



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016



## Roy Jones Memorial Ringing Morning – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Anyone who has studiously read the newsletter articles pertaining to outings over the past few years will probably have taken in the

accompanying photos as well, and if so the parish church in **Twyford** will evince many a clue as to its location, bearing classic hallmarks of churches, and their adjoining towers, in North Buckinghamshire and North East Oxfordshire. Twyford and Marsh Gibbon are both seemingly sprawling villages due to their being a conglomeration of ancient ends and hamlets, so consequently there is a myriad of roads leading to and from them, particularly in Marsh Gibbon. The bells at **Twyford (8)** are only rung very occasionally and present a stringent, but extremely useful, test of handling. We culminated our allotted time with a good touch of Plain Bob Minor. The church grounds here are bordered by delightful cottages and the occupant of Lavender Cottage made a point to come out and let us know her appreciation of hearing the bells being rung. At **Marsh Gibbon (5)** the two wonderfully well behaved Jack Russell terriers (Linus and Lucy) who live in the house adjacent to the church were there to greet us again as they were last time we came here in 2014. Thanks are due to Edwin Herring, tower captain of both towers, for his help in the whole process of booking the towers, accessing them smoothly and being a thoroughly engaging host throughout the morning. **Hugh Deam**



**Twyford**



**Marsh Gibbon**

## The Stallpits Ring at Marston Court Care Home

The residents of Marston Court Care Home in Oxford were treated to a display of ringing on Tony Crabtree's glorious mini-ring of bells during our

Summer Garden Party on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Unfortunately the weather was atrocious, so much of planned ringing demonstrations had to be abandoned when the rain poured down! The whole Garden Party itself had to be moved inside the home. Only one resident, Gina Sculz, was brave enough to 'have a go', and enjoyed the experience! Anyway we were very grateful to Tony for taking the time and trouble to come over and set the bells up for us, and also to Lindsay Powell, Toby Goss, Steve Everett, Kathy Xu and Mary Porter for coming along to help – despite the terrible weather! **Paul Lucas**

## Practice at South Leigh (8) – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August

After a quiet start, the numbers of ringers swelled significantly, and by chance a married couple of experienced ringers from Sandridge in Hertfordshire happened to be passing by on their way to Cheltenham



thus enabling Stedman Triples and Little Bob Major to be added to the menu for the morning. Encouragingly, one of the two new ringers at South Leigh attended to take the opportunity to ring with a full band, and also on a positive note, Alison Merryweather-Clarke was on hand to open up the tower but also ring throughout the morning on what was only her second time back in a ringing chamber after a recent hip operation following a fall. **Hugh Deam**

Please note: For matters pertaining to ringing (Marston tower & City Branch) I am contactable on a new mobile number: 07484-223014.

A Facebook account has also been set up on my email address [hugh.deam@btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.deam@btinternet.com) for Marston tower matters, but which is also open to take Oxford City Branch correspondence concerning outings and relevant events. **Hugh Deam**

## Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam at: [hugh.deam@btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.deam@btinternet.com) or mobile: 07899-871079, or 07484-223014

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| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August    | Practice at Freland (6)   | 4.30pm-6.00pm            |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August      | Bank Holiday Practice at Chilton (6)  | 10.30am-12noon           |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September | Practice at Stanton Harcourt (6) with the Witney & Woodstock ringers                | 10.30am-12noon           |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October    | Half Day Outing to West Hanney (6), Marcham (6) (and another still to be confirmed) |                          |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October    | Triples and Major Practice at Milton (8)  | 10.30am-12noon           |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October   | Witney & Woodstock Branch Outing to Painswick (12) and Leonard Stanley (6)          | (full details to follow) |

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