bernard Stone and Graham Clifton for their expertise in this field, and to Malcolm Hooton who has made the wooden components such as pulley blocks. The Datson family should also be thanked for their hospitality over Christmas when the frame was assembled in their barn, as should all those who gave up their holiday to help with this. It was incredible to see the frame parts made, assembled, bolted, welded and painted (with three coats of paint) in just two weeks! This just goes to show what can be achieved with dedication, experience and the pooling of effort by a number of people from different parts of the Guild. It is hoped that installation work and fund raising will continue during the coming months, so that the bells will be ready for dedication by the Bishop of Oxford in September 1993.

As bell ringers, we seem to have celebrated the 450th anniversary of the Diocese in fine style. Services of celebration have been held in some churches, but the main event organised by the Church was a service in December in Christ Church Cathedral, in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen. John Wells and I were honoured to be invited to represent the Guild at that service, and we were pleased to meet a couple of other ringers there representing their own parishes. It was an enjoyable and memorable morning, enhanced by some excellent Stedman Cinques being rung by the Oxford Society as we awaited The Queen's "walk-about" in Tom Quad.

The Education Committee has been active again this year. In addition to the well-established Easthampstead Course, which celebrated its 20th Anniversary, and more recently established Youth Weekend, a new weekend course was introduced. Held at Toc-H centre at Cuddesdon, this proved a useful addition to the educational programme and our thanks are due to Tina Ruff and her helpers for organizing this. A one day seminar on "Computers in Ringing" was also

run, which provided a fascinating insight into the various ways in which computers can provide or store information and help us to learn methods or improve striking. How dreadful it would be if computers were to take over entirely from our fellow ringers. One of the greatest attractions of bell-ringing is the comradeship. I very much enjoy travelling around the Guild to Branch meetings and practices to meet members from all parts of the Diocese, and I thank you all for the warmth of your welcome.

Patricia M. Newton  
Master



## 21 Years Ringing

### Master

Dennis Leslie at the presentation to him at Buckland on the 27th February 1993

In the background the Vicar of Buckland.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tim Pett on ringing his 1000th peal at St.Nicolas Abingdon on Christmas Day 1992. This peal also enabled him to ring a peal on every date in the year.

**The Ringers' Song - ODD BOB December 1992** - Jackie O'Hagan has a tape of this - see Vale-of-White-Horse Report.



## 6. Honorary General Secretary's Report

1992 has been a very busy and exciting year with the celebration of the 450th Anniversary of the Diocese in addition to a full range of more normal Guild activities. The Master has referred in detail to the special ringing and the Downs Barn Project which have marked the Guild's participation in these celebrations. I would like to add my own congratulations and thanks to all involved in the organisation and reporting of the various events.

The first event of the year was the Sponsored Ringing Day in support of the Bell Fund. This was the most successful to date with nearly £3000 raised for the fund. Congratulations to the Vale of the White Horse Branch for winning the trophy for raising the greatest per capita amount.

The Guild Ringing Day, held in the Newbury Branch on May 4th, also raised a record amount of over £1000. This was a very enjoyable day remarkably free of the small problems which often occur at such events. The Eight Bell striking Competition was held at Newbury with 8 entries attempting the set touch of 224 Little Bob Major. The winners were the Newbury Branch with the Chiltern Branch and East Berks, South Bucks Branch as runners up. Congratulations to all involved in organising this highly successful event.

This year, the AGM was preceded by the first Guild Ten Bell Striking Competition. This was held at Abingdon on May 16th with six branches entering and ringing the set touch of 252 Grandsire Caters. The judges congratulated the Guild on being able to mount such a competition and the bands on their ringing. The winners were the East Berks, South Bucks Branch with the Reading Branch second and the Old North Berks Branch third.

Later in the day the AGM was held at Stanford-in-the Vale where the service included a special ringers hymn written by Anne Jones. At the meeting itself there were a few changes in the ranks of the officers. Henry Lawrenson wished to resign as a Guild Trustee and he was replaced by Derek Fowles; Giles Bludell did not seek re-election as a Guild Steward and was succeeded by John Martin. The meeting also approved the creation of the post of Guild Public Relations Officer and elected Stephen Rossiter to the post. The Guild is particularly grateful to Henry Lawrenson for all his hard work in the various posts he has held. The other main business was to approve the Downs Barn Project and to launch the appeal for funds.

The election of 30 Non-resident Life Members was ratified at this meeting whilst the number of Resident Members and the membership trend was as follows:-

	1990	1991	1992
Honorary Members	40	58	
Ringing Members	2194	2106	
(including Life Subscribers)			

The Second Best Kept Tower Competition was completed resulting in Chalfont St. Giles being placed first with Steeple Aston second, Tilehurst third, Thatcham fourth and Wokingham All Saints fifth.

The Festival, held in Oxford on July 11th., was very well attended. The preacher was the Bishop of Buckingham and the service was followed by a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Christ Church to mark the beginning of the period of special ringing for the 450th

Anniversary of the Diocese. Ringing in City and Branch towers was followed by the Barn Dance at Appleton. Our thanks to all who contributed to this very enjoyable event.

The Six Bell Striking competition was held on October 3rd in the East Berks. South Bucks Branch with heats at Hambledon and West Wycombe and the final at Lane End. The judge, Jeremy Pratt, congratulated all the finalists on the very high standard of ringing before declaring Tilehurst, representing the Reading Branch, the winners with High Wycombe (East Berks. South Bucks Branch) second and Abingdon (Old North Berks) and Aston (Chiltern) joint third just one fault behind.

The Guild was represented in two national competitions. In the Twelve Bell Competition three bands entered. Unfortunately Oxford and Reading failed to reach their potential in the eliminators, but congratulations to High Wycombe who qualified for the final where they were placed eighth. In the Tewkesbury Shield, the Guild was represented by a band from the Reading Branch who were disappointed in being placed seventh and not keeping up the Guild's good record in this competition over the past few years.

The General Committee met twice during the year, at Launton in March and Bledlow in November. The subscription rate was increased slightly to £4.75 and the committee expressed its support for the revised proposals for The Representation of Societies produced by the Central Council.

The Youth Weekend was held at Eton Dorney in April and the 20th Easthampstead Weekend was held in October. Both of these were very successful, as usual, and will continue to be organised as long as there is sufficient support. There was an extra weekend course held at Cuddesdon in March. The format was not very different to that of Easthampstead although it could only cater for a smaller number of students. This venture was very successful also and another course is being organised for 1993.

The Branch Secretaries continue to provide their invaluable service to their Branches and the Guild. There have been just four changes of personnel. Terry Wagstaff stood down as Secretary of the Central Bucks Branch and was replaced by Justin Baker; Peter Starling replaces Andy Utting in the Old North Berks Branch; Pam Elliston is the new secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch in place of Catriona Cappleman and Anne Jones passed the reins of office to her daughter Jackie O'Hagan in the Vale of the White Horse Branch. My thanks to all for their help.

**John Wells.**

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## UNDER 18 STRIKING COMPETITION 1993

ON

SATURDAY, 26th JUNE, 1993

This will be held in the OXFORD CITY BRANCH.

Details will be announced later.

Len Porter  
Branch Chairman

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### THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT 1992

Members have not made much use of the library this year: the few loans I have made have all been volumes of the Ringing World to help ringers research peal records.

It has also been a lean year for new titles. This has enabled me to carry out some essential rebinding on eight volumes. One of our most valued possessions is a copy of "Campanalogia", written by J D and C M and published in 1705. This has had minor repairs and the backing strengthened. We have three copies of the 1800 edition of "A Key to the Art of Ringing", by Jones, Reeves and Blakemore. One of these is in reasonable condition, but the other two lacked the title and introductory pages. In addition, one had detached covers, and the other was poorly bound with a copy of the fourth edition of Troyte. These have all been rebound, with copies of the missing pages added, and they are now in excellent condition. Two books have been rebacked; Jennings "Staffordshire Bells" and a copy of the first edition of Troyte. Finally, the bindings of two other copies of Troyte - the third and fourth editions - have had attention.

A number of books have been donated to the library. Pride of place must go to a quarto edition of "The Church Bells of Bucks", a magnificent volume of which only a limited number were printed. We are very grateful to Mr J E Fox of Walpole Marsh, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire who presented it to us.

Other donations include:

Diagrams (1922)	Stanford-in-the-Vale tower
Bell Towers & Bell Hanging (1914)	Bicester Branch
Church Bells (1908)	W Mitchell, Uffington
500 Peals for the ODG (1895)	The Cathedral, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Branch newsletters	

Have you replaced your copy of "Diagrams", or "Ropesight" with a new edition? If you have, and the old one is now gathering dust and deteriorating, why not present it to the Library and see it preserved for future generations of ringers? A well-known tower, associated with the Guild since its inception, recently discovered the tower minute books from many years ago mouldering in the bottom of the clock case. What a shame no-one thought of preserving them in the Guild Library. How many similar books have been kept by retiring tower secretaries and their contents lost to the tower for ever? Don't let it happen to your records!

Purchased additions to the library during the year were:

Campanalogia F Stedman 1990 (facsimile reprint of 1677 edition)	231pp
Collection of Plain Minor Methods 1991	45pp
Collection of Principles 1990	72pp
Change Ringing - History of an English Art Vol 2 1992	136pp
Surprise Minor - Cambridge to London Part I 1992 (ODG Leaflet)	8pp
Surprise Minor - Cambridge to London Part II 1992 (ODG Leaflet)	12pp
Anyone can be a Ringer 1992 (Kent County Assn)	30 minute video

Finally, the General Committee considered a quote for the refurbishment from Whitechapel for the Guild handbells. In view of the cost they decided to defer a decision for a year and also to seek alternative estimates. Meanwhile, the bells are available for use. Please apply to me if you wish to borrow them.

