



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012



Iffley, Marston and Headington ringers thoughtfully scheduled their ringing for the Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving at different times so Roy and I were able to attend all three – even if it was pouring with rain! The Marston ringers also rang on the Monday afternoon to mark the lighting of one of the 4000 plus beacons across the world at the Red Lion pub, an event which attracted an enormous crowd. By all accounts the various City Branch towers all made a contribution to the Jubilee celebrations at some point across the weekend. *Hugh Deam.*



## Margaret Marsh attended the ANZAB Festival in Sydney N.S.W. (8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012)

I have just taken part in the ANZAB Festival where we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers. 142 participants registered and there was a joyous atmosphere as ringers greeted each other again after traveling vast distances across Australia, and overseas from New Zealand and the UK. For many, due to isolation, there are no opportunities to meet other ringers and to gain experience in towers other than their local one. The Festival was 18 months in the planning. Organizers produced a very full programme over the three days - 13 quarter peals were attempted -11 successfully. And a very full programme of ringing sessions in 11 greater Sydney towers, and four pre-festival day bus tours to country NSW centres of Goulburn, Bathurst, Orange, Lithgow, Castlereagh, Menangle, Singleton and Maitland. There were hand bell ringing sessions, a striking competition, many morning and afternoon teas, lunches and the excellent Festival dinner, the Annual General Meeting as well as high quality merchandise on offer. Many took the opportunity to ring for the Sunday services at the two Cathedrals, St Mary's and St Andrew's, and the many



ANZAB Ringers at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney

towers in Sydney. At the 8.15am service ring on Sunday morning, 25 ringers turned up at my local church. ANZAB is a thriving and enthusiastic bell ringing community who are forward looking, proactive, well organized and ambitious to establish new rings to facilitate tower restorations and set up teaching facilities. *Congratulations to the organizing committee for their excellent efforts! Margaret Marsh.*

## 6 bell Practice at Charlton on Otmoor (6) 14cwt.

Charlton on Otmoor is undoubtedly one of those 'special' villages, surrounded as it is by one of England's few remaining substantial areas of remote wetland, with the River Ray reverting to flowing backwards in particularly wet weather. There has been a church in the village since the 11th century, with the present building being a 13th century replacement for the original. The church was particularly decorative as the Jubilee adornments were still in place. The bells here are a very fine set indeed, which although quite heavy, move particularly fluently, thus allowing us to ring Cambridge, Norwich and Oxford amongst other methods. *Hugh Deam.*

## Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh on: 07899-871079, or email: [hugh.deam@btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.deam@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 23rd June** Branch Summer Outing to South Wiltshire towers.

10.45am Zeals (6) 10cwt, 12.15pm Hindon (6) 9cwt.

**Lunch at 'The Black Dog' Chilmark at 1.20pm.** Click on the link below to see the lunch menu:

[http://www.blackdogchilmark.co.uk/downloads/BlackDog\\_Menu\\_Lunch.pdf](http://www.blackdogchilmark.co.uk/downloads/BlackDog_Menu_Lunch.pdf)

3.15pm Codford St. Peter (6) 10cwt, and 4.30pm North Tidworth (6) 9cwt.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please contact Hugh in advance if you are planning to attend, and state which methods you are most interested in ringing (if applicable)**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Doubles moving up to Minor Practice at Tetsworth (6) 4cwt

Advance Practice at Headington (8) 7½cwt.

Stedman Triples Practice at South Leigh (8) 10cwt

(Combined Practice with Witney & Woodstock)

Branch 10-Bell Practice at St. Thomas (10) 11cwt.

Afternoon Outing. 2 towers to be confirmed.

12.15pm-1.30pm

8.00pm-9.00pm

10.30am-11.45am

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

6.30pm-7.45pm

12.00 noon onwards

## Local Practice Nights

**Mondays:**

**Tuesdays:**

**Wednesdays:**

**Thursdays:**

**Fridays:**

Garsington (6), (no practices for the time being), St Aldates (6).

Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).

Iffley (6).

Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6).

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](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

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