



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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



**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

They say that there's nothing so fine as messing about on the river, but we didn't venture onto the water for the Kidlington outing on

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, which continued our search, begun last year, for the source of the River Cherwell.

This year we were in the middle reaches of this fine waterway's valley visiting 3 towers with increasing numbers of bells. **North Aston (6)**, is particularly notable for its' lovely rural location and for standing cheek by jowl with the very grand, 17th century, North Aston Hall. At **Adderbury** we enjoyed not only ringing the beautifully resonant 8, but also listening to the carillon playing 'Home Sweet Home' as we left for Banbury. Set in their round tower, the 10 bells of **Banbury** were a new



experience for some of the 15 who came along to ring call changes and methods up to Grandsire Caters. A pleasant lunch in the White Horse rounded off an enjoyable sunny morning! **Peter Trowles**

## A Practice at Eynsham (6) on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Eynsham**, having been part of my regular Sunday morning rota of service ringing for some twenty years now, I suspect that I have spent more of my time on the ropes here than at any other tower other than Marston and North Hinksey, but familiarity in this case breeds contentment as they are such fine bells and consequently this was an excellent morning's get-together. A good mix of ringers fitted in some well struck Cambridge, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, and Slapton Slow Course which doubles as a very effective teaching programme method. **Hugh Deam**



## A Practice at Clanfield (8) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Clanfield** is the most southerly outpost of the Witney & Woodstock Branch, and at least one of the ringers from the branch travelled further to get there than we did from Oxford.

The church itself is dedicated to the first Christian martyr, St Stephen, and there is a representation of him with bible and stones in hand halfway up the front exterior of the tower. Having consulted my copy of the Guild Report, it confirmed that this was the only tower in the Branch that I hadn't had the pleasure to ring at, and pleasure was indeed the right word, as the church looked resplendent in the morning light and the bells tripped around splendidly. **Hugh Deam**



**(In the next edition, there will be a full round up of the 'new-look' Striking Competition held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, and the results!)**

## Dates for your Diary

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

Bank Holiday Practice at Chilton (6) (St Clements, Little Bob and Stedman) 10.30am-12noon  
Evenley (5) (South Northants, Quarter Peal 10.00am; Whitfield (6), General Ringing 11.30am  
Practice at Chadlington (6). (Lunch is planned beforehand at the 'Café de la Post' at 1.00pm) 2.00pm-3.00pm  
Adrian Gray's Morning Outing to Berkshire. Yattendon (6); Englefield (8); (times to be announced)

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

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July