William Butler  
Honorary Librarian



## ----- O B I T U A R Y -----

CYRIL HARRY KINCH - Bicester  
                   Bicester           1930? 1935 - 1937   1947? 1949 -  
                   Caversfield       November 1930  
                   Bicester Branch   January 1931  
                   Secretary Bicester Branch 1949 - 1974  
                   O.D.G.Trustee       1954 - 1983  
                   Tower Captain Bicester 1966 - 1984  
                   Vice-President Bicester Branch 1978 -1985  
                   President Bicester Branch 1986 -1992  
                   Vice President Oxford Diocesan Guild 1986 -1992

Cyril Harry Kinch was born in Bicester on January 21,1912, the son of a master tailor.

Cyril started ringing on the second Sunday in August 1930 at Caversfield, then a three bell tower, His tutor was the late Fred Sharpe of Launton. He joined the Bicester Tower in November 1930 and was elected to the Bicester Branch of the O.D.G. in January 1931.

About 1937 Cyril left Bicester for about 10 years and joined the Baldock Band and the Hertford County Association where he rang his first peal on Wednesday January 26th 1939 - Grandsire Triples (Parker's 12 Part).

After World War II he returned to Bicester and worked in the Civil Service at C.O.D.Bicester where he remained until he retired.

At the end of 1948 he was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Bicester Branch; an office he held until 1974. On his retirement a Branch Dinner was held at the Swan Islip, where he was the guest of honour. He was presented with a plaque by the President of the Branch, the Reverend Donald Westcott (then Rector of Islip) to mark his outstanding service to the Bicester Branch. Also present was the late Fred Sharpe, Master of the Oxford Guild and his former tutor.

Cyril became tower captain of Bicester in 1966 after the retirement of Harry Hatfield and he remained in that office until 1984 when ill health forced him to retire.

He was also an Oxford Diocesan Guild Trustee for 30 years. He resigned from this post when he felt a younger man should be appointed to this post. The Guild honoured him by making him an Honorary Vice-President in 1986.

Cyril in later life suffered from ill health. He was a Diabetic and had a stroke in 1981. He had a leg amputated in the late 80's. His mental faculties never left him; nor did that dry sense of humour he had been known to have all his life. He died peacefully on Tuesday 29th December 1992.

Cyril will be best remembered for his tireless effort in teaching bands around the Bicester Branch and as a Guild Officer for his calm precise gentle manner. A "gentleman" in the true sense of the word.

May he rest in peace.

W.H.Haynes and T.K.Geddes.

Peal Records:- In his lifetime Cyril rang 122 peals - Doubles 7; Minor 16; Triples 18; Plain Major 32; Treble Bob Major; Surprise Major 40. Bedfordshire Association 1; Coventry Guild 1; Hertford County Association 3; Oxford Diocesan Guild 117; different conductors 25. Cyril rang in 7 first peals on the following bells:- Chadlington 06.12.51; Souldern 25.03.52; Caversfield 01.06.53; Piddington 24.05.58; Ludgershall 14.05.66; Wardington 20.08.66; and first peal on octave at Islip 08.12.56.

S.Edburg, BICESTER

9.9.1993

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. William A.Yates  | 5. Richard C.Stevens |
| 2. Walter A.Lee     | 6. William H.Haynes  |
| 3. John Harris      | 7. Philip J.Curtis   |
| 4. Rev.John D.Nixon | 8. Brian J.Curtis    |
- Parkers 12 part (7th obs.) Conducted by Richard C.Stevens

Rung in memory of Cyril H.Kinch, aringer at this church since NOVEMBER 1931, who died 29th December 1992

S.Nicholas, ISLIP

23.1.1993

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Richard C.Stevens | 5. Terry J.Hæster   |
| 2. Patricia M.Newton | 6. L.Roy Woodruffe  |
| 3. Dennis Lesley     | 7. Graham Clifton   |
| 4. Rev.John D.Nixon  | 8. William H.Haynes |
- Parkers 12 part (7th obs.) Conducted by Richard C.Stevens

First peal on the bells for 23 years, and since re-hanging and re-tuning in 1992. Rung in memory of Cyril H.Kinch, who in his lifetime, gave time teaching and helping in this tower.

CAVERSFIELD, OXON

5.1.1993

## 1280 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Richard C.Stevens (C) | 3. William H.Haynes |
| 2. Jane Singleton        | 4. Phillip J.Curtis |
| 5. Walter A.Lee          |                     |

Rung open in memory of Cyril H.Kinch on the day of his funeral. Cyril learned to ring in this tower.

LUDGERSHALL, BUCKS

5.1.1993

## 1260 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

- |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Abi Bonnell           | 2. Jill Ward       |
| 3. Phyllis East          | 4. Rosemary Henson |
| 5. Clifford W.J.East (C) |                    |

Rung in memory of Cyril H.Kinch, on the day of his funeral. Cyril was a good friend to this tower in his lifetime, and was instrumental in starting up a local band which thrives today.

ISLIP, OXON

3.1.1993

## 1260 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Kathryn Grant (1st Q) | 4. George Adams (C) |
| 2. Gwynneth Adams        | 5. Roy Jones        |
| 3. William H.Haynes      | 6. Rita Cooper      |

For Morning Service, and in memory of Cyril H.Kinch, who died on 29th December 1992

**The following might be worth noting:-**

In the February copy of THE DOOR The Archdeacon of Oxford has written a brief article on the new CARE OF CHURCHES MEASURE. It is well worth reading. This measure came into force on March 1, 1993. I quote part:-

- "v. The Archdeacon's Certificate will cease to exist on February 28. Thereafter archdeacons, if they so elect, will have delegated powers to issue faculties in uncontroversial case. This ought to save time.  
vi The Measure gives archdeacons powers of enforcement if they discover that something has been done without authority, or if something has not been done which ought to have been done....."

From THE DOOR February 1993

## More Thoughts on Striking Competitions

Tina Ruff's article in December's Odd Bob raised several questions which are often asked, but not always answered. For what they are worth, here are my thoughts.

First the questions:

Why does the Guild hold striking competitions?

Should they be exclusive?

Does it matter if the same teams win?

Why should my band enter one?

We hold striking competitions to help foster better striking. I say 'help' because nothing is perfect, and whatever the intentions of the organisers, no one can dictate the spirit in which teams take part or the effect of doing so. In any case, an event attended by a handful of teams can have only a diluted effect on the 2000 plus ringers in the Guild. But I do believe it helps. If it inspires some of the bands, some of the time, to try that little bit harder, then it is worth it.

Of course, people also meet and talk at striking competitions which is good in itself. I have known ringers who were rarely seen outside their own towers except at Branch striking competitions and ACMs.

Obviously they can only have an effect if people enter them. On this, I agree heartily with Tina that the objective is to encourage people to enter, and not to keep them out. In any case, to suggest that practicing for a ten bell competition can do nothing for the skills and concentration of a ringer in a six bell tower is as silly as saying that ringing in other towers will not help you to develop your handling skills back at home.

I know it is fashionable to say that losing is demoralising, but we have to live in the real world. A competition where only the winner entered would not be a competition. Nor do I think one where each team took turns at winning would provide encouragement for any of them to try very hard. The teams which regularly ring are the better teams. The way to oust them is to become better than they are. I know this sounds harsh, but there are plenty of cases where bands have risen from nowhere to a high standard over several years. (Some go the other way as well!)

'But some towers have more good ringers than others' you may say. They do, but there is nothing God-given about it. Striking competitions do not require complicated methods. Intellect is no particular advantage. All you need to win is good handling and rhythm. Both are craft skills which any able bodied person with fair coordination could master. Some of the best strikers I have known were humble tradesmen - miners, farmers or shopkeepers.

But winning is not everything. If there are two towers slogging it out for first place, then there is still a real competition between the rest. A band of learners coming 5th out of eight at their first attempt could justly feel more proud than last year's champs who came third.

We should enter because we care about the quality of the ringing we turn out every Sunday. We should believe that pushing our skills that little bit further will help us to improve. We should be game to try our hand against friends from other towers. We should feel proud if we do well, and take due note if we do not. We should **listen** to the other teams' ringing. It may be an inspiration. (How often do we get the chance to listen to an afternoon's really good ringing? How often are we **outside** a tower when there is any ringing going on?) If every team rings immaculately, it is no shame to come last.

Finally, we should remember that it is better to try to do something and fail to do it, than not to try and succeed in not doing it.

