



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 18th February 2013

(Please note: There is no practice at Headington this Tuesday 19th February. We're going for our late, late Christmas meal! Paul.)

Practices at Iffley (6) and Cowley (6) on Saturday 16th February

We may have moved into Lent during the past week, but there was clearly no abstinence where ringing was concerned as the ringers rolled up from all points of the compass with a



numerousness and enthusiasm reminiscent of when a carnival would come to town and draw the populous from the houses in its wake. Following the previous weekend where we were subject to a flurry of snow, this week it was an altogether more welcoming harbinger with a swathe of snowdrops in both churchyards, blue sky above, and several degrees higher on the thermometer. It can only augur well that both Iffley and Cowley are galvanized into forging ahead with their ringing and this allied with a selection of home-made cakes laid out at Cowley that could have come straight from the final of the 'Great British Bake Off' made for a highly worthwhile afternoon! *Hugh Deam.*

Branch Practice at Headington (8) on Saturday 9th February

The weather easily met five of the six qualifying conditions that pertain to the Scottish expression of dreich, and as only four out of the six dreary adjectives are needed to count then we had one to spare, but fear not the ringers were far from indolent as winter like a pantomime villain such as Abanazar demanded a last hurrah and was met with a rousing boo and hiss from a goodly band who all contributed to a thoroughly engaging practice. We may have been on the eve of the Chinese New Year, the year of the snake, but there was nothing venomous about the bells and ropes at **Headington**, in fact they are the very antithesis of such, but unfortunately the Chinese don't include pandas or other such endearing mammalian synonyms in their years. Strictly speaking "Chuxi" refers to the evening of the lunar New Year's Eve, but I'm sure allowances can be made as everyone agreed that we had well and truly paved the way to an active and progressive 2013, even if it was a few hours early. *Hugh Deam.*



Darts Match at Wolvercote – coming up in March

The Ringers at **St Peter's Wolvercote** are having their annual 'Darts Evening' at **The Red Lion** on **Thursday 7th March**. The ringing practice will not take place that night, so that we can all meet at the pub in **Wolvercote** for **7:30pm**. Chips and sandwiches will be available at £4 per person. Everyone is welcome, and it's the more the merrier! If you would like to eat, please can you let me know by **Thursday 28th February**, either by phone: **07981-520693**, or email: dcmurphy2@btinternet.com. *Donna Murphy.*



Here are the full details of the ringing outing to Cambridgeshire on Saturday 23rd March:

- 10.15am-11.15am Over (8) 13cwt
- 11.30am-12.15pm Willingham (6) 11cwt
- 12.30pm- 2.00pm Lunch at 'The White Horse', Oakington.
- 2.15pm - 3.00pm Oakington (6) 5cwt
- 3.15pm - 4.15pm Longstanton (8) 7cwt



This is the website page for The White Horse's menu: <http://www.twho.co.uk/menu.html>
(Hugh needs to know what you want to eat by 21st March at the latest please)

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh at: hugh.deam@btinternet.com or Jonathan at: jonathan@cresshull.co.uk

Saturday 23rd February	Branch Practice at Eynsham (6) (Doubles and Minor)	2.00pm-3.30pm
	Branch Practice at Freeland (6) (Call Changes, Plain Hunt and beyond)	4.00pm-5.30pm
	<i>(Both ringing chambers are relatively small so an early response if you intend to come would be appreciated!)</i>	
Thursday 7th March	Darts Evening at Wolvercote (see details above)	7.30pm
Saturday 9th March	Branch Practice at Wolvercote (6)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 23rd March	Spring Outing to Cambridgeshire (see details above)	All Day Trip

Local Practice Nights

- Mondays:** St Aldates (6), Garsington (6) (No Practices at the moment).
- 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) (6.30-7.30).

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

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