



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016



(Hugh's News will be taking a break for a few weeks until March, while I head off for another trip 'Down Under'!)

## A Practice at Headington (8) on the simulator – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

We had a well-attended practice at Headington on our simulator - which is a great way for people to learn new methods without disturbing the neighbours!

The methods we rang ranged from Plain Hunting Triples, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. It was good that here was a sufficient mix of learners and experienced ringers for everyone there to benefit.

If you are learning new Triples and Major methods, and would like more practices like this one, then let either me or Hugh know. *Paul Lucas*

### \* Recommended! – Next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Witney (8)

Sadly the Witney bells don't get rung too often these days, so this is a great opportunity ring on these lovely bells with the Witney and Woodstock ringers next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January.



The practice starts at 10.30am and continues till 12.00noon. One word of warning.... Parking can sometimes be a bit tricky on a Saturday morning! Get there early! For more information, contact Hugh (details below). *Paul Lucas*

## Ringling up and down practice at Marston (6) on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January

The sun shone through the window in the newly refurbished Marston tower. We were there for ringling up and down practice interspersed with some Plain Hunt and more advanced methods for the experienced ringers. Finally getting my brain to separate my right side from my left, I made progress with the able help of Paul, Hugh and Colin. Chiming practice will also help when I can master ringling down in peal.

Many thanks to the tutors and helpers. A lovely morning in a lovely tower.

*Elaine Chaston*

## Hugh's 30th Anniversary Mini-Outing – coming up on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Although I am not a great one for celebrating anniversaries, the opportunity to book again the very first tower of the first outing I organised back in

1986 seemed well worthwhile as **Hambleden** (left) was then, and still is now, as fine a ringing location as one can find. To follow one of the best village and bells combinations is **Marlow** (right), one of the best town and bells combinations. I hope that as many of you as possible can come to this morning's practices, as these two towers are a treat for the eyes and the ears!

10.30am Hambleden (8) 12.00noon Marlow (8)  
followed by lunch at The Marlow Donkey.

Please contact me if you are intending to come along, and require lunch. *Hugh Deam*

## Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Witney and Woodstock Branch Practice at Witney (8) (see above)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples Practice at St Giles (8)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Practice at Cowley (6)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Plain Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples Practice at Kidlington (8)	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Practices at Hambleden (8) 10.30am; and Marlow (8) 12.00noon (see above)	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Outing to Wiltshire and Somerset. Westwood (6); Farleigh Hungerford (5); Norton St Philip (6); Lunch at 'The George', Norton St Philip. Radstock (6); Kilmersdon (6) (t.b.c.); Warminster (8). (Ringing times will be announced later)	

Names to John Hearn 07878 988281, or Hugh Deam 01865 247574 and he will pass on details to John.

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Practice at Church Hanborough (6) with the Witney and Woodstock Branch	10.30am -12noon
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Tetsworth (6) Practice - open to all abilities from Call Changes upwards	10.30am -12noon

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

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