John Harrison

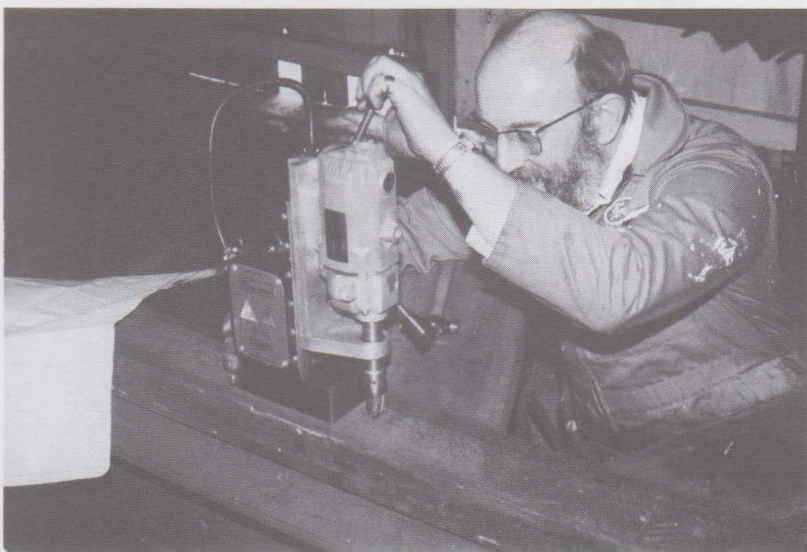
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DOWN'S BARN - BELLS AND FRAME  
CHRISTMAS 1992 - NEW YEAR 1993



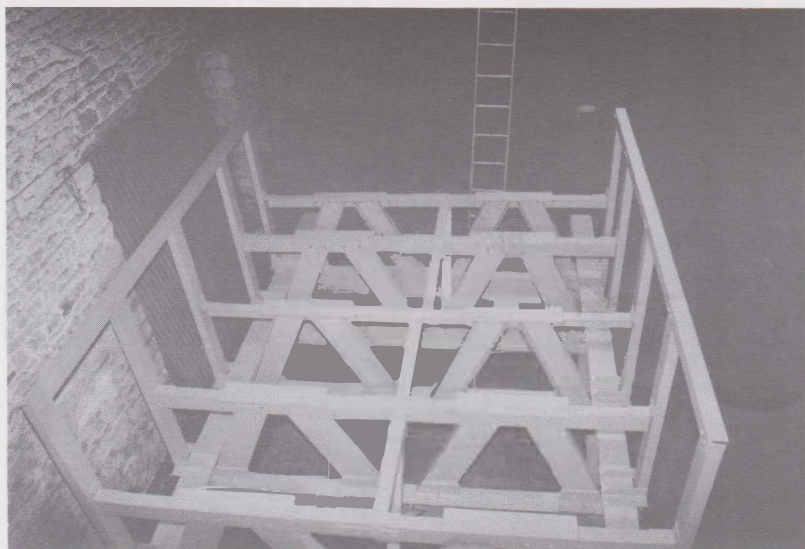
FIVE OF THE BELLS CAST AT LOUGHBOROUGH 27.11.92



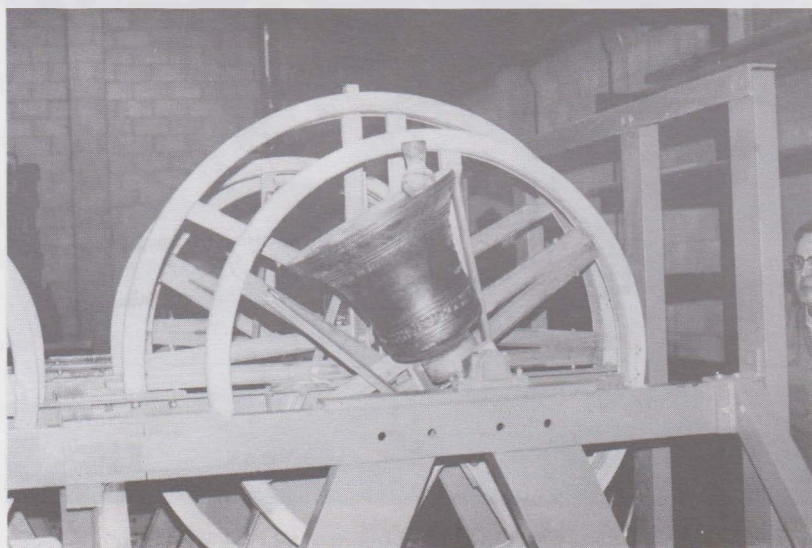


CONCENTRATION! Graham Clifton (top) and Bernard Stone  
at work on the frame.





DOWNS BARN - BELL FRAME AT SPELSBURY



BRIAN WHITE CHECKING THAT EVERYTHING IS  
AS IT SHOULD BE!.

ooooo "And your starter for ten....." ooooo

What better way can there be of spending a cold and frosty eveing, than puzzling with your friends over such questions as 'How many bones are there in the human body?'

This article is not a report of a doctor's party - it is a summary of the happenings at the Reading Ringers Quiz Night, which was held at Tilehurst Village Hall on 5th December.

The Hall was filled to capacity with 19 teams representing the Reading Branch, other Guild Branches and indeed a couple of teams from the Cumberland Youths (perhaps the College Youths don't like embarrassing themselves!).

Quizmaster Steve Rossiter kept proceedings moving well, even in the face of some friendly barracking from the floor. He was ably assisted by a team of scorers and by his wife June who prepared an excellent supper, which gave a much needed break to the brain cells.

Each team consisted of four persons who could collaborate on the answers as Steve asked them. The questions were arranged in rounds much like 'Trivial Pursuit' (ie Sport, Entertainment, Science and Nature), with the exception that there was a whole round devoted to Bells and Bellingring.

Surprisingly the Oxford Society team which numbered bell expert extraordinaire Colin Turner among its members, did not gain the highest score in this round. The great man was heard muttering the questions were not about 'proper' ringing (ie - about handbells).

The Entertainment round had a distinctly American flavour about it. This prompted Tina Stoecklin, Oxford's American resident, to comment that "we should have played our joker on this round - it's just my sort of culture!". The History round produced the biggest laugh of the evening when the question was "Who was the Virgin Queen?" was quickly greeted with the retort "Paul Butler" from the floor.

As the Quiz entered the eighth and final round, Geography, it became clear that the result would be close. In fact after the scores had been counted, a 'sudden death' tie-breaker was needed to separate teams in 2nd and 3rd places. At the close of proceedings the team placings were:-

1st. Sonning ; 2nd. All Saints(Wokingham),All Stars; 3rd. Curry Addicts.

I'm sure that everyone went away feeling they had learned something and that they had had a good time, to boot. Of course the purpose of holding a quiz was to raise money for the Downs Barn Appeal - the total raised for the evening was a healthy £391. In addition John Harrison sold some plants and the Guild Fund Raising stall was there for those present to do some Christmas shopping!

Many thanks are due to Steve and his team for all the hard work that was put into the organisation of the evening. I look forward to the next one!

P.S. There are 206 bones in the human body. JRM

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---- TOURISTS THIS WAY PLEASE ----

In the December issue of ODD BOB on page 31 there is a very interesting and thought provoking article by "Dorchester Doreen" - of Dorchester Abbey no less, about their Open Day and its complications. Whilst this event covers the whole Abbey as well as its Bell Tower, the problems associated with their tower tour

are also well known to us at Henley. For as a Tourist Town we run a number of Tower Open Days, and thus know a number of pitfall associated with such events; albeit that we cater for 150 to 250 Tower visitors over 6 hours against the massive influx at the Abbey.

Open Days are thwart with all sorts of problems, as well we all know. It is however a legitimate opportunity to raise Church Funds, and in our case the the Tower can raise £100 to £200, plus other income. for a long Saturday or Sunday afternoon in the summer.

The Abbey logistics may be different from ours, so I can only talk of Henley. The event has to be planned carefully. There are four floors to be staffed. The Ground Floor to take the money, issue tickets, marshal the tour starts, and even sell items like Sally Tea Towels. Also issue Certificates with names written in about "climbed 127 steps", rang a Church Bell (see later) etc etc, after they returned to the ground floor.

For the Ringing Chamber visit, we don't advocate a full Ringing Demonstration, so we can get more in, and anyway visitors may prefer to try "hands on" ringing themselves. This can be achieved safely. We have one bell up and the rest down. Demonstrating to a group we firstly place them at one side of the Chamber, then ring the one Bell that is up for a few turns. This is then stood, and its rope hitched away in a corner. We then take hold of a down Bell and one visitor at a time on said rope, and strike it low, which pleases them no end. When we have completed the explanations, photographs taken, and questions answered, we send them to the next floor.

Conveniently we have a walk in Belfrey with viewing area and hand rail. Here we explain how the bells turn and strike, also about their sizes and weights. If ear plugs are issued we can have the one 'up' Bell rung for them. The group are then sent up again.

The top of the Tower is a major attraction for viewing the Town and River, and for taking photographs. We have to watch and control the idiots here. In one case a parent held their child over the battlement and pretended to drop it, all 93 feet down at this point. Safety is an issue that must be thoroughly addressed. After a suitable period the group is sent down the stairs, all the way to the ground floor in one go, for their certificates and out.

Time spent by a visitor averages about 20 - 25 minutes. For this we charge £1 for adults and 50p for children down to about eight years. The group sizes are governed by the numbers turning up. No one waits more than ten minutes, so we may have 2-3 or 23 in a group.

When to use the stairs is a major **traffic problem**, and the best answer is that the four guides have radio communicators. Working with the **PCC** can generate more funds. For example through **book sales** and **Teas**. To be avoided is to expect the Guides to climb up and down the stairs except for relief. I found that in the past that 15 return journeys or 3,810 steps and 2,790 feet was too much!

What we don't have to cope with is 100+ people all at once, as in the Abbey. It needs to do a number of things about this, for example (a) run a Bellingring Video like the one available from the KCACR, at the base of the Tower; (b) hang thick rope down the stairs; (c) use radio communicators; (d) try the Henley idea of having one Bell up which will allow more people in the Ringing Chamber; (e) run a two tier avoiding the Belfry for those having climbing difficulty and letting them return below; (f) explain the need to breathe more, prior to the ascent; (g) use a proper Bell and Frame model

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## O.N.B. BRANCH QUARTER PEAL WEEK

There were not as many successful quarter peals this year as in past years, but there were still a number of firsts.

