



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News!



(Produced fortnightly by Hugh Deam and Paul Lucas. All contributions are welcome.)

Monday 12th July 2010.



'Aunt Sally' Night at the Red Lion in Wolvercote on July 2nd was a delightful success with 27 ringers and their families attending. The hand bell ringers took advantage of the summer evening and practised outside, while the church bell ringers had to stay put inside St. Peter's, but enjoyed their practice none the less. The Aunt Sally was splendid fun with three teams competing. It came as no surprise that this traditional game takes considerable skill and practice to master. Hmmm....that rings a bell!



Donna Murphy.

At last... A successful Quarter Peal at South Leigh!

On Saturday 3rd July we rang a well struck quarter of Plain Bob Triples. For various reasons, we have had a number of 'failures' at South Leigh, but on this occasion it was successful! The band was l-r: Maarit Kivilo, Simon Edwards, Paul Lucas, Phil Sampson, Bernard Masterman, Christian Burrell (cond.), Hugh Deam and Roy Jones. *Paul Lucas.*

Branch Practice at Northmoor.

One of our occasional 'out of branch' Branch Practices saw us receive a warm welcome at Northmoor, and having held similar ringing events over the past decade, it is heartening to find that they once again have a local band that practice on a regular basis.

Roy Jones and I were pleased to be part of an exceptionally well struck quarter peal at Wootton on Sunday 4th July with a band that included two of their own tower ringers, a further ringer from their branch (Witney & Woodstock), and a ringer from South Oxon, as part of an ongoing quarter peal collaboration. The resurgence of Wootton tower is a shining example of what is possible in a relatively short space of time with local enthusiasm.

Hugh Deam.



Dates for your Diary

(Full details from Hugh Deam on 07899-871079, or email: hughdeam@btinternet.com)

Saturday 7th August

Branch 'Picnic and Ringing' Aston Abbots (6) 6-2-27 in G. 5.00pm

Saturday 14th August. Trip on the 'Venturer' Narrow Boat - 9.30am-5.00pm.

This trip is full, but if you would be interested in another trip later in the year, then email or call me on 07778-834334.

Saturday 4th September

Branch Practice Yarnton (6) 22-1-19 in D) 10.00am

Saturday 11th September

The scheduled **Branch Practice** at North Hinksey has had to be moved. We are hoping to get Hillesden (6) and Wotton Underwood (6) as a **Training Morning** replacement.

Saturday 25th September

Shiplake (8) The Guild's Michaelmas Training Course.

Full details from Katie Lane on 01865-874026, or email: kt.catchmole@googlemail.com

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:

Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00) St Aldates (6) (2nd/4th week)

Tuesdays:

Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).

(Headington has an **Advanced Practice** from 8.00-9.00pm on the **first** Tuesday of each month. Stedman Triples and beyond! The next one is **Tuesday 3rd August.**)

(Kidlington has an **Advanced Triples Practice** from 7.45-9.00pm on the **fourth** Tuesday of each month. The next one is on **27th July.**)

Wednesdays:

Iffley (6).

Thursdays:

Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5).

Fridays:

Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45)

Note: Most Practices start at 7.30pm, but before turning up, check the details of the Ringing Times, Tower Captains and Correspondents, by going to the Oxford City Branch website:

<http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk>

Any information or photographs for possible inclusion in *Hugh's News* (subject to space available), please email me: paulclucas@hotmail.co.uk