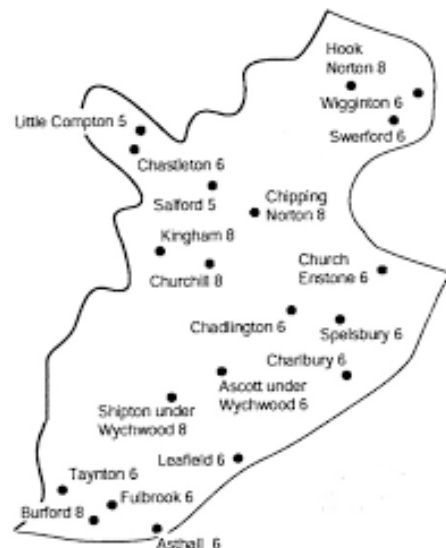


Chipping Norton Branch

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A Message from the Chair

After a slow start back to ringing, we are once again facing more uncertainty regarding Covid and its impact.

It is for individual towers to take the most appropriate action for their members, working within the guidance issued from government and the House of Bishops Recovery Group. We at Shipton have taken a collective decision to continue ringing, albeit with some mask wearing as we access the tower. We have already demonstrated a collective responsibility and consideration for others, by staying away if any of us feel that we are a risk to others.

On a lighter note, it is time once again to consider nominations for the Claire Tarrant award. Whilst you may feel that there has not been much ringing, it is even more important to find and celebrate the positives in the current restrictions, focusing on what we are able to do.

Our next opportunity to meet is David's proposed practice in January, until then I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Chris Seers
Chairman & Deputy Ringing Master
chair@chippy.odg.org.uk

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all the ringers in the Chippy Branch!

Thank you for keeping the ODG bells ringing during 2021, through difficult times and often in uncomfortable circumstances. The sound of the bells has kept spirits up and hope in the hearts of people who have heard them. I am looking forward to many more opportunities to see you, and ring with you, in 2022.

Very best wishes to everyone for the New Year.

Katie

Catherine Lane
Master, ODG

Upcoming Events

BRANCH

Tuesday 18 January 2022; 7.30pm
Branch Practice
Venue to be announced

ODG

Saturday 26 February 2022
10am – 3pm
[Rope Splicing Course](#)
St James the Great, Radley

Friday 15 July 2022
Celebration Ringing
The Oxford Botanic Garden are celebrating their 400th anniversary and there will be ringing throughout Oxfordshire. Tower Captains please let the [Branch Secretary](#) know if you plan to organise ringing for this occasion for ODG records.



From the Ringing Master

We have held regular monthly Branch Practices since our return in July. Thanks to all who turned up for these. Our last practice of the year was at Kingham on 30th November. I think I counted 15 in total with representatives from across the Branch including Hook Norton, Chippy, Taynton/Burford, Shipton under Wychwood and Charlbury. Kingham bells are in need of some work including new ropes, pulley blocks and a couple of new stays but in spite of that we had a good ring on all 8 bells. Unfortunately there is no regular ringing taking place at Kingham and this prompted one local to comment how nice it was to hear the bells ringing again.

With Christmas approaching fast I have decided not to hold a branch practice in December. Not only is it a busy time of year but we now have the added uncertainty of the Omicron variant and any impact that may have on ringing. December 10 saw an increase in restrictions in England with the introduction of the Government's 'Plan B' in response to the Omicron variant. The Church of England updated their guidance but without further restriction and the Central Council of Church Bellringers (CCCB) own guidance now follows that. The [summary document](#), updated on 17 December, is a useful guide for towers.

Looking ahead to January I shall plan for a **branch practice to be held Tuesday 18th January**. More details to follow but for now please add the date to your diary. Whether this goes ahead or not will depend on any further tightening of COVID rules and the personal preference of ringers. If there is insufficient support, then clearly it will not happen.

Meanwhile, whatever your plans are, I wish you all a Happy and safe Christmas.

With best wishes,

David M Salter
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The Claire Tarrant Award

Nominations for this award should be sent to [Chris Seers](#) by **30th January 2022**; each nomination should be supported by **two** CN Branch members.