- Drayton** No date given 1260 Plain Bob Doubles  
1-Louise Dixon; 2-F.L.Cullen; 3-Gillian M.Gillett; 4-Diane S.Clark; 5-N.J.Clark(C); 6-Mary Perry.  
For Branch Quarter Peal Week.  
Believed to be the first quarter by a local band for many years.
- Radley** 8.11.92 1260 Plain Bob Doubles  
1-Brenda Thomas; 2-Ann Belcher; 3-Marie R.Cross; 4-Daphne J.Pollard(C)  
Brian Thomas; 6-Maurice Belcher.  
Half-muffled for Remebrance Day.
- Wallingford** 1-Jill Bradshaw; 2-Nuala Clements; 3-AnnHaworth; 4-Jim Blond;  
5-Roy Thorpe; 6-Stan Day (C); 7-John Money
- Wallingford** 8.11.92 1260 Single Oxford Minor  
1-Jill Bradshaw; 2-Nuala Clements; 3-Ann Haworth; 4-Jim Blond  
5-Roy Thorpe; 6-Stan Day(C); 7-John Money(cover)  
Rung half-muffled for Remebrance Sunday.
- Sutton** 8.11.92 1260 Grandsire Doubles  
**Courtenay** 1-Paul S.Bennett; 2-Luke S.Jenkins; 3-John H.Napper; 4-M.Alice Auckland  
5-Jonathan L.Smith(C); 6-Ian Spalding.  
Rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen.
- Cholsey** 10.11.92 1260 Little Bob Major  
1-John Collins; 2-Jim Blond; 3-Jack Berry; 4-Nuala Clements; 5-John Money; 6-Jenny Jeskins; 7-Roy Thorpe; 8-Stan Day(C)  
First in method 1,2,3,4,5 & 6.
- Blewbury** 11.11.92 1260 Grandsire Triples  
1-P.E.COrderoy; 2-Nuala Clements; 3-C.Corderoy; 4-Louise Butler; 5-G.Bendall; 6-Barry (no surname given); 7-J.C.Money; 8-A.F.Samler.  
Half-muffled for Remembrance.
- Sutton** 15.11.92 1260 Grandsire Doubles  
**Courtenay** 1-Paul S.Bennett; 2-Luke S.Jenkins; 3-John H.Napper; 4-M.Alice Auckland  
5-Adam J.Jenkins(C); 6-Jonathan L.Smith.  
Fiftieth Quarter - 5.
- Marcham** No date given 1260 Plain Bob Doubles  
1-Claire Wright; 2-Paula Wright; 3-Berice Large; 4-A.L.Utting(C); 5-G.Bendall; 6-Barry (no surname given).  
For Barry who is leaving us after two years to return to the States.  
First Quarter-1 & 6. Firstinside 2 & 5.

I understand that a successful quarter was also rung at Appleton for Remembrance Sunday.

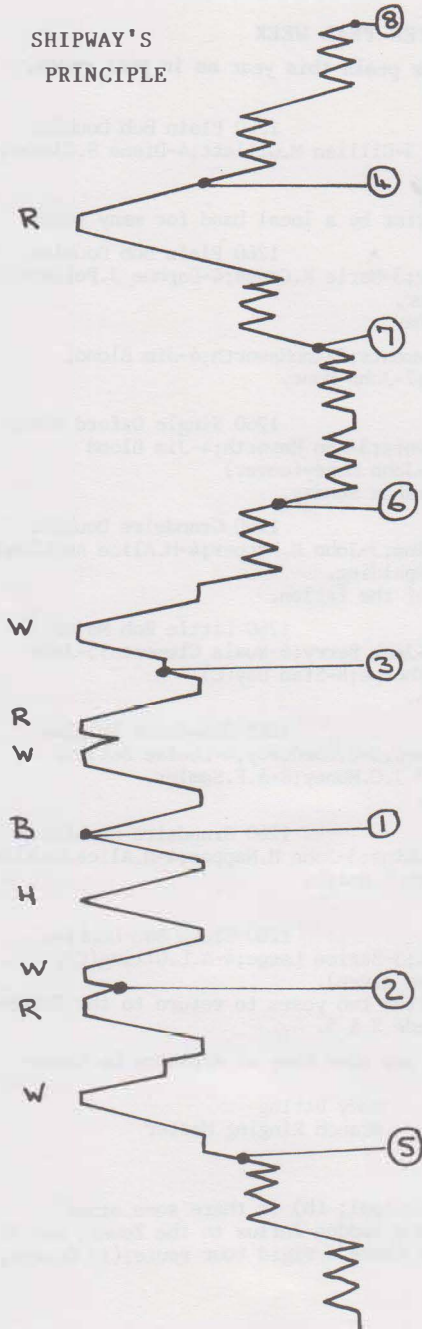
Andy Utting  
Branch Ringing Master

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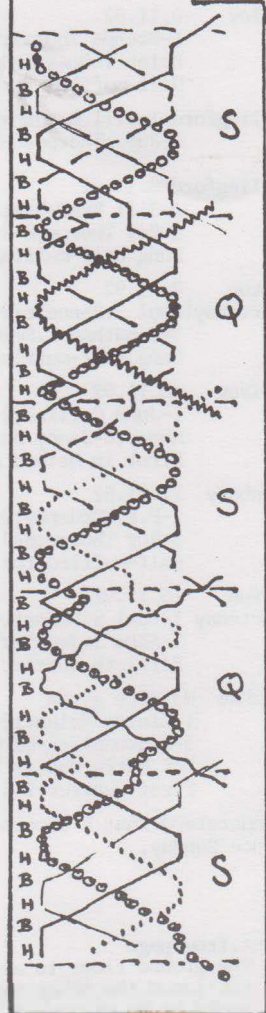
at the ground floor to explain the principal; (h) is there some other attraction at the Abbey that results in a sudden influx to the Tower, and if so could it be staggered better? Or is there a rigid tour route; (i) Doreen, if you want another helper, may I



SHIPWAY'S  
PRINCIPLE



Enlarged  
Front  
Work





# SHIPWAY'S PRINCIPLE

Notes by J.A. Harrison

Sept. '83

**Stages:** Even from 6 up.

**Structure:** Alternate slow and quick 8s with thirds made at the joins, (ie similar philosophy to Stedman, but note differences).

- Note:**
- (1) All dodges are triple, in even places done right.
  - (2) Slow work has an extra section at each end and 3rds is at the 'inner' end of this bit, not at the start and end of the slow.
  - (3) Note that although the main part of the slow work is: First Whole Turn, First Half Turn, Last Half Turn, Last Whole Turn, ie as Stedman, they are all the 'wrong' way round compared to Stedman — see markings, R = Right, W = Wrong, H = Hand, B = Back.
  - (4) Most places made in the slow are 4ths, of course, not thirds.
  - (5) The start is more logical than Stedman being the first blow of a Quick 8, not the middle of it.
  - (6) Calls are the obvious, ie Bob made in 6th in Major etc. This gives  $3 + 1 + 3 = 7$  dodges on the back. Singles follow the same scheme as Stedman, ie 6,7,8 in Major etc.
  - (7) The same rule about going in applies: ie after an odd number of Bobs on the back, go in the same way you came out, otherwise go in the opposite way.
  - (8) Half and Whole Turns are done in pairs with a 'partner' as in Stedman.

## ----- NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES -----

**CHILTERN BRANCH:-**

We have had a fairly quiet three months, although the usual practices have generally had good support.

There was a good attendance at the December Branch Practice at Stoke Mandeville, and the bumper Christmas 100 Club Draw took place afterwards. A similar number were seen at Great Missenden in January, although the attendance was down for the visit to Cheddington in February.

A good number of people seem to be taking advantage of the monthly Eight-Bell Practices, and it seems that the idea of having these on the appropriate tower's practice night is catching on.

Permission has been granted for ringing to resume at Ivinghoe, and it is hoped that this will now be the case indefinitely. The apparent over-cautiousness of the church authorities in banning ringing at the first sign of any small structural defect has not helped the task of forming an established band.

A Flower Festival is to be held at Aston Clinton on the week-end of 10th and 11th July. The tower was opened two years ago during a Summer Fete, and it is hoped to do the same again for the Flower Festival. The Guild display material will be on show for the non-ringing public, and we will be pleased to welcome any ringing visitors.

John White

**CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH:-**

Spelsbury seems to have been a hive of activity recently, as no doubt you are all aware the 'Downs Barn' bell frame has been built at Glebe Farm over the Christmas and New Year period. To celebrate the completion (as much as possible), after the Branch practice at Spelsbury on 2nd January, at which 30 ringers were present, everybody went and viewed the frame. An enjoyable evening was had by all. Over £50 was raised by a raffle and donations for mince pies and port which were on offer. Together, with the proceeds from some mugs that were sold the next day, £73.00 was sent to the Guild Treasurer for the 'Downs Barn' Appeal.

The Branch Practice at Burford on 6th February was also fairly well attended, and people were able to ring a variety of methods up to Cambridge Major, so let's hope that 1993 has got off to a good start.

The hundredth peal on the bells was rung at Hook Norton on 19th December, five of the band are regular Sunday ringers, the other three have been associated with the tower over a number of years.

An attempt was made to ring a quarter peal at Chipping Norton for the Golden Wedding of one of the Churchwardens. This was on 23rd January but it seemed to be fated from the start, as one member of the band had noted the wrong date! It was decided to go for a quarter of Plain Bob Minor with the Tenor covering, but this attempt was interrupted about half-way through, by the couple the quarter was for!

On 30th January two Branch members enjoyed the Ten-Bell Ringing Day at Thatcham and Newbury, and look forward to the next.

PRACTICES AND MEETINGS:-	March 6	Salford(5)	7.30 - 9.00pm
	April 3	Kingham(8)	7.00 - 8.30pm
	May 1	Branch A.G.M. Churchill	3.00 p.m.

