

# EBSB NEWS

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## EBSB win ten-bell striking competition

The Guild ten-bell striking competition took place at Aston Clinton on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This is an inter-branch competition and this year six branches entered teams although one (North Bucks) failed to turn up on the day. The test piece was 257 Stedman Caters.



This year we managed to get a team together early and our band was Pat & Robert Newton, Annie Davies, Sheila Bruce, George Whiteside and Charles Botting – all from High Wycombe; Graham Firman (Bray), Cliff Davies (Lane End), Ken Darvill (Beaconsfield) and John Davidge (Chalfont S. G). We had a regular practice slot at the end of each High Wycombe practice from early October and practising culminated with one at Cookham now (with the new carpet in place) very easy to listen to and where we managed some good striking.

For the past two years, and even when we had to ring on their home ground, we have come a close second to Reading so from my point-of-view (wearing my Chairman's hat) the primary objective was to beat Reading and the second was to win – others may have had those in a different order! This year had a further complication in that Chiltern normally field an extremely strong band of mainly Aston Clinton ringers, most of whom would therefore be ringing in their home tower.

On the day we rang reasonably well and thought we were in with a chance but it is very difficult to compare your own ringing to that of others and, in any case, it may well sound different to the judges. The judges were Stephen Stanford and Sarah-Louise Ward and their comments (as recorded by Robert) on each band are set out below: -

**Reading** -good overall framework - a little nervous in places - good leading - good back bells - very respectable ringing - 3h11mins (Peal speed)

**Old North Berks** - a little inexperienced? - changes inconsistent in length - variable leading – spacing out at back carrying faults into next change - 3rd course better - 3h16

**Chiltern** -came to grief - good rounds at start but a bit stately - a very early trip in the test piece - nervous early on but a goodish first course - fell apart at end of second course - would have been about 3h17

**Vale of the White Horse** - a bit hurried - some inconsistencies - back bells didn't quite achieve the required framework - rushed towards the end with the finishing line in sight - 3h03

**East Berks & South Bucks** - a nice piece of ringing - uniform pace and rhythm - no consistent faults - 3h11

The final results were: -

East Berks and South Bucks (us!)	82%
Reading	80%
Vale of the White Horse	62%
Old North Berks	51%
Chiltern (estimated)	56%

Obviously a very satisfying result – and I would like to thank all of our band for agreeing to ring, attending the practices and, of course, for winning! I would also like to thank Pat Newton for the practice slot at the High Wycombe practice and Mandy Salter &



Marcia Dieppe for letting us come to Cookham (and for negotiating with the choir to allow us to ring on **their** practice night).

For some time it has been the privilege(?) of the Branch winning the ten-bell to put together a band to represent the Guild in the Tewkesbury Shield, which is a national ten-bell striking competition. It is generally over-subscribed so entries are drawn from a hat; our entry has been selected so the next job is to win the Shield for the Guild – an interesting challenge.....

John Davidge

## The Post Christmas Outing

The post-Christmas ringing outing was initiated by Angela Darvill, when she was Branch Ringing Master, to provide an un-pressured ringing day in the aftermath of the pressures of Christmas. To that end, there has always been one tower before lunch (at a very civilised hour!), a long and relaxed lunch followed by two more towers, allowing for a reasonably early return, or an “unwind” in a local hostelry, depending on your persuasion.

This year’s outing followed the same pattern and took place on the Surrey/Sussex border. Twenty-two people arrived promptly at the first tower, Cranleigh, a nice 16cwt Gillett eight, where we had good ringing ranging across the board from rounds to seven-spliced.

Lunch was at the “Sussex Oak”, just opposite Warnham church, marked by excellent food, fast service, oh, and good beer. Here, as organiser, I was told off (gently) by the bar staff for dropping so many people in on them without warning – arrangements had been made with the management but obviously hadn’t been passed on. Didn’t detract from the lunch though.

After lunch we moved to Horsham. This used to be a quiet compact market town with the church in the centre – now it has been so carved up with supermarkets, ring roads etc. that Satnav is a great advantage to find the church. Parking was also interesting! Nevertheless the bells (10, 22cwt) are nice and are well looked after by a competent local band which enjoys a good standard of ringing, so we had to be on our mettle. Fortunately the ringing was generally good, ranging from rounds to spliced Plain & Little Bob Royal, with some ringing their first changes on ten, while others had the chance to broaden their experience.

