



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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



Monday 4th March 2013

Ringling Practices at Eynsham (6) and Freeland (6) on Saturday 23rd February

The aphorism which espouses that we so often miss what is virtually under one's very nose has rarely been better exemplified than by the fact



that this was our very first visit to Eynsham as part of an outing. If the recent Saturday practices within Oxford had been something akin to the straightened times phenomenon of the "staycation" then this week could perhaps be dubbed the "midi-cation" with the relatively close to home tonic being provided by Eynsham and Freeland towers. Even though this was our fourth Saturday in a row of having a ringing event it was laudable that we still had several new faces with us this week, even if it was under a slate-grey sky after last week's luminosity. By the time dusk set in the first-



timers and local ringers alike had gained some invaluable experience. Our thanks are also due to the Freeland ringers for providing a copious array of tea and cakes so as to transform the most monosyllabic into a panegyrist. *Hugh Deam.*

The Headington Ringers and their late late Christmas Meal on 19th February !

Because so many of our ringers have other commitments over Christmas, it is traditional that we have our 'Christmas' meal in February, which always guarantees a good turnout. At 'La Cucina' in St Clements, we were pleased to be joined by Matthew, Sue and Alena from St Giles, who are regular visitors to Sunday mornings and our Tuesday Practices. A very good evening was had by all! *Paul Lucas.*



Branch Practice at Kidlington (8) on Saturday 2nd March

Those familiar with what is now known as the 'Great American Songbook of the 20th Century' will doubtless be able to recite parts of the Sammy Cahn / Jimmy van Heusen standard written for Frank Sinatra - 'It's (Oh So) Nice to Go Travelling', and although we haven't been roaming quite as far as Paris, London, Rome or the camel route to Iraq, we did wander back to Oxford in the shape of Kidlington tower, and to drastically



paraphrase from the song, very nice it was too. Our ringing may have been directly after a wedding, but our practice was definitely not after the Lord Mayor's Show. For half a dozen of our group this was their first time on the Kidlington bells and time spent on the ropes of such a robust and sonorous eight is of immense benefit. After five consecutive weeks of consistently well attended Saturday ringing events, with forty-nine different people attending over those weeks, it is fairly safe to conclude that, while not a panacea, we have in place a highly practical appendage to practice night ringing. *Hugh Deam.*

Darts Match at Wolvercote

A reminder that the Ringers at St Peter's Wolvercote will be having their annual 'Darts Evening' at The Red Lion next 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 definitely the more the merrier! If you would like to join us all, please let me know - either by phone: 07981-520693, or email: [dcmurphy2 at btinternet.com](mailto:dcmurphy2@btinternet.com). *Donna Murphy.*

The latest details of the 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

In the last edition I included the link to the 'White Horse' menu on their website. I've since been told that their details haven't been updated and many of the menu prices are incorrect, so I have added an extra page below with the (hopefully!) correct details on it, as sent to me by Christian Burrell. *Paul Lucas.*

(Can you email your food order to Hugh by 21st March at the latest please)



Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh at: [hugh.deam at btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.deam@btinternet.com) or Jonathan at: [jonathan at cresshull.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@cresshull.co.uk)

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| Tuesday 5 th March | Advanced Practice at Headington (8) | 8.00pm-9.00pm |
| Thursday 7 th March | Darts Evening at Wolvercote (see details above) | 7.30pm |
| Saturday 9 th March | Branch Practice at Wolvercote (6) | 10.30am-12noon |
| Saturday 23 rd March | Spring Outing to Cambridgeshire (see details above) | All Day Trip |
| Saturday 6 th April | Stedman Triples Practice at South Leigh (8) | 10.30am-12noon |

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

Any information or photographs for inclusion in *Hugh's News* please email me: [paulclucas at hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulclucas@hotmail.co.uk)

THE 'WHITE HORSE' MENU

STARTERS:

- £2.50 - **Olives and bread**
- £4.50 - **Homemade soup** with garlic bread
- £5.00 - **Tempura king prawns** with sweet chilli sauce
- £6.00 - **Pigeon breast**, pan fried bacon, red wine and rocket
- £4.50 - **Whitebait** with chilli mayo and crusty bread
- £5.00 - **Creamy garlic mushrooms** with bread
- £5.00 - **Fried goats cheese** with cranberry sauce, salad and croutons

MAINS:

- £9.00 - **Homemade oakey burger** with chips & onion rings
- £9.00 - **Homemade beef lasagne** with garlic bread & salad
- £10.00 - **Chicken & bacon tagliatelle** with cream & brandy
- £12.00 - **Steak, Shiraz and Stilton pie** with roast potatoes & vegetables
- £12.00 - **Chicken or steak fajitas** with flour tortillas & dips
- £9.00 - **Vegetable fajitas** with flour tortillas & dips
- £9.00 - **Wholetail scampi** with chips & peas
- £9.00 - **Beer battered giant cod** with chips & peas
- £12.00 - **Pan fried sea bass** with new potatoes & grilled vegetables
- £9.00 - **Bangers & mustard mash** with peas & onion gravy
- £15.00 - **10oz sirloin steak** with all the trimmings (with peppercorn sauce - £2.00)
- £14.00 - **10oz rump steak** with mushroom & brandy sauce
- £15.00 - **Duck breast** with fresh cherry sauce, new potatoes & green beans
- £15.00 - **Bransley chops** with port & redcurrant sauce
- £10.00 - **Mushroom, cranberry and brie wellington** with home cut chips and vegetables
- £10.00 - **Porcini mushroom & spinach risotto** with garlic bread

When you have made your choice, please email Hugh by 21st March.

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