## BRANCH PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS:-

St. Peter, HOOK NORTON

December 19, 1992

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

P.G.Brown	Treble	G.J.Clifton (C)	5
Sally A.Franklin	2	G.D.Payne	6
M.J.Austin	3	R.G.Hall	7
Helen C.Burchell(1st inside)	4	D.W.Clarke	Tenor

The 100th Peal on the bells

All Saints, SPELSBURY on January 16, 1993 1260 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1. Jean M.Datson 2. Rhonda H.Mitchell (1st inside) 3. Claire Tarrant  
 4. K.Mitchell 5. K.J.Wakefield (C) 6. R.Datson

Rung on practice night, only these turned up

St.John, BURFORD on January 22, 1993

1260 DOUBLES (480 P.B. and 780  
Grandsire)

1. R.Abbots 2. Sue Eustace 3. Kathy Bromage (joint conductor)  
 4. R.Datson 5. A.Eustace (joint conductor) 6. R.Messer

Rung on practice night, only these turned up.

St.Peter, HOOK NORTON

Saturday, February 20, 1993

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

G.D.Payne	Treble	M.J.Austin	5
R.O.Hall	2	B.J.Curtis	6
J.Harwood	3	G.J.Clifton	7
Sally A.Franklin	4	P.G.Brown	Tenor

Rung as a wedding compliment to ringers of 4 & 5,  
 to be married at Stonesfield on February 27th.

Claire Tarrant

## OLD NORTH BERKS BRANCH:-

The year started with New Years Day Ringing at East Hagbourne where £60 was raised and donated to Downs Barn Appeal. Thank you Jill and Cliff Garlick for organising the refreshments and Fund Raising events.

The Half-Yearly Meeting was held in Abingdon on January 9th where the collection from the Service in St.Nicolas Church raised £50 which went to Downs Barn. The Social in the evening made a profit of £99.00 which was retained in Branch Funds. Thank you Jon Chamberlain and helpers for making this such an enjoyable evening.

The Branch has now given £860.00 to the Downs Barn Appeal which with the addition of £450.00 direct donations makes a grant total of £1310.00 - well done!

At the Half-Yearly Meeting 14 ~~new members~~ were elected to the Guild.

EAST HAGBOURNE:- Louise Blight, Peter Blight, Russell Blight, Alison Gregory, Mary Harrison, Emma Guss, Robin Purwell, and Pat Purwell.

SUTTON COURTENAY:- Ernest Butler, Luke Jenkins and Leith McKenzie.  
 Unattached Nigel Saxton-Howes.

The Branch Practice continued to be well supported and an enjoyable evening was spent at Wantage on the 9th February, when members had a chance to meet the new Vicar, Father John Salter.

**The Ten Bell Striking Competition will be held on Saturday morning, May 15th**

1993 at Appleton and not at Banbury. The Branch will be entering one team.

The Branch Six-Bell Striking Competition will be held at Childrey on Saturday the 8th of May 1993. The Branch Ringing Master, Andy Utting, will be sending out entry forms to towers in the next Branch Newsletter in March.

Paul Bodenham has extended an open invitation to Branch Members to join the Newbury Branch members for a Skittles Evening at East Ilsley on Saturday evening the 27th of March. Anyone interested in going should contact Paul on Tel.(0635)34251.

Our Chairman, Bernard Stone, spent a busy Christmas and New Year helping with work on the Bell Frame for Downs Barn in rather cold weather. The complete frame should be ready by the 6th of March if all goes well.

Ten members of the Branch have now received certificates for ringing their first Quarter Peal.

Peter Starling

#### READING BRANCH:-

Ringing in the Reading area continues to keep the enthusiasts busy, with something happening at Branch level most weeks.

The December Branch practice should have been at St. Mary's, but owing to building work was transferred to St.Giles. However, word got round and the usual digest of rounds to surprise was achieved, with the now well-established ladies touch, this time Yorkshire, and three leads of Bristol, silent and unconduted for the men. Eight-spliced was also rung.

January's meeting was at Burghfield and despite their less than enviable reputation a goodly crowd came forth, once again running the gauntlet from rounds and call-changes to surprise.

February's meeting was the service and A.G.M. shared between Caversham and Shiplake, which with their newly installed rope guides are now a very desirable eight. Several changes of office took place at the meeting, the chair being taken by Doug Beaumont, Vice-Chair, Anne Osborne, Secretary, Bobbie May, Guild Representatives, Doug Beaumont and Ralph Eames. Other offices remain as last year.

The third Thursday Surprise and last Friday higher numbers practices continue to be a life-line for the middle of the road ringers who need more practice or come from 6-bell towers and standards generally in the Branch continue to improve.

The twelve bell branch band had an outing in January to Birmingham, ringing at Aston, Solihull and St.Martin's.

We are happy to report that ringing has now resumed at St.Mary's and the next Branch practice will take place, despite the fact it is still looking like a building lot!

Bobbie May

#### SONNING DEANERY:-

Our Branch AGM was held on 20th February. The following officers were elected:-

Chairman	Stewart Gibson
Vice-chairman	Julie Branson
Deputy Ringing Master	Micheal Pickup
Guild Representative	Bill Mills

Peter Munday (Ringing Master), John Harper (Treasurer), Michael Dane (Guild Representative) and Pam Elliston (Secretary) remain in office.

Nw Members elected from the various towers were:

ARBORFIELD:- Russell Shipton, Eileen Shipton.

EASTHAMPSTEAD:-Graeme Buick, Tony Greenhowe.

FINCHAMPSTEAD:- Rob Harvey, Allan Mills, Rebecca Newbrook, Esther Pickup,  
Hannah Robinson, Jonathan Wood.

SHOTTESBROOKE:- Vikki E.M.Bulbeck, Gillian Halllett.

SONNING:- Pauline Needham, Vicky Elliston, Alan Howe.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE:- Laura Clarke, Marianne Louise Grimshaw.

ALL SAINTS, WOKINGHAM:- Alex Hanson, Jacqui Longley, Paul Arnold, Stephen  
Noyes, Clare Amner - plus Christine Roper who was actually  
elected 2 years earlier and has been paying subs, but whose  
namewas previously left off the list. Apologies to Christine.

Thanks to all who supported Sonning's Quiz Evening, in which 10 teams participated. Congratulations to the winning team 'The Vikings', which included Mike and Linda Dane from Twyford. Some complained that the questions were too difficult, but it was obvious that an enjoyable and instructive evening was had by all. As past contestants, we as setters, consider that there is more fun in trying to find a plausible answer to an obscure question (particularly if it earns half a mark) than merely writing down something that is obvious.

Among the more amusing answers were that Bill the Kid's real name was William Whitelaw; that the Labyrinth was built by the Minoaur; and that (Ghostbusters) Venkman, Spengler and Stantz were the The Three Stooges. Also Harry Pickup was inventively credited with the introduction of baked beans, HP Sauce, the gramophone head and the pickup truck (rather than Harpic). The Quiz, including a raffle, raised £158.00 for the Downs Barn Appeal.

Fund raising for Downs Barn continues, and further donations were received at the AGM, though some towers had sent their contributions directly to the Guild Fund. A 'Name the Doll' Competition, spread over several weeks and finished at the AGM, raised a further £23.00. The doll's name was Karen and she was won by Andrew Hodgson of Arborfield.

Pam Elliston

#### WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH:-

Congratulations to Sally Franklin (Stonesfield) and Mick Austin (Hook Norton, Chipping Norton Branch) who were married at Stonesfield on 27th February.

The Tower Correspondent at Northmoor is now:-

**Mrs Hazel Pascoe,  
20, Griffiths Close,  
Northmoor, Oxon OX8 7NT Tel.(0865) 300373**

There are no regular practices at present, but visiting bands are welcome.  
Christopher Wallworth

STOP PRESS - received shortly after completion of quarter peal by telephone.!

STONESFIELD - 27.2.93

1260 Doubles (720 P.B & 540 Grandsire)

1- Ruth L.Barrett; 2- Jenny B Haviland; 3- Christine A.Harris; 4- Claire Tarrant; 5- K.J.Wakefield (C); 6- R.J.Chancellor.

Rung immediately after the wedding of Sally Franklin and Mick Austin at Stonesfield.

A Wedding compliment to Sally and Mick.



**BICESTER BRANCH:-**

The last year ended on a sad note for the Bicester Branch with the death of Cyril Kinch, the Branch President, on 25th December. Cyril had been suffering indifferent health for some years. The funeral took place at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday, 5th January when a goodly number of ringers attended from a wide area. The service was conducted by the Reverend John Nixon, Vicar of Launton and the Bicester Branch Vice-President.

In the evening, memorial ringing took place at Ludgershall, Launton and at Caversfield where Cyril learned to ring in 1930. Peals were also rung at Bicester and Islip, the latter being the first peal on the bells since the rehanging. The records have been published elsewhere.

It is difficult to write a brief tribute to a man like Cyril Kinch, who has been part of the scene for so long. Born in 1912, Cyril was the son of a master tailor whose business operated from a shop in The Causeway, Bicester. Cyril was taught to ring by Frederick Sharpe at Caversfield in 1930. and became a member of the Bicester band in 1931. A break caused by the war years took Cyril to various locations around the country.

Cyril eventually returned to Bicester and set about teaching ringers in various towers in the Branch. He became the Branch Secretary, a post he held for 27 years. On his retirement from the post, he was presented with a plaque at a formal dinner in his honour - a day he remembered for the rest of his life. In his latter years the Branch made him their President and the Guild an Honorary Vice-President - all in recognition of the services he had given to the exercise in his lifetime.

