

Sonning Deanery Branch Newsletter



September 2017, Autumn Issue

Ringling Master's message

I have been really impressed by the recent Youth Practices (second Sunday of the month - see the calendar). It is good to see so many young ringers, all very keen and developing their skills well.

Binfield has changed their practice night to Monday. They have a small band who are all very keen to keep ringing going at Binfield after the sad deaths of both David Fawcett and Dave Creasy. Liz Harris has taken up the reins as Tower Captain. However, they need lots of help! So if you can join them on a Monday, or indeed on a Sunday morning, I encourage you to do so. Please contact binfield@sdb.odg.org.uk for details.

Steve Wells

Branch Ringing Outing—21st October



- 10 - 10:45am - St Michael, Bray (8)
- 11:15 - 12am - St Mary, Hitcham (6) - toilets available here
- 12:15 - 1pm - St James, Dorney (6)
- 1:15 - 2:15pm - lunch at the Pineapple pub
- 2:45 - 3:30pm - St Andrew, Clewer (6) - toilets available here
- 4 - 4:45pm - All Saints, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead

Kindly being organised by Vikki Bulbeck from Waltham St Lawrence this year. Keep the date free—more details will follow!



Calendar

4th—12th November
Quarter Peal Week

Saturday 18th November
Wokingham All Saints (8)
4.30pm Tea followed by
Business Meeting at 5pm

Saturday 16th December

Twyford (8)
4.30pm—6pm Branch Practice with
mince pies

**Young Ringers Practice (2nd Sun-
day of the month, 2.30—4pm) 8th
Oct, Nov TBD and 10th Dec.**

Monthly Tuesday afternoon practices
(2-4pm at Binfield) on 3rd Oct, 7th
Nov, 5th Dec, 2nd Jan (provisionally).

Surprise Major practices (Wednesday
8pm—9.30pm) at Wokingham All
Saints on 11th Oct, 8th Nov & 13th
Dec (provisionally).

Ringers' Wedding At Wargrave – Rebecca Gingell & Chapman Knott



Rebecca learnt to ring as a teenager at Wargrave, but lapsed when she went to Oxford and then got a job in London. Work took her to New York, and what does a young lady do when all alone in a big new city? She goes ringing at the nearest tower, in this case, Holy Trinity Wall Street.



There she met Chapman and the rest, as they say, is history. Beccy rang first quarters and peals, learnt advanced methods, ringing on higher numbers and became an excellent hand bell ringer.

Beccy's work brought her back to the UK, and Chapman followed. They both now live and ring in London. They celebrated their marriage at St Mary's in Wargrave on the 29th July, and after the service came up to have a quick ring, along with youngest sister Kitty, brother Freddie, grandmother Joyce Hynd (a Henley Ringer) and her friends Joyce and Keith Vernon.

The previous day they took a break from wedding preparations and decorating the church to ring a celebratory quarter at St Mary's.

Friday, 28 July 2017 in 46 min

1288 Plain Bob Triples

- 1 Freddie Gingell
- 2 Pam Elliston
- 3 Kitty Gingell
- 4 Lavinia Sullivan
- 5 J Chapman Knott
- 6 Anthony W Gordon
- 7 David Sullivan (C)
- 8 Rebecca Gingell



Learning the Ropes – Level 5 in 18 months?

Well, Yes and No. Ringers Kitty and Freddie Gingell from Wargrave had their first handling lesson at Wargrave at the end of October 2016. When they passed level 4 in November 2016 just a year since starting, our next (very challenging) target was to get level 5 in 18 months.

By the end of March they had both completed all the theory and practical tasks; Kitty had completed two of the three quarter peal assessments, and Freddie one. The challenge was now going to be to fit in the remaining quarters in the time available and before GCSE and A level exams took over all their time. Kitty learnt Kent inside so we could use the same quarter for them to ring treble bob, but two bells swapped towards the end of the attempt at Binfield on 9th April. Freddie rang his second assessment (treble to method other than plain bob) but two more attempts for Kent minor failed (neither due to Kitty and Freddie).

So yes – everything done, and more that 1260 changes of Kent rung, but no as it wasn't all in one quarter.

In September Kitty is back at school starting A levels, but Freddie is available for mid-week day time quarters as he doesn't go up to Oxford till October. On the 15th September he rang the treble of the tricky little eight at Englefield to a quarter of Yorkshire thus completing his last assessment.

So yes – level 5 attained, but no as it was 22 months. Very well done to both; we so nearly made it!

Vinni Sullivan (Loddon Hub Local Organiser)

Remembering Dave Creasy

Wokingham St Paul, Berkshire

Saturday, 9th September 2017 in 2 hrs 52 mins

5024 Cambridge Surprise Major

(Composed by Albert J Pitman)

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Alan K Barsby | 5 Ellis N Thomas |
| 2 Jon P Tutcher | 6 John A Harrison |
| 3 Geoffrey K Cook | 4 Janet E Menhinick |
| 7 Kenneth R Davenport (C) | 8 Stephen J Crawley |

Rung in thanksgiving for the life and friendship of Dave Creasy, Tower Captain at Binfield and regular ringer at this Church and Binfield, Berkshire.

Binfield, All Saints

Friday, 4 August 2017

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Liz Harris
- 2 Susan E Davenport
- 3 Elizabeth J O'Brien
- 4 Kenneth R Davenport (C)
- 5 Stephen C Wells
- 6 Peter J Davenport

Remembering Dave Creasy, Tower Captain at this Church, who died 11th July 2017. A dear friend to the ringers.

