



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 27th June 2011

Two new Peal Boards at Kidlington, dedicated to Peter Franklin and David Lane

The Oxford Diocesan Guild
St. Mary-the-Virgin, Kidlington, Oxon.
On Saturday, January 16th, 2010,
in 2 hours and 50 minutes.

A PEAL OF
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 21-2-27 in D

Richard W. Yates	Treble
Julie A. Haseldine	2
Ruth Stokes	3
Simon L. Edwards	4
James A. Haseldine	5
Christopher C. Stokes	6
Andrew Haseldine	7
J. Anthony Ellis	Tenor

Composed by F.H. Dexter (No.2)
Conducted by Andrew Haseldine

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of T. Peter Franklin, a ringer at this tower since 1943 who died on January 6th 2010.

The Oxford Society
St. Mary-the-Virgin, Kidlington, Oxon.
On Thursday, April 14th, 2011,
in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

A PEAL OF
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 21-2-27 in D

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble
Catherine M.A. Lane	2
Simon L. Edwards	3
John G. Pusey	4
Kenneth R. Davenport	5
Clive Holloway	6
J. Anthony Ellis	7
Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by E. Banks James
Conducted by Kenneth R. Davenport

In thanksgiving for the life of N. David Lane, Secretary of the Oxford Society, 1995 - 2011.

These two peals boards are hung in the ringing room of **St Mary the Virgin, Kidlington**. They mark the lives and contribution of two respected and much loved members of the City Branch; both men made a very different, but highly significant contribution to ringing. The peals were rung with great affection; it is appropriate that Peter and David are remembered alongside many other notable ringers and peals in the ancient, historic church of St Mary's. *May we never forget them. Katie Lane.*



(Right: The Ringers at Silton and The Grove Arms, Ludwell)

Summer Outing to Dorset – Saturday 18th June.

Bell ringing excursions are fun, and especially this one in the heart of beautiful Dorset, into Thomas Hardy country. By mid-morning we were tunnelling down green hedged narrow lanes getting lost but finding finally the first of our Norman churches. **St Nicholas, Silton (6) 10cwt**, a remote and beautiful ancient 12th century church with Saxon foundations. The bells were rung from the ground with a long draught, and were rather difficult. **St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham (8) 24cwt** is one of those tall towers where the heavy bells are good to ring but cause a swaying of the structure - I have not got used to this – and the rain when we left was also heavy - a cloudburst with hail - and we got rather wet! A good lunch at **the Grove arms, Ludwell** was much appreciated, especially by the wet ringers! Then up a very high open timber circular stair with a trapdoor at **SMV, Donhead St Mary (6) 12cwt**, where the bells were good but again a swaying tower. By now the intermittent sun was glowing on the drenched greenery and it was lovely. And onto the last Norman church **SMV at East Knoyle, Wiltshire (6) 12cwt**, where the draft was long but the bells were good to ring. *Thanks to Hugh and Roy for organizing this great day. Margaret Marsh.*



Silton



Gillingham



The Grove Arms, Ludwell



Donhead



East Knoyle

(Following my article in the last edition about the peal board at Kidlington, Andy Dunn has kindly enlightened me that the peal in Dorothy Sayers 'The Nine Tailors' is not fictional and (quote) "is believed to be based on an actual peal rung in 1868 at Bethnal Green in London." The peal board at Bethnal reads: "On Monday April 27th 1868 / was rung a true Peal of / Kent Treble Bob Major / Comprising 15,840 changes in / 9 Hours and 12 Minutes being the / longest Peal ever rung by one set of Men". **M.M.**)

Guild Festival Update.

Several of you have volunteered to help with the lunchtime arrangements at the Festival on 9 July. Forgive me for not contacting you sooner, but I have only just received the information that I need from the WI who are doing the catering. I will be needing one volunteer to let the WI into the Newman Rooms at 11.00. I shall still be tied up with the ringing at Christ Church. This person will be needed to open the Newman Rooms and I shall give them the key which I will have collected the day before. It is likely that they will need to park too and I hope that I may be able to get access to Christ Church Meadows. Whoever volunteers for this will need to talk to me about the arrangements. We will need 4 people to set up the tables at this time too. After lunch we will need 4-8 people to clear up. The first tower after lunch is at 14.30 and I will have handed over the keys by then so I can be one of those 4-8. There is another branch running the bar so I am hoping that they will be around to help. If we do not clear up properly we will lose the deposit on the Newman Rooms! If you are able to offer help at either of these sessions, please will you reply to me and I will make sure that we are covered. Thanks for your help. *Katie Lane.* (01865-874026)

Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 30th June
Tuesday 5th July

'Aunt Sally' Evening at **The Red Lion, Wolvercote** 8.00pm
Advanced 8 Bell Practice at **Headington (8) 7½ cwt** 8.00pm
(*Concentrating on Cambridge Major this month)

Saturday 9th July
Saturday 2nd July
Saturday 16th July

O.D.G. Guild Festival. See above. Details from Katie Lane: kt.catchmole@googlemail.com
Branch Practice at **St Thomas, Oxford. (10) 11cwt** 6.30pm
Branch 'Ringing and Picnic' at **Mapledurham (6) 7cwt.** 4.00pm-5.00pm

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).
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: www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

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