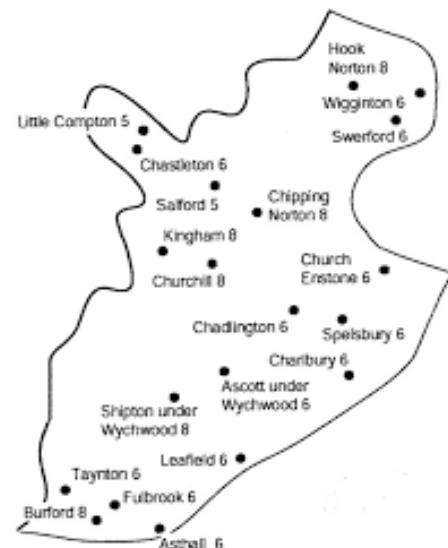


Chipping Norton Branch

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellingers

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A Message from the Chair and Ringing Master

I am writing this as both your Branch Chairman and Ringing Master. I never set out to occupy both roles but following the recent AGM this is where we have ended up! Next year I stand down as Ringing Master, having served my three years, so you might want to give some thought as to who you want to take over.

Let me begin by thanking the outgoing chair, Chris Seers, treasurer, Tracey Cooper, and webmaster, Les Waller. Without volunteers our branch would not exist so I am grateful to all officers for continuing in their respective roles and this year we welcome Geoffrey Stretton as our new Treasurer and also Keith Mitchell as the webmaster.

Looking ahead it is likely to be a busy year. There has been considerable interest in bells and bellringing as a result of the Coronation and it is good to welcome new and returning ringers to various towers in the branch. Good striking is the measure of the quality of what we do and events such as the Coronation are a time when people may well pay particular attention to the sound of the Church bells.

Looking further ahead to the 7th October our branch will be hosting the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual 6 bell striking competition at St Mary's Shipton under Wychwood. If the number of bands entering warrants heats, these will be held at Spelsbury and Enstone. Volunteers will be needed in a variety of roles throughout the afternoon, and, as the host branch I think it would be nice if we enter our own band. Apparently, we have not entered for over 12 years. If any tower wants to do this then please let me know by 30th May. If more than one tower wants to enter, we will be obliged to hold our own branch inter-tower competition and this will need to be organised well ahead of the main event in October.

Finally, I'm always happy to receive any feedback or comments on how we can do things better in the future. Just drop me an email.

David Salter
brm@chipping.odg.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Saturday 20 May 2023, 2.00pm

[ODG 2023 AGM](#)

Molyneaux Barn, Broadwell

Saturday 7 October, 2.00pm

ODG 6-bell competition

Shipton under Wychwood

(Spelsbury and Enstone for heats)

Claire Tarrant Award

The Claire Tarrant Award 2023 has been presented to Mandy Gleeson, of Hook Norton. Very well done Mandy!



Volunteers are needed for Branch Officer roles next year. Vacancies will include Branch Ringing Master, Deputy Ringing Master, Branch Secretary and Branch Representative. Don't be shy in coming forward! If you are interested, please speak with the incumbent, or [contact the Chairman](#), David Salter.

Programme of Branch Practices for 2023/24

Branch Practices are generally held on the last Tuesday of the month from 7.30 – 9pm unless stated otherwise. The January and February 2024 practices will be Saturday morning followed by lunch in the local pub. This year I have introduced a 'Method of the Month' giving you an opportunity to revise/look up the method prior to the practice. Note, at all practices we shall still ring our core methods of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge plus Call Changes and always ensure we ring within the capabilities of those present.

May 30 Chadlington (6), Method of the Month, St Simons

June 27 Burford (8), Method of the Month, Single Oxford

July 25 Spelsbury (6), Method of the Month, Oxford Treble Bob

August 29 Wiggington (6), Method of the Month, London Surprise Minor

September 26 Little Compton (5), Method of the Month, St Martins

October 31 Shipton u Wychwood (8), Method of the Month, Erin Triples

November 28 Chipping Norton (8), Method of the Month, Yorkshire Surprise Major; *Note earlier start time: 7pm – 8.30pm*

December – No Branch Practice

Saturday 27 January 2024 Churchill (8), 11:00 – 12:30 followed by lunch in the Chequers

Saturday Feb 24 2024 Asthall (6), 11:00 – 12:30 followed by lunch in the Maytime Inn; Method of the Month, Reverse Canterbury

Suggested tower donation - £2 per person.

