



# LOOK TO

JULY AND AUGUST 2018



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> July Grandsire practice, Little Milton
- ❖ 13<sup>th</sup> July Surprise Major Practice (please contact Hilarie for details of venue)
- ❖ 28<sup>th</sup> July Branch Practice 7pm Ewelme (6)
- ❖ August No Branch Practice
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> August Grandsire practice, Berrick Salome
- ❖ 10<sup>th</sup> August Surprise Minor Practice (please contact Hilarie for details of venue)
- ❖ Michaelmas Course – reminder deadline for entries is 24<sup>th</sup> August  
See attached poster
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> September Bob Doubles Little Milton
- ❖ 22<sup>nd</sup> September Advance notice of 10 Bell Practice – to be held at St Helens, Abingdon, 4pm – 5.30 pm

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

June Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Chris Webb

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize John Hughes

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**Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers**

# **Michaelmas Course**

**Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**10.00 – 18.00**

**Cost £20**

The aim of the day is to provide the opportunity for students to learn more advanced methods than those offered on the Radley and Steeple Aston courses. This year we are also offering a course on conducting Stedman.

The day will start with tutorials in the first tower followed by practical ringing in other nearby towers.

Groups will be formed to cover the following:

- Stedman Triples
- Basic Surprise Minor and Major (to include Cambridge and up to Yorkshire and Lincolnshire)
- Advanced Surprise Major (to include up to London, Bristol and Spliced)
- New for 2018**
- Conducting Stedman Triples

Applicants for the conducting course should be able to ring a touch of Stedman Triples competently.

Further details and application forms can be obtained by sending an SAE to the secretary of the Education Committee:

Robert Newton – 11 Plowden Park, Aston Rowant, Watlington, Oxon OX49 5SX

E-mail: [rhnewton@btinternet.com](mailto:rhnewton@btinternet.com) by 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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## **St Marys, Thame, in the Press!!**

### **Awards for new bellringers at St Mary's Church in Thame**

New members of the bellringing team at St Mary's Church in Thame have been awarded certificates. John Tchighianoff, chairman of the South Oxon Branch of Change Ringers, presented them to Harry Turner, Matthew Harper, Graham Turner, Cheryl Oliver and Rowan Oliver.

A spokeswoman for the team said: "St Mary's bellringing team is proud to continue the heritage tradition of change-ringing that has been alive in Britain for over 400 years with five new members joining the band this year.

"The United Kingdom is unique in having groups of bells that can be rung in its churches. Of the 6,000+ churches with change-ringing bells, 93% are in England.

"Almost everyone lives within hearing distance of church bells and they are often the soundtrack to personal and social events such as weddings, christenings and funerals. During the Second World War, no bells rang across the country unless they were to signal an invasion and remained silent until they were rung to signify peace."

After learning to control a bell, the band learn methods - melodies or patterns - which are then rung for occasions and seasonal services.

You do not need to be a member of a church to learn to ring, or even be musical, just willing to be part of team that takes pride and joy in continuing a tradition that is an integral part of British life. To see the bells in action, and find out if this fulfilling hobby is for you, contact tower captain Rosalie Gibson on 01844 213948.

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And for your interest.....

### **ST MICHAELS AND ALL ANGELS, BLEWBURY**

On an outing the other day, I noticed that Blewbury Church are raising funds to instal a new window – which will commemorate their church bells! Do have a look at the link below and see how many bells you can count in their proposed window. And the methods which will appear alongside

[HTTP://BLEWBURY.CO.UK/PROJECT-RESOUND-LAUNCHED/](http://blewbury.co.uk/project-resound-launched/)

**Wishing you all a lovely summer – next edition out at the beginning of September.**

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