May he rest in peace.

Richard Stevens

**NOTE:** - The Bicester Branch held its AGM on Saturday 20th February 1993, when the following officers were appointed -

President	-	Reverend John Nixon
Vice-Presidents	-	William Haynes, Clifford East
Secretary	-	Richard Stevens
Treasurer	-	Terry Cowell
Branch Rep.	-	Rosemary Henson
Ringing Master	-	Richard Stevens

Branch Secretary - Richard Stevens, Dellow, Blackthorn Road, Launton, Bicester, Oxon OX\_ ODA

**NEWBURY BRANCH:-** 2

**200 CLUB** Congratulations to the winners of the draw held at Speen on 23rd January.

- 1st Thatcham Tower
- 2nd Joan Marshall (Bucklebury)
- 3rd Julie Lloyds (Newbury)

If you were a 200 Club member in 1992, please renew your subs by letting your tower captain/secretary or any Branch officer have £5.00 per chance and encourage your family and friends to join as well. If you were not a member last year then please join us, and help the 200 Club continue as one of the Guilds most effective fund-raising activities. For £5 ahead you are allotted a number, with the chance of winning either £10.00, £7.50 or £5.00 in a monthly draw held at Branch Practices at the end of the month. The proceeds, which are up to £400 a year go to the Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund. Any one can be a member, whether a ringer or not.

From Branch News Letter

**BANBURY BRANCH:-**

The annual Boxing Day ringing at Deddington and the New Year ringing at Banbury proved very popular.

An interesting Branch practice was held at Steeple Barton at the beginning of February. Shortly after we arrived at the church, all the lights went out. The trip switches, etc. proved inaccessible as they were behind the locked vestry door. So the practice was conducted by the light of several candles dotted about the ringing chamber. The bells are not easy to ring in any case and several fainthearted members spent the evening in search of the vestry key in preference to ringing.

The Branch Dinner was held on 12th February at St.Mary's Centre, Banbury. The catering was excellent and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the thirty people present.

Sue Burchell

**EAST BEKES AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH:-**

Firstly a correction to the last edition of ODD BOB. With regard to the Lorna Newton Striking Competition Boyne Hill, Maidenhead won! Yes - we were too!

On other things: December, whilst seeming a long time ago now, saw our Cheese and Wine Party which followed our Branch Practice at Wraybury. Included in the festivities were birthday celebrations for Young George Swift who is an inspiration to us all - ringing a peal for his 90th Birthday. Belated Happy Birthday George and many more of 'em!

Sunday, 21 February saw the Hallowing of the four new bells at Amersham. A very nice service was held at Amersham which included a course of Grandsire Triples on Handbells. The four new bells were on display for ringers and non-ringers alike to look at and then the following week Alan Ainsworth, John Davidge and helpers are going to raise the bells into the tower and fix into the new frame.

Jayne Payne

**OXFORD CITY BRANCH:-**

St Gile's welcomed back Emilie Amt from the U.S.A. She is at Somerville College researching Mediaeval History and is again a regular member of the Sunday service band.

At Marston a band rang the first Christmas morning quarter peal on the bells for some 20 years. Andrew Con rang his first peal on 23rd January - congratulations.

On 12th February the Marston ringers were heard by some 8 - 10 million listeners on Radio I FM as part of the Gary Davis show in Oxford. Len Porter gave Gary a brief tuition of ringing and Barbara Redshow presented the D.J. with a personalised sweatshirt.

At the Branch A.G.M. in December, members ratified the proposal to move the Annual and Half-Yearly meetings to November and May respectively from December and June.

The Half-Yearly Meeting will be held at Marsh Baldon on 8th May and the Annual Meeting will be at St.Aldate's on 13th November.

At the 1992 A.G.M. Alec Gannon stood down as Auditor and his place was taken by Anthony Hughes. The Ringing Master, Roy Goodwin, also relinquished his post but was not replaced. All the other Branch Officers were re-elected.

David Lane

## OXFORD CITY BRANCH cont.

PEAL QUARTER PEALS	Marston	23.1.93	5040 Doubles
	Marston	25.12.92	1260 Doubles
		6.01.93	1260 Grandsire Doubles
		12.02.93	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
		3.01.93	1296 Cambridge S.Minor
	St.Giles	8.02.93	1260 St.Clements College Bob Triples

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## KATY and DAVID

THE OXFORD CITY BRANCH SEND YOU THEIR CONGRATULATIONS

AND

BEST WISHES FOR YOU MARRIED LIFE TOGETHER.

Len Porter - Branch Chairman

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**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH:-**

Here in North Bucks the past three months have again been dominated by Downs Barn. Over Christmas Brian Newman ably assisted by a number of volunteer carpenters installed sound-proofing in the tower. Final preparations are now being made ready to receive the frame around Easter time.

\*In 1923, local North Bucks ringers rang a double peal at Emberton. This year, a band of enthusiasts is hoping to repeat the event, ringing the same methods (some of which probably hadn't been rung in North Bucks since the turn of the century!) This time the peal will be sponsored. The band is busy practicing ready for the big day.

The Annual Branch Dinner is set for March 13th (a little later than last year), and tickets are available from Alan Marchbank.

Finally, this is the last issue of ODD BOB for which I shall be writing as Branch Secretary. After six years on the Branch Committee I feel it is time for a break. I wish my successor all the best, and look forwards to the elections on March 6th at the Branch A.G.M.

Andrew King

\* The Double Peal consisted of extents in fourteen different Minor Methods.

VALE OF WHITE HORSE BRANCH:-

1992 ended on a high with a very successful Christmas Dinner enjoyed by all the ringers and friends who attended. 1993 started in much the same vein with a very popular Branch Practice at Coleshill where 25 ringers crowded into the rather small ringing chamber. The end of February, as always, sees our A.G.M., and this year , after 21 years, we elected a new Ringing Master. Dennis Leslie had announced at the Coleshill Branch Practice that he did not wish to be re-elected to the post. I don't think that many people realised how many years he had served the Branch in this position but we all have been grateful for his patience and encouragement over the years.

To mark the occasion, Den was presented with a card signed by many of his

ringing friends, a copy of the book 'An Atlas of Bells' and a cake made in the shape of a bell which was suitably inscribed. The cake was duly cut and tested by those at the meeting and Den was able to take the rest home to finish at his leisure.

At the A.G.M. which followed, the committee was re-elected with Tony Crabtree being elected the new Ringing Master. We also created a new post of Public Relations Officer to which we elected ....Tony Crabtree. We wish him success in his new posts! 8 new members were elected and 4 members were re-elected, 3 from within the Branch and the fourth, the Reverend John Gawne-Caine, who has moved from the Oxford City Branch.

The Uffington Service of Thanksgiving for their rehving and augmented ring was a pleasure to attend and the tea which followed was much enjoyed.

Shellingford tower now have a regular weekly practice, usually Wednesdays but currently Fridays for a temporary period while Gail is on a course. Ring Gail (0367 710636) for confirmation of Wednesday/Friday on any particular week.

Stanford-in-the Vale ringers welcome Heather and Aidan Ancill to the tower. Heather is a very competent ringer who has recently moved to the area and we have taught Aidan to ring so that he stands more of a chance of seeing his new wife sometimes! Congratulations to Laurie for his first quarter, details are elsewhere.

Theresa Sugden reports that Shrivenham tower had a busy run up to Christmas ringing handbells in and around the village. £162 was raised for the Children's Society. They also performed at the Swindon Branch (of the G. & B. Association) Dinner as well as their own tower dinner. Recent practices have flourished to well over twenty in number with help coming from both Swindon and VWH Branches. This is much appreciated. Three of their learners have now progressed to practice night ringing with two more still at the tied bell stage. Ann, Theresa and Barbara attended the Guild 10-bell training day at the end of January. As inexperienced 10-bell ringers they report that this day was extremely useful and helpful, especially as the VWH Branch will be making every effort to enter a band in the 10-Bell Striking Competition this year. Last but not least we welcome Chris and Hilary Davis as new members of Shrivenham tower. Unfortunately they are only on loan from York for a year while Chris attends a course at the RMCS.

Jackie O'Hagan

#### QUARTER PEALS:-

- STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE      13.12.92      1260 Grandsire Doubles (768 covering)  
 Emma Brooks 1; Anne E.Jones 2; Anthony Williams 3; Gareth Hatley 4;  
 Jackie 'Hagan(C) 5; Tony Lynn 6; Phil Tapley 7; Laurie Lintern 8.  
 To mark the ordination of Rosanna Martin (our new curate) and  
 Jeanette Sears in the service which followed.  
 First quarter - Laurie Lintern.
- HINTON WALDRIST      27.01.93      1260 Grandsire Doubles  
 Tina M.Jones 1; Anne E.Jones 2; Nicola E.Pullan (C) 3; Jacqueline  
 A.O'Hagan 4; A.G.Pullan 5; R.C.New 6.  
 A 'Family Quarter' by Aunt, Grandmother, Mother(C), Aunt, Father  
 and friend for the christening of Donna Joanne Pullan.  
 First quarter Tina Jones.
- SHRIVENHAM      4.02.93      1264 Plain Bob Major  
 Teresa Sugden 1; Erica Crabtree 2; Susan Whipp 3; Hilary Davis 4;  
 Mark Edwards 5; Ken Hudson 6; Chris Davis 7; Tony Crabtree (C) 8.  
 First Major - Teresa Sugden
- SHRIVENHAM      24.02.93      1260 Plain Bob Minor  
 Erica Crabtree 1; Teresa Sugden 2; Ann Stevens 3; Hilary Davis 4

SHRIVENHAM

24.02.93

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Erica Crabtree 1; Teresa Sugden 2; Ann Stevens 3; Hilary Davis 4;  
Chris Davis 5; Tony Crabtree (C) 6.

