

Sonning Deanery Branch
NEWSLETTER
September 2005

**Oxford Diocesan Guild
of Church Bell Ringers**

Ringling Masters Ramblings

There were 15 ringers plus Chris Cole's family at Shottesbrooke on 20th August. The ringing ranged from rounds to Beverly Surprise Minor. We all enjoyed a picnic on the spacious lawn of Sir John Smith, along with entertaining the children with cricket and boules. Unfortunately Sir John was in hospital so unable to join us. We did, however, send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

This 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. If you want to enter a team please let me know by Saturday 10th September on 01344 459978 or rapmoss@ntlworld.com.

On October 8th there is a quiz, organised by Sonning, to raise funds for the branch. It would be good to see a team from each tower in the branch. Every tower should now have raffle tickets to sell. Please do your best to sell them in order to boost our funds. There are various prizes including a flight from White Waltham Airfield and vouchers for travel on South West trains.

Again I would like to remind you that the branch officers will be discussing the programme for next year, ringing and non-ringing events. If anyone has any ideas of what they would like to see in the programme, e.g. branch outing skittles evening or anything else that you might like to do then please let one of the branch officers know and we will try and fit it in. We will be meeting at the end of this month so any ideas would be very welcome.

I hope to see you all soon at one of the forthcoming events.

Rachel Moss

Lunch on Sir John's Lawn

Update From St.Pauls Wokingham

Work is now progressing well and is still on target for the planned completion date of January 2006.

Externally some progress is now visible since the cleaning of the spire and the repairs to the cracks have been completed and the top level of scaffolding has been removed to expose the clean spire. The new lightning protection system for both the tower and church has been installed!....

Internally much has happened. The Foundation beams and grillage (the cross beams) were installed about 3 weeks ago. This allowed the addition of the pulley blocks in the desired positions so that plum lines could be dropped to ensure that positioning of the lower levels floor joists do not interfere with the rope fall.

The baffle walls behind the louvres (used to reduce external noise levels) have been rebuilt on the new foundation beams, and repairs to the damaged brick work around the louvres completed.

The pinnacles for the top of the tower have been carved and are due to be installed in the next two weeks.

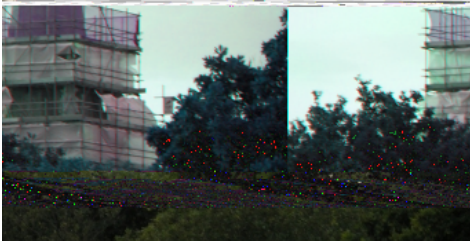
Six of the eight bells have now been tuned at the bell founders leaving only the 7th and Tenor still to do, while the frame has also been built at the foundry.



Finally the boarding for the ringing chamber and belfry is now on site awaiting installation of the beams.

Hopefully by next month there should be even more progress to report.

CC/KD



Quarter Peals

Sunday 24th April 2005
St. Andrew's, Sonning, Berkshire

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Rob Needham
2. Brian Snell
3. Diana Kidson
4. Alison Clayton
5. Andrew Elliston
6. Joanna Knight
7. Michael Dane (C)
8. Keith Vernon

Sunday 10th July 2005
White Waltham

1260 Plain Bob Doubles 43 mins

1. Lesley Graves
2. Jacqueline Hazell
3. Simon Graves
4. Derek Smith
5. Simon Smith (c)
6. Caroline Andrew

Saturday 30th July 2005
St. John the Evangelist, West Meon,
Hants.

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Joyce Vernon
2. Brian Snell
3. Pam Elliston
4. Andrew Elliston
5. Rob Needham
6. Paul Sandham
7. Daniel Sandham (C)
8. Ken G Baker

Saturday 30th July 2005
All Saints, East Meon, Hants.

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Wendy Sandham
2. Brian Snell
3. Joyce Vernon
4. Pam Elliston
5. Paul Sandham
6. Andrew Elliston
7. Chris J Brown (C)
8. Ken G Baker

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of
Ron Gale, former
tower captain of Portishead and a
cousin of the conductor

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Quarter Peals

Wednesday 3rd August 2005
St. Mary's, Wargrave, Berkshire

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Rob Needham
2. Lavinia Sullivan
3. Roy Russell *
4. Michael Dane
5. David Sullivan (C)

Sunday 14th August 2005
Wokingham, All Saints

1264 Plain Bob Major

1. Charlotte Kozakiewicz
2. Susan Davenport
3. Julie Goodchild
4. Evan Kozakiewicz
5. Jonathan Goodchild
6. Stephen Smith
7. Kenneth Davenport
8. John Harrison (C)

Rung for evensong, to mark the departure of the curate, Revd. Paul Cowan.

Sunday 28th August 2005
St. Andrew's, Sonning, Berkshire

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Diana Kidson
2. Brian Snell
3. Jo Pocock*
4. Joanna Knight
5. Pam Elliston
6. Andrew Elliston
7. Michael Dane (C)
8. Rob Needham

* First quarter inside



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Forthcoming Events

Saturday	17th September	Branch 8 bell striking competition	All Saints Wokingham	4:00PM
Saturday	8th October	Quiz Night	St.Pauls Wokingham	7:30PM