



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

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## Happy New Year!

### Ringing in the New Year at Iffley!

The tradition of signalling the dying embers of the old year with the bells half-muffled and ringing in the New Year with twelve strokes of the tenor followed by open ringing has continued unbroken every year at Iffley

since Laurie Busby introduced it to the tower half a century ago. This year we were fortunate to host 27 people, 16 of them ringers and the rest interested visitors. Our thanks go to the Marston ringers and Garth Porter for joining us and to Donna Murphy for bringing champagne!

*Susan King.*



### Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees – 2013

The Festival was open from the 6<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> December in **St James Church**, Beauchamp Lane in Cowley. For its third year, the festival grew from a single weekend to 10 days and attracted 42 trees from Parish and community groups – schools, churches, businesses and clubs. It included an opening reception for participants, a Jazz and Gospel concert, live music during opening times, a family fun day and a closing carol service.

The trees stayed in place to decorate the beautiful ancient church over the Christmas season. The proceeds from the £2.00 entry fee, concert ticket sales and donations are shared between 'ROSY' and 'SeeSaw' - two small Oxfordshire charities supporting children in difficult circumstances who will receive £500 each.

**Planning is about to start once again for the Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees 2014!**

*Lesley Williams.*



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### Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam at: [hugh.deam@btinternet.com](http://hugh.deam@btinternet.com) or phone: 07899-871079.

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| <b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | <b>N. Hinksey (6). London, Primrose and Beverley Surprise Practice.</b>           | 3.00pm-4.15pm          |
| <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> | <b>Kidlington (8). General Ringing Practice with the Kidlington ringers.</b>      | 10.30am-12.00noon      |
| <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> | <b>Cassington (6). General Ringing with the Cassington &amp; Eynsham ringers.</b> | Mid-afternoon (t.b.c.) |
| <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>    | <b>Spring Outing to Wiltshire.</b>  |                        |
- 10.00am. Royal Wootton Bassett (8), 11.00am. Lyneham (6), 12.15pm. Lydiard Tregoze (6), 2.30pm. Lydiard Millicent (6).  
(Three out of the four towers have so far been confirmed. Lunch will probably be at The Sun, Lydiard Millicent.)

**We are hoping to have sufficient numbers to hire a minibus so please let Hugh know as soon as possible if you would be prepared to come on a minibus, or wish to drive to the towers separately.**

### Local Practice Nights

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

For more details go to the Oxford City Branch website: [www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

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