'THE BELL RINGING' song printed in September ODD BOB page 19 has been recorded by the group THE YETTIES and I have a cassette tape entitled 'A little bit of Dorset' which includes this recording. I can recommend the whole tape.

Jackie O'Hagan

UFFINGTON:-

At St.Mary's,Uffington on January 9th a Service of Thanksgiving was held to celebrate the rehanging of the bells with a new Treble making a very ringable six. We had the pleasure of the company of numerous people involved with the project; namely the fund raisers,the bell hangers, builders and parishioners. Among those at the service conducted by the Archdeacon of Berkshire was the Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council. The new bell carries the name of "The Vale Bell" in recognition of the very generous grant towards the scheme which in fact enabled us to have the bell cast. To those within the Vale of White Horse Branch and the various grant aiding bodies plus our many friends who gave donations a heartfelt thanks for all your support.

The service was followed by tea served by Joan Mitchell, Virginia Brown, Joyce Clark, Josie Coad (all ringers wives) and enjoyed by all. Since the service we have now had the clock reinstated and apart from redecorating the ringing chamber we have almost completed the task. Our service ringing is now going well and practice nights well attended with a couple of learners coming along. Our practice nights are Tuesday 7.30 if anyone is interested.

Bill Mitchell

SOUTH OXON BRANCH:-

The six towers who remain to challenge the Holloway Shield are now in Round 5 of the competition. Every tower has tasted victory on at least one occasion. Warborough are the present leaders,with Aston Rowant close in second place. Ringing at Aston Rowant has been suspended because the floor has been dug up during the installation of central heating pipes.Practices have been held at Lewknor during this time. Visitors at Aston Rowant who found the long, unguided draft plus uneven , wobbly floors a good excuse not to return will have to come and see how much easier it is to ring from an even floor!

Once again there is news of people eager to ring at several towers. Sad to say, a lack of experienced ringers with time to help these folk over the first few hurdles inevitably means most will be lost to the exercise.

The February Branch practice was cancelled in favour of a Barn Dance at Benson to raise money for the Downs Barn Appeal. thanks to the ringers from Benson, Chalgrove, Ewelme and Brightwell Baldwin who have raised about £400.

Tina Ruff

FURTHER BRANCH 'STOP PRESS! WEDDING BELLS - BANBURY/CHIPPING NORTON BRANCHES

HOOK NORTON

27.02.1993

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

1- A.Sparling. 2 - Sue Eustace. 3- Brian J.Curtis. 4- John G.  
Harwood. 5- Alan Eustace. 6- Bob Withy. 7- Graham J.Clifton (C).  
8- Philip G.Brown.

Rung for the wedding of Sally Franklin and Mick Austin

BLOXHAM

28.02.1993

1280 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1- Alison Varney. 2- C.T.Wightman. 3-Sue Burchell. 4- A.Gardner  
5- A.J.Griffin. 6- R.A.Reeves. 7- G.J.Clifton(C). 8.- R.O.Hall  
Rung as a Silver Wedding compliment to Alan and Margaret Griffin.



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The OBJECTS of the Guild as set out in the Rules are as follows:

- a) the encouragement of the attendance of its members both at service ringing and at public worship;
- b) the recruitment and training of new ringers, so that there be regular service ringing in all the towers within the Diocese where bells are ringable;
- c) the promotion of interest in the care of all the bells within the Diocese;
- d) the promotion of the art of Change Ringing and
- e) the recognition of the true position of ringers as Church workers.

In order to help carry out these Objects the Guild Provides a variety of services as follows:

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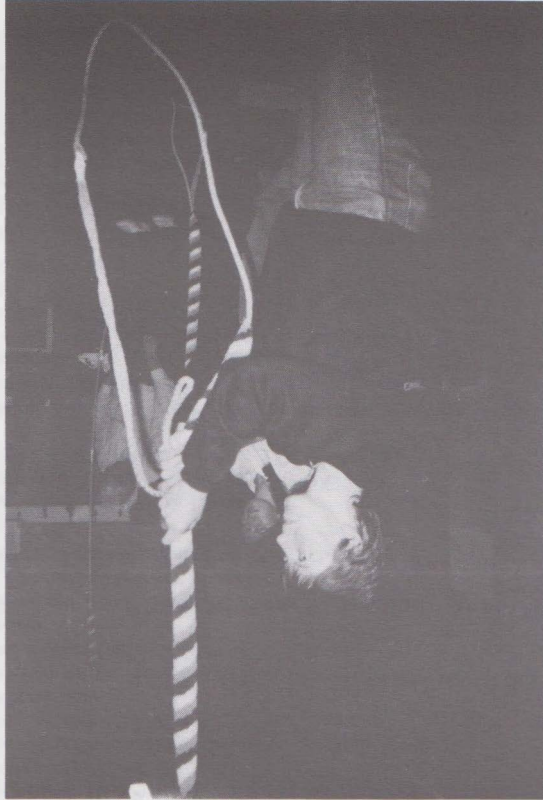


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 from December  
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 with apologies!  
 Heather Turner of  
 Stanford-in-the-  
 Vale ringing at  
 St.Mary's R.C.  
 Cathedral, Sydney  
 Australia.

## DIARY OF EVENTS 1993

\* Subject to confirmation

B.P.	Branch Practice	S.P.	Surprise Practice
E.P.	Elementary Practice	E.C.P.	Elementary Changeringing
S.M.	Surprise Major	A.P.	Advanced Practice
S.C.	Striking Competition	A.G.M.	Annual General Meeting
1/2ly	Half Yearly Meeting	1/4ly	Quarterly Meeting

## MARCH

Mon. 1	Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell)	Bledlow*	7.45-9.00
Tues. 2	Bicester	B.P.	Launton	7.30
Thur. 4	Banbury	B.P.	Adderbury (General)	7.30
<b>Fri. 5-7</b>	<b>CUDDESDON RINGING COURSE</b>			
Sat. 6	C.Norton	B.P.	Salford	7.30-9.00
<b>Sat. 6</b>	<b>Newbury</b>		<b>Branch Car Outing</b>	
	<b>N.Bucks</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>	<b>Great Linford*</b>	<b>3.30</b>
Mon. 8	O.N.B.	B.P.	Brightwell	7.30-9.00
<b>Sat. 13</b>	<b>SPRING GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING - Oxford City Branch</b>			
	C.Bucks	B.P.	Wooton Underwood (6)	6.30
	E.B.S.B.	S.P.	Lane End	
	<b>N.Bucks</b>		<b>7th Annual Branch Dinner</b>	
	Reading	B.P.	S.M. Virgin Reading	7.00-9.00
	W&W	B.P.	Church Hanborough	7.30-9.00
<b>Fri. 19</b>	Banbury		Barn Dance at Hanwell	
	N.Bucks	B.P.	Calverton	
<b>Sat. 20</b>	Banbury	B.P.	Cropredy (Treble Bob)	6.30
<b>Sat. 20</b>	<b>Bicester</b>		<b>BRANCH OPEN DAY - All towers</b>	
	Chiltern	B.P.	Great Kimble*	6.30-8.30
	Sonning	B.P.	St Pauls Wokingham	6.30-8.30
Thur. 25	V.of W.H.	B.P.	Hinton Waldrist	
<b>Sat. 27</b>	<b>Banbury</b>		<b>Plain Hunt/Bob Doubles Course - Somerton</b>	
	<b>Newbury</b>		<b>Branch Skittles Match</b>	
	E.B.S.B.	B.P.	Hughenden	
	S.Oxon	S.C.	Brightwell Salome	2.00

## APRIL

<b>Fri. 2-4</b>	<b>JUNIOR RINGING WEEKEND - Dorney</b>			
Fri. 2	O.N.B.	B.P.	Marcham	7.30-9.00
Sat. 3	C.Norton	B.P.	Kingham	7.00-8.30
Tues. 6	Banbury		Quiz night at The Sun, Hook Norton	
			In aid of the Downs Barn appeal.	
Wed. 7	Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell)	Great Missenden*	8.00-9.30
<b>Sat. 10</b>	<b>HANDBELL DAY - Reading</b>			
	Banbury		Easter Saturday ringing at Brailes	7.30-8.30
	<b>Newbury</b>	<b>S.C.</b>	<b>Bucklebury</b>	
Sun. 11	S.Oxon		Tower Captain's meeting	
Tues. 13	Reading	B.P.	Streatley	7.30-9.00
Wed. 14	Bicester	B.P.	Middleton Stoney	7.30
Fri. 16	N.Bucks	B.P.	Clifton Reynes	
<b>Sat. 17</b>	<b>Chiltern</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>	<b>Weston Turville*/Stoke Mandeville*</b>	<b>2.30-8.30</b>
	C.Bucks	B.P.	Winslow	6.30
	Sonning	<b>S.C.(6-bell)</b>	<b>Finchampstead</b>	
	W&W	<b>A.G.M.</b>	<b>Eynsham</b>	<b>3.00-8.00</b>
<b>Sat. 24</b>	<b>Banbury</b>	<b>A.G.M.</b>	<b>Hanwell</b>	<b>3.00</b>



## DIARY OF EVENTS cont'd.

## APRIL cont'd.

Sat.	24	E.B.S.B. Newbury	B.P.+A.G.M. Cookham B.P. Midgham	7.00
Tues.	27	S.Oxon V.of W.H.	A.G.M. Chalgrove B.P. Stanford-in-the-Vale	
Fri.	30	N.Bucks	B.P. Bletchley	

