



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

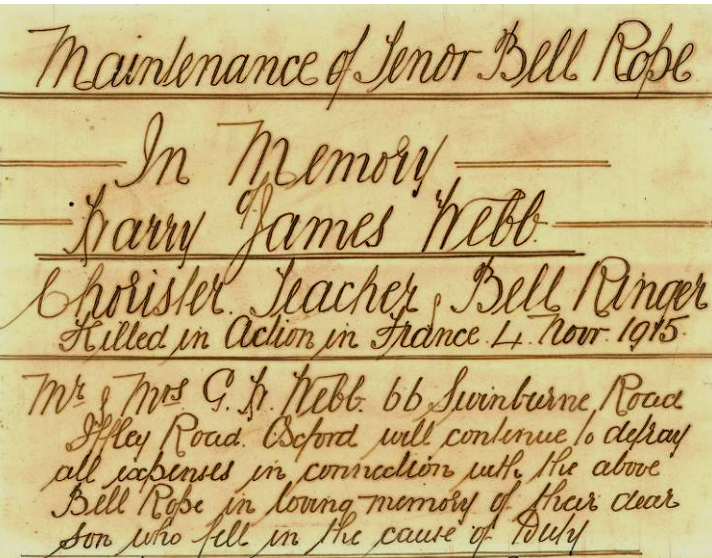
Produced fortnightly by Paul and Hugh, with a few contributions from other ringers

Monday 16th November 2015



A Quarter Peal rung at St. Aldates on 4th November to the memory of Harry Webb

Lance Corporal Harry James Webb, Oxford, Oxford Diocesan. Died 4th November 1915 age 25. Durham Light Infantry 11th Battalion. Service No. 21524. Commemorated at Sailly-Sur-La-Lys-Canadian Cemetery, France, Grave II. B. 44. Son of George Harry and Alice Webb of 9 Isis Street, Oxford. Born: Oxford. Enlisted: Oxford. Resided: Oxford.



1260 Stedman Doubles in 40 minutes

1. Catherine M. A. Lane
2. Katherine Stonham
3. Dorothy Hall
4. Jonathan Cresshull (c)
5. Simon L. Edwards
6. Catrin Morgan

The Central Council Rolls of Honour commemorate those ringers who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 and the 1939-1945 War.

The Council commissioned a handwritten Memorial Book for each War. These books can be viewed in a display case on the way up to the ringing chamber at St Paul's Cathedral, London.

This website contains photographic



copies of the pages of each Book together with a listing of the text. Each entry shows the ringer's name, initials, home tower and society name where known. In recent years much more information has become accessible on the website of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and additional names have been obtained from ringing societies and individual ringers. Alan Regin, the current Steward of the Rolls of Honour, has collected and organised this material to provide updated and more complete lists of casualties. The additional information includes age, date of death, rank, regiment, and cemetery/memorial where known. Alan's growing collection of photographs of headstones and memorials is also gradually being added. **Katie Lane**

Ringling Practice and Planning Meeting at Iffley – this Saturday 21st November

The ringing practice starts at 10.30am and is open to requests. Requests for Stedman have already been forwarded to me.

The practice will be followed by an informal 'planning meeting' at 11.45am for ringing and ringing related events in 2016. This will be held at 92a Church Way, just a short walk from the church. Tea, sandwiches and cake will be provided. If you haven't already let me know that you are coming, please email me. Alternatively, if you can't make it, but would like to put forward any suggestions for ringing events, social events or fund-raising, please feel free to email me ahead of Saturday. **Hugh Deam**

Wolvercote's New Dumb Bell!

At last year's Ringing Roadshow in Newbury, we all saw demonstrations of a 'dumb bell training-aid' which was on display down there!



Jonathan Beale, and his team of ringers thought they would like to invest in the Saxilby Simulator to help improve the striking of their ringers at Wolvercote.

On Friday 13th November, Jonathan and Janice invited some of us to go along and 'have a go' on it! As you can see, Jonathan has built this amazing structure to



mount the dumb bell on, so that it can be taken out and erected anywhere – not just in the church! They are planning to take it to fetes and other events next Summer to show it off, and recruit new ringers. As you can see in the picture, there are images of 5 other 'virtual' ringers that you are ringing with! Unfortunately there should have been 6 'virtual' ringers on the night, but there was a slight glitch in the system which meant that the 6th ringer got stuck, and wouldn't perform!! Jonathan tells me he has sorted all that out now, and it works perfectly! You can ring almost any method you want to, and any bell of your choice. It's a great way to learn new methods without disturbing the peace!

If you want more information about the Saxilby Simulator, and maybe book a session, then contact

Jonathan or Janice Beale via email: janiceandjonathan1@virginmedia.com.

Paul Lucas

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam at: hugh.deam@btinternet.com or mobile: 07899-871079

Saturday 21st November
Sunday 29th November
Saturday 12th December

Practice at Iffley (6) (Followed by a ringing events planning meeting – details above) 10.30am-11.45am
Surprise Major Practice at Headington (8) on the Simulator. 3.30pm-5.00pm
Branch Practice at Wheatley (6) 10.30am-12noon

For more details go to the Oxford City Branch website: www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

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