



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 29th July 2013



(Due to forthcoming fumigation work on St Nicholas church in order to eradicate woodworm and its ilk, Marston practices for the next two Fridays (2nd and 9th August) will be transferred to North Hinksey from 7.30pm. *Hugh Deam*)

Ringling for Royalty!

Six of the eight bells at St Giles were rung at 8.45am on Tuesday 23rd July to celebrate the birth the previous day of the new Prince George, by the following ringers, ringing Tittums, Whittingtons, Queens, Firing, and Queens again: 1. Cat Morgan, 2. Annike Everett, 3. Kathy Xu, 4. Liz Sanders, 5. Steve Everett, 6. John Pusey.

This is believed to be the first ringing in the city which had been specially arranged to celebrate the royal birth. *John Pusey.*

A Quarter Peal at Headington

Not to be outdone, on the same evening, the Headington ringers rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor in temperatures of around 30c! The picture shows Paul, Hannah, Matthew, Jonathan, Clare and Andy, all cooling down on the top of the tower! *Paul Lucas.*



A Recruiting Evening at Cowley on Saturday 27th July

There may have been the remnants of a tropical storm passing through just as we started, but the outlook for ringing at Cowley is undoubtedly sunny with a keen band already in situ, and hopefully the long range forecast is for more of the same, after a busy recruiting evening that saw half a dozen potential new ringers calling in to find out at first-hand what bell-ringing is all about and hopefully be inspired to take their curiosity further.

Hugh Deam.

Doubles to Minor Practice at Freeland

Freeland ringers always looks forward to their monthly Branch Practice, and once again on

Saturday 20th July, we were not disappointed. A good attendance required every door, hatch and window to be opened bringing the temperature into a zone just able to support life. A good mix of experience allowed for Minor methods including Cambridge, St Clements, Single Oxford to name but a few, as well as various Doubles methods. Several ringers got their first go at their chosen method. All in all, striking was good and there was great pleasure in our achievements. Whilst not ringing we were able to play with our new toy! How many ringers does it take to set up a **cctv** camera? Well actually it was at least five of us and took the whole two hours working in shifts... I am happy to say ringing was not delayed at any point. The result is a live feed from inside the church up to the ringing chamber, which should help prevent premature ringing at weddings and funerals. (this has only happened once!)

A superb afternoon. Thanks to all who attended! See you all next month! *Neil Ephgrave.*



Decorating the St Giles Ringing Chamber - an update!

Steve Everett, Leon Thompson and John Pusey repainted the whole of St Giles Ringing Chamber in February. 'Java Dawn' turquoise on the woodwork, and 'Magnolia' yellowish off-white on the walls and ceiling. As the picture shows, the carpet has not yet been replaced, but is next on the list now that the painting has been done!

John Pusey.



Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh at: [hugh.deam at btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.deam@btinternet.com) or Jonathan at: [jonathan at cresshull.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@cresshull.co.uk)

Saturday 3rd August

Wednesday 7th August

Saturday 31st August

Surprise Major & Stedman Triples Practice at Woodstock (8)

Advanced Practice at Headington (8)

General Practice with the Ringers at Kidlington (8).

10.30am-12.00noon

8.00pm-9.00pm

11.00am-12.15pm

Local Practice Nights

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Thursdays:

Fridays:

St Aldates (6), Garsington (6)

Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).

Headington (8), Iffley (6).

St Giles (8), Wolvercote (6), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6).

Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.30-7.30).

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