



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 4th June 2012



Mini Outing to Coleshill (6) 7cwt and Hannington (6) 10cwt on Saturday 26th May,



Coleshill



Hannington

The weather could hardly have shown off the towers in a more glistening fashion, with **Coleshill (6)** and its lofty tower imposing itself on a hillside at the south of the village. **Hannington (6)**, by contrast is situated in near enough open countryside, with the bell chamber being accessed via a remarkable wooden spiral staircase. To restrict oneself to merely a single superlative by way of describing these bells would be mean-spirited as this six are sublime, sonorous, and I would suggest, unsurpassable, allowing us to ring on them as if we had rung there all our lives! *Hugh Deam.*



St Marys Hughtown, Scilly



Ringling at St Marys on the Scilly Isles.

I've just come back from a week long holiday on the delightful Scilly Isles. While I was there I met up with Katie Lane, who has been coming to the Scillies for over 25 years, and has very fond memories of being there with her late husband David, who died just over a year ago now. She had decided it would be a fitting tribute to David to scatter small quantities of his ashes at various points on each of the islands which they would visit each time they went over there. We also attended the practice at **St Mary's Church** and had a ring on the eight beautiful new bells (**Tenor 8½ cwt**) with the very enthusiastic bell ringers lead by David

Maybrey (third from right in the team photo), who managed the hanging of the new bells just over two years ago. We had a very enjoyable practice, which continued until well past 11.00pm in 'The Atlantic Inn' in Hughtown where we consumed copious quantities of '**Tribute**' and '**Doom Bar**'! Any ringers interested in going to the Scillies will always receive an exceedingly warm welcome from David and Fiona Maybrey, and all the St Marys ringers! *Paul Lucas*

Doubles Training Morning at Shabbington (6) 5cwt on Saturday 19th May 2012.

A very constructive session of doubles ringing was held on the excellent bells in Shabbington tower and hopefully this will stand those attending in good stead for the next time we convene.

Hugh Deam.

Another Recent update on Practices at Garsington (6) 9½cwt.

Unfortunately, another one of the team cannot commit to practices for the next couple of months due to exams and revision, so this takes us down below a viable number. I have to tell you that we have suspended practices until I or Richard can let you know to the contrary. Should we have any potential visitors this will hopefully save them from a wasted journey! *Mark Hunter.*



Dates for your Diary.

Tuesday 12th June	Advanced Practice at Headington (8) 7½cwt.	8.00pm-9.00pm
	Changed to the second Tuesday of June because of the Jubilee shenanigans!! All experienced ringers welcome. Please come along!	
Saturday 16th June	6 Bell Practice at Charlton on Otmoor (6) 14cwt.	10.30am-12.00pm
Saturday 23rd June	Branch Summer Outing to South Wiltshire towers.	
	10.45am Zeals (6) 10cwt, 12.15pm Hindon (6) 9cwt. <i>Lunch at 'The Black Dog' Chilmark at 1.20pm.</i> 3.15pm Codford St. Peter (6) 10cwt, and 4.30pm North Tidworth (6) 9cwt.	
Saturday 30th June	Doubles moving up to Minor Practice at Tetsworth (6) 4cwt	12.15pm-1.30pm
Saturday 7th July	Stedman Triples Practice at South Leigh (8) 10cwt	10.30am-11.45am
	(Combined Practice with Witney & Woodstock)	
Saturday 14th July	Branch 10-Bell Practice at St. Thomas (10) 11cwt.	6.30pm-7.45pm

Local Practice Nights

Mondays: Garsington (6) (See recent note above), 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).

Please note: Old Marston's Practice on Friday 8th June is to be held at Islip (8) 8cwt, 7.30pm-9.00pm, for this week only.

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