The last tower was Warnham – a light ten (14cwt) where once again we had generally good ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Royal, with further opportunities for those wishing to extend their repertoire.

Finally, my thanks to Graham Firman and Robert Newton for acting as Ringing Masters and to all those who came and supported the day. If you didn’t come, why not think about it next year – we try and choose towers that are easy to ring, and provide ringing to suit all levels of experience, not just the expert. In my own tower the service ringing, following a day out, often shows a marked improvement with the confidence that comes from having rung on unfamiliar bells. See you next year!

John Davidge

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

26 January	Branch Practice at Fulmer (6) Special Method: Fulmer Alliance Minor	7 – 9pm
9 February	Training Session at Burnham (8) <i>Raising &amp; Lowering in Peal</i> (Course now full)	5 – 6.45pm
9 February	Surprise Practice at Burnham (8)	7 – 9pm
22 February	Weekday Practice at West Wycombe (8)	2.30-4.30pm
23 February	Branch Committee Meeting at High Wycombe followed by Branch Practice (ringing in front 8 only)	6pm 7 – 9pm
8 March	Training Session at Hughenden (8) <i>Conducting</i>	5 – 6.45pm
8 March	Branch Practice at Hughenden (8)	7 – 9pm

# TOWER NEWS

## Iver

We are fortunate in that having lost a ringing Bishop's wife, we have gained not only a ringing Vicar's wife, but a ringing daughter as well. Needless to say we are delighted to welcome Julie and Merry to Iver and hope that their move from the idyllic Isle of Wight to the shadow of Heathrow (and to Iver bells!) has not been too traumatic.

We attempted a quarter-peal for the Royal Wedding Anniversary but lost it after about 20 minutes. Unfortunately we couldn't re-start as there wasn't enough time left. We have a "gentleman's agreement" with the village that we stop ringing sharp at 9pm.

Our thanks are due – as always – to Eileen, Paddy and Nick from Slough who have supported our practices for about 20 years now and enable us to be a little more adventurous with the methods rung.

Just for something different we have been ringing "single changes" ("Twenty Over All" etc), albeit without "extremes" so far. I think my ringers were surprised at how difficult single changes are to ring.

David G Rowlands

## High Wycombe

Our outing in July took place on the day after the great cloudburst, which made for some interesting travelling conditions. Fortunately we did not visit any of the worst affected areas and we had a successful day. Highlights were the glorious eight at Claybrooke (can that tenor really be less than 14 cwt?), the eight at Monks Kirby and the 5/8 at Rugby.

Being observant, Charles Botting noted from our in memoriam board earlier this year that it was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fred Hayes' passing. Fred was the leading member of the High Wycombe band for most of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: he rang in 87 of the 107 peals here between 1899 and 1954, often conducting and using his own compositions. Fred lived in Hughenden Road, within walking distance of the town centre. He was a shop manager and many of his peals were on Wednesdays (early closing).

We wanted to use one of Fred's peal compositions to mark the anniversary in July. David Cornwall found some Grandsire Triples and Caters compositions from old Guild reports, but there was no sign of the Stedman Cinques we were seeking – ODG reports did not contain compositions for most of the last century. Bill Butler came to the rescue with a postcard that Fred had given him around 1950. In Fred's rather faltering handwriting it records, I think with a sense of pride, that the composition of 5007

Stedman Cinques was first used when Canterbury Cathedral were augmented to 12 in the 1920's.

Unfortunately, the peal was lost because a strand broke at the top tuck and the rope was rapidly unwinding towards the sally. The re-run in September was successfully completed without too much excitement: the composition was rather bland. I am sure that Fred Hayes would have approved of our ringing.

Subsequent articles about this in the parish magazine and the Ringing World resulted in some interest and the return of a little notebook, which had belonged to Fred, by Jim Clatworthy of Swindon. He doesn't know how he acquired it!

