



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011

## The Wolvercote Handbell Ringers.

Just before Christmas, the Wolvercote Hand Bell Ringers went along to play carols for the residents at Marston Court in Oxford where I work as Activities Co-ordinator. Jon Beale, Gloria Dunn and the rest of the Team put on a really polished show which went down very well, especially when the residents were invited to join in (even if they weren't actually allowed to use the real bells!! *Paul Lucas.*



## A Message from Katie....

**Guild Subscriptions are now due.** Every Tower Correspondent has been sent the information, so please give your £7.00 to them so that the City Branch Membership can be sent to the Guild. (**Cheques should be made payable to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Oxford City Branch please.**) I have completed the information for the **Guild Report**. Thank you to those Tower Correspondents who responded promptly. I am sorry to say that there may be some inaccuracies, as not everyone replied to my request.

Sadly, David will not be ringing again. He has primary lung cancer, secondary bone cancer and primary prostate cancer: so he is rather frail, but amazingly stoic. Don't be worried about a visit if you are in the Wheatley area! The tea pot is constantly warm.... Quite obviously my ringing is intermittent at the moment but I am still at the end of a phone or computer and will come out to play if I can! *Katie Lane.*



## Ron and Jane's Australian Adventure.

Our journey began on 2nd November 2009 when we flew from Heathrow to Singapore. From Singapore we flew to Perth, staying at Mandurah which is about 60k south of the city. Whilst discovering the area we heard the bells ringing for a wedding. We waited until they'd finished and then arranged to join them to ring for the Sunday Service. A nice light ring of 8, the bells purport to come from St. Mary Magadalen in Oxford. However we were told to take this information with a pinch of salt, so we will have to look into it! (*Can anyone throw any light on this? Paul*)

From there we travelled into Perth and visited the Swan Tower. What an experience that was. There were enough ringers for us to ring all 16 bells in rounds, and although it was a very long draught, when Jane realised that she could hold up each stroke long enough and wasn't clashing with other bells we both thoroughly enjoyed it! The Ringers made us most welcome, and after ringing we climbed the tower and saw the ringing chamber and the lovely views of Perth. We arranged to meet the ringers later in the afternoon at St. George's Cathedral and were able to have a ring on a lovely sounding 8 before they started their quarter peal. *Ron and Jane Burgess.*



## Dates for your Diary

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| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January (Tonight!)</b> | 6 Bell Practice   | St Aldates (6) | 7.30pm                        |
|  | <i>(If you're planning to go along, can you let Katie Lane know so he she has some idea of numbers)</i>                 |                |                               |
| <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>          | 8 Bell Branch Practice  | Kidlington (8) | 10.00am                       |
| <b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>         | 8 Bell Branch Practice  | Headington (8) | 10.00am                       |
|  | <i>(This Practice will include a short Branch Finance Meeting necessary to ratify the Branch Accounts for the year)</i> |                |                               |
| <b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>         | 6 Bell Branch Practice  | Iffley (6)     | 10.30am                       |
|  | <i>(This Practice is for methods Little Bob and above)</i>  |                |                               |
| <b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>            | Spring Outing to the Milton Keynes area.  |                | Towers to be confirmed later. |

## Local Practice Nights:

- Mondays:** Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> week)
- Tuesdays:** Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).  
(**Headington** has an **Advanced Practice** from 8.00-9.00pm on the **first** Tuesday of each month. Stedman Triples and above. The next one is on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**)
- (Note: Kidlington's Advanced Practices on the first Tuesday of each month have been suspended until further notice.)*
- Wednesdays:** Iffley (6).
- Thursdays:** Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5).
- Fridays:** Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45)

**Note: Most Practices start at 7.30pm, but before turning up, check the details of the Ringing Times, Tower Captains and Correspondents, by going to the Oxford City Branch website:**

[www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

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