

LOOK TO DECEMBER 2018



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ 4th December Bob Doubles Practice, Berrick Salome
- ❖ 14th December Surprise Minor Practice – Drayton St Leonard – 2.30-3.30
(Please let Hilarie know if you are able to attend)

100 CLUB WINNERS

November 2018	1 st Prize	Sally Pelling, Berrick Salome
	2 nd Prize	Margaret Coombe, Chalgrove

NOTES FROM ODG GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 24TH NOVEMBER 2018.

Grateful thanks to Amy Herlihy, our Branch Representative for attending the above meeting, and providing the following notes.

Future of the ODG General Committee

- Tony Crabtree reported.
 - Strongly considering restructuring the "top table".
 - Will have a Public Relations committee (not just a single person to do the job).
 - One task is to look at the demographics of the ODG. (For example: how many teachers, ages, active or inactive towers, level of skill, etc)
 - Don't expect big changes immediately, but gradual changes are in the plan.
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- **Website**
 - Tim Hayward reported.
 - The new website, as it currently stands, doesn't meet expectations.

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- Tim and ODG members will start from scratch with tools that this group can manage. They had looked at a commercial solution, but it is too expensive.
 - Some new goals for the web site: make it more about people, make it easily updatable.
 - The server will need some updating too.
 - No time scale yet.
 - About £1000 was spent so far, which will be written off.
- **Safeguarding update**
 - C2 course was run. Another course will be run next year – probably September 2019.
 - All but 3 branches were represented.
- **Correspondence**
 - Email from Heather Browning (Annual Report Editor). The next edition will be compiled in February 2019. Deadline for submissions is 31st Jan 2019. Please reply promptly to the request for information. Details will be sent to branch secretaries in December.
 - Letter from President of Central Council, regarding Remembrance Sunday. On behalf of the Central Council, thanks to all who participated in the remembrance ringing. They were very encouraged by how many came out to ring and participate in this event. Note - the Ringing World BellBoard went into melt down.
- **Reports**
 - Highlights noted below:
 - **Central Council** - The Central Council IS trying to become more modern and relevant. Please check the web page for details. **A new dove database** is under way. Tim Pett reported on the testing. Graham John reported on a **new frame work for method ringing**, which will cover all ringing from quarter to peals. Many old rules related to peals will disappear - the intent is to have the peal reported accurately. Should come into force in 2019. ODG will still abide by CC rules.
 - **Guild Secretary** says the AGM will be on 9th March in Great Missenden. 2019 is the first year of the next 15 year plan. There will be a youth ringing event. Next 15-year plan - this is the transition year for the plan. Please support the AGM with attendance!
 - **Young ringers** - Susan Read has been asked to run a Youth Ringing Fest in Oxford for a group testing out a new way to work with young ringing throughout the country. All young ringers in ODG will be invited. The event is planned for 13 April - please put it in your diary. Need youngsters and chaperones to supervise them.
 - **Towers and belfry.** Provisional list of courses - 3 dates/3 courses being planned. Tower Maintenance/rope splicing and maintenance course. Dates being investigated.
 - **Finance - Guild Budget.**
 - Guild finances are looking good. Subscriptions for 2019 will remain the same, at £8 (£5guild /£3 in branch)
 - Non-resident members: fee £8
 - Peal fee - .50/rope
 - (Basically - NO CHANGES)

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- **Finance - Restoration Fund.**

- Thanks to all branches that contribute. 3 grant applications - that have been approved.
- Merge the Restoration Fund and Bell Fund. The Treasurer discusses the two funds. The Restoration Funds - had war bonds or similar, which are no longer active. Asks for views of merging the two funds. This will all depend on if the Charities Commission will agree. Wants feedback from the Guild members before proceeding.

Thanks to the Newbury branch for hosting and providing a lovely tea!

LATEST TOWER TWINNING – CHALGROVE AND PHILADELPHIA!!

In a recent edition of Look To we had a report from our International Envoy, Margaret Coombe, giving news from her recent visit to the East Coast of the USA. Margaret was delighted to return the hospitality, when ringers from Philadelphia came "On Tour" in November 2018. The six very keen ringers visited several towers in the South Oxon District before moving on to Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and completing the tour on Armistice day in Kent. Phew an exhausting itinerary covering 50 towers in just over a week!

Its always nice to have something different to put into Look To – please do let me know of any ringing you are doing at home or overseas – that you are happy to have included in Look To.

RINGING REMEMBERS

When you have a few spare minutes, please do have a look at Bellboard. The number of towers who rang on 11th November, and have listed their method etc is truly amazing.

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=9128>

ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO SAY:

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL
AND HAPPY RINGING OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD.**



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