

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2021 at 3:00pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Requests for urgent items of Any Other Business
3. Minutes of the General Committee meeting of 28 November 2020

**INFORMATION AND REPORTS (circulated in advance where appropriate)**

4. Matters arising
  - a. Public Relations
  - b. F E Robinson Silver Bowl
5. Correspondence
6. Reports from and election of sub-committees
  - a. Education (Learning & Development Workgroup)
  - b. Towers and Belfries
  - c. Finance and General Purposes
7. Reports from
  - a. Peal Secretary
  - b. Safeguarding Officer
  - c. Librarian
  - d. Webmaster
  - e. Server Manager
  - f. Report Editor
8. Diary of Events
9. Posts specified in Rule 9(c) & (f) (iii): Notification of officers not willing to stand for re-election

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

10. Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020
11. Donations to the Bell Fund, the Ringing World, and ART.

**DISCUSSION AND CONCLUDING ITEMS**

12. Survival and Recovery post-Covid
13. Any other business, as agreed at the start
14. Concluding vote of thanks

## **ITEM 3: MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING (Subject to ratification at this meeting)**

### **MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held online on 28 November 2020 starting at 3.00pm and attended by 44 Committee members.

The meeting was chaired by Catherine Lane, Master, who welcomed members to the meeting and reminded them that the meeting would be recorded. Minutes are subject to confirmation at the next General Committee meeting.

#### **1. Apologies**

Eight apologies for absence were received.

#### **2. Any other urgent items of business**

The Master was aware in advance of the meeting of two issues which will be raised under Item 14.

#### **3. Minutes of the meeting on 14 March 2020** were accepted unopposed as a correct record.

Proposed by Ken Darvill, seconded by Stuart Gibson.

#### **4. Matters arising**

##### **a) Youth Fund**

Stuart Gibson updated the Committee on his contacts with HMRC since the March General Committee meeting. HMRC had suggested that, in the light of its significant financial resources, the Guild as a whole should become a registered charity, rather than the Youth Fund only. Discussion will be needed at a Guild AGM, but in the meantime, Stuart Gibson will begin to prepare an application.

Rosalind Garrett-Bowes asked what HMRC's objection to charitable status for the Youth Fund alone had been. Stuart Gibson explained that the Youth Fund does not have its own bank account and it had therefore been necessary for HMRC to review bank statements relating to all the Guild's activities. There was also concern about what would happen should the Youth Fund be treated as a distinct entity but needed to close.

Stuart Gibson has also been considering the Guild's membership database in the light of GDPR (the General Data Protection Regulation 2018). Work on the database would be needed if charitable status for the Guild overall is sought. Stuart invited two or three branches to contact him if they are interested in trialling an updated approach to Guild records.

John Harrison reminded the Committee that work began on updating the database ten years ago: he has the work that was done at that time. Alan Marchbank recalled that there had been another membership database at one point and this database could also be useful.

##### **b) Public Relations Working Group**

Jennifer Rooke, who has experience working on websites, Katie Lane, Ken Darvill, Tony Crabtree and Stuart Gibson have formed a working group with Tim Hayward's help. They

hope to update the website shortly progress on their work has been limited while coronavirus restrictions have made the future so uncertain.

## **5. Correspondence**

Katie Lane reported that she had been contacted by the executors of the will of Kathleen Mary Robinson, the last surviving granddaughter of F.E. Robinson. The will includes the bequest to the Guild of a commemorative silver bowl from the estate, to be known as the F.E. Robinson Silver Bowl. Katie Lane will collect the bowl, ensure that it is receipted and photograph it.

## **6. Reports of sub-committees**

### **a) Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee**

Ken Darvill said that in future, we were hoping that AGMs could have a facility for members to join in online as an alternative to coming to the meetings in person post-Covid. The aim would be to encourage more members to attend AGMs in either of the two ways. Alan Marchbank noted that it would also be helpful to allow members to view or listen to the meeting afterwards. Colin Newman suggested that YouTube could be a useful repository for such recordings.

The sub-committee report was accepted unanimously.

### **b) Education Sub-committee**

Robert Newton reported that it had not been possible to hold the Training Meeting face to face on 21 March, but it had instead been held in two online sessions.

The report was accepted unanimously on a proposal by Robert Newton, seconded by Colin Newman.

