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APRIL 2025



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 12 th April	8 Bell Practice 16.00 – 17.30	Dorchester (8)
Saturday 26 th April	Branch Practice 16.00 – 17.30	Watlington (8)
Thursday 8 th May	80 th Anniversary of VE Day	Ring out in celebration – 6.30 pm
Saturday 17 th May	Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers – AGM Hosted by South Oxon Branch	St Laurence Church, Warborough

100 Club Winners

The winners of the March draw are :

1st Prize No 8 Kay Tuckwell of Ewelme

2nd Prize No 12 Maureen Bosley of Benson

Branch Practice –Watlington

The Watlington ringers are looking forward to having the branch practice on our newly re-hung bells on 26 April. For those of you who have had the experience of ringing at Watlington previously you can be confident that you will notice a big difference. After a complete re-hang, replacement of the old plain bearings, new headstocks, wheels and clappers the out of tune odd-struckness is no more and they no longer drop like stones at inconvenient moments. They've been on a bit of a diet too and whilst still a hefty 21cwt they amply reward the effort with a glorious sound. We will be opening the tower a little early at 3:30 if people would like to see the bells ahead of the practice. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided as encouragement.

We always welcome visitors to our practice on Wednesdays (7:00-8:30) and are grateful for the support we're receiving from Chalgrove and Benson and the ringing school at Dorchester as we continue to rebuild the local band.

Chris Bailey

Branch 8 Bell Practice – Dorchester

The Branch 8 bell practices continue, alternating between (usually) the second Friday and the second Saturday of each month. The repertoire is varied, starting with Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples and extending through Stedman to Surprise Major (Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol). Attendances have generally been good and it has been pleasing to see many Branch members trying new things and making progress.

Our next practice is at Dorchester on Saturday 12th April, starting at 4 pm. If you are a competent method ringer on 6 and would like to step up to 8, or can hunt on 7 and feel ready to move to the next stage, we'd be delighted to see you. Please let us know if you're planning to come.

John and Cathy Hughes-D'Aeth (john.hd@btinternet.com)



Every Guild member is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 17th May 2025

St Laurence, Warborough OX10 7DR

1100 - 1630	The Central Council Mobile Belfry will be on the village green behind St Laurence Church and will be available to ringers and non-ringers throughout the day.
1100 - 1230	St Leonard, Watlington, OX49 5LX (8) Tenor 20-3-25 Tower open for general ringing
1300 - 1400	St Laurence, Warborough (8) 10-0-14 Tower open for ringing
1245 - 1400	Tea and cake in St Lawrence Hall next to the church. Preordered and paid packed lunches will be available – <i>details and how to order to follow</i>
1400 - 1415	Striking competition results announced in the church
1430	Annual General Meeting ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
1630	Evensong Service in St Laurence Church