



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



Produced fortnightly by Paul, Jonathan and Hugh, with a few contributions from other ringers
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Two well attended Branch Practices at Headington (8) and Kidlington (8) on 21st and 24th August.

On the last day of Summer, as the cloak of the third season perceptibly darkens and elongates the pigmentation of the early morn and the eventide garland overarching the habitual hour, so we marked the end of a week that saw the publication of the latest batch of buzz-worthy words to have merited inclusion in the Oxford English Dictionary with a srsly well over the hump-day of the week session of ringing at Kidlington. In the age of the digital divide where it is so easy to sit at home and engage merely in nothing beyond slacktivism, the turnout of 25 ringers proved that the ringing-chamber version of hacker-space is alive and well with the bare minimum of ridic, schlumpy or omnishambolic striking. As with the previous weekend's mixed ringing up & down and method practice at Headington, which saw a 17-strong attendance and sizeable home support, there was a similarly strong home representation at Kidlington which will hopefully yield a legacy of sillage (please note carefully the two l's) to burnish through the winter months until the seasons renew once again. *Hugh Deam.*



Here are some pictures of the bells at Kidlington, which I took on the day of the Practice. The Tenor weighs in at 21cwt. *Paul.*



Dates for your Diary

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| Wednesday 4 th September | Advanced Practice at Headington (8) | 8.00pm-9.00pm |
| Saturday 14 th September | Chilton (6) Ringing Up and Down Practice and some general ringing. | 10.00am-11.30pm |
| | <i>(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. Tea and Coffee are available on the day.)</i> | |
| Saturday 28 th September | Stanton Harcourt (6) Doubles & Minor Method mini-outing | 2.30pm-4.00pm |
| | Followed by another tower (still to be confirmed) | 4.00pm-6.00pm |
| Saturday 5 th October | General ringing at Quanton (8) (times to be confirmed) | |

Local Practice Nights

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| Mondays: | St Aldates (6), Garsington (6) |
| Tuesdays: | Kidlington (8), Horspath (6). |
| Wednesdays: | Headington (8), Iffley (6). |
| Thursdays: | St Giles (8), Wolvercote (6), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6) |
| | <i>(Cowley is now back to having normal Practices after their Summer break)</i> |
| 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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