



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 30th July 2012

Hugh's Mini Outing to North Oxfordshire – Sandford St Martin (6) and Wroxton (5) on Sunday 29th July



Sandford St Martin

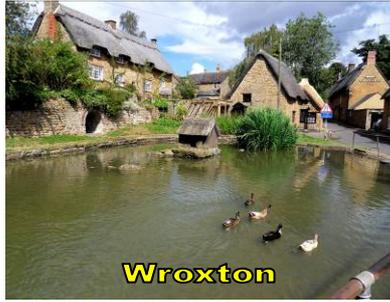


Wroxton

The opportunity to visit two of Oxfordshire's most attractive villages would make for a pleasant afternoon out in itself, but as might be expected the churches were equally impressive, with Sandford St Martin church having one of the finest interiors in the county, and the bells being rung from a chamber with a distinctly sloping floor. After a generous Sunday lunch at the dyed in the wool country pub of the **Stag's Head** in



Swalcliffe



Wroxton

Swalcliffe, it was off to **Wroxton**, which is a remarkable village at the very north tip of the county, and one of the small number of villages that appears to have barely altered since time immemorial. There is a wealth of elegant thatched housing, a lovely village pond of such clarity the fish are easily visible and a thatched hut at its centre to protect the ducks from foxes. As you will see from the photo the church looks even more photogenic in the sunny conditions. The bells of 1676, rung from the ground floor, were rehung in a new cast-iron frame in 1998, with the original clappers hanging on the wall. Many thanks to all those who eschewed the lure of watching the Olympic Games to spend the afternoon with us! *Hugh Deam.*

Donna's 'Aunt Sally' evening!

Wolvercote's Annual Aunt Sally evening on Thursday 19th July, was a hit – as always! With this event becoming an anticipated tradition, it just gets better every time. Ringers from Iffley, Marston, Headington, Wolvercote... and Yorkshire (!) attended this time, enjoying excellent food and drink at the **Red Lion**, and warm(ish), but more importantly, dry weather! Paul Lucas took several excellent photos of the evening, and amongst them,



Hugh Deam has proven to possess a foot swing quite superior to others! Christopher Beale, aged 3, showed fellowship by collecting the sticks for the next up! He also remained the most energetic, when others, admittedly began to flag by the end of the game's third leg to break an exciting tie. For those who missed this Summer's event, and for those who want more, please take note in **Hugh's News** for details of another Aunt Sally night to come on **Friday August 17th** at **The Red Lion in Marston**. (full details below). *Once again, everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you all there!* *Donna Murphy.*



Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 7th August	Advanced Practice at Headington (8) 7½cwt.	8.00pm-9.00pm
	<i>(Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major and beyond! All ringers who want to improve their advanced skills are welcome!)</i>	
Friday 17th August	'Aunt Sally' Evening at The Red Lion, Marston. All welcome.	Starting at 8.15pm
	<i>(Practice will be 7.00pm-8.15pm for this week only)</i>	
Saturday 25th August	Doubles to Minor Practice. (Tower and time to be confirmed)	
Saturday 15th September	Branch Practice at Wolvercote(6)	10.30am-12.00noon
Saturday 20th October	All Day Branch Outing to London (Full Details to follow)	

Local Practice Nights

Mondays:	Garsington (6), (no practices for the time being), 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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