

Sonning Deanery Branch

**NEWSLETTER**

**February 2006**

Oxford Diocesan Guild  
of Church Bell Ringers

## **Notice of Branch AGM**

The 2006 AGM of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the ODG will be at the Sonning St. Sarik's room (church hall beside St. Andrew's church), on Saturday 18th February, starting at 5.30pm.

The start of ringing time shown below is approximate because it starts with ringing for a wedding. It is unlikely to start before 2.45; please don't arrive any earlier so as to avoid noise during the wedding service.

Timings are:

    Ringing 2.30 -- 3.45pm at Sonning

    Service 4 -- 4.45 at Sonning

    Tea 5 -- 5.30 at Sonning

    AGM will start at 5.30 at Sonning

    Branch Practice ringing at 7.30 at Twyford after the AGM.

If you are coming to the AGM and want a tea, please let Pam Elliston know as soon as possible by e-mailing her on [committee@sdb.odg.org.uk](mailto:committee@sdb.odg.org.uk)

A.G.M. 5.30pm, Saturday 18th February 2006

St. Sarik's room, beside St. Andrew's church, Sonning

## AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
3. Officers Reports
  - a. Treasurer
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Ringing Master 2005
  - d. Branch representatives
  - e. Training Officer
  - f. Bookstall
  - g. Newsletter Editor
4. Election of New Members/Honorary ringing members
5. Election of Officers
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Vice Chairman (Rob Needham is standing down)
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Joint Secretaries (Clare Wright is standing down)
  - e. Minuting secretary
  - f. Ringing master (Rachel Moss is standing down)
  - g. Deputy ringing master
  - h. Branch reps
  - i. Newsletter editor (Chris Cole is standing down)
  - j. Bookstall holder
  - k. Training officer
6. Branch practices
7. Striking competitions
8. Fund raising/social events
9. Revised branch rules
10. Any other business

## **Wokingham All Saints - Annual Dinner**

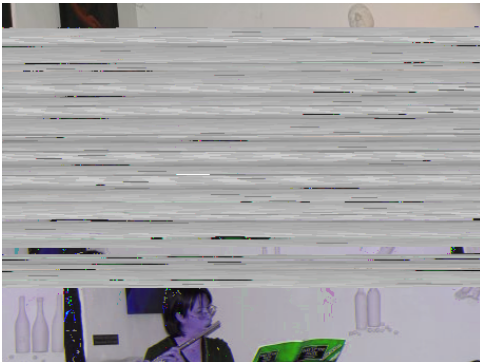
The annual dinner of the Wokingham All Saints ringers took place on Saturday 28th January. Always a special event this years dinner took place at the very impressive Castle Restaurant in Hurst (near to the church). The dinner was attended by many of the band, plus “friends of the tower” (hangers on) and invited guests.

Along with the usual after dinner speeches was a musical rendition by Julie and Jonathon Goodchild (on the flute and guitar) , and a short quiz about things you would never hear a ringer say (the consumption of alcohol prevents me from remembering most of them), such as “are these trousers tidy enough to go ringing in?” and “my top pocket does not have space for any more pens”....

An amusing and pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.  
Many thanks for the invitation - Ed.

Even with a rectangular table layout, you can still have a top table, and check out all those trophies!

Now thats what I call a dessert, sticky toffee pudding x 5...



Julie and Jonathon think of a imaginative way of avoiding have to do a speech!...

Next year John we must remember the handbells...

## **Date Touch**

Tuesday 17th January 2006  
Wokingham, Berks. (All Saints)

1881 Plain & Little Bob Major:

1. Pamela Elliston
2. Susan Davenport
3. Stephen Smith
4. Louise Marshall
5. Graham Slade
6. Christopher Cole
7. Kenneth Davenport
8. John Harrison (C)

For the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Oxford Diocesan Guild  
on this day in 1881.

## Quarter Peals

Sunday 15th January 2006  
St. Andrew's, Sonning, Berkshire

1260 Plain Bob Triples

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

To mark the 90th birthday of Milly  
Hussey, aunt of No. 1

15 January 2006  
St Michaels Sandhurst

1260 Doubles (480 each St Nicholas  
and Winchendon and 300 Plain Bob)

1. Fiona Sherren
2. Michael J Sherren
3. Derek Palmer
4. Michael Paterson
5. Janet E Menhinick (c)
6. C Richard Menhinick

Rung to celebrate the 125th Anniver-  
sary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of  
Church Bell Ringers, founded 17th Jan-  
uary 1881.

Sunday 22nd January 2006  
St Nicholas Hurst

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1. Pam Elliston
2. Sue Davenport
3. Joyce Vernon
4. Brian Snell
5. Andrew Elliston
6. Michael Dane
7. Chris J Brown (C)
8. Keith Vernon

To celebrate the life of Doris Mortimer  
who died on New Year's Eve aged  
91, widow of Bill Mortimer, long time  
ringer at this tower.

Sunday 29th January 2006  
St. Andrew's, Sonning, Berkshire

1260 Middlesex Triples

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



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### **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday	18th February	Branch AGM	Sonning	2:30PM
Saturday	18th March	Branch Practice	Warfield	7:30PM