

Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

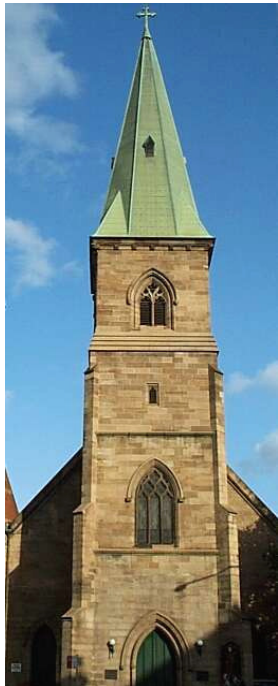
Monday 13th December

This will be the last Edition of Hugh's News before Christmas. The next one will be on Monday 10th January 2011.

Happy Christmas to all our readers!

6 Bell Practice at St Mary's Iffley on Saturday 27th November.

Despite the prevailing cold weather the Six-Bell Practice at Iffley was well attended, with several methods successfully trialled, ranging from Little Bob to York. *Hugh Deam.*



Every time Margaret Marsh goes back to her native Australia, she rings at this fine Church in the middle of Sydney. This is her description of it:

Christ Church St Laurence (10) in Sydney is of the Anglo Catholic tradition. It is situated in Central Sydney near the main railway terminus. Once the land all around the site was a very early Australian cemetery named the Old Sydney Burial Ground but burial was discontinued from the 1860s and all were disinterred and relocated. Land was granted in 1842 for a church and a sufficiently finished building occupied in 1845. The spire and tower were completed by prominent colonial architect, Edmund Blacket in 1855, and the bells were installed soon after although the original six bells had arrived by ship from England in 1853. The other four were added in 1984. I first rang in this church in 2008 and will ring there again this Christmas. *Margaret Marsh.*



Katie Lane has asked me to remind members that every tower will receive a copy of the **Guild's 2010 report**. Anyone requiring their own copy must request one from her. Orders will go in by **31st December**. NO LATER! *Paul.*

Ailsa Reid has asked me to point out that, in the last Edition, we congratulated Adrian Gray on his first quarter-peal. It was in fact, his first quarter on the *Teble!* He has rung around 10 quarters before, but only on the Tenor. Sorry Adrian! *Paul.*

As you can see below, News is a little bit 'thin on the ground' at the moment, so if you have an article or news about what's happening in your own Tower, or something that might be of interest to fellow Ringers, then please send it to me about a week before the next edition on 10th January 2011. (Approx. 100 words only, please!). *Paul.*

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam on 07899-871079, or email: hugh.deam@btinternet.com

Ron Burgess has told me that they have decided to cancel the **Advanced Practice** on **Tuesday 28th December** as the Ringers will need a break from ringing after the Christmas period. In fact there will now be no ringing practices on Tuesdays at Kidlington in December until the New Year other than for normal Sunday Services and Christmas Day.

They are also suffering from losing some of their good ringers due to health problems and they may have to discuss whether to carry on with the Advanced Triples and Major practices in the future. This will be discussed at their AGM in the New Year,

Sunday 19th December	Open ringing for a Carol Service at N. Hinksey (6)	4.00 - 5.00pm
Saturday 22nd January 2011	8 Bell Branch Practice Kidlington (8)	10.00am
Saturday 12th February	8 Bell Branch Practice Headington (8)	10.00am
Saturday 19th March	Spring Outing to the Milton Keynes area.	Towers to be confirmed later.

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:	Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2 nd /4 th 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 on Tuesday 4th January 2011) (Kidlington has an Advanced Triples Practice from 7.45-9.00pm on the last Tuesday of each month. (See Ron's details above)
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