



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

Produced fortnightly by Paul and Hugh, with contributions from other ringers.

Monday 16th January 2012



A Quarter Peal on Sunday 8th January at Yarnton (6) 22cwt.

Treble. Roy Jones, 2.Simon Edwards, 3.Andrew Dunn, 4.Hugh Deam, 5.Paul Lucas, Tenor. John Hearn.

22nd January is to be the 40th wedding anniversary of Brian & Jane Carlo. Jane is Captain of the St. Bartholomew ringers in Yarnton. Congratulations from all of us!
Hugh Deam.

A message about Sponsored Ringing from the Deputy Master.

2012 is going to be an event filled year, with **Royal Celebration** and the **Olympics** topping the bill. However it is a leap year too, and so for the **ODG Bell Fund** we look forward to many Guild Members participating in the Sponsored Ringing Event between **25th February** and **3rd March**. This is sponsorship of any pieces of ringing including touches or sessions of rounds and call-changes, quarter peals and even peals, in aid of the Bell Fund. The Guild Bell Fund is a Capital Scheme which has been in operation for over 30 years and has consistently generated grants towards the cost of bell restoration across the Diocese. All

new money raised is used to purchase suitable charitable investments as advised by the official Diocesan Investment Advisor. Interest from these investments, fund the grants voted to eligible schemes. Thus the investments are not diminished by the awarding of grants and the increasing capital worth of the scheme has provided considerable protection against the fluctuating market conditions experienced of late. The Fund is operated by 6 Trustees who meet twice a year, and is governed by the Members of the General Committee. A copy of the Sponsorship Form which is to be used for each piece of ringing to be sponsored can be downloaded from the ODG web site. The form includes the necessary wording for the recovery of tax under the Gift Aid Scheme. Please return completed forms and monies to the Bell Fund Hon Treasurer, Mr Brian Gatward as soon as possible after the event so that we may identify the Branch which has generated the greatest amount of sponsorship and recognise their efforts. Any queries - please email me: depmaster@odg.org.uk *Alan Marchbank.*

A social evening at the Manor House in Old Marston!



Once the Christmas decorations have come down it's not unusual for ringing to find itself in abeyance for a few weeks, so we are indebted to Bryony Bethell (whose son John is one of our ringers) for inviting us all to a post-practice soiree at the Manor House on a chilly Friday evening in early January. Many thanks for their generous and cordial hospitality, and also to the numerous ringers who took the time to attend. *Hugh Deam.*

Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 21st January	Branch Practice at St Giles (8) 14cwt.	10.30am-12.00pm
Saturday 28th January	Marston / Iffley combined Practice at Iffley (6) 10cwt.	10.30am-12.00pm
	(Plain Bob Minor, St Clements, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise Minor)	
Saturday 4th February	Stedman Triples Practice at Witney (8) 16cwt.	10.30am-12.00pm
	(Combined Practice with Witney & Woodstock)	
Tuesday 7th February	Advanced Practice at Headington (8) 7½ cwt.	8.00pm-9.00pm
Saturday 18th February	Branch Practice at Headington (8) 7½ cwt.	10.30am-11.45am
	(This Practice will include a short meeting to approve the end of year Branch accounts)	
Saturday 3rd March	Stedman Triples Practice at Kidlington (8) 21cwt.	10.30am-12.00pm
	(Combined Practice with Witney & Woodstock)	

Saturday 24th March 'Spring Outing' to Cambridgeshire on Saturday 24th March.
10.45am Cambridge (Trumpington) (8) 10cwt. 12.15pm Gamlingay (8) 16cwt. 1.15pm lunch at The Duncombe Arms, Eltisley.
2.45pm Great Gransden (6) 13cwt. 3.45pm Croxton (6) 10cwt.
(Hugh has hired a minibus for the day, so he needs to know how many people are going. The cost per person including tower fees is £15)

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:	Garsington (6), St Aldates (6).
Tuesdays:	Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
Wednesdays:	Iffley (6).
Thursdays:	Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6).
Fridays:	Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45).

For full details go to the Oxford City Branch website: www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

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