### **c) Towers and Belfries Sub-committee**

Tony Crabtree drew the Committee's attention to John Davidge's report on the Tower Maintenance Award, forthcoming in the next edition of Odd Bob.

It was proposed that all current awards should be extended by a year. 17 awards have been presented by Len Palfrey in nine branches. Additionally, the Tower Maintenance Handbook has been updated ready to be uploaded onto the new Guild website; and numerous 'return to ringing' inspections have been facilitated as towers planned to resume ringing. Sadly, all courses had been cancelled.

The report was accepted unanimously on a proposal by Tony Crabtree, seconded by Colin Newman.

## **7. Central Council Representatives' Report**

John Harrison highlighted three new Central Council workgroups. Two deal with young ringers and the third 'senior stakeholders' such as the Church and Government. The rapid setting up of these groups demonstrates a new, agile approach to work on the part of the Council.

The main current debate is a proposal to create a category of direct individual membership of the Central Council. Guild members are encouraged to contribute to the debate if they have the opportunity.

The report was proposed by John Harrison and seconded by Bobbie May. It was passed unopposed.

## **8. Diary of Events**

Ken Darvill noted that face to face meeting will be unlikely before April 2021. The next General Committee meeting (due in mid-March) would therefore take place online.

It is hoped that the new Covid-19 vaccination programme will enable restrictions to be limited. A number of 2021 events have therefore been left in the diary, including the AGM in May, the 8 bell competition and the Ringing Day. There will be further discussions in January and February, and in February Branch Secretaries will meet. In the meantime, branches planning to host these events are urged to be patient until the situation becomes clearer.

A decision will also be needed early in 2021 on the Guild Festival in July 2021. Towers remain booked and service arrangements in place. Katie Lane continues to oversee the organisation of the Festival and no arrangements have yet been cancelled.

## **9. Subscriptions for 2021**

### **a) Resident Ringing Members and Associate Members**

The 2020 Guild subscriptions were set by the General Committee at £8 12 months ago. Of this, £5 was used by the Guild to fund essential services such as insurance, and other regular expenditure such as ringing publications, activities by young ringers and grants.

Reports from some branches indicated disquiet should the 2021 subscription remain at £8 because far fewer activities and services had been provided during 2020. It was therefore proposed that the Guild should accept a minimum subscription of just £3 per member, for 2021 only, in recognition of the limited ringing possible in the previous year. Branches would be free, as they are now, to add an additional contribution if they are able to raise it.

Points emerging in discussion included:

- a concern that, as costs were rising generally among membership organisations reduced subscription income could deprive the Guild of money to deliver some activities or services regarded as important
- likely loss of members and income as Guild activities recover from the Covid restrictions
- a concern that offering a flexible subscription rate, however well-meaning, would be confusing.

Alan Marchbank proposed an amendment that the allocation to the general Guild should be £5. Richard Stanworth reminded the meeting that the Guild rules expect the General Committee to set the subscription rate, and there is no scope for members to set their own subscription rates.

The original proposal was amended to propose that the 2021 subscription be set at £8, split between £5 for the Guild and £3 for the branch, as currently. The proposer was Alan Marchbank and the seconder was Hilarie Rogers. The proposal was passed by 37 votes to 2.

b) Non-resident Ringing Members

On a proposal by Stuart Gibson and seconded by Ken Darvill, it was agreed by 38 votes in favour to 1 against to maintain the subscription for non-resident members at the current level of £8.

## **10. Peal Fees for 2021**

Stuart Gibson proposed retaining the 2020 peal fee of 50 pence per rope for 2021. The proposal was seconded by Colin Lee and passed with 38 votes in favour and 1 against.

## **11. Guild Budget**

Stuart Gibson introduced the budget and explained that it had been prepared in the expectation that the Guild minimum subscription for 2021 would be £3 as discussed in Item 9.

Stuart proposed adoption of the Guild budget, amended to £5 subscription income per head. It was recognised that reduced membership would be likely to contribute to an operating deficit of some £5,000 during the year.

The proposal was seconded by Keith Vernon and passed unopposed.

## **12. Learning and Development Workgroup Terms of Reference**

It was proposed by the Chair of the Education Sub-Committee that it be re-named the Learning and Development Workgroup. The change would simply update the language used to describe learning and development within the Guild and no change to the group's way of working, objectives or deliverables was envisaged. Delegated financial authority would remain as at present, as would the group's membership structure.

