



Central Bucks Branch Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers DECEMBER 2012 Update



CHRISTMAS 2012 BRANCH DINNER

The Branch Christmas Dinner will be held at The Rose and Thistle, Haddenham, www.roseandthistle.uk.com on Saturday 12th January 2013 at 7.30pm, with **ringing beforehand** at St Mary the Virgin Church, Haddenham from **6.30pm-7.15pm**.

Costs will be **£21.95 for 2 courses** (a starter and main **or** main and dessert) and for **3 courses, £24.95**

Email or phone for details or to reserve places, if possible by 23rd December, Jan Robinson, CBB Chairman, Email chairman@cbucks.odg.org.uk or phone/text 07952 708012 (Between 27th Dec to 7th contact CBB Sec as Jan is uncontactable)

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2013

The General Committee has agreed to raise subscriptions to £8 which can be explained as £3 for the Guild; £3 for the member's branch; and £2 for the member's cover under the Guild's insurance policy.(approx)

They are due on 1st January and the necessary admin is enclosed from CBB Treasurer John Lomas. Last year, by people adding to their subs payments, we raised **£175 in DONATIONS TO BELL FUNDS** (George Edmans and the ODG one)but this was from only 9 towers. By all towers contributing or an average of £2 a member we could increase this to £400.

Note: If your tower designates the GE fund this will have to be conditional on the outcome of the decision to be taken at the AGM. If it is to continue – fine, if not the amount would go to the ODG Bell Fund unless you stipulate otherwise.

INFORMATION FOR THE ODG 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

CBB Secretary Diana Slevin has to make the official return for this report by the end of January. Please notify any change of Tower Captain during 2012 and also make sure we know the *current* tower contact, who may well not be the same as the TC. An email has been sent, where possible, with current info that will be used unless changes are notified. Deadline 31st December please. On a sad note, we are also asked for names of any members who have died during 2012.

ODD BOB The November 2012 edition is being distributed with this newsletter Contact Branch Secretary if you do not receive one.

**AGM REMINDER East Claydon Saturday 9th February. Meeting 5pm
preceded by usual ringing, service and tea.
*Important decisions to be made, please be there!***

Contact for info : Diana Slevin 01296 713903 secretary@cbucks.odg.org.uk

10 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION RESULT & CONGRATULATIONS

On November 24th at Long Crendon, our CBB team did us proud in the Guild 10-bell competition.
Andrew Haseldine and his team won. The test piece was: 269 Grandsire Caters

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BRANCH PRACTICES 2013

The usual pattern of CBB practices will continue according to the rota system. Details of venues are being arranged at the moment. *If you receive a request for a practice please try and respond asap especially if the answer is NO to the date mentioned. In this case, an alternative date would be appreciated*

8 Bell Progress 1st Tuesdays - normally Aylesbury 7.30-9pm *First – January 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY*
CBB Branch practice or event* -2nd Saturdays normally 6.30-8.30pm , decided on a rota

First Xmas dinner at Haddenham

6 Bell Progress Practice - 3rd Tuesdays normally Stewkley 7.30-9.00pm *First January 15th*

8 Bell Advanced - 4th Saturdays, decided on a rota normally 7-8.30pm *May become quarterly*

Mid week Group – variable Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday once a month.

SPECIAL EVENTS: 6 Bell Striking Competition 11th May; Half Year Meeting 8th July;

Outing 14th September; The Orchard Cup 15th October, hosted by our branch

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TOWER NEWS- Wingrave Clubs and Societies day

I organise a Clubs and Societies day in Wingrave every five years. This is an excellent means of communicating with all our villagers especially those new to Wingrave. All clubs are welcome to take a 'table' for the day for no charge and visitors also admitted free and served complimentary tea and coffee. With 27 tables booked it was bound for success. The two choirs played recordings of their singing, the Wingrave Community Association had pictures of the big screen of various events, the archive group had a perfect model of one of the Rothschild houses (including a rat scurrying across the floor), the Scouts toasted marshmallows on a camp fire outside.

Not to be outdone the bell ringers not only had a complete wheel with bell attached, stay and slider in the hall for people to have a real close up view but also hired in the Charmborough mini ring of 6 bells. This magnificent piece of equipment takes five people 2 hours to erect and some 90 minutes to dismantle - but what a lot of fun was had. No stays or sliders to break so let the children free!! The day after Peter Blight was pleased to send us pictures he had taken and a link to other 'events' the ring had been taken to. Not only Milton Keynes shopping centre, ringing roadshows but also to weddings where no bells are available and very interestingly for the Enthronement of the Bishop of Salisbury - there being no bells at the Cathedral. All the info and costs for hiring are available on the Charmborough website - www.charmborough.org

Geoff Aldridge
Secretary Wingrave Tower

Many thanks & apologies to Geoff who sent this in in good time for the October newsletter. Tower news is always welcome – next edition will be after the AGM so send in by mid February. Thanks!Ed

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!