

LOOK TO MARCH 2019



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 5th March Grandsire Practice, Berrick Salome
- 8th March Surprise Major Practice – Benson – 2.30 – 4.00 pm. Please let Hilarie know if you are planning to attend.
- 8th March Deadline for booking a place on the Branch Outing – see below.
- 23rd March Branch Practice – 4 pm Drayton St Leonard (6)
- 2nd April Bob Doubles Practice, Little Milton

100 CLUB WINNERS

January winners -

1st Prize - £18.00 Gillian Hamilton, Brightwell Baldwin

2nd Prize - £10.00 Robert Wells, Brightwell Baldwin

February winners –

1st Prize - Maureen Bosley, Benson

2nd Prize – Andrew Davis, Chalgrove

SOUTH OXFORD BRANCH RINGING OUTING MAY 11TH 2019

This year's Outing will be to the Cotswolds and is open to everyone who can confidently handle a bell. The objective of the day is to be a social occasion, enjoyable with the emphasis on good striking rather than difficulty of methods rung.

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Towers

1. **09.45 - 10.45 - Coln St Aldwyns (8) St John the Baptist 7cwt GL7 5AD**
The church dates from the 13th century but has been added to over the centuries the south porch is late Norman, the chancel's lancet windows are 13th century, the tower was completed in the 15th century and the church was restored in the Victorian era. The chancel was refurbished in the early 20th century
2. **11.00 - 12.00 - Hatherop (6) St Nicholas 7cwt GL7 3NB**
Rebuilt 1854-55 for Lord de Mauley. Perpendicular style with French Gothic influences.
Lunch - Own Arrangements
3. **1.30 - 2.30 - Bibury (6) St. Mary 9-0-15 (Ground Floor) GL7 5NR**
Saxon Church, the north Chancel wall of the Church is home to a stained glass window which was designed in 1927 by Karl Parsons and was featured in the 1992 Christmas stamp set issued by the Royal Mail.
4. **3.00 - 4.00 - Windrush (6) St Peter 8.5cwt (Ground Floor - Anticlockwise Ring) OX18 4TT**
The church dates from the C12th and has a small battlemented tower at the west end and a variety of roof lines.
5. **4.30 - 5.30 - Taynton (6) St. John the Evangelist 6-0-27 OX18 4UH**
Taynton church dates from about 1450AD, the church contains a wonderful collection of sculptured heads which are the work of 15th Century stone masons.
Recently the front three bells have been replaced with new bells and the back three bells have been re-tuned prior to all six being rehung on new fittings.

Evening meal, details to be confirmed.

Would you please let me know if you are able to come, ideally via email, by 8th March.

Andrew Davis - Telephone 01865 890755

Bells@chalgrovechurch.org or andrew.davis5@btinternet.com

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REPORT FROM THE AGM

27 members attended the AGM at Marsh Baldon on 23rd February. Ringing was followed by a service, led by the Rev Jennifer Moreton, who spoke fondly of hearing church bells ringing near to her childhood home. On a good day she can hear bells from two neighbouring parishes in her current home.

John Tchighianoff welcomed ODG Master Katie Lane to the AGM. There were no surprises at the meeting – last year's serving officers all stayed in post. Eight new members were elected to the Guild, and there was one re-election. We welcome Steve Taylor, Aston Rowant, Alison Miles and Diane de Wolf, Brightwell Baldwin, Faye Buttery, Jonathan O'Hara, Maggie Lindley and Emilia Panzeri for Chalgrove, Linda Haggie for Shabbington and Father David Hartley has been re-elected to Thame.

Andrew Davis commented that the younger element in Chalgrove Tower had posted photographs onto the Chalgrove village website and other social media – which had resulted in people contacting him enquiring about learning to ring! Maybe something all of our towers could try.....

Katie Lane asked everyone to note the date of the Guild AGM – which is taking place at Great Missenden on 18th May. More details later, but Katie is hoping to see lots of South Oxon branch members on the day.

And finally, a big thank you to Catherine Mason and her helpers for providing such a wonderful tea – an excellent selection of sandwiches and cakes was enjoyed by all!

FIND YOUR INNER ARTIST....

The next issue of the Guild 'magazine', Odd Bob, will be the 100th! This calls for something special on the front cover of the next Odd Bob to recognise this milestone. Would you like your design displayed on the cover? Why not submit your artwork to the judges and take part in a little competition?

The artwork should be submitted electronically, for example as a decent resolution scan or photograph of the actual artwork. Indeed the artwork itself could be a photo or collage of photos.

The artwork can be for the whole of the Odd Bob front cover (A5 portrait, ratio 21 high x 15 wide), or bottom part (ratio 4 high x 5 wide) of the front cover. As long as the artwork is to the ratios given above, the actual size can be larger or smaller than Odd Bob. I will need your artwork by the end of April at the latest.

If the artwork is for the whole cover it should include title, ODG logo, month/year of issue, and issue number 100, but they needn't be in the same positions, layout, typefaces or format as usual, and can be hand-drawn if you wish. If the artwork is for the lower part of the cover only, then no text is required.

Your entry should be sent to Rod Needham at oddbob@odg.org.uk . Good luck with your entry!

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Young Ringers' Award Scheme 2019

Are you under 18 on 1st September 2019?
Do you like a challenge?

Learn more about bells and ringing
Develop your skills
Celebrate your progress
Meet other young ringers
Tell others about your hobby

Entry forms and further details are available from
Robert Newton, The White House, 11, Plowden Park, Aston Rowant, Watlington OX49 5SX
Tel: 01844 352926 email: edsecretary@odg.org.uk

Closing date for completed applications: 31st March 2019

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Diocese of Oxford strongly promotes good safeguarding practice, in order to create a safe and secure environment within our churches, where all feel safe and valued. Our belfries are part of this safe community and the ODG aims to implement best safeguarding practice, offering training that supports its members in responding to possible incidents of abuse.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Whilst not compulsory, there are two training modules which raise awareness available on line (C0 and C1). These can be accessed through the Church of England portal and are available to any interested parties.

The C2 module is essential for ALL Tower Captains and trainers. Even if you have no young or vulnerable people in your tower at the present time it is still desirable to do this. Some parishes

will be offering this training in house but, if this not available to you, the ODG are offering an opportunity for training and a general catch up with other leaders again this year.

Saturday 9 November 2019 1000 - 1200

Registration and refreshments from 9.30 am at Radley Parish Room, OX14 2JN

There is a maximum of 30 places available and candidates should complete C0 and C1 training modules before attending the course.

Applications will be received on a first come first served basis.

Applications to: June Wells, Guild Safeguarding Officer

Email: safeguarding@odg.org.uk

Phone: 01189410061 or 07817546807

Safeguarding E-Learning - Online Training The two on line training modules, C0 and C1, are available through the Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

The C0 module is designed to raise basic awareness of safeguarding issues and therefore is applicable to all.

After completing the basic module, there is a C1 Foundation module available both online and face-to-face in some parishes. Both should be completed before attending C2 training