

VE Day 80th Anniversary - 8th May 2025

“Ringing to Remember”

The 80th anniversary of VE Day was marked on 8th May 2025 and signalled eight decades since the end of the Second World War in Europe. This significant day in history, the formal acceptance of Germany's unconditional surrender, was remembered across the Chipping Norton Branch at 8 towers.

At **Ascott-under-Wychwood**, Stuart Fox and two other members rang a series of call changes from 6:30pm. A team at **Charlbury** also rang out at 6:30 led by Mike Summers. The other 7 towers reported their efforts in The Ringing World as follows.

Church Enstone

St Kenelm
(10–2–14 in G)

Rounds and Call Changes

Christine A Harris
Diane Bunney
Kenneth J Wakefield (C)
Keith Mitchell
Julian Watts

Chadlington

St Nicholas
(8–3–13 in F#)

Call Changes, Plain Hunting on 5

Diane Bunney
Claire Chipchase
Tracey Hutchings
Kenneth J Wakefield (C)
Keith Mitchell
Andrew Hutchings

Spelsbury

All Saints
(10–3–16 in G)

Call Changes, Plain Hunting on 5

Kenneth J Wakefield (C)
Claire Chipchase
Tracey Hutchings
Diane Bunney
Andrew Hutchings
Keith Mitchell

Shipton under Wychwood

St Mary the Virgin
(14–0–8 in F)

Grandsire Doubles and Call Changes

1 Joy Brooks
2 Chris Seers
3 Tracey Cooper
4 Keith Mitchell
5 Mike Brooks
6 Howard Bell

Wigginton

St Giles

Thursday, 8 May 2025 in 43m

(6–1–17 in Bb)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Helen C Burchell
- 2 Michael J Austin
- 3 Gayle A Woods
- 4 Geoffrey D Stretton (RN retired)
- 5 David M Salter (C)
- 6 Sally A Austin



Swerford

St Mary

Thursday, 8 May 2025 in 42m

(6–2–6 in Bb)

1260 Doubles (2m)

720 Grandsire & 540 Plain Bob

- 1 Michael J Austin
- 2 Gayle A Woods
- 3 Sally A Austin (C)
- 4 Keith Abbott
- 5 David M Salter
- 6 Helen C Burchell



Hook Norton

St Peter

Thursday, 8 May 2025 (20–2–13 in E)

Rounds and Call Changes

- 1 Michael J Austin
- 2 Helen C Burchell
- 3 Benjamin P Muller
- 4 Mandy M Gasson-Shields
- 5 Sally A Austin
- 6 Keith Abbott
- 7 Daniel J Austin
- 8 David M Salter

Hook Norton

St Peter

Thursday, 8 May 2025 (20–2–13 in E)

Rounds

- 1 Helen C Burchell
- 2 Rebecca E Woodward
- 3 Keith Abbott
- 4 Mandy M Gasson-Shields
- 5 Selina J Harris
- 6 David M Salter
- 7 Sally A Austin
- 8 Daniel J Austin

Hook Norton

St Peter

Thursday, 8 May 2025

(20–2–13 in E)

80 Grandsire Doubles

Back six

- 1 Mandy M Gasson-Shields
- 2 Selina J Harris
- 3 Keith Abbott
- 4 Daniel J Austin (C)
- 5 David M Salter
- 6 Michael J Austin

Many thanks to all 34 ringers who participated in the 80th Anniversary ring to commemorate VE Day.