

**Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers**  
**Reading Branch Annual General Meeting**  
**Chantry House, Henley on Thames**  
**Saturday 9th February 2019 10.00 – 11.00**

**7c : Ringing Masters' Report**

Attendance at the general Saturday monthly practices has generally been good as shown in the attached table and we have usually been able to cater for all abilities present.

Owing to the very variable attendance at the mid-week daytime monthly practices, the decision was made to suspend these pending a discussion at the 2019 AGM. The primary issues are not just the small numbers but the lack of experienced ringers. A number of these practices would not have been viable without assistance from several Sonning branch members.

The Shiplake monthly evening Surprise Major practices continue to be well attended and achieve a good standard of ringing of the more complex methods, including spliced with Belfast.

Several young ringers' practices have been held throughout the year usually at Shiplake and these have proved very successful, being led very ably by Anna Sherwood and latterly since Anna's departure to Bristol University, Daniel Page.

There were 4 entries for the branch 6 bell striking competition at Mortimer St John in September. The winners were Tilehurst ahead of Goring in second place and Mortimer third. Tilehurst represented the Branch in the guild 6 bell competition at North Marston and came a very creditable fourth out of eleven teams. The Branch band for the Guild 10 bell competition at Newbury in November did very well, winning the competition.

The Ringing Masters would like to thank all those who have helped with the ringing over the last year.

Colin Newman  
 Robert Partridge

Attendance statistics

<b>Month</b>	<b>Saturday Practice Venue</b>	<b>Saturday Practice Numbers</b>	<b>Evening Surprise Practices Shiplake</b>	<b>Daytime Mid-week Practices Nettlebed/Caversham</b>
Jan	Goring	22	15	9
Feb	AGM St Laurence	21	11	
Mar	Mapledurham	16	10	6
Apr	Shinfield	10	11	9
May	Goring	11	12	8
Jun	South Stoke	10	13	7
Jul	St Laurence	11	13	
Aug	NP		11	
Sep	SComp Mortimer SJ		14	
Oct	Tilehurst	15	9	
Nov	Nettlebed	13	10	
Dec	St Giles	17	7	