

# LOOK TO JANUARY 2019



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, **Surprise Major Practice, Goring**, 2.30 – 4.00 pm. (Please contact Hilarie if you will be attending)
- ❖ Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Tower Captains' and Branch Officers' Meeting, 7.30 pm, Chalgrove
- ❖ Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 4.00 pm. **Branch Practice**, Thame (8)
- ❖ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Closing date for applications for Radley Course (6<sup>th</sup> April)
- ❖ Please note, there will not be a Grandsire/Bob Doubles Practice in January

## 100 CLUB WINNERS - DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£20	Wendy Hawkins, Aston Rowant
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£12	Paul Smith, Aston Rowant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£10	Catherine Mason, Marsh Baldon

Its time to renew your subscriptions to the Branch 100 Club! Please continue to support this worthy project to raise money for the Guild Bell Fund and Bell Restoration Fund, and of course to win PRIZES for yourselves.

If you have not subscribed before, please consider joining. Many of our churches have benefitted from grants from the ODGCB Bell Funds. Application forms are attached. The first draw will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, so please have your payments in to Margaret Coombe by then.

Thank you.

Margaret Coombe 01865-400914

South Oxon Branch ODG

For contributions to Look To, please email: [secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk)

## SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

It was agreed at the recent Guild General Committee meeting that subscriptions for 2019` would remain at £8.00 per head. Could members please pay this sum to their Tower Captain as soon as possible. Tower Captains should send the fees to our Treasurer, Mrs Kay Bartholomew.

## TOWER CAPTAINS' AND BRANCH OFFICERS' MEETING

This meeting will take place in St Mary's, Chalgrove, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.30 pm. An agenda will follow shortly. If a Tower Captain is unable to attend, it would be helpful if they could send someone else to represent your tower. If you could let Jane Willis have their name prior to the meeting that would be appreciated.

## TOWER TWINNING

If you would like to join the 7 bands who are currently enjoying visits to other towers and welcoming bands to their own tower, please let Hilarie Rogers know by **SATURDAY 5TH JANUARY** when the next draw will be prepared. 01865 890163 or [hilarierogers@gmail.com](mailto:hilarierogers@gmail.com)

## NOTICE OF THE AGM

This year's AGM will be held at Marsh Baldon on Saturday 23rd February 2019. Ringing will start at 3.00 pm, followed by a service at 4.00 pm. Tea will be from 4.45 pm, followed by the AGM at 5.30 pm.

More details to follow..

## REPORTS FOR THE SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Benji Batemen will soon be working on putting together the February edition of the Branch Newsletter. Please could I ask that all Tower Reports are sent to him by Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January at the latest in order to give him time to collage and print copies. Thank you.

## KEEP THE DATE!

The Branch Outing will be on Saturday 11<sup>TH</sup> May 2019 – please note the date in your diaries.  
More details to follow soon.

### FRANK NORMAN

As you know, Frank Norman, who rang the bells at Dorchester Abbey for 35 years, died peacefully at home on 6th December after a long illness. Devon call changes were rung at his funeral by eight Dorchester ringers, all of whom had been ringing with Frank in his time as a bellringer.

For many years, Frank audited the accounts of the S. Oxon Branch. He commanded huge respect in Dorchester where he had made significant contributions to many organisations.

## NOTES FROM ODG GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN NEWBURY ON 24 NOVEMBER 2018 (AMY HERLIHY, REP)

- 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.
- Website
  - Tim Hayward reported.
  - The new website, as it currently stands, doesn't meet expectations.
  - 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

South Oxon Branch ODG

For contributions to Look To, please email: [secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk)

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)
- **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!

**Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers  
South Oxfordshire Branch**

**100 CLUB**

*Please circulate this notice to all your tower members.*

Members of the ODGCB South Oxfordshire Branch 100 Club are invited to renew their subscriptions for the year 2018 at the subscription rate of £10 per annum (any number of £10 units per person/tower may be subscribed).  
New members are very welcome to join for the forthcoming year.  
Subscriptions will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

50% of the total monthly subscriptions will be paid in prize money  
50% of the total monthly subscriptions will be divided equally between the ODGCB Bell Restoration Fund and the Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund.

