

#### Chilton

Chilton tower managed to make a joyful noise last Friday for the opening of the Olympics as 8.12am Alec Samler found 3 village people and we taught them to chime a bell so that we could join in the 'All the bells' ringing. The other ringers were Pat Samler and Kate Crennell.

#### Harwell

We 'fired' the bells which is something only done for very special occasions. It is quite a difficult thing to do but we did it quite well considering that we weren't all able to practice it beforehand.

#### St Nicholas, Abingdon

We rang at St Nicolas, Abingdon starting at 08.12. We rang the bells up, fired them and rang down again.

#### Hagbourne

Hagbourne rang at 8.12am for 3 minutes - unbelievable I know - but there it is!!

#### Drayton

Due to a lack of numbers, Drayton bells were chimed at 08.12, in addition to three of our ringers the landlord from The Wheatsheaf (our after-ringing pub) took part!

#### Didcot

Didcot rang for 3mins at 08:12 and made a very joyful noise!

#### Wallingford

Wallingford rang the bells (not too) fast and (hopefully not) furiously from 0812 – 0815 too.

#### Radley

Radley rang some very fast rounds and then down, from 8.12 to 8.15am.

#### Hendreds

The Hendreds managed to ring East Hendred bells for the 3 minutes. Not much you can do in the time with heavy bells!

#### Brightwell

We rang at Brightwell St Agatha's. Starting with the bells up we rang at 8.12 am on the front six just call changes, rang joyfully for about half an hour. Many favourable comments from the villagers

#### Cumnor

St Michael's Cumnor - yes, we rang for about 5 minutes starting at 8.12am. We had a radio in the bell tower and started at the same time as Big Ben. Two people in the village said how thrilled they were to hear us doing that. Great to be part of a national ringing event to mark the start of the Olympics.

#### Childrey

In Childrey we rang rounds and call changes from 8.00 until 8.12 and then rang down from 8.12 until 8.15.

Cholsey

In Cholsey we rang rounds quickly from 8.12-8.15  
then we fired the bells four times.  
It was fun!

West Hanney

For some unknown reason 9 ringers managed to turn up at 8.05am so we divided into 2 teams. 3 of us went outside the church and rang the hand bells. The remaining 6 ringers chimed the tower bells from 8.12 – 8.15 am. After some confusion about which watch was telling the correct time we somehow managed to commence ringing at exactly the same time as Big Ben started chiming much to the amazement of the local villagers. Judging from the comments since received our ringing was very much appreciated.