

## **The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers**

For information on the Guild, see the Guild website: <http://odg.org.uk/>

### **Publications from the Guild:**

Odd Bob – Printed May and November - Next Issue May 2023 – now available on Guild website

Latest at [ODD BOB - Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers \(odg.org.uk\)](http://odg.org.uk/)

Annual Report – next issue available March 2023

**Subscriptions 2022** – kept as previous year, £8 per ringer

There will be an increase in 2024

### **Learning & Development Workgroup**

The usual courses are being planned, see Diary of Events

### **Raising and Lowering**

There is a need to improve raising and lowering standards.

Robert Newton proposed that he would donate a trophy for a dedicated ringing up and down yearly competition. The competition could be combined with a striking competition.

### **Towers and Belfries Sub-Committee Report**

Last summer, there was particular concern about the extraordinary quantity of loose nuts & bolts in belfries all over the Guild, due to the extreme dry weather. The T&B committee worked hard to alert, educate, correct and generally mitigate the problem.

Two rope courses are planned for 11th Feb and end of October 2023. There will hopefully be a general belfry course at Shaw-cum-Donnington on May 13th 2023. There may be other courses depending on invitations from host towers.

### **Report of Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee**

The Guild is considering reorganising the Guild management and the role and setup of the General Committee. This is ongoing.

The Master noted that ODG have several key vacancies, including the Assistant Treasurer.

Work is ongoing with regard to the ODG website, including the server upgrade, Mail Lists, Issues with some mail addresses, and progress with MemberMojo (the membership database software system)

## Diary Of Events 2023

### To note:

The Guild festival is being planned for July 8th 2023

The AGM, scheduled for 20th May in the Witney and Woodstock branch, will be held at Broadwell.

The 10 Bell striking competition originally planned for the Banbury Branch, will now be held in Bicester.

Spring General Committee Meeting	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	ONB Branch
Commonwealth Nations Ringing	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	
Radley Course	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Radley
St George's Day	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	
Ringing Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Chiltern Branch
King's Coronation Ringing	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
General Belfry Course	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Newbury Branch
AGM, Activity Day & 8 Bell Striking Competition	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	W&W Branch Broadwell
Guild Festival	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Oxford City
New Members' Welcome	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July (tbc)	
Michaelmas Course	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	
6 Bell Striking Competition	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Chipping Norton Branch
Steeple Aston Course with Rope Splicing, Rope Maintenance and Management Course	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Steeple Aston
10 bell course Grandsire caters	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Shrivenham
November General Committee Meeting	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Banbury Branch
10 Bell Striking Competition	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Bicester Branch