



Oxford City Branch

Hugh's News

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

Monday 21st February 2011



A Training Morning.

On Saturday 5 February, I attended a Training morning at Thame (8), organised on behalf of the ODG for branch representatives. The most popular topic during the opening discussion session was the perennial problem of how to teach rounds ringers the combination of skills required for change-ringing. Later, we moved to the tower, and attempted some unusual and challenging exercises: Rounds with all of the band facing outwards, or with the odd-numbered bells ringing backstrokes and evens ringing handstrokes. 'Kaleidoscope ringing' - all sorts of combinations of pairs of adjacent bells dodging, making places, or long places (four blows at a time). 'Bayles Doubles' - a variation of Plain Bob Doubles, with each lead extended by the treble lying in 5ths for four blows instead of two, while the 2nds place bell turns round in fourths; as a consequence, e.g. the fourth dodges in 4-3 down every time the treble leads, giving a learner a chance to practice the same piece of work much more frequently than usual, in a single practice touch. *John Pusey.*

(Right: A lead and a bit of Bayles Doubles)



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Saturday 26th February

Trip to Bedfordshire. (Experienced Ringers only)

Felmersham (8) 20cwt 10.30am



Harrold (6) 13cwt 11.45am

Carlton (6) 9cwt 2.30pm

Saturday 12th March

6 Bell Practice Horspath (6) 5cwt. (To be confirmed – check with Hugh) 10.30am

Saturday 19th March

Spring Outing to the Milton Keynes area.



Great Brickhill. St Marys (8) 14cwt. 10.00am

Shenley, Church End. St Marys (6) 17cwt 11.15am

Whaddon. St Marys (6) 14cwt. 12.30pm

Calverton. All Saints (6) 10cwt. 3.00pm

Cosgrove. SS Peter and Paul (6) 11cwt. 4.15pm

Saturday 5th April

6 Bell Practice Hillesden, Bucks (6) 9cwt. 10.00am

Saturday 11th June

6 Bell Practice Watlington (8) 24cwt. (Time to be confirmed)

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:

Cowley (6) (7.30-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2nd/4th week only).

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 above. The next one will be on **Tuesday 1st March**)

Iffley (6).

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

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: www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

Any information or photographs for possible inclusion in **Hugh's News** (subject to space available),

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