At the Guild Six-Bell Striking Competition in October we did not quite manage to take our customary top three place. We had a double handicap this year: being drawn first (when the judges' ears are 'sharper') and Wycombe Wanderers having a home match (which cuts out our two season ticket holders). Our leading was complimented but it was felt that we were not all ringing at the same speed and that we did not improve in the second half (rather like WW). We were placed fourth with 45 faults, only three faults below the 'bronze medal' position.

Our main news, which deliberately has been left until last, is that following a quinquennial inspection report, which raised concerns about death watch beetle activity, we have had a visit from the Diocesan Bells Advisor. He is very concerned about the structural integrity of the whole tower in which several cracks are active. We have been advised to ring only the light eight bells until remedial work has been undertaken. This will obviously have various implications over a considerable period of time, not least fund raising. We are grateful for the regular support of visiting ringers since our own band is rather depleted at the moment, and we hope visitors will continue to join us for our forthcoming triples and major practices.

Robert Newton

## Winkfield

Winkfield have recently celebrated Barbara Eastburn's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a get together lunch for Winkfield ringers past and present. We are also holding a Barn Dance on 17 May to raise cash for the church. Tickets £10, enquiries 01344 886087.

### WALTER (DICK) LEE

The death of Walter (Dick) Lee of Quanton is the loss of another ex branch member. Before the branch was split and the Chiltern Branch formed he rang at Wendover and was EBSB Deputy Ringing Master in 1956, and Ringing Master in 1957.

## **Remembrance Day November 2007**

It was the evening of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, and the Dorney ringers were making their way to the tower for another evening of enjoyable ringing. All around them there were fireworks, and bonfires, lighting up the night sky. It seemed like everyone was enjoying themselves, and joining in the celebrations.

However, on arrival at the tower, a more poignant exercise was about to take place. This entailed putting the half muffles on the bells in preparation for Remembrance Sunday ringing.

Accompanied by a large number of “grunts and groans” ( we are not getting any younger ) one could see the likes of Peter, Brian, Leslie and Roger, clambering over the structure, and eventually disappearing under the bells, muffles in hand. After a short time they all clambered out, and appeared to be no worse for wear. A good job done, was the thought

Unfortunately, when ringing the bells up, it was apparent that the muffle on number 3 had moved round, and so, to a great cry of “DOH”, they had to be lowered, and off we climbed to adjust the muffle. This being done the bells were, again, raised. Another huge “DOH” echoed round the chamber, it had moved again. This time we had a plan. Marcia produced a huge roll of micropore, and Peter duly proceeded to wrap it round the clapper, and muffle, to ensure that it did not move again. Back we went, and this time we were successful. We then spent the rest of the session ringing the bells half muffled, a very different experience.

When Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November arrived, the bells were rung in the appropriate manner, allowing the congregation, and local people, to reflect on what happened in Europe, all those years ago, and has continued to happen, each and every year, up to the present time.

We all returned to the Tower the next Monday, and took the muffles off, a far easier exercise than the previous week’s occurrence, and with the knowledge that we had contributed, in our own small way, to Remembrance Sunday.

Bonfire night seemed a long time ago

Roger Webb

## **REMINISCENCES OF A BEACONSFIELD VISITOR**

As one of the “regulars” mentioned by Angela Darvill last issue, I would like to thank the ringers of Beaconsfield for being such a welcoming tower over the years. I may say that Imogen Walters (ie Blyton) taught me that there was a bit more to ringing than a group of grumpy old men sitting about discussing who had died in the past week!

One ex-Beaconsfield ringer I would like to have known better was Cecil Mayne (father of John). I only met him once, at a meeting at Iver and he was sitting outside in the sun listening to the ringing and telling me how he had travelled around installing the (then) new-fangled traffic lights. The bells went into Stedman Triples just as George Gilbert and George Swift came up the path on their bikes. George Gilbert looked at Cecil and said “That’s Fred Goodfellow ringing the seventh”. Cecil said “More like Tom Bannister”. George Gilbert turned to me and said “nip up and ask who’s ringing the seventh”.....so I did. Mrs Mayne was just inside the tower door and said it was Fred Goodfellow! How did GG know??

