



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 4th April 2011



This Year's Striking Competition.

As you may remember, it was decided to hold the contest after the **Half Yearly Meeting** instead of on a separate day. This Meeting is at **Kidlington on Saturday 14th May at 3.00pm** (time to be confirmed). The teams will ring on the front 6 bells. Teams may ring call changes or a 120 of a Method after the mandatory rounds. If your tower is entering a team, or considering doing so, please let Hugh Deam know by **Sunday 10th April**. After this date, it will be decided if a contest will be arranged or not. If the contest is arranged, additional teams may enter after 10th April but before 12th May. Any team which wants to take part, must first tell either me or Hugh Deam before the draw for a place takes place. *Roy Jones.*



Quarter Peals on Saturday 2nd April.

Far left: St Clements and Reverse Canterbury Minor at Ducklington (6).

Paul Lucas, Judy Kirby, Christian Burrell (C), Roy Jones, Charles Smith and Michael Haines.

Left: Plain Bob Triples at South Leigh (8).

Hugh Deam, Paul Lucas, Brian Gray, Heather Dobson, Christian Burrell (C), Roy Jones, Ryan Noble and Charles Smith.

(Photographs by Alice Burrell !)

Michaelmas Training Day at Shiplake Ringing Centre on Saturday 17th September 2011. Cost £15.00.

The aim of the day is to provide the opportunity for students to learn more advanced methods than those offered on the Radley and Steeple Aston one-day courses. The day will start with group tutorials followed by 4½ hours of practical ringing in nearby towers.

Groups will be formed to cover the following range of methods:

1. Surprise Minor
2. Stedman Triples
3. Basic Surprise Major (e.g. Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Superlative)
4. Advanced Surprise Major (e.g. Pudsey, Rutland, London, Bristol, Spliced)

Further details and application forms can be obtained by contacting me at: kt.catchmole@googlemail.com by 15th July 2011. *Katie Lane.*



Francis Greenway (convict) and St James Church, Sydney

The name of a bell is intriguing and informs us of time and place. Take for example a bell in the colony of Sydney which is named after a convict. At the beautiful St James Church in the centre of Sydney, the second bell is named after convict Francis Greenway (1777-1837). This felon practiced as an architect at Bristol and Bath but having become bankrupt, forged a financial document and was sentenced to death. However this sentence was commuted to 14 years transportation to the penal colony of NSW. Greenway arrived in 1814 to serve his sentence with the new Governor Macquarie who suggested he design a courthouse and a town hall. He designed and built the Macquarie Lighthouse in Sydney, was given a pardon, was emancipated and went on to build many significant buildings in the new colony including the beautiful St James Church. However Greenway fell into disrepute and was sacked by the next Governor, became destitute, died of typhoid and is buried in an unmarked grave. *Margaret Marsh.*

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam on 07899-871079, or email: hugh.deam@btinternet.com

Tuesday 5th April (tomorrow)	Advanced Triples and Major Practice at Headington (8) 7.5cwt.	8.00pm
Saturday 9th April	Advanced 6 Bell Practice at Hillesden, Bucks (6) 9cwt. (Little Bob, Single Oxford etc, and Surprise Methods)	10.00am
Monday 11th April	<i>Stedman Triples Advance Practice at Kidlington has been cancelled because of Lent.</i>	
Saturday 16th April	Advance Minor Practice at Freland (6) 3cwt (Single and Double Oxford etc.)	11.30am
Tuesday 19th April	<i>No Practice at Headington for this week only, due to the band holding their AGM.</i>	
Saturday 14th May	Half Yearly Meeting and Branch Striking Competition at Kidlington.	(See above)
Monday 16th May	Stedman Triples Advance Practice at St Giles (8) 14cwt.	7.15pm
Saturday 11th June	Advanced 6 Bell Practice at Watlington (8) 24cwt.	(Time to be confirmed)
	<i>(The bells are heavy, so only experienced ringers, please)</i>	
Saturday 18th June	Summer Outing to Shaftesbury Area.	Full details to follow.
Saturday 9th July	O.D.G. Guild Festival	Details from Katie Lane: kt.catchmole@googlemail.com

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:	Cowley (6) (7.30-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2 nd /4 th week only).
Tuesdays:	Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
Wednesdays:	Iffley (6).
Thursdays:	Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5).
Fridays:	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

Any information or photographs for possible inclusion in **Hugh's News** (subject to space available), please email me: paulclucas@hotmail.co.uk