

Looking forward

All Branch practices are suspended until further notice.

It is hoped to arrange a tower captains'/reps' meeting when circumstances allow.

Looking back

CNB AGM Saturday 7th March

Our thanks go to the Vicar of Burford for arranging the service and to the Burford ringers for the splendid tea that was provided.

Keith Mitchell agreed to continue as Ringing Master. Jenny Lewis is now branch treasurer.

The other officers remain as before.

Branch posts

It was felt that more people might be more prepared to take on a role if they were only expected to do this for a specified time. Following discussion by members it was decided that all posts **should be able to be elected each A.G.M.** It was agreed that **no branch officer may continue in the same role for longer than three years.**

The Claire Tarrant Award has been presented to Russell Ingham of Charlbury.

Russell has helped with restoration work at Taynton and other towers in the Branch over the past two years.

ODBF Sponsored ringing

Thanks go to all who rang bells and those who sponsored this ringing. An amazing amount (£1600 +) was raised for the ODBF. However, with the ODG AGM being postponed we will have to be patient and wait for the final result.

ODG Reports for 2019

I have the reports for some towers in the branch ready to be collected from my home/distributed when circumstances allow.

Branch website

Please take a look at www.chippy.odg.org.uk at your tower's page.

With the present situation, perhaps some of you might be able to update the information there, particularly in the case of those towers where work has taken place in the past few years. Please send any information either to Les Waller webmaster@chippy.odg.org.uk or to me and I will pass it on to Les.

You may also be able to take the time to look at the ODG website www.odg.org.uk to see what has been happening in the Guild and in other branches.

A message from Keith

How things have moved on in the last 3 weeks, being confined to barracks takes me back to the good old service summary punishment which was awarded whether you were guilty or not. This time though it is obvious that it is for the good of everyone and as the majority of us live in the countryside we are luckier than many with our gardens and daily walks in our beautiful villages. All reports I have heard have been of everybody managing to keep busy, let's hope it won't be too long before we can put all those new methods we have learnt into practice.

Take care and keep safe.

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