



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

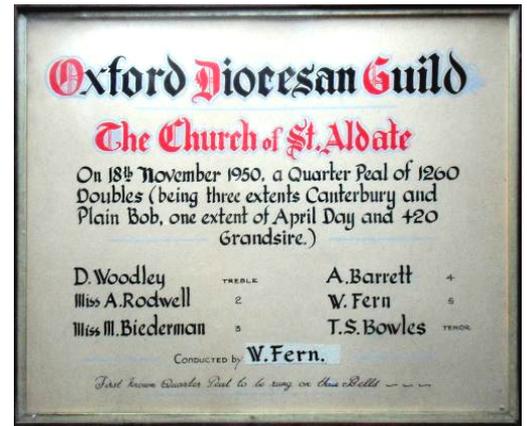
Monday 29th November



The Oxford City Branch AGM at Old Marston on Saturday 20th November.

The AGM was held on a rather grey, cold November afternoon but the warmth of St Nicholas' hospitality gave a comforting glow to the proceedings. We said farewell to our chairman of ten years, Anthony Ellis, who led the AGM service as his swansong! Although he is not retiring for a while we have already booked an outing to his home county, Herefordshire, when he finally hangs up his dog-collar! Simon Edwards is now our chairman and Matthew Malek has gallantly agreed to take over the responsibility of treasurer. We also welcome Claire Morgan to the officers' forum in the guise of branch representative.

Katie Lane.



An Anniversary Quarter Peal! A Quarter Peal was rung at St Aldates (6) to mark the 60th Anniversary of the first known Quarter on the bells. We rang Grandsire, so we did not emulate the exact Quarter – Katie was a bit tardy in organizing the band, and gave the ringers insufficient time to think about April Day, Canterbury and Plain Bob! We will get it right on the 70th Anniversary!

(This is the original Peal Board which hangs in St Aldates).



Adrian Gray rang his first Quarter Peal at Wolvercote (6) on Thursday 18th November. He rang the Treble to 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles.

Treble: Adrian Gray, 2 Ailsa Reid, 3 Roy Jones, 4 Donna Murphy, 5 Hugh Deam (cond.), Tenor: Jonathan Beale.

Well done Adrian!

(Note: Kidlington's Advanced Practice has now been changed to the last Tuesday of the month - see below.)

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 30th November

There will be no practice at **Headington** (8) on this evening only, because the church is holding a St Andrew's Day Service. (The Headington Ringers are planning to go to Kidlington's Advanced Practice).

Friday 3rd December

Marston Practice has been moved to N. Hinksey. 7.30pm – 9.00pm
(This is because a Peal is being rung earlier in the week on St Nicholas Day)

Saturday 4th December

Branch 10 Bell Practice. St Mary Magdalen (10) 6.30pm

Monday 6th December

Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major Practice. St Giles (8) 7.30pm

Friday 10th December

Margaret Marsh's Christmas Drinks Party (after Marston's Practice) 9.00pm

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:

Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2nd/4th week)

Tuesdays:

Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).

(**Headington** has an **Advanced Practice** from 8.00–9.00pm on the **first** Tuesday of each month. Stedman Triples and beyond! The next one is on **Tuesday 7th December**)

(**Kidlington** has an **Advanced Triples Practice** from 7.45–9.00pm on the **last** Tuesday of each month. The next one is **tomorrow, 30th November**)

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:

<http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk>

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