



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 4th April 2016



Colin Taylor's trip to the North Cotswolds

Twenty of us visited the North Cotswolds for a day of ringing starting with the two eight-bell towers at Chipping Campden (8) and Blockley (8).



We were able to ring call changes and worked up to touches of Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

Our Chipping Campden host, John Nicholls, who rang with us in the tower, told the story of the time he had been invited to join Westminster

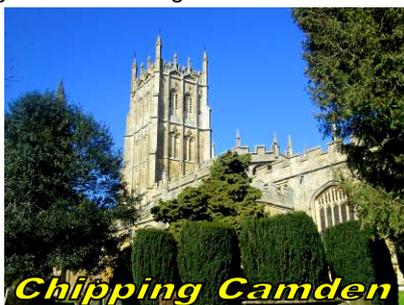
Abbey ringers in their belfry. 'How long have you been ringing?' asked the Tower Captain. John replied 'twenty nine years'. The response came: 'Join us in some call changes and plain hunt.'

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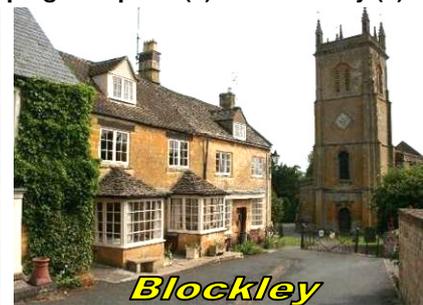
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Chipping Campden



Blockley



Bourton on the Hill



Long Compton



Our Regular Bank Holiday Practice at Chilton (6) on 28th March 2016

Rather like Easter egg hunts have gained tradition-like status on an Easter Monday so has travelling down to Chilton for the first of our visits during the year. The weather on this first foray is seldom a harbinger of Spring, and indeed we were fortunate to have our morning in the calm after Storm Katie the night before, but the good turnout we had once again always puts us in good heart. We managed to fit in four different doubles and five different minor methods into our ninety minutes and once again we are indebted to Kate and David from Chilton tower for allowing us the use of their wonderful bells. **Hugh Deam**

Hugh's 2,000th Quarter Peal!

And finally..... Congratulations to Hugh on ringing his 2.000th Quarter Peal at Marston on **Sunday 20th March**. 927 of these have been rung on the Marston bells.

1260 Doubles: Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, All Saints, Grandshire. Treble. Anthony Hughes 2. Ailsa Reid (c); 3. Matthew Jordan; 4 Donna Murphy (c); 5. Hugh Deam (c); Tenor. Peter Lloyd.



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 9th April
Saturday 16th April

A Quarter Peal morning at North Leigh (6) and Church Hanborough (6) (all the places are filled for these)
Stedman Doubles Practice at Sunningwell (6) 10.30am-12noon

(There are 8 people on the list so far, so if you are interested in learning to ring Stedman Doubles, let Hugh know)

Saturday 23rd April
Sunday 24th April
Monday 2nd May
Saturday 7th May
Saturday 14th May

Practice at Freeland (6) 4.00pm-5.30pm
Triples and Major Practice on the Simulator at Headington (8) 3.00pm-4.30pm
Bank Holiday – Marston (6) Doubles and Minor Practice 10.30am-12noon
Kidlington Outing to Banbury and surrounding towers
Half-yearly Meeting and Striking Competition

For more details go to the Oxford City Branch website: www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

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