



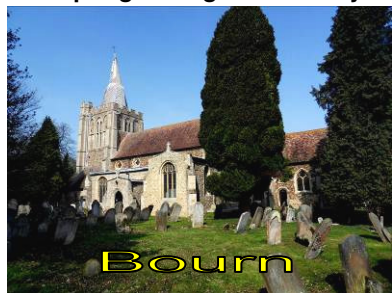
Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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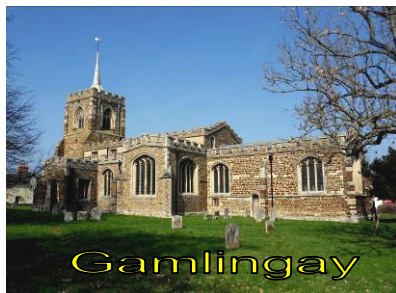


Monday 26th March 2012

The Spring Outing on Saturday 24th March...



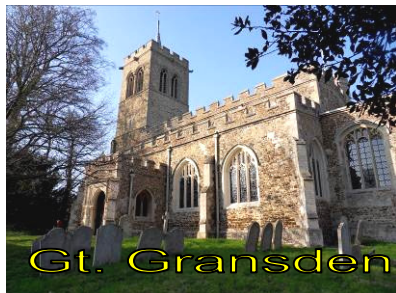
Bourn



Gamlingay



Caxton

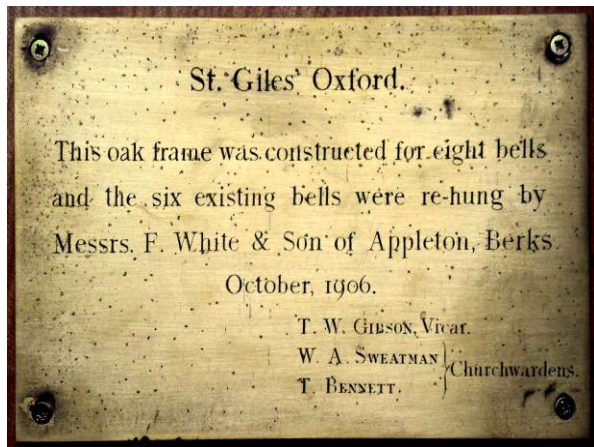


Gt. Gransden



Gamlingay Gargoyles!

Even several days in advance we knew we were likely to be on to a sure thing with the weather! And so it transpired on a day when temperatures here exceeded those in Madrid! Our day took us from the 12th century church in **Bourn (8)**, complete with its crooked spire, on to one of the most architecturally significant churches in the east of England in **Gamlingay (8)**, then a hiatus in the ringing with a superb lunch at easily one of the best pubs in this, or any other, part of the country, namely the **Duncombe Arms in Waresley**, a village itself worthy of mention for the numerous thatched cottages each with a different thatched creature atop them. The afternoon's ringing took in **Caxton (6)**, a village historically noted for its infamous gallows known as the "Caxton Gibbet". Then finishing with the 'piece de resistance' of the bells at **Great Gransden (6)**. It was a very enjoyable day for all concerned! *Hugh Deam.*



St. Giles' Oxford.

This oak frame was constructed for eight bells and the six existing bells were re-hung by Messrs. F. White & Son of Appleton, Berks October, 1906.

T. W. GIBSON, Vicar.
W. A. SWEATMAN } Churchwardens.
T. BENNETT.

St Giles Plaque

When St Giles' bells were rehung last year, a brass plaque commemorating the rehanging of 1906 (see picture) was found attached to the old headstock of the tenor bell. Jonathan Everett has cleaned up the plaque, and attached it to a slab of wood cut from the same headstock. In due course it will be displayed in St Giles tower.

John Pusey.

Below: Jonathan's workshop, and the state of the plaque before cleaning.



Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 10th April

Advanced Practice at Headington (8) 7½cwt

8.00pm-9.00pm

(Postponed until 2nd week in April because of Holy Week. All experienced ringers welcome.)

Saturday 14th April

Branch Practice at South Leigh (8) 10cwt

10.30am-12.00pm

(Combined Practice with Witney & Woodstock)

Saturday 12th May

Branch Half Yearly Meeting + 6-Bell Striking Competition at Horspath. 5.00pm onwards.

(Towers wishing to enter the Striking Competition should contact Hugh by 1st May to be eligible.)

Saturday 26th May

Late afternoon 5 and 6 Bell Method Mini-Outing & Branch Picnic at Tackley and Rousham (including a picnic at Rousham). Timings to be confirmed later.

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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