



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 20th January 2014

(Note: There is to be no ringing practice at Old Headington next Wednesday 23rd January, because the ringers are going out for a late Christmas meal.)

Congratulations to the Everett family!

Steve and Annika Everett's son Jonathan and his wife Joanie have produced a baby boy called Andrew Sofus Everett!



Andrew Sofus weighed in at exactly 8 pounds at the Spires Midwife Suite in the John Radcliffe Hospital on Wednesday 15th January. Sofus is a Faroese boy's name which means 'wisdom'. Their new addition makes Steve and 'Grannika' grand-parents for the second time, and Charlotte Everett a great grandmother!



Joanie was in labour for a very long 39 hours! In the picture with Annika, is Joanie's Mum, Cathryn, and on the right, are the Everett family – each one sporting their own 'personalised' sweatshirt! It goes without saying that we all wish the family well!

New Year's Eve Celebrations at Kidlington !

This picture came just in too late for the last edition of Hughs News....

The Kidlington Ringers rang out the old year of 2013 with Rounds and Call Changes for each of our three learners in succession, then with Phil ringing 12 times on the Tenor Bell at midnight, it was then followed by Lesley with excellent precision as always. She timed the Treble to perfection for us to ring rounds in the start of 2014, and then we finished off with a touch of Grandsire Doubles with 768 behind. Afterwards we tucked into Jane's homemade mince pies! There were snacks, drinks, and wine or, as you can see in the picture, we were all smiles after some of us had drunk Peter's nice home-made Cider! After all that, we made for home around 1.00am. **Ron Burgess.**

The Youngest and the Oldest!

The first part of the Marston practice was slightly different from usual on Friday 17th January, becoming a photo session as an Oxford Mail photographer took a variety of pictures for an article that should appear in the

paper at the end of this week. The young ringer in question is Tiggy, who at the age of 10 has been ringing at Marston for two years, having first started a year or so prior at a tower in Kent. The seasoned ringer, so to speak, is Roy Jones, the Tower Captain at Marston, who celebrates seventy years as a ringer this year, having taken up the art at the same age as Tiggy! **Hugh Deam.**

Joan Beale

It is with great sadness that we have just heard about the death of John Beale's wife, Joan – the mother of Jonathan Beale. John and Jonathan are both ringers at St Peters in Wolvercote. Our sincere condolences go to all members of the Beale family at this very sad time, and there will be a full tribute to Joan in the next edition. **Paul Lucas.**

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam at: [hugh.deam at biinternet.com](http://hugh.deam.at.biinternet.com) or phone: 07899-871079.

Saturday 22 nd February	Kidlington (8). General Ringing Practice with the Kidlington ringers.	10.30am-12.00noon
Tuesday 28 th January	Advanced Practice at Kidlington (8). All experienced ringers welcome.	8.00pm-9.00pm
Wednesday 5 th February	Advanced Practice at Headington (8). All experienced ringers welcome.	8.00pm-9.00pm
Saturday 15 th February	Headington (8). General Ringing followed by a short finance meeting.	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 22 nd February	Cassington (6). General Ringing with the Cassington & Eynsham ringers.	3.00pm-4.30pm
Thursday 13 th February	Advanced Practice at St Giles (8). All experienced ringers welcome.	7.30pm-9.00pm
Saturday 22 nd March	Spring Outing to Wiltshire.	

10.00am. Royal Wootton Bassett (8), 11.00am. Lyneham (6), 12.15pm. Lydiard Tregoze (6), 2.30pm. Lydiard Millicent (6). (Three out of the four towers have so far been confirmed. Lunch will probably be at The Sun, Lydiard Millicent.)

It's looking very likely that we will be taking a minibus on the trip to Wiltshire, so if you would like to join us, then please email Hugh as soon as possible to tell him you would like come on the minibus. Spaces are obviously limited.

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).

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