



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



(Produced fortnightly by Hugh Deam and Paul Lucas. All contributions are welcome.)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011

Following the success of last years 'Aunt Sally' Evening, there's another one on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June! Ringing at St. Peter's Wolvercote (6) from 7:00pm to about 8:00pm, and then 'Aunt Sally' at the Red Lion. If anyone wants sandwiches and chips, the cost is £3 per person in advance. I have to let the landlord know how many people require food one week before (June 23rd).

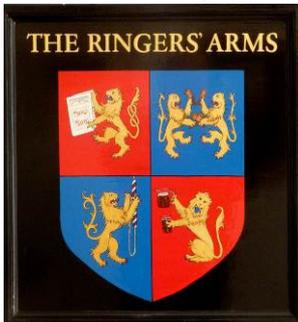
If you are interested can you phone me and let me know on 07981 520693. Donna Murphy.

## 'Art Inspired by Bells'.



Part of the Ringing World Centenary Day in London on 26<sup>th</sup> March was an exhibition of 'Art Inspired by Bells' - art by many different artists, and in a great variety of styles and media.

Some items from this exhibition were reproduced in the Ringing World issue which appeared the week before the Centenary Day - here are a few more. **Weimin He** is a Chinese artist based in Oxford. **John Pusey** invited him to watch ringing at Merton and at St Giles. Two pictures of his were in the exhibition. One appeared on the front of the Ringing World. Here is the other - including a profile of John! One painting was in the form of a pub sign - but look closely to see the details which refer to ringing. 'Alpha and Omega' was an embroidered fire screen showing a striking circular design based on the arrangement of the 12 bells at Liverpool Cathedral. Note the sequence of circles representing the bells, arranged in order of size. Another is based on the plain course of Stedman Triples, showing the positions of each bell in a different colour. Opinions vary about which way up to hang it. The last is one of a set of plaques made some years ago by Stella Boswell, who is now a member of the congregation



at St Giles, but based on the tower at Somerby, Leicestershire where she used to live. Like **Weimin He**, she has combined views from different points so as to be able to show both bells and ringers in a single design.



**A Quarter Peal at St Mary's Kidlington (8) on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 behind).**

**Treble: Neil Merryweather-Clarke, 2.Hugh Deam, 3.John Harwood, 4.Alison T Merryweather-Clarke, 5.Ron Burgess (C), 6.Jon Beale, 7.Tim Hilsdon, Tenor: Phil Sampson.**

**Rung to Celebrate the Wedding of HRH Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, to Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge. Ron Burgess.**

## Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam on 07899-871079, or email: [hugh.deam@btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.deam@btinternet.com)

<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (tomorrow)</b>	Advanced Practice at <b>Headington (8)</b> 7½ cwt (Triples and Major)	8.00pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Old Marston</b> Practice is transferred to <b>Islip (8)</b> 8cwt. (For this week only)	7.45pm
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Yearly Meeting and Branch Striking Competition at St Mary's Kidlington.</b> <i>The Striking Competition starts at 3.00pm, followed by Tea. The Meeting starts at 5.00pm</i>	
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Stedman Triples Advance Practice at <b>St Giles (8)</b> 14cwt.	7.15pm
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Advanced Minor Practice at <b>Iffley (6)</b> 10cwt	10.00am
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<del>Advanced 8-Bell Practice at <b>Watlington (8)</b> 24cwt. <b>Has had to be cancelled.</b></del>	
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	'Garden Party' at Cross Farm, <b>Old Marston.</b> (Antony Hughes' house)	5.00pm-8.00pm
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Summer Outing to <b>Shaftesbury</b> Area. Full details of towers to follow soon.	
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Stedman Triples and Caters Practice at <b>St Mary Magdalene (10)</b> 7cwt.	7.15pm
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	'Aunt Sally' Evening at <b>Wolvercote</b> (following their Practice - see above)	8.00pm
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	O.D.G. Guild Festival. Details from Katie Lane: <a href="mailto:kt.catchmole@googlemail.com">kt.catchmole@googlemail.com</a>	
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Branch 'Ringing and Picnic' at <b>Mapledurham (6)</b> 7cwt.	4.00pm-5.00pm

## Local Practice Nights:

<b>Mondays:</b>	Cowley (6) (7.30-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> week only).
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Iffley (6).
<b>Thursdays:</b>	Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5).
<b>Fridays:</b>	Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45)

Note: Most Practices start at 7.30pm, but before turning up, check the details of the Ringing Times,

Tower Captains and Correspondents, by going to the Oxford City Branch website: [www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

Any information or photographs for possible inclusion in **Hugh's News** (subject to space available),

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