



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News!



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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**



The **Guild 6 Bell Competition** took place in our branch at St James, Cowley on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Fortunately it was a lovely autumnal day and the ringers could sit outside to listen to some splendid ringing while enjoying the great tea, which was dispensed by many ladies and one smallish boy, Jamie, of the Cowley band. The standard was very high and **Drayton St Leonard's** beautiful piece of ringing was a worthy winner. The St Aldates band were placed third after Shrivenham, beating some powerful opposition in the form of High Wycombe and Reading. **Katie Lane.**

(Jonathan Cresshull, Paul Harden, Katie Lane, David Lane, Simon Edwards, Richard Youdale.)



### In Memory of Peter Franklin.

Every year the ringers of St Mary's Kidlington set up a display for the flower festival in the church. It is displayed much as the late Peter Franklin would have had it done. Note the picture of Peter in front of the quarter peal board in his memory that was rung by the local band. **Ron Burgess.**



### On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, some of us went a pleasant trip to Northamptonshire.

(Roy Jones, Charles Smith, Maarit Kivilo, Judy Kirby, Andy Dunn, Simon Edwards, Hugh Deam, Paul Lucas) This area is appositely named the 'Heart of England', as it is the furthest most point from the sea and as such was earmarked to serve as the administrative capital during World War II should an invasion take place, with the Grand Union Canal acting as a route in and out. All of the towers here were sublimely appointed with **Dodford** having only come back into ringable condition on recent times and **Weedon Lois** having a large wooden beam bisecting the ringing chamber from the ceiling down and making viewing awkward to say the least. We also rang at **Nether Heyford** and **Pattishall**. We enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Crown in Weston, the twin village to Weedon Lois. **Hugh Deam.**



The picture on the left is of the Horse Guards Inn at Tillington - the pub we are going to at lunchtime on the West Sussex trip. There are still 2-3 places left on the minibus, so if you are interested, then contact Hugh Deam as soon as possible. (Note: An extra tower at Fernhurst has been added).



### Dates for your Diary

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<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Autumn Outing to West Sussex.	Fernhurst (3) 4cwt.	10.15am
		Easebourne (8) 11cwt	11.15am
		Lodsworth (6) 6cwt.	12.15pm
	<i>Travel by Minibus. Cost £15 per head. Names to Hugh Deam as soon as possible</i>	Lunch at the Horse Guards Inn, Tillington (picture above)	1.15pm
		Tillington (5) 6cwt.	2.45pm
		Northchapel (6) 3cwt.	4.00pm
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Training Sessions at Nether Winchendon (6) 1.45pm (t.b.c.), and Waddesdon (6) 3.00pm		
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Branch Practice	Wolvercote (6)	10.00am
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Branch A.G.M.</b>	<b>Garsington (6)</b>	
	(Ringing 3.15pm, Service 4.00pm, Tea 4.30pm, Meeting 5.15pm. Times to be confirmed.)		

### Local Practice Nights:

- Mondays:** Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November**)  
(**Kidlington** has an **Advanced Triples Practice** from 7.45-9.00pm on the **fourth** Tuesday of each month. The next one is **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October**)
- 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](mailto:paulclucas@hotmail.co.uk)