I think the redoubtable Mrs Mayne (Phyllis Moss as she was) had been tower captain at St Margaret’s Uxbridge in the 1920s – which must have been unusual in those days. Another lady you didn’t argue with, Edna Bedford, was also tower captain there in the 40s, along with Flo Gudgeon at Fulmer and Mrs Edwards at Langley. Edna indeed would give you what she called the “rough side of her tongue”, the distaff equivalent of a “bucketful” from George Gilbert: though you only got that if you deserved it!

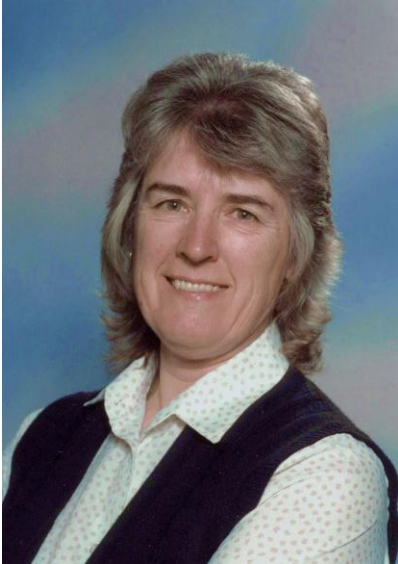
David G Rowlands

**EDITORS NOTE:** If anyone else has recollections of ringing and ringers past and present that they feel would be interesting and/or amusing (but not libellous!) please do let me have them for future newsletters

# OBITUARY

## Gillian N. Hazell

1st September 1944 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007



“Gill was a remarkable lady and an inspiration to all who knew her; we will always remember her optimism and love of life”. These were typical comments made by her friends in their messages of condolence to her family, reflecting the many things she did throughout her life which culminated in her brave fight against cancer.

Gill was born in High Wycombe and as her father was a policeman she was moved around Bucks living in Princes Risborough, North Bucks and Wendover, before returning to the High Wycombe area. In 1958 Gill’s family settled in Hughenden Parish where Gill soon joined the choir and her interest in bellringing began in 1962 when she joined the local band. She was taught by Roland Biggs who was ringing master of the strong local band at the time. Gill met her future husband Roger on Hughenden Ringers Annual Outing that year and they were married on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1965 at Hughenden.

Gill’s first peal was at Hughenden on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1965 ringing “inside” to Grandsire Triples. Her 4<sup>th</sup> peal, on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1966 was special in that it was the first all ladies peal of Major for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Gill rang in the 400<sup>th</sup>, 500<sup>th</sup> and 600<sup>th</sup> peals in the tower at Hughenden. She also rang in the first peal of Surprise Major by an all ladies band of East Berks and South Bucks Branch, and the first all local band peal of London Surprise Major at Hughenden.

Gill rang a total of 80 peals on 6 to 12 bells including four as conductor. She rang several peals of Surprise Major including the Standard 8 and 8-Spliced. Gill also rang many Quarter peals, which she really enjoyed, ringing her last Quarter peal, - Yorkshire Surprise Major on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at Hughenden.

Gill would always “catch hold” for rounds, call changes or plain hunt to help learners and she was a very regular Sunday Service ringer. When she was Ringing Master at Hughenden one of the learners then (now a very good Surprise ringer) said at the funeral that Gill was always very friendly, cheerful and encouraging and was a good enthusiastic teacher. Gill, along with Roger spent many happy times ringing and making friends with ringers from all over the world. They rang in churches and cathedrals in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, USA, Australia and New Zealand.

Gill was Tower Secretary for several years up to her death and she enjoyed arranging ringing outings and also arranging ringing social functions. Gill was also the Peal Book Writer, she taught herself Calligraphy and there are 122 Peals written up in her beautiful handwriting

Gill had many other interests besides bellringing and along with her husband Roger she was a season ticket holder at Wycombe Wanderers for many years. Her other interests were crosswords, travel, reading, poetry, computers, history, quizzes, puzzles, bird watching and genealogy. She also wrote some children’s stories which were published.