Hambleton, Buckinghamshire

St Mary the Virgin

Friday, 14 July 2017

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Lavinia Sullivan
- 2 Joyce Vernon
- 3 Sue Portsmouth
- 4 Anthony W Gordon
- 5 David Sullivan (C)
- 6 Lesley S Cross

First attempt - 6.

Remembering David J Creasy, ringing master at Binfield, who died on 11/07/2017. Requiescat in pace.

Wokingham, All Saints

Sunday, 23 July 2017 in 45m

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Kristin L Fitch
- 2 Mary Spence
- 3 Susan E Davenport
- 4 Alan K Barsby
- 5 Stephen R Smith
- 6 Ellis N Thomas
- 7 John A Harrison (C)
- 8 Stephen C Bates

Rung before evening service. In memory of David Creasey, tower captain of Binfield, on the eve of his funeral.

Sonning

Thursday, 20 July 2017

1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor

- 1 Sue Portsmouth
 - 2 Geoffrey M Harvey
 - 3 Alison Clayton
 - 4 Rob Needham
 - 5 Pam Elliston
 - 6 David Sullivan (C)
- 1st treble bob - 1.

Remembering David J Creasy, tower captain at Binfield, who died on July 11th.

Quarter Peals at Aborfield (apologies - due to a technical hitch these were omitted from earlier issues)

Sunday, 29 January 2017 i
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Helen Averill
- 2 Judith Atkinson
- 3 Joyce Goodwin
- 4 Darren Smith
- 5 Vernon B Bedford (C)
- 6 Michael V Boys

Rung in memory of Jill Betts, a former ringer at Arborfield Church.

First quarter inside No. 4

Thursday, 15 June 2017
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Helen Averill
- 2 Judith Atkinson
- 3 Joyce Goodwin
- 4 Darren Smith
- 5 Vernon B Bedford (C)
- 6 Julian Bedford

Rung for BBC Music Day

Quarter Peals (sorry many more submitted than I can fit so the remainder will be in the next issue)

St Marys, Twyford

29 June

1288 Plain Bob Triples

1 Lavinia Sullivan
 2 Vikki Bulbeck
 3 Kitty Gingell
 4 Pam Elliston
 5 Geoffrey M Harvey
 6 Alan K Barsby
 7 David Sullivan (C)
 8 Sue Portsmouth
 First on eight inside and first touch of Bob Triples - 3; First cover on eight - 8; With best wishes to Jacquie Hazell who was to have rung in this attempt.

All Saints, Wokingham

9 July

1264 Plain Bob Major

1 Mary Spence
 2 Kristin L Fitch
 3 Jane A Mellor
 4 Tom Blomley
 5 Alan K Barsby
 6 Nigel A L Mellor
 7 Stephen R Smith
 8 John A Harrison (C)
 For evening service. Golden wedding compliment to John & Anne Harrison.

St Andrews, Sonning

24 August

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Geoffrey M Harvey
 2 Sue Portsmouth
 3 Rob Needham
 4 Tim Hayward
 5 Lavinia Sullivan
 6 David Sullivan (C)

With congratulations to Freddie Gingell, ringer at Wargrave, on gaining a place at Oxford University.

St Andrews, Sonning

29 June

1360 Reverse Canterbury Doubles

1 Geoffrey M Harvey
 2 Pam Elliston
 3 Sue Portsmouth
 4 Alison Clayton
 5 David Sullivan (C)

1st quarter entirely in the method - 2, 3, 4; Dedicated to absent friends, who, had they been present in sufficient numbers, would have rendered this performance impossible.

St Mary, Twyford

20 July

1288 Plain Bob Triples

1 Kitty Gingell
 2 Vikki Bulbeck
 3 Freddie Gingell
 4 Rob Needham
 5 Lavinia Sullivan
 6 Anthony W Gordon
 7 David Sullivan (C)
 8 Sue Portsmouth
 1st on eight inside and 1st touch of Bob Triples - 3.
 25th quarter - 8.

St Peter, Burnham

25 August

1288 Plain Bob Triples

1 Barbara E Wells
 2 Stephen C Wells
 3 Martha Hazell
 4 Rob Needham
 5 Jacquie Hazell
 6 Lavinia Sullivan
 7 David Sullivan (C)
 8 Sue Portsmouth

1st triples inside - 3. With congratulations to Wargrave ringers Freddie Gingell on obtaining a place at Oxford University, and Kitty Gingell for getting 10 A*s in her GCSEs.

Hurst

7 July

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 Jacquie Hazell
 2 Lavinia Sullivan
 3 Pam Elliston
 4 Alan K Barsby
 5 Robert A Partidge (C)
 6 David Sullivan

To welcome Violet Christine Rae Halton, granddaughter of 4, born Saturday July 1st.

St Mary, Twyford

17 August

1280 Plain Bob Major

1 Martha Hazell
 2 Jacquie Hazell
 3 Sue Portsmouth
 4 Pam Elliston
 5 Vikki Bulbeck
 6 Anthony W Gordon
 7 Lavinia Sullivan
 8 David Sullivan (C)
 1st major: 3

Waltham St Lawrence

28 August

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Martha Hazell
 2 Jacquie Hazell (C)
 3 Kate Titford
 4 Rob Needham
 5 Vikki Bulbeck
 6 Allan Crisp

1st Quarter peal: 6
 Rung to celebrate Allan's forthcoming 60th birthday on 31st August.

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