## MAY

Sat.	1	Bicester C.Norton	Train Outing - Lincoln A.G.M. Churchill	
Mon.	3	ODG RINGING DAY AND 8-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION - S.Oxon Branch		
Tues.	4	Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell) Stoke Mandeville*	7.30-9.00
Thur.	6	Bicester	B.P. Woodeaton	7.30
Fri.	7	N.Bucks	Beginners/U.18's Striking Competition - Lillingtone Lovell	
Sat.	8	Bicester	Teach-in Day - Islip	
Sat.	8	C.Bucks	1/2ly Great Horwood (6)	3.00
		E.B.S.B.	S.P. Chalfont St. Giles	
		O.N.B.	S.C. Childey	4.30
		Reading	B.P. Mortimer S.Mary (8)	7.00-9.00
Tues.	11	Newbury	B.P. Speen	7.30
Sat.	15	O.D.G. 10-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION - Banbury		
		O.D.G. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Bampton		
		Chiltern	B.P. Wendover*	6.30-8.30
		Sonning	B.P. Twyford	7.00-9.00
Fri.	21	N.Bucks	B.P. Old Wolverton	
Sat.	22	Newbury	B.P. Chieveley	7.00
		E.B.S.B.	B.P. Wooburn	
		S.Oxon	B.P. Lewknor	7.00-9.00
Wed.	26	V.of W.H.	B.P. Ashbury	

## JUNE

Fri.	4	Bicester	B.P. Kirtlington	7.30
		Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell) Aston Clinton*	7.45-9.30
Fri.	4	N.Bucks	S.C.(6-bell) Old Bradwell*	
Sat.	5	C.Norton	B.P. Charlbury	7.30-9.00
Sat.	5	N.Bucks	1/4ly Maids Moreton and Wicken	
Sat.	12	C.Bucks	S.C. Aston Abbots (6)	2.00
		E.B.S.B.	S.C.(6-bell) Dorney* followed by Evening Ringing at Dorney	
		Newbury	Rounders Match and Barbecue - Hungerford	
		O.N.B.	A.G.M. Cholsey	2.30
		Reading	B.P. Swallowfield	7.00-9.00
Fri.	18	N.Bucks	B.P. Twyford	
Sat.	19	Chiltern	S.C. Little Missenden*	6.00-8.30
		Sonning	B.P. Sandhurst	7.00-9.00
Sat.	26	E.B.S.B.	B.P. Wraysbury	
		Newbury	B.P. Shaw-cum-Donnington*	7.00
Sat.	26	Oxford City	Under 18's Striking Competition	
		S.Oxon	B.P. Shabington	7.00-9.00
Mon.	28	V.of W.H.	B.P. Faringdon	

## JULY

Sat.	3	GUILD FESTIVAL - Chipping Norton		
Mon.	5	Bicester	B.P. Brill	7.30
		Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell) Bledlow*	7.45-9.00

## DIARY OF EVENTS cont'd.

## JULY cont'd.

Wed.	7	Newbury	B.P.	Beenham*	8.00
Thur.	8	O.N.B.	B.P.	Appleford	7.30-9.00
Sat.	10	C.Bucks	B.P.	Long Crendon (10)	6.30
		E.B.S.B.	S.P.	Stoke Poges	
		Reading	B.P.	Theale	7.00-9.00
Sat.	10	V.of W.H.		Outing - Area to be decided.	
Sat.	17	Chiltern	B.P.	Ellesborough*	6.30-8.30
		Sonning	B.P.	Warfield	7.00-9.00
Sat.	24	E.B.S.B.	B.P.	Denham	
		Newbury	B.P.	East Ilsley	7.00
		S.Oxon	B.P.	Ewelme	7.00-9.00

## AUGUST

Tues.	3	Bicester	B.P.	Islip	7.30
Wed.	4	Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell)	Great Missenden*	8.00-9.00
Sat.	7	C.Norton	B.P.	Taynton	7.30-9.00
Sat.	7	N.Bucks		Joint Meeting with Beds. Association	
				Stagsden and Olney with picnic tea at Bromham Park	
Tues.	10	O.N.B.	B.P.	West Hendred*	7.30-9.00
Wed.	11	Reading	B.P.	Checkendon	7.30-9.00
Sat.	14	C.Bucks	B.P.	Stone (6)	6.30
		E.B.S.B.	S.P.	Slough	
Sat.	21	Chiltern	B.P.	Slapton*	6.30-8.30
		Sonning	B.P.	Shottesbrooke	7.00-9.00
		S.Oxon	B.P.	Dorchester	7.00-9.00
Sat.	28	E.B.S.B.	B.P.	Hambleton	

## SEPTEMBER

Wed.	1	Bicester	B.P.	Middleton Stoney	7.30
Sat.	4	C.Norton	B.P.	Hook Norton	7.30-9.00
Sat.	4	Reading	S.C.	Bradfield	
Tues.	7	Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell)	Stoke Mandeville*	7.30-9.00
Wed.	8	O.N.B.	B.P.	Aston Tirrold*	7.30-9.00
Sat.	11	C.Bucks		Branch Outing	
		E.B.S.B.	S.P.	Old Windsor	
		Newbury		Branch Coach Outing	
Sat.	18	Chiltern	B.P.	Bledlow*	6.30-8.30
Sat.	18	Sonning	S.C.(8-bell)	Sonning	
Sat.	25	Newbury	B.P.	Aldermaston	7.00
		E.B.S.B.	B.P.	Langley	
		S.Oxon	B.P.	Towersey	7.00-9.00
Sat.	25	V.of W.H.		Autumn Meeting - Shellingford & Uffington	

## OCTOBER

Fri.	1	O.D.G. BRANCH SECRETARIES MEETING - Radley			7.45
		Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell)	Aston Clinton*	7.45-9.30
Sat.	2	O.D.G. 6-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION - Central Bucks Branch			
		C.Bucks	S.C.(6-bell)	Dinton (6)	2.00
Thur.	7	Bicester	B.P.	Caversfield	7.30
Sat.	9	Chiltern/	S.C./1/2ly	Orchard Cup - Swanbourne (6)	2.00
		C.Bucks			
		C.Norton	Autumn Meeting	Chastleton	
		E.B.S.B.	S.P.	Bray	

## DIARY OF EVENTS cont'd.

## OCTOBER cont'd.

Sat. 9	Newbury	A.G.M.	Hungerford	
	Reading		Outing	
Sun 10	S.Oxon		Tower Captain's meeting	
Sat. 16	Sonning	B.P.	Arborfield and Barkham	7.00-9.00
Sat. 23	E.B.S.B.	1/2ly	Lorna Newton/Half Yearly Meeting - Winkfield	
	Newbury	B.P.	Compton	7.00
Sat. 23	S.Oxon	1/2ly	Thame	

## NOVEMBER

Mon.	1	Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell)	Bledlow*	7.45-9.00	
Fri.	5	Bicester	B.P.	Ludgershall	7.30	
Sat.	13	C.Bucks	A.G.M.	Aylesbury (8)	3.00	
		C.Norton	B.P.	Shipton-under-Wychwood	7.30-9.00	
		E.B.S.B.	S.P.	Penn		
		Reading	B.P.	Pangbourne	7.00-9.00	
Sat.	20	Chiltern	B.P.	Monks Risborough*	6.30-8.30	
		Sonning	Br.Committee Meeting followed by evening ringing - Hurst			5.00
Sat.	27	AUTUMN GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING - Banbury Branch				
		E.B.S.B.	B.P.	High Wycombe		
		Newbury	Afternoon tour			
		S.Oxon	B.P.	Great Haseley	7.00-9.00	
Mon.	29	V.of W.H.	B.P.	Shrivenham		

## DECEMBER

Wed.	1	Chiltern	B.P.(8-bell)	Great Missenden*	8.00-9.30	
Sat.	4	C.Norton	B.P.	Enstone	7.30-9.00	
Mon.	6	Newbury	Newbury Practice followed by 200 Club Christmas Draw & buffet			7.30
Mon.	7	Bicester	B.P.	Bicester	7.30	
Sat.	11	C.Bucks	B.P.	North Marston (6)	6.30	
		E.B.S.B.	S.P./B.P. followed by Social - Amersham			
		Reading	B.P.	St.Laurence Reading	7.00-9.00	
Sat.	18	Chiltern	B.P.	Aston Clinton	6.30-8.30	
		Sonning	B.P.	Easthampstead	7.00-9.00	
		S.Oxon	B.P.	Watlington	7.00-9.00	

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTICE - LATE NOTICE

If you need help with the following please contact Mike Till

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| 1. Plain Hunt  | 2. Plain Bob Doubles           | 3. Grandsire Doubles |
| 4. Stedman Doubles                                       | 5. Doubles and Minor           | 6. Plain Bob Minor   |
| 7. Cambridge Minor                                       | 8. Triples Methods             | 9. Stedman Triples   |
| 10. Plain Major Methods                                  | 11. Surprise Major             | 12. Ten-Bell Methods |
| 13. Towards Better Conducting                            | 14. Towards Better Striking    |                      |
| 15. Raising and Lowering in Peal                         | 16. Tower Leadership (Seminar) |                      |
| 17. Computers and Simulators in Ringing                  | 18. Rope Splicing              |                      |
| 19. Tower Maintenance (by Towers and Belfries Committee) |                                |                      |
| 20. Handbell Ringing (Methods)                           |                                |                      |

## LATE NOTICE - VALE-OF-WHITE HORSE BRANCH

All Branch Practices start at 7.30p.m. The Branch Autumn  
 Car Outing is on Saturday, October 9 1993

Jackie O'Hagan