

Sonning Deanery Branch Newsletter



July 2018, Summer Issue



An unusual view of Sonning tower as the bellringers take part in the bi-annual village Scarecrow Festival.

Calendar

Saturday 21st July

Easthampstead (8)

4.30pm—6 pm Branch Practice

Saturday 18th August

Hurst (8) - TBC

10.30am—12 noon Branch Practice

Saturday 15th September

Sonning (8)

7pm—8.30pm Branch Practice

Monthly Tuesday afternoon practices

(2-4pm at Binfield) on 7th Aug, 4th Sept & 2nd Oct (provisionally).

Surprise Major practices (Wednesday 8pm –9.30pm) at Wokingham All Saints on 8th Aug, 11th Sept & 10th Oct (provisionally).

Young Ringers Practice (2nd Sunday of the month, 2.30 –4pm) 12th August (Wargrave), 9th Sept & 14th Oct, various towers.

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Report from the Hurst Show with the Charmborough Ring

Over the weekend of the 23rd & 24th June many members of the Branch were busy helping at the Hurst Show. Our plan was to recruit and demonstrate ringing to the wider audience using the Charmborough Mini-Ring which we had hired for the weekend.

It was beautiful weather for visitors to the show, with hardly a cloud in the sky – even if it was a bit hot for those there all day and especially those helping to assemble and disassemble it on both days! However, we were thankful for the gazebo Steve (Wells) kindly borrowed from his church and also the good supply of ice creams from vans conveniently parked nearby! Our thanks should also go to the 5 volunteers who came with the mini-Ring from Essex – not just for their invaluable expertise in constructing the Mini Ring but also in helping us give mini-taster ringing lessons to the visitors.

We talked to a lot of people and seemed to strike a good balance between kids having fun and chiming the bells, short demonstrations of ‘proper’ ringing (at least one every half hour) and also many people actually having a go at ringing. We signed up about 30 people and had 2 longer ‘taster’ sessions on the following two Saturdays. The first one was particularly successful and four people have already started learning to ring, two at Twyford & two at All Saints, Wokingham.

Alison Clayton (Sonning)

Ringling to Celebrate the Royal Wedding—19th May



Easthampstead 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Stephen C Wells
- 2 Anna Stowe
- 3 Ali Wood
- 4 Judith Bowler
- 5 Barbara E Wells
- 6 Anthony Perry (C)

First surprise: 2

All Saints, Wokingham 1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Kristin L Fitch
- 2 Mary K Clark-Maxwell
- 3 Susan E Davenport
- 4 Tom Blomley
- 5 Alan K Barsby
- 6 Stephen R Smith
- 7 John A Harrison (C)
- 8 Stephen C Bates

Sonning 1344 Plain Bob Triples

- 1 Geoffrey M Harvey
- 2 Rob Needham
- 3 Anthony W Gordon
- 4 Sue Portsmouth
- 5 Tom Blomley
- 6 Adrian Nash
- 7 Alan K Barsby (C)
- 8 Lavinia M Sullivan

Twyford 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Martha Hazell
- 2 Claire Shuttleworth
- 3 Sue Portsmouth
- 4 Rob Needham
- 5 Jacqueline Hazell (C)
- 6 Lesley S Cross

6 Bell Striking Competition—21st April—Finchampstead

The competition was judged by Ian Thompson, assisted by Emily Mellor. The judge commented on the purpose of competitions – to encourage listening with a more critical ear - and to enjoy the ringing. All teams had made a good effort.

All teams rang Doubles, which puts a particular emphasis on Tenoring. He also stressed the importance of a good pull-off. The final placing were:

1. Wokingham All Saints B, Faults: 49 (6+43); Method: Grandsire Doubles [Rang 1st] A very good piece. The Tenor set a good rhythm but the others weren't listening, though they gradually got the rhythm. It would have been better without three trips that cost 8-9 faults. However, this team did know how to get out of a mess without wrecking the rhythm.

2. Finchampstead, Faults: 93 (8+85); Method: Plain Bob Doubles [Rang 3rd] The Tenor set an excellent beat – metronomic – it was a pity the others didn't follow it. If they had the striking would have been better. Some were ringing to the Tenor but the others were ringing to the method.

3. Wokingham All Saints A, Faults: 148 (20+108), Method: Plain Hunt Doubles, [Rang 2nd] A less experienced band with quite a bit of unsteadiness and they didn't know how to get out of a mess. The Tenor tried to help others in trouble (the curse of metronomic ringing). The team seemed to relax in the middle and produced better striking than the anxious start or the tiring finish.

Quarter Peals

Easthampstead

21 January

1260 Doubles (Grandsire, St Simons, Plain Bob)

1 Stephen Wells
2 Bradley Herrington
3 Barbara Wells
4 Daniel Chafen
5 Rachel Moss (C)
6 Andrew I Mitchell
To celebrate the life of Jane Elizabeth Carpenter, who died on Boxing day aged 55.

Easthampstead

8 April

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Andrew I Mitchell
2 Stephen C Wells
3 Bradley Herrington
4 Anna Stowe
5 Daniel Chafen (C)
6 Barbara E Wells
Rung for the "Christ in Quiet" service and as an 80th birthday compliment to Pat Cole, mother of the Rector.
First quarter on the treble.

Easthampstead

2 June

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Connor D J Wignall
2 Anna Stowe
3 Graham N Scott
4 Barbara E Wells
5 Stephen C Wells (C)
6 Andrew I Mitchell
Rung for the wedding of Wesley James to Amelia Smith and as birthday compliments to Stan Scott (91) and Rachel Moss (50).
First quarter peal 1.

