

Look To

JANUARY 2025



Dates for your Diary

Friday 10 th January 2025	8 Bell Practice (To be confirmed)	Great Milton 14.30 – 16.00
Saturday 25 th January	Branch Practice	Little Milton (6) 16.00 – 17.30
Sunday 26 th January	Tower Captains and Branch Officers Meeting	Thame 19.00. (To be confirmed)
Saturday 8 th February	Oxon Ringing School – Teaching Course – Module 1, Teaching Bell Handling	St Mary the Virgin, Kirtlington 09.30 – 17.00
Saturday 22 nd February	Branch Practice 15.00 followed by a service, tea, and the AGM	Benson, Ringing at 15.00 AGM will not commence before 17.00

FORMAL NOTICE OF THE AGM

The AGM of the South Oxon Branch of the ODG will take place on Saturday 22nd February 2025 at St Helens Church, Benson. Ringing will commence 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.

Along with Branch Practices, the AGM is a terrific opportunity to get to know other ringers in the South Oxon Branch. **Please do come along!** Branch Officers stand down at each AGM – and whilst some are happy to be re-elected, there are always spaces available for new people. Please do consider joining this group – have a word with John Tchighianoff if you are interested in a particular area.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE GUILD ARE NOW DUE

2025 Subscriptions are now due. It was agreed at the ODG Autumn General Committee that the subscription for 2025 will remain unchanged at £10.00.

Payments can be made via Bank Transfer to your Tower Captain. The reference should state "Subs" followed by your name. Tower Captains are asked to transfer the total received to the South Oxon Branch Account, using the reference "Subs Tower Name". Tower Captains are requested to provide Kay Bartholomew with a list of paid-up members.

Subscriptions can be paid individually to the SODG account, but this is not ideal. If there is no other way around it, please reference your payment "Subs followed by your name". Please advise both your Tower Captain and Kay that you have paid your subs.

IMPORTANT – When you have transferred your £10 to your Tower Captain, please go to <https://membermojo.co.uk/odg> or click on this link [Membermojo](#) and **SIGN IN**. Please check that your details are correct, **confirm that you are happy to receive emails from the Branch**, and tick any other items you would like to receive information about. Please don't forget to confirm that you are renewing your membership!

100 CLUB – RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers South Oxfordshire Branch – 100 Club

Members of the ODG South Oxfordshire Branch are invited to renew their subscriptions to the Branch 100 Club for the year 2025 at the rate of £10 pa (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 1st January 2025

50% of the total monthly subscriptions will be paid in prize money
50% will be donated to the Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund.

The draw will take place monthly, normally at Branch Practices
The Annual Accounts of the 100 Club will be produced at the Branch AGM.

Participants are asked to transfer £10.00 per entry to their Tower Captain, giving their name followed by 100 as the reference.

Tower Captains will then transfer the total received to the South Oxon Branch Bank Account, using the reference "100 Tower name". Tower Captains will then need to complete the application form below with the list of those participating and email it to John Tchighianoff, together with details of the amount paid, and the date the transfer was made.

Alternatively the application form can be sent via Royal Mail to John at 45 St Helen's Avenue, Benson, Wallingford, OX10 6RU.

If this is not an option in your tower, individuals can transfer £10.00 direct to the Branch Bank Account. Please reference your payment "100" followed by your name and email Kay and John to let them know the date that you transferred the £10.00.

Applications to be received by John, by **11th January 2025** at the latest. Please note the first draw will be at the Branch Practice at Little Milton on Saturday 25th January.

The Bank details are as follows:

Account Name: [REDACTED]

Sort code : [REDACTED]

Account number: [REDACTED]

Email addresses :

Kay Bartholomew : [REDACTED]

John Tchighianoff : [REDACTED]

100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners of the December draw are :

1st Prize no 34 Annette Cook, Chalgrove

2nd Prize no 29 Robert Wells, Brightwell Baldwin

3rd Prize no 46 Gordon Smith, Little Milton

8 Bell Practice

Having rounded off our first year of Branch 8 bell practices with a lively session at Benson in December attended by 16 people, we are now looking ahead to 2025.

Our first practice of the New Year will be at Great Milton on **Friday 10th January**, starting at 2.30 pm. For the time being we plan to stick with the same repertoire; namely Plain Bob, Grandsire, St Clement's, Stedman, Cambridge and Bristol, plus (if time and numbers allow) Double Norwich and maybe Superlative. As always, please let us know whether you are planning to attend and if there is anything specific that you would like to ring. And do please forward this email to any Branch members not on the circulation list who you think should be included.

Once again, our thanks to all of you who have continued to support these practices. We look forward to seeing many of you at Great Milton, if not before.

Happy New Year to all.

Best wishes

John and Cathy

QUARTER PEAL NEWS

St Helen's Church, Berrick Salome
Monday, 30 December 2024 in 42m (7-1-13 in Bb)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Christine Wasmuth
- 2 Christopher Devonport
- 3 Wendy Simon
- 4 Gordon Smith
- 5 Andrew Davis (C)
- 6 Mark Wasmuth

Dedicated to the late Beverley Keen
on her 54th Birthday



South Oxon Branch ODG

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St James Church, Little Milton
Tuesday, 3 December 2024 in 43m (11–3–22 in F#)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Catherine Hughes-D'Aeth
- 2 Caroline Flockton
- 3 Gordon Smith
- 4 Stuart Flockton
- 5 John Hughes-D'Aeth (C)
- 6 John Tchighianoff

Congratulations to Japh Slaney on achieving his first quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor

St James Church, Little Milton
Wednesday, 11 December 2024 in 44m (11–3–22 in F#)

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Caroline Flockton
- 2 Kay Bartholomew
- 3 Stuart Flockton
- 4 Japhiah Slaney
- 5 John Hughes-D'Aeth (C)
- 6 Edward Hughes-D'Aeth

First of Surprise: 4.
Rung for the Little Milton School Christingle service.

TOWER CAPTAINS' AND BRANCH OFFICERS' MEETING

This will be held at St Mary's Church, Thame on Sunday 26th January. The agenda will be sent out via the new Membermojo system, so please do make sure you have ticked all the necessary boxes on your membership form!

