



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

Produced fortnightly by Paul, Jonathan and Hugh, with a few contributions from other ringers

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I'm afraid Hughs News is a little bit 'thin on the ground' this week! There's not been a lot happening this month for fairly obvious reasons. Normally I would leave out this fortnight's edition, but I decided to go ahead as there are a couple of fairly important announcements to be made. **Paul.**

## A Concert at Garsington

St Mary's Church, Garsington is celebrating the return of their bells with a concert of bell ringing and classical music on **Saturday 17th August from 7pm. Tickets are £10 on the door including wine.** It will start with 30 minutes of bell ringing while we all drink wine outside, followed by a short talk from the Tower Captain about the changes. The bells have never been out of the tower before and some work has been done to renovate them and make them easier to ring. We will then have a recital of classical songs and organ music from our local musicians, John Buckley Tenor, Jonathan Arnold, Bass and Peter Lyman, on the organ. We are also offering a special opportunity for teams of bell ringers to book a slot on a Saturday, 8-9pm in late Summer or Autumn of 2013 to try the bells for themselves. We still have work to do on the tower and would charge £5 each to help with fundraising, but are offering coffee and cake to any teams who book. If you are interested in this, then please contact Ruth Buckley, churchwarden at: [ruthbuckley120 at aol.com](mailto:ruthbuckley120@aol.com). **Ruth Buckley.**



## A Branch Practice at St Mary Magdalen on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Boundless thanks are due to St. Mary Magdalen in the city centre for the use of their bells at short notice for the City Branch Practice on Saturday evening. Although we were one ringer short to utilize the bells for Caters, the time was nonetheless spent frugiferously, with this being the first time on these bells for four or five of our group.

**Hugh Deam.**

## Cowley Practices

At our last Practice we decided that due to the low attendance and insufficient folk to ring on Sundays (due to holidays) we would 'close'

for the month of August. I know this is very last minute but if possible could something go in Hugh's News even to the effect we will be back to our usual Thursday practice evening in September. We hope to see you through the summer, as we will be joining the Iffley Ringers on a Wednesday evening. **Margaret Weller.**



## Fumigation at St Nick's in Marston!

The fumigation of St Nicholas Church in Marston, in order to eradicate the twin prehensile forces of woodworm and furniture beetle, was carried out in rapid time and all is now back in working order - although the ringing chamber exhibits a somewhat lean and spare look until the fixtures and fittings are returned into place. The Marston ringers would like to extend grateful thanks to the North Hinksey ringers for allowing us to share with their practice for two Friday evenings. **Hugh Deam.**

## 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)

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Ringling and Concert at Garsington (6)</b> (See details above)	7.00pm onwards
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Headington (8) General Practice</b>	11.45am-1.00pm
	<b>(General 7 &amp; 8 Bell Method Practice and some ringing up and down practice)</b>	
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>General Practice with the Ringers at Kidlington (8).</b>	11.00am-12.15pm
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Advanced Practice at Headington (8)</b>	8.00pm-9.00pm
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Chilton (6) Ringing Up and Down Practice and some general ringing.</b>	10.00am-11.30pm
	<b>(All helpers welcome. Five Learners have already confirmed, but there should be time in the session for a couple more. Please let Hugh know in advance if you wish to attend.)</b>	

## Local Practice Nights

<b>Mondays:</b>	St Aldates (6), Garsington (6)
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Headington (8), Iffley (6).
<b>Thursdays:</b>	St Giles (8), Wolvercote (6), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6) (No Practices until September).
<b>Fridays:</b>	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](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

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