



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 2nd January 2012

Happy New Year to everyone!

This was the scene at Old Marston's practice on the Friday before Christmas!

There is no set tradition at Marston tower for having a pre-Christmas jollification! If it happens then it will largely depend on the prevailing weather, so with this year being considerably more clement than last it was decided that we should most definitely take the opportunity to show our appreciation of our visitors and regular practisers. Being the day before Christmas Eve we were on the very doorstep of Christmas and it somehow enhanced the hospitable nature of this evening of ringing and socialising! *Hugh Deam.*



Another annual tradition at Christmas is the visit by John Beale and the Wolvercote handbell ringers to Marston Court residential home.... This was the scene on Monday 12th December. *Paul Lucas.*



A highlight of the first part of this coming year is going to be the 'Spring Outing' to Cambridgeshire on Saturday 24th March. The Towers confirmed so far are:-

10.45am Cambridge (Trumpington) (8) 10cwt. 12.15pm Bourn (8) 14cwt, or Gamlingay (8) 16cwt. 1.15pm lunch at The Duncombe Arms, Eltisley. 2.45pm Great Gransden (6) 13cwt. 3.45pm Croxton (6) 10cwt.

Here are a few photographs Hugh has taken on a previous visit to the area. As you can see, it's a very attractive part of the world!



Croxton.



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Great Gransden.

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam on 07899-871079, or email: hugh.deam@btinternet.com

Tuesday 2nd January (tomorrow!)	Advanced Practice at Headington (8) 7½ cwt. (All experienced ringers are more than welcome.)	8.00pm-9.00pm
Saturday 21st January	Branch Practice at St Giles (8) 14cwt.	10.30am-12.00pm
Saturday 28th January	Marston / Iffley combined Practice at Iffley (6) 10cwt (Plain Bob Minor, St Clements, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise Minor)	10.30am-11.45am
Saturday 18th February	Branch Practice at Headington (8) 7½ cwt	10.30am-11.45am
Saturday 24th March	Spring Outing to Cambridgeshire. (See details above.... Tell Hugh if you are interested.)	

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:	Garsington (6), St Aldates (6).
Tuesdays:	Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
Wednesdays:	Iffley (6).
Thursdays:	Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6).
Fridays:	Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45).

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