Gill was a Maths Teacher at Wycombe High School and she retired in 2004 with no sign of any health problems. Unfortunately, within 3 weeks of teaching her last class she was diagnosed as having colon cancer. Indeed, on her official retirement date, her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday she was having an operation to remove the cancer. Unfortunately, it was very soon found that the cancer had spread to the abdomen, spine and lungs and was terminal. Throughout her illness Gill remained positive and strong. She never showed any sign of bitterness and refused to feel sorry for herself, choosing to fight the illness all the way, which she did with amazing courage and cheerfulness. Gill had 53 chemotherapy treatments over 3 years and suffered some very unpleasant side effects without complaint. She was told her life expectancy was 18 months and she actually lived just over 3 years, a testimony to her strength of will and positive outlook on life.

She refused to give up on the things that she loved doing and her activities were planned around the chemo. treatments. Gills health deteriorated rapidly during August following an infection, resulting in pneumonia and pleurisy, but she fought her illness right up to the day she died.

Gill planned her own funeral service, which took place at Hughenden. The bells were rung half -muffled before and after the service, with some 33 ringers attending the service.

Finally, as her husband I pay tribute to Gill as being a wonderful wife and mother. Her positive and cheerful approach to life was a tremendous asset to our family life and these qualities combined with her bravery were a great help to me and the rest of the family when our daughter, Karen, died from cancer at the age of 25 in 1994. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Gill was indeed a remarkable and courageous lady. May She Rest In Peace

Roger Hazell

# Christmas Branch Social

This year the Christmas social was held at St Michael's Bray. Following some enjoyable ringing we made our way to the hall behind the church where we were greeted with a welcoming drink of mulled wine and a quiz sheet. There were pictures of churches from within our branch all around the hall to be identified – easy you might think - you would be wrong! The church had been cut out of every picture so had to be identified from its silhouette and surroundings. Another challenge was a 'spot the difference' with two photos of Cookham's new bells one of which had been cunningly altered - someone has been playing with photoshop. This kept us fairly busy for some time, until Supper in fact which was delicious.

We then were formed into six teams for the main quiz and highlight of the evening 'Have I Got Ringing News for You?' chaired by Graham Firman. In the true tradition of the game, the more bizarre the response the higher the score! The practical round when each team was presented with a picture of a church to recreate in lego proved extremely taxing to the intellect (how to follow a diagrammatic instruction) as well as highlighting our lack of dexterity. The caption competitions were extremely amusing (that photoshop again) and I include some samples.

A huge 'thank you' to the Bray ringers for their hospitality and an excellent evening's entertainment.



Picture 1



Picture 2

There will be a prize for the most amusing captions to these photographs. Entries to your editor at [thesecretary@ebsb.org.uk](mailto:thesecretary@ebsb.org.uk) please.

# TRAINING MATTERS

## EBSB Listening Course Chalfont St Giles

### The Organiser's View

In the Branch survey, one of the most widely identified training needs was for help in improving striking. As a result we asked John Harrison, member of both the Guild and the Central Council education committees, to run a course to help people hear their bell and ring by rhythm.

John very kindly agreed, and the course took place at Chalfont St Giles on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

There were ten students who, after an introduction by John covering the theory and practicalities of hearing your bell, split up into three groups: - to identify various examples of pre-recorded ringing, to practice hearing deliberately introduced errors into ringing to sharpen peoples "threshold of perception", and to actually ring on a simulator. Each group progressed through the options and there were several instances of people achieving far more than they had thought possible.

Initial feedback was very positive and so we hope to run another course in the not-too-distant future. The students were: - Alison Bayley & Judy Weaver (Penn), Robert Harvey (C St G), Angela Bass and Cindy Holbrook (Fulmer), John & Janice Dieppe and Richard Brown (Bray), Pamela Coles (Beaconsfield) and Kathryn Harris (Winkfield).

If you might be interested in attending a future course and would like to find out more then why not talk to one of them.

John Davidge

### The Student's View

Heard the cry? "Listen to it", shouts the Tower Captain. Being an improving learner, I'm already concentrating on: counting my place; remembering the method; where I am in the said method; what is the next work; who I am following; where is the treble; will a bob be called and if so what do I do and what will be the next work. On top of all this I'm expected to 'LISTEN' as well! I believe the all embracing word is 'multi-tasking' and we ladies are renowned for achieving it.

