



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



Produced fortnightly by Paul, Jonathan and Hugh, with a few contributions from other ringers  
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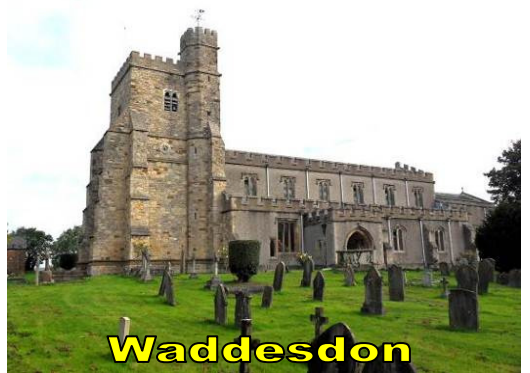
## Practices at Waddesdon (6), Quainton (8) on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Chastleton (6) on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

We are all accustomed to the way in which bellringing brings together a wide variety of disparate individuals. Despite this, the association

between Sir Isaac Newton and Dustin Hoffman may stretch credulity. Newton, of reasonable repute despite his association with Another University defined the third law of motion which is commonly paraphrased as "to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction". Dustin Hoffman of course is well known for his role as Rain Man. Who could be his equal and opposite? At the risk of jinxing all future such occasions, may I modestly put myself forward in this role? As was the case at the end of June, the outings to **Waddesdon** and **Quainton** on Saturday and **Chastleton**



on the Sunday were marked by impeccable sunshine. St Michael and All Angels, Waddesdon (6, 10-2-24) provided a pleasant start. Quainton offered not only the more challenging ground floor ring at Holy Cross and St Mary (8, 17-1-26) but a picturesque village centre complete with windmill, preaching cross and alms houses. Chastleton (6, 6-3-8) on the Sunday offered not only delightful ringing but also an excellent picnic lunch provided by Cathy and the opportunity to visit the tea rooms at Wyatt's Garden Centre. With due deference to the rainfall needs of local farmers, I am more than willing to attempt to provide "anti-Rain Man" services to future Marston outings. **Alan Coates.**



Waddesdon



Quainton



Chastleton

### Branch Practice at Horspath (6)

On a profoundly dank and dark brazenly autumnal evening on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, the hour and a bit of our time on **Horspath** bells was well utilized with a tight unit of attendees that saw everyone get a fair share of ringing and thus produced strides forward that were clear to see. **Hugh Deam.**

### Surprise Major Practice at Woodstock

If you look at the 'dates for your diary' below, you will see that there are to be three 'advanced practices' in November. We are hoping to have these practices every month on the three eight bell towers in the City Branch – **Headington** on the first Wednesday, **St Giles** on the second Thursday and **Kidlington** on the fourth Tuesday. The Witney and Woodstock Branch held a very well attended Surprise Major practice at **Woodstock** (8) on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. This was organised by Alison Merryweather-Clarke, and proved very useful for people like me who are struggling to learn Cambridge! If you can support these practices, it would benefit all of us! **Paul Lucas.**



### Dates for your Diary

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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Advanced Practice at Headington (8) 8.00pm-9.00pm  
**Oxford City Branch AGM at Headington** (2.30-3.30 ringing, 3.30-4.00 service, 4.00-4.30 tea. AGM starts at 4.30 – times are subject to confirmation)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Advanced Practice at St Giles (8) 8.00pm-9.00pm  
Advanced Practice at Kidlington (8) 8.00pm-9.00pm

### Local Practice Nights

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).  
Fridays: Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.30pm-7.30pm).

For more details go to the Oxford City Branch website: [www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

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