

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. now available on Guild website under Publications
Next Issue May 2024

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

Annual Report – next issue available March 2024

The activities of the Guild are managed by various Sub-Committees. These each produce reports twice a year, which are presented at the General Committee meetings held in March and November. The reports and minutes of the meetings can be viewed on the website at:

[General Committee Meetings - Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers \(odg.org.uk\)](http://odg.org.uk/)

Or look under Publications/General-committee-meetings/

Subscriptions 2024 – Increased to £10 per ringer for 2024. (£7 to Guild and £3 to Branch). A Branch can also request additional voluntary subs.

Learning & Development Workgroup

The usual courses are being planned, see Diary of Events

Next Guild Festival

The guild festival is normally held every 5 years. However it has been decided to make the next one coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Guild and will be held in 2031.

Towers and Belfries Sub-Committee Report

Members are reminded to continue to check for the kind of problems caused by the extremely dry weather in 2022, eg loose frames, headstocks.

Some towers may suffer from stretchy ropes, causing them to ‘go’ badly. To remedy this, the ropes will need to be stretched by hanging a heavy weight on the rope for a week or so. If the problem persists and is traced to the polypropylene top, then that top may need to be replaced.

A General Tower Maintenance course will be held on April 27th at Hook Norton. This unfortunately coincides with our Bicester Branch outing.

As always, the Towers and Belfries Sub-Committee would welcome more members.

Report of Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee

They are seeking members for the Public Relations Working Group.

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

ODG Transformation – Case for Change

Work is ongoing with regard to the ODG website, including the server upgrade, Mail Lists and Issues with some mail addresses. They are considering implementing an online membership database software system (MemberMojo) and the use of QR codes for PR material. If anyone has skills that can help the set up these processes efficiently, please get in touch.

Diary Of Events 2024 Link below info/training

[Learning & Development - Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers \(odg.org.uk\)](http://odg.org.uk)

Spring General Committee Meeting	Saturday 9th March	North Bucks branch
Radley Course	Saturday 13th April	Radley
St George's Day	Tuesday 23rd April	
General Tower Maintenance	Saturday 27 th April	Hook Norton
Ringing Day	Monday 6 th May	Oxford City
AGM, & 8 Bell Striking Competition	Saturday 18th May	EBSB
Michaelmas Course	Saturday 28 th September	South East part of the Guild
6 Bell Striking Competition	Saturday 5th October	Sonning Deanery
Steeple Aston Course plus Rope Management and Splicing	Saturday 26 th October	Steeple Aston
10 bell course Grandsire caters	Saturday 2nd November	Shrivenham
November General Committee Meeting and 10 Bell Striking Competition	Saturday 23rd November	Reading

Date	Spring General Committee Mtg 2nd Saturday in March + Bell Fund AGM	Bell Fund Ringing Day 1st Bank Holiday in May	AGM & 8 Bell Competition 3rd Saturday in May	6 Bell Competition 1st Saturday in October	November General Committee Mtg + 10 Bell Competition 4th Saturday in November	Guild Festival 2nd Saturday in July every 5 years
2024	North Bucks	Oxford City	EBSB	Sonning Deanery	Reading	
2025	Newbury	Old North Berks	South Oxon	Oxford City	Bicester	
2026	Chipping N	Bicester	North Bucks	Central Bucks	W & W	
2027	VOWH	South Oxon	Oxford City	Reading	Newbury	
2028	Central Bucks	EBSB	Sonning Deanery	Bicester	North Bucks	
2029	South Oxon	W & W	Chipping N	Banbury	Old North Berks	
2030	EBSB	Reading	Newbury	VOWH	Chiltern	
2031	Banbury	North Bucks	Central Bucks	W & W	Chipping N	150th anniversary Oxford City
2032	Oxford City	Newbury	VOWH	Chiltern	EBSB	
2033	Sonning Deanery	Chipping N	Banbury	Old North Berks	South Oxon	
2034	Bicester	Central Bucks	Chiltern	EBSB	Sonning Deanery	
2035	Reading	VOWH	Old North Berks	South Oxon	Oxford City	
2036	W & W	Banbury	Bicester	North Bucks	Central Bucks	Oxford City
2037	Chiltern	Sonning Deanery	Reading	Newbury	VOWH	
2038	Old North Berks	Chiltern	W & W	Chipping N	Banbury/ Bicester	