It was clarified in discussion that members of the group may be elected or co-opted, as currently. Its membership would be from the 'current resident membership of the Guild'. The group would continue to report to the General Committee, either directly by the Chair or by his or her delegate at a General Committee meeting. It was noted that the Towers and Belfries Working Group already uses this approach and is a good example of how well it can work.

Colin Newman's proposal was seconded by Ken Darvill. The amended Terms of Reference were accepted on a vote of 31 in favour and 5 against.

## **13. Date of Eight Bell Striking Competition 2021**

Ken Darvill proposed combining the competition with the AGM with both being held on the same afternoon and at the same location in order to attract greater numbers to the

meeting. Historically the host branch has provided much of the necessary quorum for the meeting but next year is a particular concern because the host branch is small. There may also be some members who are still reluctant to mix at events and meetings because of the Covid virus.

Patricia Newton suggested trialling this approach in 2021 with a review and discussion at the November 2021 General Committee Meeting. If there were many entries for the competition it could prove difficult to manage both events within the time available. Alternatively, if the combined event became very long, attendance could be split and members drift away before the AGM. John Davidge suggested that, if necessary, heats could take place in the morning to allow the final to be in the afternoon.

Ken Darvill agreed to Patricia Newton's suggestion to trial the change for one year.

The amended proposal by Patricia Newton to trial and then review the experience in 2021 was seconded by Ken Darvill and passed by 38 votes to 1.

#### **14. Any Other Business**

- a) Annual Report: Heather Browning noted that next year's report will be available in March and that content and reports will be needed by the end of January. Distribution methods will be considered in March. Some contact details may be out of date, e.g. for tower correspondents. A further question arose about the personal data contained in the Annual Report and how this is managed and destroyed as appropriate, as some towers are open access and the Annual Report currently links members to specific towers. Currently we do not ask permission to use the personal data of tower correspondents.

It was suggested that we move to generic email addresses across the piece: some towers and branches already do this and branches could manage their lists. It was also made clear that persons of protected status (persons whose location should not be disclosed) could be redacted from web information, but under current arrangements their locations would continue to be revealed in printed material. Furthermore it was not clear whether the safeguarding requirement for parental consent to publish a child's name had been consistently applied.

It was agreed that further consideration was needed for the 2021 report and also to consider how to deal with historic reports without unnecessarily reducing their value as local records.

- b) Bishop of Dorchester: Katie Lane has written to the new Bishop, Gavin Collins, to invite him to be Guild Vice President.

#### **15. Thanks**

Katie Lane thanked those attending and, in particular, Colin Newman for his efficient organisation of the meeting online. The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

## **ITEM 6a: REPORT OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

### **Learning & Development Workgroup (Education Sub-committee) Report**

The group held a further Zoom meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January. The main areas of discussion concerned:

- An 87.5% reduction in bookstall sales, owing to the suspension of gatherings from March '20
- A feeling that the basics of plain hunt should be covered within branches, rather than at Guild courses
- The initial Webinar on improving striking, subsequently delivered by Colin Newman on 29<sup>th</sup> January
- If the Michaelmas Course (25<sup>th</sup> September) is able to proceed, it was suggested that this might cover more basic themes than is normally the case, to aid recovery. Decisions about whether the Steeple Aston (30<sup>th</sup> October) and Ten-bell courses can go ahead will be made when the situation is clearer
- The upcoming launch of the ART/Central Council 'Recovery Champions' within guilds and associations and the 'Recovery Toolbox'
- Outcomes arising from topics raised at the 2020 Training Meeting were updated and the next TM was fixed for 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm
- The Young Ringers 'Lockdown Award' had resulted in just one entry so far and a reminder will be issued. Practices for the 2021 RWNYS have been suspended and the contest has now been postponed
- Improving links from the L&D pages on our website to other resources

Subsequent activity within the group has centred on the enhancement of our section of the website: we encourage all General Committee members to have a look and feed back any comments to Colin Newman.

Lindsay Powell has given us a comprehensive account of how the Badgers handbell group has developed in VOWH and Oxford and how it has grown substantially both with virtual and real ringing as circumstances have allowed. This is a remarkable success story.

Following the success of the first Webinar on striking, at the time of writing these topics have been arranged or proposed:

- Handbell ringing (Tom Hinks) 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Recruitment and Retention (Elva Ainsworth) 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Introduction to the ART Recovery Toolbox (Lesley Belcher)
- Basic conducting

Please look out for joining information and encourage a worthwhile attendance.