Help was at hand at the EBSB branch day course run by John Harrison, a Wokingham ringer and member of the Central Council Education Committee, who addressed the group collectively with much thought and guidance on the importance of listening, associated with the always public performance on open bells.

Following the theory the course covered three main areas:

- highlighting the delay a ringer experiences between making the decisive action to pull and hearing the result.
- Next came 'The Strike' identifying the percentage of error in striking. A 5% error is seldom picked up by the human ear, 10% possible, 15% general. Also how many bells were striking wrongly, one's answers being depicted on a computer screen.
- Finally, active practical listening to CDs. How many bells ringing? Listening for the handstroke gap – if there was one! Which bell or bells were at fault and why?

An excellent day. Thanks must go to John Davidge, Graham Firman and David McKenzie. Also to Meryl for the hot drinks.

On a personal level, I now realize and appreciate that the skills of both looking and listening should be incorporated as a beginner. However, how thankful I am that I ring in a 6 bell tower and not a 10 or 12! I have found listening to the highly experienced ringers of Beaconsfield a joy. Likewise my Sunday morning Radio 4 'Bells on Sunday'.

"Listen to it!" now has a purposeful meaning.

Judy Weaver

## TRAINING EVENING AT FULMER

We are a very small band who depend on regular visitors to ring, both on practice nights and on Sundays. Three of us are learners making slow but dogged progress. Two have reached the dizzy heights of Grandsire and one of Plain Hunt. We won't share with you how long this has taken! When it was suggested that we have some experts visit "to improve our striking", I was sure this really meant "so you can hear how bad you are". Plus, as the one who suffers from brain paralysis due to nerves, I did not anticipate a fun night. However, I was wrong. Our visiting experts were kind, encouraging and not too intimidating. We all concentrated hard and rang our best. I discovered that rope sight actually exists, having previously believed this to be a total myth and, with help beside me, rang unaffected to Grandsire with bobs going on around. As a result of the visit we feel we have made progress and are motivated to carry on. We're even brave enough now to attend the Branch Practice when it comes to Fulmer and are applying for the Radley Training course. All I can say in conclusion is thank-you for coming and please come again

Jill Armstrong

**Editor's Note: If your tower would like a similar visit please let me or another Branch officer know and they will be pleased to arrange this.**

# EBSB tops Tower Maintenance Awards

As Chairman, I am very pleased to be able to report that our Branch now holds more current awards than any other. Congratulations are due to the bands and steeplekeepers at Winkfield and Cookham who have both gained their first awards (both Silver), and to Gerry Diss and the band at Chalfont St Peter who renewed an expired Silver certificate, converting it to a Gold in the process. Also to be congratulated is Ron Moore, steeplekeeper (and hard taskmaster) at Chalfont St Giles, who organised (coerced?) the band into achieving their third Gold Award in a row – all without losing a single point!

The main features of the award scheme, which covers the whole of the ODG, are as follows:-

- There are three award grades (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) based on the results of an inspection using a marking sheet that is made available, in advance, to participating towers to enable them to prepare for the inspection. The grades will be based on the percentage of the "perfect" mark (currently 235), as follows: -
 

Gold	85% +
Silver	70 - 84%
Bronze	55 - 69%
- The award takes the form of a certificate that is current for two years from the date of inspection (rather like an MOT) and can be displayed in the tower.
- Towers holding current awards are listed in "Odd Bob" and the Guild Report.
- Each inspection is carried out by judges from the Towers & Belfries committee and the detailed results of the inspection are made available to the tower.
- Inspections can be requested at any time, via the Secretary or the Chairman of the "Towers & Belfries" committee (addresses elsewhere in the Guild report), irrespective of whether the request is for an initial inspection or to try and improve an existing grade.

If you haven't already started, why not consider taking part? You will be provided with all the details of how you will be marked so that you can plan what has to be done to get an award; if asked, can have a preliminary inspection, before you start, to help the process. If you do gain an award you can be confident that your tower and bells are in a good, safe condition and, whether or not an award is gained, you will be given useful information on how they can be improved. Why not think about it.