Please [email David Salter](mailto:email.David.Salter), Branch Ringing Master, to confirm if you will be attending.

News from the AGM

The AGM was held on Saturday 5th March at Charlbury. Thanks to Mike Summers and his team for hosting the AGM and organising a superb ringers tea. Twenty-one members of the branch were in attendance, with Tony Crabtree kindly representing the Guild, and the following officers were duly elected:

Chairman & Ringing Master, David Salter, chair@chippy.odg.org.uk
Secretary & Newsletter editor, Jenny Lewis, secretary@chippy.odg.org.uk
Treasurer, Geoffrey Stretton, treasurer@chippy.odg.org.uk
Deputy Ringing Master, Daniel Austin, dbrm@chippy.odg.org.uk
Branch Web Master, Keith Mitchell, webmaster@chippy.odg.org

News from the Guild

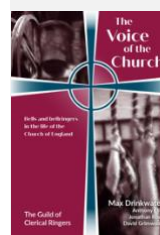
New Ringers' Welcome! If you are new to ringing, recently elected to the ODG or a Ring for the King Recruit - this is for you.

The ODG Officers invite you to a New Ringers' morning on Saturday 15th July from 0930 – 1200 at The Croft, Milton Hill, Steventon, Abingdon, OX13 6AB.

At 0930 there will be an informal presentation about the structure of the Guild and how it works. From 1000 try your skill on an easy mini ring, enjoy a beginners' guide to ringing jargon, and have a go at handbells. There will be the opportunity to purchase many useful books all about ringing, as well as Guild polo shirts, sweaters, marmalade, and mouse-mats! And, of course, coffee, tea, cakes, and a chance to make new friends for life! Please join us, we are looking forward to meeting you. RSVP by 10th July to prworkinggroup@odg.org.uk

New Publication

The Rev'd Jon Rose, President of the Guild of Clerical Bellringers has co-authored a new publication 'The Voice of the Church' (the front cover is illustrated here), produced jointly by the Ringing World and the Guild of Clerical Ringers.



The book is designed to assist non-ringing clergy/church leaders/PCCs in their relationship with ringing towers and ringers, providing a background and

history to the exercise, a measure of biblical insight into ringing and some contemporary considerations of good practice between the church and bell ringing. Copies can be ordered from the Ringing World online shop: shop.ringingworld.co.uk.

Coronation Ringing

Chadlington

Rounds, Kings & Queens
Claire Chipchase
Tracey Hutchings
Jonathan Alsop
Bernadette Collins
Beth Sinclair
Roger Sinclair
Andrew Hutchings
Nina Morgan
Sue Hotham
Keith Mitchell
Matthew Summers (c)

The first six ringers in the list are new ringers the seventh, after 38 years, a returning ringer.



Beth Roger Claire Bernadette Nina Sue Andrew Tracey Matthew Keith Jonathan

Shipton under Wychwood

Rounds, Kings & Queens, Grandsire
Mike Brooks
Joy Brooks
Alison Minson
Sian Thomas *
Laura Cooper *
Tracey Cooper
Chris Seers (c)
Chris Stevens
Jenny Lewis
Howard Bell
Geoffrey Clement

The list of ringers for Saturday and Sunday included our 2 newest ringers *.



Norton

Hook

An excellent peal of Grandsire Triples was scored on the Bank Holiday Monday. The band was:

- 1 Selina Harris
- 2 Jonathon Muller
- 3 Sally Austin
- 4 Dan Austin
- 5 David Salter
- 6 Colin Lee (c)
- 7 Graham Clifton
- 8 Mick Austin



Chipping Norton

A good turnout on the Sunday including 3 returning/lapsed ringers plus two visitors from Gloucestershire. These were:

Emma Bayley
Sandra Burtonwood
Cathy Elliott
Andrew Gunn
Christine Harris
Sue McCuaig
David Salter (c)
Catherine White-Horne
Chris White-Horne
Mandy Williams
Tim Woodgate

Little Compton

Much credit must go to a number of locals in Little Compton who set about learning to chime their bells in preparation for the coronation weekend. Thanks must go to Clare Penny (an ART teacher from Evesham), David Salter and Chris Harris for their assistance in making this happen. Whilst there was insufficient time to teach them to ring the bells 'full circle' I am sure a number of them may wish to continue and learn to ring 'properly'."