



Central Bucks Branch

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

Newsletter APRIL 2009

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Hi folks,

This is an interim newsletter produced simply to keep you informed as to upcoming events and new committee members; thin it may be but important it is!

Hmmm I think I sounded a little like Yoda there, but here is the crunch – Yoda may be the only person coming on the Branch Outing. I have had only two replies to my enquiry about who wishes to come along (and one of those can't) and therefore whether I need to book a coach. At the moment it looks as though if you want to come along it will have to be in cars. Having said that I still really need to know numbers so I can invite people from other ringing areas if we don't get enough to make it worthwhile doing it for the branch! I leave it with you.

No Chairman's Clatter this time, not because we don't need him but because he's saving himself until the next proper newsletter.

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Branch Diary

Branch Practices are from 6.30pm - 8.30pm unless otherwise stated.
2009

April 18 th	Branch Practice	Hardwick
May 9 th	Branch Practice	Haddenham
May 16 th	Guild AGM	Stewkley
June 13 th	6-Bells Striking Competition	Gt Horwood
July 11 th	Branch Practice	Whitchurch
August 8 th	Branch Practice	Marsh Gibbon
September 12 th	Branch Outing	Suffolk
October	Orchard Cup	To be announced
November 14 th	Branch Practice	Long Crendon
December 12 th	Branch Practice	Dinton

**'Make every second Saturday of the month
a Ringing Day'**

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YOUTH EVENT



Winslow

Saturday 25th April 11am – 6pm

YOUR CHANCE TO RECRUIT YOUNG RINGERS!

IS YOUR TOWER OR ARE YOU

- **KEEN TO PROMOTE BELLRINGING AMONGST THE YOUNG**
- **LOOKING TO ATTRACT MORE YOUNG RINGERS**
- **WILLING TO HELP AT THE EVENT AND/OR FOR SET UP & BREAK DOWN**
- **HAVE IDEAS TO USE ON THE DAY**
- **READY TO HELP PROVIDE FOLLOW UP, TRAINING ETC.**
- **KEEN TO HAVE A GO ON A MINI RING?**
- **ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE £10 TO THE CHARMBOROUGH MINI RING HIRE COST? (£225 less £50 from branch funds)**

Yes?

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**PLEASE ADVERTISE EVENT IN YOUR TOWN/ VILLAGE,
CHURCH, SCHOOL, PUB SHOPS, NOTICEBOARD...**

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Ringling Trends Questionnaire

Many thanks to the 20 CBB towers who completed the recent trends ODG questionnaire. Battling in some cases with the vagaries of the online version and risking ringers' wrath by asking personal questions, we ended up sending in a respectable 50% of returns from our towers with ringable bells.

The official analysis will be coming out but here are a bits that stood out for me

- 6 towers declared they were 'prospering'
- The men : women ringer ratio is 94:76
- Of the 170 ringers, only 24 are under 30; 41 are retired (including me!)
- Only 5 towers hold AGMs but 12 have some sort of social activity
- 46 ringers have rung peals and 97 quarters
- 44 people learnt in the last 3 years of whom 32 are still ringing
- Most towers stick to rounds and call changes and/or Plain Bob for services
- Only 1 tower rings surprise methods on Sundays – up to 5 for practices!

What are also valuable are the good ideas for keeping a healthy tower and steady flow of new ringers. These were given in the comments and so do not show in the numerical counts.

Diana Slevin

Jt. CBB Secretary

**Keep your eyes open for details of the
Guild AGM at
Stewkley on May 16th**

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