

Sonning Deanery Branch  
NEWSLETTER  
August 2005

Oxford Diocesan Guild  
of Church Bell Ringers

## **Ringling Masters Ramblings**

Another very hot evening saw about 16 of us gather at Twyford where we successful rang Oxford Bob Triples and very nearly rang Ashtead Surprise Major. It was good to see a number of people there and I hope everyone benefited in some way from our first branch practice of this year at an eight bell tower.

This months practice is at Shottesbrooke on Saturday 20th at 11.30am followed by a picnic (not provided) in the park and the opportunity to play cricket or rounders. Bring a team from your tower to compete against each other or make scratch team on the day or just bring other members of your family to have a good time.

Next month there is the branch 8 bell striking competition at All Saints Wokingham on the 17th September. The draw will take place at 4pm . It would be great to see more teams enter than have done in previous years.

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## **Double-decker Bus to the Ringing Roadshow**

I'm afraid that there has been very few tickets requested for the bus. In fact so few that to cover the cost of the bus hire I would have to charge about £70 per seat! I am therefore forced to cancel the bus, and I apologise to the few who have requested tickets.

Rob Needham, Joint Sec.

## **A Surprise at All Saints.**

Just occasionally you walk away from a practice thinking that was really good!

Well the surprise practice held at All Saints on the 11th July was one of those. About 16 surprise major ringers showed up enabling us to ring a range of methods from Cambridge to eight spliced, including Ashtead which we practiced for the benefit of the branch practice due the following weekend. Most touches came round and there was some presentable ringing. It was definitely one of the best practices I have been to in a long while, but perhaps I just don't get out enough?

I was pretty pleased with the eight spliced since for once I did not go wrong (I just wish I could say the same about the Ashtead at Twyford...). As on the previous occasion we did not have enough to attempt Glasgow but you cannot have everything, at least we have a target to aim for in future.

This practice is one of a series of practices that John Harrison runs every couple of months when he can get enough ringers to say they will attend. John sends out a mail message asking people to commit to attending before he agrees the practice will take place. If you want to be included on the mailing list then let John know ([john@jaharrison.me.uk](mailto:john@jaharrison.me.uk)).

Anyway congratulations John on a great practice, I shall look forward to the next one.

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The following information is also contained in notices enclosed with the newsletter for tower notice boards.

## **Team Quiz Night**

Exercise your general knowledge and help swell the Sonning Deanery Branch funds.

Maximum of 6 people per team.

**Saturday 8th October 2005 at 7:30pm**  
**St. Paul's Church Hall, Wokingham**

Form your team and apply now!

Entry by ticket only; the price of £7 each includes a ploughman's meal

To obtain tickets, send a SAE and a cheque payable to  
**Sonning Deanery Branch, ODG**  
to: R.W. Needham, 15 Bodmin Road, Woodley, Reading, Berks RG5 3RZ

## Peals

Saturday 9th July 2005,  
Bartholomew's, Arborfield,

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor  
in 2hrs 48 mins  
Comp. R Bailey

1. Tom Page
2. Beryl R Norris
3. Anthea Edwards
4. Jackie Roberts
5. Philip A B Saddleton
6. Martin J Turner (C)

Rung by visitors from Guildford  
Diocesan Guild for the Arborfield  
Village Charity Fete.

## Quarter Peals and Date Touches

Sunday, 10th July 2005  
SS Michael & Mary Magdalene,  
Easthampstead

1260 Grandsire Triples

1. Daniel Chafen (1st on 8)
2. Judith Burbidge
3. Barbara Wells
4. Rachel Moss
5. Paul Fox
6. Steve Wells
7. Stan Scott (c)
8. Louise Marshall

Rung as part of national celebrations  
60 years after the end of World War II.

Sunday , 24th July 2005  
St Michaels Sandhurst

1440 Plain Bob Minor

1. Genine Leslie
2. Derek Palmer
3. Mike Paterson
4. Grahame Steele
5. Janet Menhinick
6. Simon Paterson (c) \*

\* First quarter as conductor

Celebration of 60 years since the end  
of World War II

We were unable to ring on Sunday,  
10th July for lack of ringers so this was  
a belated effort.

Sunday, 10th July 2005  
All Saints, Wokingham

1945 Grandsire Triples

1. Susan Davenport
2. Stephen Smith
3. Katie Tutcher
4. Christopher Cole
5. Kenneth Davenport
6. Andrew Smith
7. John Harrison (c)
8. Evan Kozakiewicz

Rung as part of national celebrations  
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Sunday 31st July, 2005  
All Saints, Wokingham

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

1. Evan Kozakiewicz
2. Stephen Smith
3. Katie Tutcher
4. Susan Davenport
5. Jonathan Goodchild
6. John Harrison
7. Kenneth Davenport (c)
8. Jon Tutcher

Rung for evensong.



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### **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday	20th August	Branch Practice+ Picnic	Shottesbrooke	11.30AM
Saturday	17th September	Branch 8 bell striking competition	All Saints Wokingham	4:00PM