Robert Newton (Secretary)

## **ITEM 6b: REPORT OF TOWERS & BELFRIES SUB-COMMITTEE**

### **TOWERS & BELFRIES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT for March 2021 GENERAL COMMITTEE**

The T&B committee hasn't met since the October Zoom meeting but is keeping in touch as required with email updates, phone calls and circulars. We have 14 members, broadly reflecting the geography of the Guild after a lengthy period when some areas had no members nearby.

There is a big demand for rope splicing and we like to support local courses with tuition. We want people to come ready to learn skills they can put to good use in their local towers, whether splicing ropes or spotting preventive measures so the rope wear can be reduced and rope life extended.

The scheduled Autumn belfry course at Ivinghoe had to be cancelled which is a huge pity as these courses have been so popular. We are considering how to run online courses, but this requires a combination of time, enthusiasm, the right material and critically; the technical expertise all in the same place at the same time and covid-compliant! In the meantime, there is a wealth of useful material around and this is being gathered and advertised to people.

At the last meeting, we discussed the general availability of advice and website downloads. This has now widened to the material produced by CCCBR and ART, who are producing some excellent downloads with assistance from T&B experts. The CCCBR documents are being reviewed and updated and we are assisting with that including new material specifically driven by “Ringing Recovery”. The ODG website is being restructured and we have been updating the T&B page and adding material. As I write this, the restructuring is still underway, but pending the completion, a large quantity of useful documents, presentations and videos has already been uploaded to the old format and more will follow as it can be made ready.

In the short time since the November GC report was written, Committee members have been active, within lockdown constraints, with TMA (Tower Maintenance Award), grant inspections and general advice at the following places: Shellingford (ringing recovery), Piddington (advice), Hampstead Norreys (Bell Fund grant inspection), Lambourn (Bell Fund grant inspection), Wheatley (TMA advice), Witney (advice), Buscot (inspection) and South Leigh (advice). There have also been other “ringing recovery” inspections.

We continue to run the Tower Maintenance Award (TMA) scheme and towers are encouraged to join in. The committee has been ensuring it still has supplies of the right card and inks for the certificates! Inspections are free and there is much to be gained from the inspection and the advice you may receive. Please get in touch if you would like a visit. The current TMA awards were listed in the report to the November Committee.

Tony Crabtree – Chairman – Towers & Belfries Committee.

## **ITEM 6c: REPORT OF FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEE**

### **Finance and General Purposes Sub Committee Report for March 2021 General Committee Meeting**

The Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee has met once since the November General Committee meeting, in January via Zoom.

The Public Relations Working Group has made progress in improving and bringing up to date the information on the website. This group together with the Learning and Development Working Group is starting to organise Webinars, broadcast on a periodic basis.

There was some discussion about Ringing Room and handbell ringing online with a feeling that these activities were going relatively well. There was greater concern about those who have done little or no ringing since last March. A Branch Secretaries meeting was scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> February whose main purpose is to discuss this subject. It was important that the Branches should plan for the survival and recovery of ringing as restrictions are lifted and that as a minimum each Branch should appoint a Recovery Champion.



The officers of the Bell Fund have decided to hold their AGM on a different date from the March General Committee meeting.

We shall review the Covid-19 situation by mid-March in deciding whether to hold this year the May Ringing Day and the Guild Festival and whether to hold the Guild AGM in person or via Zoom. There was a discussion about whether restrictions will be sufficiently relaxed in time for bands to prepare for the Eight-Bell Contest. It was felt that we should probably cancel this year's contest.

The Treasurer reported that he is looking into registering the Guild as a charity which will enable donations to the Youth Fund to qualify as Gift Aid. He is also investigating the introduction of software for a membership database which might be a prerequisite of us becoming a charity. Both of these issues will involve detailed discussion by the General Committee, once the details have been determined and documented.

Ken Darvill

## **ITEM 7a: REPORT OF PEAL SECRETARY**

### **PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2020**

A total of 86 peals was rung for the Guild in 2020 (185 less than in 2019): 59 on handbells and 27 on tower bells. These reductions reflect the national situation with restrictions and lockdown as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. This again puts the Guild second in terms of the highest ranking Guild/Association for the total number of peals rung during the year. The Guild was also in second position for the number of handbell peals rung. 1 member rang their first peal and 1 member their first in hand. Congratulations to them and to John Wells on ringing his 2000<sup>th</sup> peal. A summary of the leading peal ringers and their personal achievements can be seen below.

