



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



Produced fortnightly by Paul, Jonathan and Hugh, with a few contributions from other ringers
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General Ringing Practice at Chilton (6) on Saturday 14th September

For those who have been ringing for some length of time and who by no means fall into a neophyte classification, there is a not inconsiderable

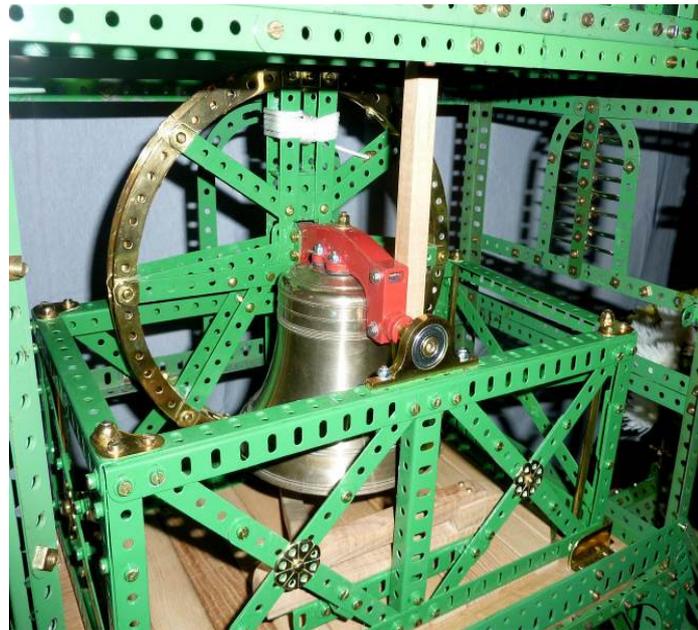
proportion for whom ringing up and down is a daunting bugbear or the elephant in the room idiom that can readily cast a pall across the overall ringing experience. Somewhat analogous to knitting, where casting on and off is an essential "same but different" bracket to the plain and purl, so with ringing, albeit utilising rather thicker twine, plain and bob courses occupy the parentheses. One morning of sending bells up and down like the proverbial fiddler's elbow may not a virtuoso like Paganini, Kreisler, Heifetz or Menuhin make, but for those who have had a few attempts under their belt it can instil confidence and for those for whom it was their first time it engenders belief. Due primarily to an unsafe tower the Chilton bells were silent for 41 years (1959 - 2000) but they now attest to the power of perseverance, diligence and resolve which has resulted in this being one of those special towers that ringers appreciate returning to time and again. With the combination of pleasing to ring bells, a convenient antechamber, sound control, ample parking and always a warm welcome, Chilton tower is the perfect accompaniment to enthusiastic bands of ringers. The opportunity was also taken to practice a smidgeon of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Hunt and call changes, plus Simon Davies, the 8 year old son of Iffley Vice-Captain Steve Davies rang a bell for the very first time and gave every indication of being a natural at it! *Hugh Deam.*



Kidlington's Meccano Model at their Church Flower Festival !

It took two number 10 sets of Meccano for Phil Sampson to build this magnificent model of St Mary's Church at Kidlington, as well as spare parts for the bell frame below, which he started in June this year. The original Meccano bell frame which most of you will have seen, has now been dismantled. That frame was made from his good number 10 Meccano set which he wants to keep together. (The model bell was ordered and cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry back in 1985.)

Phil says that his model of the Church will be kept in the ringing chamber for two weeks before he dismantles it, leaving the frame and the bell, which will be kept for demonstration purposes in the ringing chamber. So why not come along to one of our Practice nights and see them both in their full glory! *Ron Burgess.*



Dates for your Diary

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Saturday 21st September	Wootton (6) General Ringing Practice with the Wootton ringers.	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 28th September	Stanton Harcourt (6) Doubles & Minor Method mini-outing	2.30pm-4.00pm
	Followed by Hinton Waldrist (6)	4.00pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 2nd October	Advanced Practice at Headington (8)	8.00pm-9.00pm
Saturday 5th October	General ringing at Quainton (8)	(times to be confirmed)
Sunday 6th October	Chastleton (6) Mini-Outing	2.30pm-3.30pm

Local Practice Nights

Mondays:	St Aldates (6), Garsington (6)
Tuesdays:	Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
Wednesdays:	Headington (8), Iffley (6).
Thursdays:	St Giles (8), Wolvercote (6), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6).
Fridays:	Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.30pm-7.30pm).

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