ODG Subs 2022

At the ODG General Committee meeting in November, it was agreed subscriptions would remain at the same level for 2022.

For Resident Ringing Members and Associate Members, the annual subscription is £8. Of this amount, £5 goes to the general Guild and £3 is retained by the Branch.

Subs become due on 1st January. Preferred method for receipt of subs is bank transfer online. Full details for payment will be circulated by email to Tower Captains and members.



In the absence of a Christmas Branch Practice, herewith a **Christmas Quiz**. Answers should be submitted to [Jenny Lewis, Branch Secretary](#), by Saturday 15 January.

Winners will be announced at the Branch Practice on Tuesday 18 January.

There will be an individual prize for the person who has the most correct answers (in the case of a tie, the award will go to the first received) and a Tower award for the most submissions received.

1. What is the technical term for the 'art and science of ringing bells using rope and wheel'?
 - a) Ecclesiology
 - b) Campanology
 - c) Archeology
 - d) Rhinology
2. Methods on 4 bells are called minimus and on 5 bells doubles, what are methods on:
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10
 - 11
 - 12
3. In what year was the first recorded true peal of more than 5000 changes rung?
 - a) 1715
 - b) 1815
 - c) 1615
 - d) 1915
4. What method was rung for the peal in question three?
 - a) Grandsire Triples
 - b) Cambridge Surprise Major
 - c) Double Norwich Court Bob Major
 - d) Plain Bob Triples
5. In which UK city was that first peal rung?
6. When was the first all-ladies peal rung?
 - a) 1902
 - b) 1912
 - c) 1922
 - d) 1933
7. What is the earliest known book about the art of change ringing (published in 1668)?
 - a) Campanalogia
 - b) Tintinnalogia
 - c) Campanalogia Improved
 - d) Ropesight

8. What metal is the main constituent of most church bells?
- a) Copper
b) Iron
c) Tin
d) Silver
9. Which of the following is NOT a constituent of the mould in which modern English bells are cast?
- a) Copper
b) Water
c) Sand
d) Horse manure
10. How many changes are there in an extent on 7 bells?
11. To be recognised as a peal by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, what are the minimum required number of changes?
12. What is the collective noun for trees?
13. What is the collective noun for men?
14. What is the fluffy section of the rope called?
15. By what name is the 6 bell change 5,3,1,2,4,6 known?
16. By what name is the 8 bell change 1,3,5,7,2,4,6,8 known?
17. If the church clock's hour bell chimes at 2-second intervals, how long does it take to chime 5 o'clock?
18. How many 'hunt bells' does the principal Stedman Doubles have?
19. Can you name 3 English Bell Founders who have all operated within the last 100 years?
20. According to Doves Guide, where in the Chipping Norton Branch would you find:
- a) the lightest bells?
b) the heaviest bells?
c) the oldest bell?
d) the oldest full-circle ring?
e) the newest bell?

Submit answers by email to [Jenny Lewis](mailto:jenny.lewis@chippingnorton.org.uk) by Saturday 15 January.