The leading tower was Hughenden with 4 peals, and the leading handbell venue was Tilehurst, 15 Lytham End with 27 peals.

In 2020 footnotes recorded the following notable events:

#### Church:

The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.

#### National:

To mark the 75th anniversary of VJ Day.

#### Personal:

The birth of Jesse John Gregory and Elodie Rhiannon Hope Rice. The birthday of Cliff Blundell (90), Bob Smith (90), Derek Stainsby (90), David L Thomas (23), Ella Rossiter (1), Nicholas J Clarke, Joe Norton, Zoë Williams,

#### Ringing:

For the 150th anniversary of the birth of William Pye.  
900th in the tower Hughenden.

The Guild remembered a number of ringers who passed away during the year or in recent years: Diana Bridle, Geoffrey K Dodd, Stan Scott.

## LEADING PEAL RINGERS (20 OR MORE PEALS)

NAME	TOWER		HAND		ALL	
	Rung	Cond	Rung	Cond	Rung	Cond
June D Wells	8	0	37	5	45	5
E John Wells	8	0	37	5	45	5
Bernard F L Groves	4	0	26	12	30	12
Graham A C John	4	1	20	16	24	17
Robert H Newton	3	2	18	4	21	6
Patricia M Newton	3	1	18	0	21	1

## TOWERBELL TOWERS

Tower	No of Peals
Hughenden	4
Goring on Thames	2
21 towers each with	1
Total number of different towers	23

## HANDBELL VENUES

Venue	No of Peals
Tilehurst, 15 Lytham End	27
Brimpton, Brambles	8
Aston Rowant, The White House	6
Oxford, Grandpont Nature Park	4
Tilehurst, 3 Cramner Close	3
3 venues each with	2
5 venues each with	1
Total number of different handbell venues	13

## FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS

Adam D Hird

## FIRST PEAL IN HAND

Lisa Ryan

## PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

E John Wells

2,000<sup>th</sup> peal

June D Wells

1,800<sup>th</sup> peal

Bernard F L Groves/Robert H Newton

1,000<sup>th</sup> handbell peal together

June D Wells

900<sup>th</sup> handbell peal

Graham A C John	500 <sup>th</sup> peal as conductor
Catherine M A Lane	500 <sup>th</sup> peal for the Guild
Bernard F L Groves/John S Croft	200 <sup>th</sup> handbell peal together
David L Thomas	25 <sup>th</sup> peal as conductor

## METHODS RUNG FOR THE FIRST TIME

First peal in the method: The Green Man Alliance Major (rung in spliced)

First peal in the method  
on handbells: Berlin Surprise Royal

## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG IN 2020

( ) Denotes number rung in the method

### TOWER

**DOUBLES:** **Total: 1**

**Other:** 6 methods (1)

**MINOR** **Total: 6**

**Surprise:** Cambridge (2), 7 methods (4)

**MAJOR** **Total: 18**

**Surprise:** Bristol (3), Cambridge, Hartlepool, Johannesburg,  
Lessness (2), Malpas, Newbold on Avon, Sonning, Windy Gyle,  
Yorkshire

**Spliced,:** 8 - 13 methods (3)

**Spliced Surprise::** 8 methods (1)

**Alliance:** Epiphany

**ROYAL** **Total: 1**

**Spliced Surprise:** 12 methods (1)

**MAXIMUS** **Total: 1**

**Surprise:** Cambridge

**Towerbell** **Total: 27**

### HANDBELL

**DOUBLES:** **Total: 1**

**Other:** 11 methods (1)

**MINOR** **Total: 5**

**Spliced:** 10 methods (1)

**Other:** 7- 23 methods (4)

<b>MAJOR</b>	<b>Total: 27</b>
<b>Plain:</b> Double Norwich, Plain Bob (2), St Clement's (2)	
<b>Spliced Plain:</b> 2 Methods (2)	
<b>Treble Bob:</b> Kent (2)	
<b>Surprise:</b> Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative (2), Turramurra, Vanadium, Yorkshire (5)	
<b>Spliced Surprise:</b> 3 - 15 methods (6)	
<b>ROYAL</b>	<b>Total: 21</b>
<b>Spliced Plain:</b> 8 methods	
<b>Treble Bob:</b> Kent (3)	
<b>Delight:</b> Champion Dragon	
<b>Surprise:</b> Albanian (3), Berlin, Cambridge (4), Lincolnshire (4), Oakham, Superlative No2, Yorkshire (2)	
<b>MAXIMUS</b>	<b>Total: 5</b>
<b>Treble Bob:</b> Kent	
<b>Surprise:</b> Bristol (2)	
<b>Spliced Surprise:</b> 5 - 6 methods (2)	