The draw will take place at the monthly Branch Practice.

The Annual Accounts of the 100 Club will be produced at the Branch AGM.

*Please return the form below, together with your payments, to Margaret Coombe,  
39, French Laurence Way, Chalgrove, Oxon, OX44 7YF.  
by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.*

*Cheques to be made payable to ODGCB South Oxon Branch*



**ODGCB South Oxfordshire Branch 100 Club**

Name	Contact Address	Subscription

South Oxon Branch ODG

For contributions to Look To, please email: [secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk)



## **Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers**

*Established 17th January 1881*

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

# **RADLEY ONE-DAY COURSE**

**Based at Radley (near Abingdon)**

**SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup>. APRIL 2019**

**Cost £30.00 including evening meal**

**Methods offered:**

**Plain Hunt on 5, 6, 7, 8; Grandsire Doubles and Triples;  
Plain Bob Doubles, Minor and Major**

All subject to demand

These courses have been running for a number of years and are designed for learners of all ages and levels of competence. No need to feel nervous about coming as you will be with others at a similar level.

We aim to improve your confidence as well as your ringing with friendly support and tuition.

For an application form please contact: Lindsay Powell:

[secretary@oxfordcitybranch.org.uk](mailto:secretary@oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

Mobile: 07443859961

Address: 20 St Omer Road, Cowley, Oxford OX4 3HB

**Closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

South Oxon Branch ODG

For contributions to Look To, please email: [secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk)

# *Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers*

## Rope Splicing, Rope Maintenance and Management Course

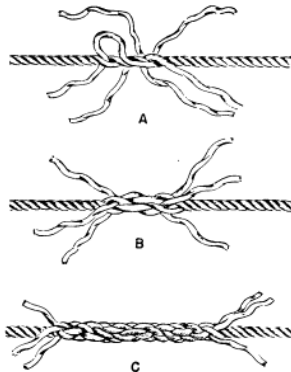
Organised by the ODG Towers & Belfries Committee

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Radley Church Hall**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**Cost £5**



**Replies to**

**Anthony Williamson: [anthony.williamson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:anthony.williamson@tiscali.co.uk) (01993 891680)**

**For more details contact the Secretary (as above) or:**

**Chairman; Tony Crabtree: [tony.crabtree@talktalk.net](mailto:tony.crabtree@talktalk.net) (01793 784064)**

Tea & coffee available - bring packed lunch

South Oxon Branch ODG

For contributions to Look To, please email: [secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@southoxon.odg.org.uk)

## The ODG are hosting an ART Teaching Bell Handling course on Saturday 16 February at Kirtlington.

<<https://smartringer.org/m1dc/26995/>> » Click here to book a place on the course

The course is relevant to teachers irrespective of their level of experience.

If you've never taught anyone to handle a bell before then this course is for you. Beware though, you don't become a confident and competent teacher just by attending a course. You need to put into practice what you've been taught as soon as possible afterwards, working alongside an experienced mentor who can support and guide you as you learn.

Experienced teachers will also get a lot from the course. No-one goes away without having learned some new things and you will have access to the Learning the Ropes Scheme for your ringers – this month alone over 100 ringers have passed their Level 1 on the scheme. If you're agreeable, you might well be asked to mentor a less-experienced teacher as they put into practice what they've learnt. A

Tower Captain who had been ringing for 48 years came away saying:

“Was I surprised! The course was terrific - all very logical, well laid out, well planned and terrifically delivered. Loads of little nuggets and tips, everything straightforward with easy to understand notes and booklets. Can't wait to get going now.”

This is an ODG course and the ODG will be looking to pair up new and experienced teachers to work together after the course and organise group teaching sessions so that you can become a competent and confident bell ringing teacher. Only then can you become accredited on the ART Training Scheme.

For more information have a look at the <<http://ringingteachers.org/>> ART website or contact <<mailto:lesleybelcher@ringingteachers.co.uk>> lesleybelcher@ringingteachers.co.uk