



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



(Produced fortnightly by Hugh Deam and Paul Lucas. All contributions are welcome.)

Monday 3rd October 2011

Richard Verrall 'signs out' as Tower Captain!

Richard's last night 'in charge' of us ringers at Old Headington took place on Tuesday 20th September with touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Bob Doubles and Plain Hunting! Something for everyone! After the Practice we retired to 'The Black Boy' for a few drinks and a very nice meal...Richard was presented with a bottle of his favourite Whiskey!



In the 'team photograph' we are all standing in front of the brand new peal board dedicated to our old friend Paul Foote who passed away earlier this year. This was one of Richard's best achievements. Thanks to everyone who came along, and of course, thanks to Richard for all he has done for us at Old Headington. **Paul Lucas:**

Hugh remembers some of the 'highlights' of Richard's time in Oxford.

Richard took up ringing during the mid-point of 2000 and came on our Autumn Ringing Outing to six towers in the Vale of the White Horse in the October of that year. Starting the day as a plain hunt ringer, by the end of the day he was learning to ring Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor! By the time of the next outing to the Malvern Hills in the Spring of 2001 he had progressed to ringing Cambridge, and the following year on our outing to the Cotswolds he was up to London standard. As part of the band that progressed to ringing multiple method variations on the five bells at Wood Eaton on the first Sunday of every month, he rang dozens of quarter peals from 2001 to 2005. He continued to be a welcome member of Branch bands that visited and rang quarters at numerous towers around the county and beyond. **Hugh Deam:**

A few pictures of our visit to Whites of Appleton.

On Saturday 24th September, many ringers, (and a few non-ringers) went over to see the St Giles bells now they are back at White's – soon to be re-installed back into the tower...**Brian White** hoists up the 6th bell for everyone to take a closer look!



Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers	
St. Andrew - Headington	
On Sunday 13th March 2011	
a quarter peal of	
1260 Grandsire Triples	
was rung in 42 minutes	
Susan Foote	Treble
Jonathan Cresshall	2
Katy A. Routh	3
David G. Andrews	4
Mark J. Walker	5
Richard J. Verrall	6
Paul G. Lucas	7
Clare Fairbairn	Tenor
Conducted by Richard J. Verrall	
Rung to celebrate the life of	
Paul Foote (1926-2011),	
former Vice-Captain and ringer	
at this tower for over 35 years.	

Dates for your Diary

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Tuesday 4 th October	Advanced 8 Bell Practice at Headington (8) 7½ cwt. (Tomorrow!)	8.00pm-9.00pm
Saturday 8 th October	6 Bell Practice at Iffley (6) 10cwt.	10.30am-12.00pm
Saturday 5 th November	The 8 Bell Practice at Islip - has been cancelled, and is now a shared Stedman Triples Practice hosted by Witney & Woodstock Branch at Woodstock (8) 12cwt.	10.00am-11.15am
Saturday 19 th November	Branch AGM at Wolvercote (6) 8cwt.	From 3.30pm onwards
Saturday 3 rd December	10 Bell Practice at St Mary Magdalen (10) 7cwt.	6.30pm-7.45pm

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:	Cowley (6) (7.30-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2 nd /4 th week only).
Tuesdays:	Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
Wednesdays:	Iffley (6).
Thursdays:	Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8) (out of action until November), Stanton St John (5).
Fridays:	Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45)

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