**Handbell Total: 59**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PEALS RUNG IN 2020: 86**

Ken Davenport

## **ITEM 7b: REPORT OF SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

Report awaited

## **ITEM 7c: REPORT OF LIBRARIAN**

### **Library Report for March 2021 General Committee meeting**

Books and other material acquired for the library during 2020 is as set out in the Guild Annual Report.

There were 19 enquiries and loan requests during 2020. This is 4 greater than during 2019. Over 50% of these came after the onset of the first Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020, so interest in Guild records has not been diminished by the impact of the virus. Please note that a summary of individual queries is routinely included in the librarian's reports in Odd Bob.

There are 16 boxes of material that has not so far been catalogued, and work has continued on sorting through them. Some of it can be catalogued individually, other material is recorded as collections of items of a similar nature. The aim is to catalogue everything so that there will be at least some record of all that is in the library.

The electronic archive now has a list of the documents available. For information the website address is <http://www.archives.odg.org.uk/>. As can be seen, the amount of material there is quite limited, so if anybody would be interested in helping to increase the content by photographing or scanning library items, please let me know. Some way of conveying the material can be found,

Covid-19 notwithstanding.

The invitation to visit the library continues to be suspended unfortunately, but the offer to look up information is always there, or to borrow items. Guild members just need to get in touch.

Doug Beaumont

## **ITEM 7d: REPORT OF WEBMASTER**

Report awaited

## **ITEM 7e: REPORT OF SERVER MANAGER**

### **Server Manager Report**

The server managers continue to deal with changes to email distribution lists and the forwarding addresses for the generic email addresses. These are in response to requests from branch secretaries or the webmaster of a branch where a branch has its own website hosted on the Guild server.

The server currently hosts 30 mailing lists for nine of the branches, an increase of three in the last year, and six mailing lists at Guild level. The server also has over 576 email forwarders redirecting email for Guild officers, branch officers, and individual towers. This is an increase of over 200, mainly due to the introduction of generic address for all towers for use in the Annual Report.

One additional branch website, Bicester, has been set up during the year, and Witney and Woodstock are planning to migrate their website to the guild server. The Guild server currently hosts websites for nine branches, as well as a separate website for the Guild archives and one tower website.

I would like to thank my assistant, Colin Newman, for his help with looking after the server.

I am currently looking at a server upgrade in order to increase the memory on the server and also benefit from newer hardware and virtual server technology.

May I remind you that the server is run for the benefit of the whole Guild so if any branch or tower who is not already doing so, would like to use any of the services mentioned above then please contact either me or Colin. The email address [serveradmin@odg.org.uk](mailto:serveradmin@odg.org.uk) forwards to both of us

Richard Stanworth - Server Manager

## **ITEM 7f: REPORT OF REPORT EDITOR**

Report will be presented at the meeting.

## ITEM 8: DIARY OF EVENTS

### DIARY OF EVENTS

(as at 26 February 2021)

(Note: As well as ODG events, this document contains dates, *in italics*, from sources including the “Things to ring for...” page on the Central Council website. For the full list, see <http://cccbr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for/>)

#### **2021**

Spring General Committee Saturday 13th March	Zoom
Bell Fund AGM Sunday 14th March	Zoom
<i>St George's Day</i> <i>Friday 23rd April</i>	
Eight-Bell Striking Competition Cancelled	Bicester Branch
AGM Saturday 15th May	Zoom
Guild Festival Postponed probably until 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Oxford
Ringing Day Date will be announced shortly	Banbury Branch
Michaelmas Course Saturday 25th September	In east of Diocese
Six-Bell Striking Competition Saturday 2nd October	North Bucks Branch
Steeple Aston Course Saturday 30th October	Steeple Aston
November General Committee Saturday 27th November	To be notified
Ten-Bell Striking Competition Saturday 27th November	To be notified