Easthampstead

9 April

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Simon Chapman
2 Daniel Chafen
3 Barbara E Wells
4 Nigel AL Mellor
5 Bradley Herrington
6 Stephen C Wells (C)
Rung to celebrate the birth of Ella-May Chapman, daughter of 1.
First treble Bob 1.
First Surprise 5.

All Saints, Wokingham

3 June

1320 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Stephen C Bates
2 Kristin L Fitch
3 Mary Spence
4 John A Harrison
5 Stephen R Smith (C)
6 Penka G Kasarova
For evensong. First quarter
- 6First Quarter - 6

All Saints, Wokingham

13 May

1280 Spliced Surprise Major

1 Kristin L Fitch
2 Jane A Mellor
3 Julie B Goodchild
4 Tom Blomley
5 Jonathan P Goodchild
6 Nigel A L Mellor (C)
7 Stephen R Smith
8 John A Harrison

All Saints, Wokingham

27 May

1320 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Stephen C Bates
2 Barbara G Smith
3 Mary Spence
4 Alan K Barsby
5 Stephen R Smith (C)
6 Andrew S Eastwell
First Quarter - 6

Eversley

27 April

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Susan E Davenport
2 Alan K Barsby
3 Adrian Nash
4 Peter J Davenport
5 Tom Blomley
6 Kenneth R Davenport (C)

First inside and of Minor: 4

For evening service and a marriage compliment to Catie Smith (former ringer here) and James Lee.

Waltham St Lawrence
2 April
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Martha Hazell
2 Vikki Bulbeck
3 Lavinia Sullivan (C)
4 Jacqueline Hazell
5 Derek R Smith
6 Sophie N Jenner
First quarter as cover - 6.
Completes Learning the Ropes
Level 3 - 6.

Twyford
19 April
1260 Mixed Doubles
420 St Simon's, 360 St Martin's, 240
St Osmund, 240 Eynesbury, with a
change of method at the end of each
extent.
1 Sue Portsmouth
2 Jacqueline Hazell (C)
3 Anthony W Gordon
4 Rob Needham
5 Vikki Bulbeck
6 Lesley S Cross
To celebrate the 92nd Birthday of HM
Queen Elizabeth II on 21st April.

Waltham St Lawrence
11 May
1320 Hull Surprise Minor
1 Robert A Partridge (C)
2 Jacqueline Hazell
3 Sue Portsmouth
4 David Sullivan
5 Lavinia Sullivan
6 Anthony W Gordon
First of Hull - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Binfield
8 June
1296 Cambridge S Minor
1 Claire Shuttleworth
2 Joyce Vernon
3 Sue Portsmouth
4 Lavinia Sullivan
5 Anthony W Gordon
6 David Sullivan (C)

Sonning
1 July
1280 Plain Bob Major
1 Rob Needham
2 Geoffrey M Harvey
3 Adrian Nash
4 Peter Kemm
5 Pam Elliston
6 Robert Partridge (C)
7 Lavinia M Sullivan
8 Graham E Slade

Hurst
6 April
1280 Cambridge S Major
1 Lavinia Sullivan
2 Barbara E Wells
3 Joyce Vernon
4 Sue Portsmouth
5 Jacqueline Hazell
6 Anthony W Gordon
7 Stephen C Wells
8 David Sullivan (C)
First Cambridge Major - 4.

Binfield
27 April
1296 Cambridge S Minor
1 Geoffrey M Harvey
2 Jacqueline Hazell
3 Sue Portsmouth
4 Anthony W Gordon
5 Lavinia Sullivan
6 David Sullivan (C)

Waltham St Lawrence
17 May
1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor
1 Rob Needham
2 Sue Portsmouth
3 Jacqueline Hazell
4 Anthony W Gordon
5 Lavinia Sullivan
6 David Sullivan (C)
First minor inside in the method - 2,
3.
25th this year - 2

Wargrave
29 June
1320 Primrose S Minor
1 Freddie Gingell
2 Jacqueline Hazell
3 Lavinia Sullivan
4 Matthew W Thewsey
5 Anthony W Gordon
6 David Sullivan (C)
First Primrose for all.

Hurst
6 July
1260 Plain Bob Triples
WMHHH five part
1 Jacqueline Hazell
2 Barbara E Wells
3 Freddie Gingell
4 Pam Elliston
5 David Sullivan
6 Lavinia Sullivan
7 Matthew W Thewsey (C)
8 Sue Portsmouth
First triples as conductor.
Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the
National Health Service.

Waltham St Lawrence
13 April
1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles
1 Anthony W Gordon
2 Martha Hazell
3 Lavinia Sullivan
4 Jacqueline Hazell
5 David Sullivan (C)
6 Kitty Gingell
First St Simon's - 2.

Hurst
4 May
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Stephen C Wells
2 Barbara E Wells
3 Susan E Davenport
4 Sue Portsmouth
5 Lavinia Sullivan
6 Kenneth J Davenport
7 David Sullivan (C)
8 Lesley S Cross
First on eight - 8.

Hurst
1 June
1260 Stedman Triples
Composed by T. Thurstans
1 Graham E Slade
2 Barbara E Wells
3 Stephen C Wells
4 Lavinia Sullivan
5 David Sullivan
6 Anthony W Gordon
7 Kenneth J Davenport (C)
8 Sue Portsmouth

All Saints, Wokingham
10 June
1296 Plain Bob Major
1 Jane A Mellor
2 Mary Spence
3 Kristin L Fitch
4 Nigel A L Mellor (C)
5 Alan K Barsby
6 Stephen R Smith
7 John A Harrison
8 Jon P Tutchter