



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 30th May 2016



Striking Competition Special !

The Annual Branch Half-Yearly Meeting and Striking Competition was held at Old Marston on Saturday 14th May.

What was ostensibly a half-year meeting and a striking competition morphed into being a ringing festival in an afternoon, with, at its height, an expanse of activity from the mini-ring at the rear of the church to refreshments

Striking Competition Results

1. O.U.S.
2. St. Aldates
3. Headington (Grandsire band)
4. Scratch Band
5. Headington (Plain Bob band)
6. Kidlington
7. 'Boy Band'
8. St. Giles
9. Cowley

The afternoon began with a well-attended half-yearly meeting in the church, which was constructive and yet still managed to be concise. Due to industrious work by our Branch Secretary, Lindsay Powell, nine teams were able to be raised to take part in the striking competition, and thanks are also the order of the day for our Guild Steward, Tony Crabtree, who provided his mini-ring for the afternoon and acted as judge for the competition. In keeping with the informal timbre of the event, Tony was clear, informative and congenial in his communication of the scores. The weather also took its cue from the proceedings and



on the go in the vestry and ringing up in the tower, plus those making their own impromptu entertainment.



The Winning Team !



helped make the event such a great success. This looks like the more 'relaxed' style of Striking Competition we hope to be carrying on with in the years to come. The feedback we've been getting from other ringers who were present has proved to be very positive. **Hugh Deam**

Congratulations Colin!

Colin Taylor from Headington, finally achieved his first Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside' at Marston (6) on Monday 16th May.

The band was: Treble, Judy Kirby; 2. Michael Probert; 3. Alison Merryweather-Clarke; 4. Colin Taylor; 5. Paul Lucas; Tenor, Hugh Deam (C).

Well done Colin!



Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 4th June

Sunday 26th June

Saturday 9th July

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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) 10.00am; Englefield (8) 11.15;

(followed by lunch at Englefield Estate Tea Room)

GUILD RINGING FESTIVAL. Posters should have been sent out to every tower in Oxford. More information later.

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

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