



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 3rd November 2014

(Sorry Hughs News is late this time. I've been away! This edition is 2 pages long. Paul)



Bell-Board 1986 - how times have changed !

Such is the nature of how time flies and how things move on, that very few active ringers in the Branch today will be aware that the Branch had a newsletter back in the early days (Summer 1986 to Summer 1992), and rather than wait another couple of years until its 30th anniversary, Paul is reprinting excerpts from the editions which have not been lost over time. As you will see, comparing printing then with today is akin to the strides from monochrome film to CGI today, although you will see a change from typewriter to word processor in the years printed. Some months prior to the first City Branch newsletter, Witney & Woodstock Branch had begun a newsletter edited by a former Marston ringer who sent me a copy of their newsletter to give me an idea of content, and so it is good to know that the bond of cooperation between our two branches is still serving us well today. *Hugh Deam*

BELL - BOARD

For All Bellringers in the Oxford Area.

For your Diary, Forthcoming Events:

Friday, June 6. Skittles Challenge. 7p.m. The Kings Head and Bell,
Abingdon.

Oxford University v Oxford Society v O.D.G.

Saturday, June 14. Oxford City Branch Half Yearly Meeting.

Kidlington are the hosts.

3.00, Ringing. 4.00, Service. 4.30, Tea. 5.00, Meeting.

Names for Tea to T. Franklin, 5 Mill Street, Kidlington.

Sunday, July 6th. Cricket Match. 2.00p.m.

The 1986 O.D.G. Cricket Match at Horspath Cricket
Ground or Oxford Boys School. Bellringers v Oxford Police.

All Welcome. If you would like to play, please contact
Hugh Deam, 71 Oxford Road, Marston. 247574.

Food and Drink free, usual sundries.

September. Autumn Ringing Outing. Date and Places to be announced
at Half Yearly Meeting.

Note From The Treasurer.

It is pleasing to note that most of the Guild Subscriptions were received by the end of March, and Tower Treasurers are thanked for their prompt action. Membership of the City Branch is being maintained, and more than one hundred subscriptions are expected in 1986.

The Treasurer wishes to report that more than £185 has been forwarded to the O.D.G. Bell Fund this year as a result of fund-raising activities in the City Branch.

A. Hughes, Treasurer.

About Bellboard.

Quite simply to keep you individually informed, in as comprehensive a manner as possible about what is happening ringing-wise in this area.

STRIKING RESULT !

Branch Six-Bell Striking Competition Held at Horspath, Sat. May, 10th.

1st-Kidlington. 2nd-St.Giles. 3rd-North Hinksey. 4th-Marston. 5th-Headington.

Power Contacts:

Monday, St. Aldates,
Len Porter, 18 Asquith Road, Rose Hill.
Cowley, St. James, Mrs ^{MARY JOSEPH} C. Franklin, 13 Dodgson Road, Cowley.
Tuesday, Headington, St. Andrews, Paul Foote, 72 Hill Top Road, Headington.
Horspath, St. Giles, Brian Lowe, "Shelbourne", Blenheim Rd, Horspath.
Wednesday, St. Mary, Iffley, Roy Goodwin, 120 Barns Road, Cowley. -
Thursday. St. Peter, Wolvercote, Catherine Lack, 47 Millway Close, Wolvercote.
St. Giles, Oxford, Dermot Roaf, 27 St. Margarets Road. -
Friday, St. Lawrence, North Hinksey, Miss J. Farrow, 5 Third Acre Rise. ✓
Garsington, Basil Townsend, Alberta, Wheatley Road, Garsington. ✓
St. Mary, Kidlington, T.P. Franklin, 5 Mill Street, Kidlington. ✓
St. Nicholas, Marston, Anthony Hughes, Cross Farm, Marston. ✓

Ideas Please.

If you have any comments or ideas you would like to see appear in future Newsletters, please write to Hugh Deam, 71 Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 0PH.

Questionnaire.

Supplied with your Newsletter should be a Questionnaire, It would be extremely helpful if you could fill it in and bring it to the Half Yearly Meeting.

The questionnaire – above, primarily asked Branch members of their views, on the continuance of ringing outings and methods of conveyance (coach, car or bicycle!). It also floated the idea of a Branch Christmas Party / Dinner and enquired as to how close a contact between towers we might be able to achieve. What transpired by way of results at the AGM is lost in the minutes of the meeting, but as some of the options have never seen the light of day, and outings using coaches have mostly long since ceased, an educated guess should probably suffice. **Hugh Deam**

A Quarter Peal for Carol Lowe on Saturday 11th October

The last time we had a quarter peal attempt at Horspath to the memory of Carol Lowe, it sadly fired out about half way through. This time we got it right! It was a well-struck quarter of mixed doubles, called by David Thomas from St Helen's, Abingdon. Unfortunately Carol's husband Brian Lowe wasn't able to take part this time, but he did join us for this photograph, and a well-earned drink in the Queen's Head afterwards! **Paul Lucas**

Charlotte Ritchie's First Quarter Peal on 19th October

Marston ringer, Charlotte Ritchie (right) rang her first quarter peal on the treble prior to the morning service on Sunday 19th October. Having taken up ringing a couple of years ago, Charlotte has steadily worked up to this success at her first attempt, plus she has employed her skills and experience of



fund-raising to spearhead the drive to raise the funds for imperative work that needs to be carried out on our Marston bells. The two ringers missing in this photo are Donna Murphy, who took the photo herself, and Bernard Masterman who stayed on for the service afterwards. **Hugh Deam**

Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 15th November BRANCH AGM at ST ALDATES in OXFORD

2.30pm – General Ringing. 3.30pm – Service. 4.00pm – Tea. 4.15pm – AGM will start.

Saturday 22nd November Freeland (6) Graduated Ringing Practice

3.00pm-5.00pm

Thursday 4th December Wolvercote. Quiz in the church hall. (Questions set by Hugh on this occasion!) 7.00pm onwards

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)