



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News!



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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010



### Congratulations to Paul Kimber on ringing his first Quarter Peal!

This was rung at St Leonards, Sunningwell (6) on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July, comprising: 1260 changes of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Treble. Susan King, 2. Hugh Deam (C), 3. Roy Jones, 4. Donna Murphy, 5. Charles Smith, Tenor. Paul Kimber. *Hugh Deam.*

### Ringling and Picnic at St James, Aston Abbots (6).

This charming village takes its name from the abbey here that served as a country residence for the abbots of St. Albans. Abbey House is built over the original abbey and served as the military operations base for the exiled Czech president Edvard Benes during World War II. The garden has a lake with two islands within it named after the ships (Erebus & Terror) used by Sir James Clark Ross, the discoverer of the magnetic North Pole (1831) who lived in the village. The church was rebuilt during Victorian times with the tower remaining from C16 and three of the bells (2,3 & 5) dating back to 1652, cast by blacksmiths in Drayton Parslow. After a day of heavy showers the weather was kind to us in the early evening as we pooled our provisions under the tree at the front of the churchyard where we spent a pleasant hour having a picnic after ringing the bells!



**In the picture above:** Paul Kimber, Bernard Masterman, Donna Murphy, Charles Smith, Heather Banyard, Ryan Noble, Judith Kirby, Hugh Deam, Hal Drisdale, Tom Luxton, Paul Lucas. Hal entertained us all with a marvellous display of tomato juggling!! Such talent!



### Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam on 07899-871079, or email: [hughdeam@btinternet.com](mailto:hughdeam@btinternet.com)

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August.** Trip on 'The Venturer' Narrow Boat. 9.30am-5.00pm.  
(One place has become available on this trip. If you would like to go, let me know a.s.a.p. *Paul.*)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August.** Assisted Joint Practice Garsington (6) 7.30pm
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September.** Branch Practice Yarnton (6) 22-1-19 in D 10.00am  
(The Yarnton bells are heavy, and not for the faint hearted!! Only come along if you think you can cope with them!)
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September** Morning Trip to Wiltshire. South Marston (6) 12cwt. 10.00am  
Another tower t.b.c. 11.00am  
Castle Eaton (6) 7cwt. 12.30pm
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September.** Shiplake (8) The Guild's Michaelmas Training Course.  
Full details from Katie Lane on 01865-874026, or email: [kt.catchmole@googlemail.com](mailto:kt.catchmole@googlemail.com)
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** Iffley (6) Sunday morning ringing will be from 10.30 – 11.00 for this week only.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** Autumn Minibus Outing to West Sussex.  
Easebourne (8) 11cwt. Lodworth (6) 6cwt. Tillington (5) 6cwt. Northchapel (6) 3cwt. Times and pub venue to follow!

### 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).  
(There is a practice at St Aldates tonight - Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30 – all welcome!)
- 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 beyond! The next one is **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**)  
(Kidlington has an **Advanced Triples Practice** from 7.45–9.00pm on the **fourth** Tuesday of each month. The next one is on **24<sup>th</sup> August.**)
- 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:**

<http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk>

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