John Davidge

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>100 CLUB WINNERS</u></b></p> <p>Here are all those who have won prizes recent months:</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 2007</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td>£10 54</td><td>B. Edwards</td><td>Beaconsfield</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 75</td><td>J. Pearson</td><td>Bray</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 114</td><td>C. Fisher</td><td>Cookham</td></tr> <tr><td>£2 130</td><td>D. Munday</td><td>Marlow</td></tr> <tr><td>£2 69</td><td>Bray Tower</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>£2 145</td><td>A. Collins</td><td>Denham</td></tr> <tr><td>£2 63</td><td>A. Bayley</td><td>Penn</td></tr> </table>	£10 54	B. Edwards	Beaconsfield	£5 75	J. Pearson	Bray	£5 114	C. Fisher	Cookham	£2 130	D. Munday	Marlow	£2 69	Bray Tower		£2 145	A. Collins	Denham	£2 63	A. Bayley	Penn	<p>We began the 'new year' in October with 163 members – a welcome increase on the previous year. New numbers for everyone and prizes as follows:</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 2007</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td>£10 136</td><td>E. Neale</td><td>Marlow</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 61</td><td>A. Gosling</td><td>Beaconsfield</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 15</td><td>C. Wadlow</td><td>Denham</td></tr> <tr><td>£2 29</td><td>R. Renn</td><td>Clewer</td></tr> <tr><td>£2 122</td><td>A. Harris</td><td>Cookham</td></tr> <tr><td>£2 143</td><td>E. Mogg</td><td>Marlow</td></tr> <tr><td>£2 36</td><td>J. Cockman</td><td>Clewer</td></tr> </table>	£10 136	E. Neale	Marlow	£5 61	A. Gosling	Beaconsfield	£5 15	C. Wadlow	Denham	£2 29	R. Renn	Clewer	£2 122	A. Harris	Cookham	£2 143	E. Mogg	Marlow	£2 36	J. Cockman	Clewer	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE CHRISTMAS DRAW</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td>£50 73</td><td>T. Greenham</td><td>Hitcham</td></tr> <tr><td>£25 42</td><td>D. Hossack</td><td>Clewer</td></tr> <tr><td>£10 68</td><td>J. Eden</td><td>Hitcham</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 89</td><td>T. Scott</td><td>Winkfield</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 20</td><td>R. Hazell</td><td>Hughenden</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 109</td><td>A. Ainsworth</td><td>Amersham</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 19</td><td>N. &amp; L. Perrins</td><td>Hughenden</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 117</td><td>P. Legge</td><td>Dorney</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 149</td><td>R. Hillson</td><td>Chalfont St.Peter</td></tr> <tr><td>£5 21</td><td>D. &amp; J. Cornwall</td><td>Hughenden</td></tr> <tr><td>£2 152</td><td>R. Carden</td><td>Chalfont St. Giles</td></tr> </table>	£50 73	T. Greenham	Hitcham	£25 42	D. Hossack	Clewer	£10 68	J. Eden	Hitcham	£5 89	T. Scott	Winkfield	£5 20	R. Hazell	Hughenden	£5 109	A. Ainsworth	Amersham	£5 19	N. & L. Perrins	Hughenden	£5 117	P. Legge	Dorney	£5 149	R. Hillson	Chalfont St.Peter	£5 21	D. & J. Cornwall	Hughenden	£2 152	R. Carden	Chalfont St. Giles
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## FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the end of 2007 we were able to send the Bell Fund a donation of £1600, which with the 100 Club donation made a total of £2000 for the year – very satisfactory.

**Guild 125th Anniversary 2006** – we still have some of the 'special edition' mugs (£3.50) and engraved glass tankards (£9.50).

**Printer Cartridges** - the collection of cartridges continues to be lucrative - don't bin your empty cartridges - give them to one of the Committee members. Cartridges should ideally be in their packaging: please note that we cannot accept Epson cartridges.

**Website** - don't forget you can view our stock items on our website: [www.bellfund.org.uk](http://www.bellfund.org.uk)

**Roadshow** – there is of course a Roadshow in 2008, and we would like one or two new items to sell on our stall there. If you have any bright ideas we would be delighted to hear from you. We need things which would sell at under £5, are ringing/bells-related but not specific to the ODG.