



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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



Monday 30th May 2011



Advanced Six Bell Practice at Iffley (6) on Saturday 21st May

We achieved a fair proportion of what we set out to do, primarily focusing on ringing Kent and Double Court, with the intricacies of the latter being mastered by the end of our stint. Thanks are due to the Iffley ringers for the use of their bells. *Hugh Deam.*

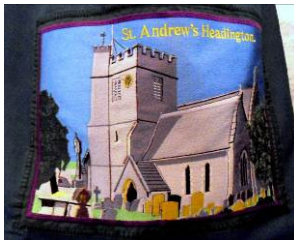
Wheatley Ringing outing to Bucks. on Saturday 7th May.

Waddeson, North Marston, Whitchurch, Hardwick, Bierton, and Aylesbury.

The Wheatley ringers and friends had a very enjoyable outing around the Bucks. area on 7th May. An itinerary of occasionally challenging and 'different' bells gave everybody a chance to expand their repertoire and ringing was

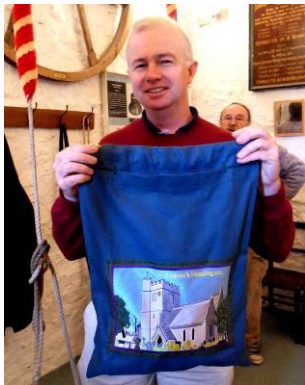
of a high standard throughout the day. Lunch was at the White Swan in Whitchurch, and an evening repast of chilli and chocolate was savoured by several of the group in Hardwick! *Marika Haseldine.*

Brand new muffles at Headington.



After struggling to put on and take off the old muffles, the Headington ringers decided it was time to get some new ones. These are made by "Big Wilf" and use Velcro rather than buckles, making them much easier to use. They also come in a rather nice bag, complete with an embroidered picture of the church. More details of Big Wilf can be found at: <http://www.bigwilf.plus.com/muffles/>

Richard Verrall.



A message from Margaret's Moggie...!

Dear Hugh's News. It's a big worry here at my home. She used to be quite happily adjusted, spending hours pushing coloured stuff around on paper with a brush. But now my human is walking around muttering to herself, reciting mantras about 'double dodging', 'lying behind' and 'going up', or 'coming down', and counting numbers and mumbling to herself about going 'plain hunting'. Well that's the real worry - the lack of specificity to start - does she mean 'mouse' or 'vole' or even 'bird's beak' - or is it something more sinister like trophy hunting, for I heard her say 'cats ears'! And who is the 'Bob' she keep mentioning - not another one I hope, after all the trouble I had getting rid of Thomas! And she's always rushing out the door saying she's going to ring bells and it seems to be a very mixed experience from all I overhear! Can you give me some advice? *Luna Marsh.*



Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 7th June

Advanced 8 Bell Practice, **Headington (8)** 7.5cwt

8.00pm

Saturday 11th June

Garden Party at Cross Farm, **Old Marston.**

5.00pm-8.00pm

By kind permission of Lucy and Anthony Hughes. All branch ringers and friends are welcome. Entrance is £2.50 - tickets available on the door. Proceeds will go towards the renovation of St Nicholas tower interior. Suggested parking outside the Church.

Saturday 18th June

Summer Outing to **Shaftesbury Area.** (Contact Hugh for any further details)



Silton, Dorset. St. Nicholas (6) 10cwt.

10.30am

Gillingham, Dorset. S.M.V. (8) 24cwt.

12.00 noon

Lunch at 'The Grove Arms', Ludwell, Wilts. (Menu: www.grovearms-ludwell.co.uk/food-drink) 1.30pm

Donhead, Dorset. St. Marys. S.M.V. (6) 9cwt.

3.15pm

East Knoyle, Wiltshire. S.M.V. (6) 12cwt.

4.15pm.

Monday 20th June

Stedman Triples and Caters Practice at **St Mary Magdalene (10)** 7cwt.

7.15pm

Thursday 30th June

'Aunt Sally' Evening at **Wolvercote** (following their Practice)

8.00pm

Saturday 9th July

O.D.G. Guild Festival. Details from Katie Lane: kt.catchmole@googlemail.com

Saturday 16th July

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

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