Happy Christmas to all Branch Members



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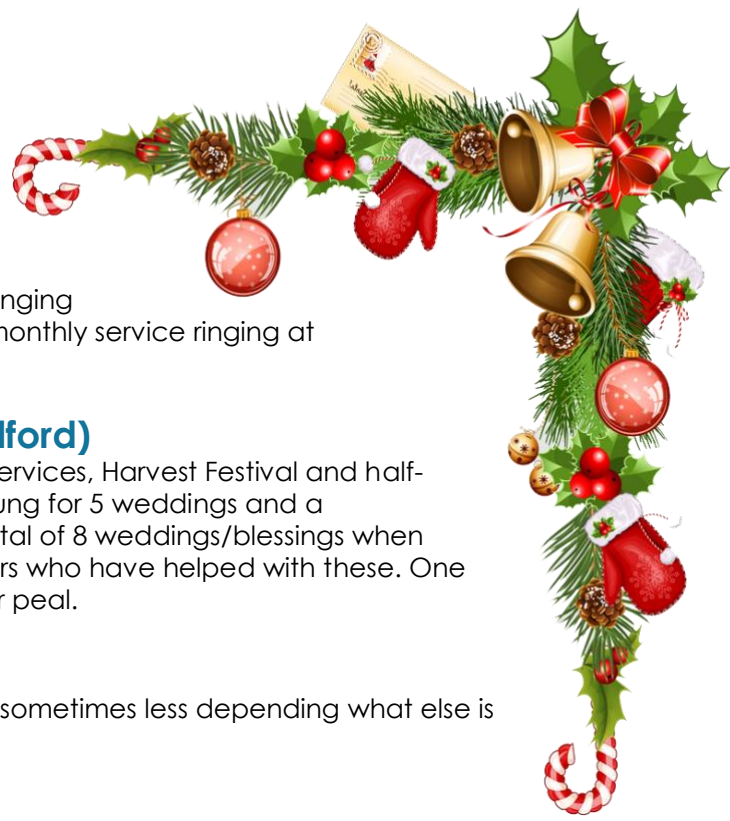
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Chadlington & Spelsbury

In Chadlington, Enstone and Spelsbury towers, there is no ringing at Chadlington, a wedding at Enstone in December and monthly service ringing at Spelsbury.

Chipping Norton (Churchill, Kingham & Salford)

Chipping Norton bells have been rung for certain special services, Harvest Festival and half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. They have also been rung for 5 weddings and a Thanksgiving service. In the Benefice there have been a total of 8 weddings/blessings when bells have been rung. Thanks go to ringers from other towers who have helped with these. One visiting party has been to Chipping Norton to ring a quarter peal.

Fulbrook

We are ringing for Sunday services, sometimes a full six but sometimes less depending what else is going on in the Benefice.

Hook Norton, Swerford & Wigginton

We have been ringing as many bells as we have been able to all year, when services restarted at Easter, we rang three, then six bells once we were able to. We resumed practices at Hook Norton in May once six people could ring together, concentrating on call changes then plain hunt to start trying to get rhythm and reasonable striking, and have worked up from there. We have had a few practices at Wigginton, attended by small numbers, but have stopped again now, until next year. We have tried to ring for as many services as we have been able to at our three churches, including weddings at Hooky and Wigginton. There was a lovely response from the village, saying how wonderful it was to hear the bells again, when we started practicing again. We have been visiting the Pear Tree after practice and recently enjoyed Mulled Wine/Cider and mince pies following a charity carol service. All our regular ringers have returned to ring.

Leafield

Unfortunately, we do not currently have enough ringers to ring in Leafield, however two of us are ringing regularly at Shipton.

Shipton under Wychwood

The first ringing at Shipton since the end of October 2020 was that of a single bell (No.6) half muffled to mark the death and funeral of Prince Phillip. Regular ringing practice resumed mid-July and we hosted the first Branch Practice on July 27th. Most of our regular ringers have returned and we have been delighted to welcome a new ringer as well as ringers from other towers in the branch who have not yet resumed regular ringing. Sunday Service ringing commenced in July. We have rung for 3 weddings; one in June with 4 bells only (social distancing), one in August and one in September, both with 6 bells. We have also rung for three special occasions: a Tea and Bells fund raising event for Shipton Church on the afternoon of Saturday August 14th, 676 changes of Bob Triples to mark a significant birthday of two of our regular ringers on September 24th, and to mark the beginning of the COP26 Conference in Glasgow. We rang in advance of the Advent and Christmas Carol services and will be ringing ahead of the traditional 'Carols Around the Tree' on Christmas Eve.

We went to the Wychwood following the Branch Practice, and more recently have been visiting the Shaven Crown after practice. We have had a wonderful response from the village and guests at both the Wychwood and Shaven Crown saying how nice it is to hear the bells.

On October 12th we hosted a band of ringers, Gloucester Golden Oldies, who rang a quarter of Norfolk Punch Bob Major.