



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## A Happy New Year to all our readers !

(Please note: There will be no practice at Headington this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, as the ringers are having their late Christmas meal!)

Formal branch ringing events go into abeyance come Advent as the focus understandably switches to individual towers



Iffley



Marston



Wolvercote



As is to be expected over the Christmas period, services and consequently ringing is concentrated on the same days and near enough at the same times thus presenting a situation that we can only offer to do the best we can as a Branch by way of ensuring that every tower has its services catered for with ringing. Fortunately timings were such this year that some



North Hinksey

of us were able to get to several towers and thus present a snapshot of the variety of ringing events that take place over the festive period. Contrary to its primary appearance, given the funereal mien of carriage and horses (above), this was actually a wedding at North Hinksey on December 27<sup>th</sup>!

Hugh Deam

### The First Branch Practice at Iffley (6) on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

With careworn Christmas trees and holly boughs still strewn along many frontages, it was encouraging that such a goodly number of ringers decided to take their cue from the daffodils, snowdrops, cherry blossom and asparagus which



have been emboldened to make an early appearance by the out of kilter weather. It is always something of an inexact science in deciding when best to break the seasonal abeyance in multi-tower ringing get-togethers, but at present we are in an era of having a burgeoning number of ringers who are looking to increase their repertoire of methods and are not fazed by venturing out from their home tower. Attaining a position where we know we can hold such well attended sessions without having to resort to incessantly imploring and badgering people to turn up rarely happens by accident or overnight, so it is all credit to those who have stepped up to the plate and provided a platform from which to build still further upon. We were also shown the brand new quarter peal board that the Iffley ringers commissioned in commemoration of the late Roy Jones who died in 2014.

**ST.MARY the VIRGIN  
IFFLEY**

ON 22nd JUNE 2014  
1260 DOUBLES (3m/4v)

1. Claire Malone-Lee	4. Hugh Deam (1/c)
2. Susan King	5. Stephen Davies (1/c)
3. Judy Kirby	6. Jonathan Jones

IN MEMORY OF ROY JONES (1935-2014)  
TOWER CAPTAIN OF MARSTON AND FRIEND  
OF IFFLEY RINGERS OVER MANY YEARS.

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### A Dedication Service at Old Marston

The recently refurbished Marston bells will have a Service of Dedication at St. Nicholas church on Sunday 31st January at 6.00pm. It is planned that there will be ringing on the bells prior to the service from 5.00pm. Naturally, all are welcome to the ringing and service.

### Dates for your Diary in 2016

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

Weather permitting, January and February should probably be our two busiest months of the year for sustained Saturday ringing. Upcoming events are listed below. You will see that we have two Plain Bob Major / Grandsire Triples practices, a Plain Bob Triples / Grandsire Triples practice, a Ringing Up & Down practice, two general method practices, a two-tower Ringing Morning outing and a Witney & Woodstock Branch practice which we are welcome to join. As always, it would be inordinately helpful if you are able to let me know in advance if you can attend any of these events and request what methods you most want to ring at the general practice events (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February).

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Ringing Up and Down Practice at Old Marston (6)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major Practice at Headington (8) - on the simulator	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Witney and Woodstock Branch Practice at Witney (8)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples Practice at St Giles (8)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Practice at Cowley (6)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Plain Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples Practice at Kidlington (8)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Practices at Hambledon (8) 10.30am; and Marlow (8) 12.00noon	10.30am-12noon

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

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