



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News!



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

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

### Paul and Andy go on the Shiplake Michaelmas Training Course!

Seen here at St Pauls, Wokingham with the excellent 'helpers' who helped take the pain out of the learning experience, Paul and Andy did the Cambridge Major Course, while Judy Kirby and Ron Burgess learned Stedman Triples, and Matthew Malek learned Cambridge Minor. Everyone enjoyed the Course, with mixed degrees of success! Congratulations to Katie Lane for mastering everything!

### Alan Coates was back in Oxford...

Our Australian ringing friend Alan Coates from Sydney, visited us again for three days in September. He managed to squeeze in five quarter peals over one weekend, two of which were in anti-clockwise towers. We hope to see him again next year when he comes back to the UK.

He's seen in the picture here along with Gordon Smith, Peter Lloyd, Charles Smith, Roy Jones and Hugh Deam after ringing a Quarter Peal of Mixed Doubles at All Saints, Marcham (6) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September.



### Branch Practice at Wotton Underwood.

There was a good turnout when around 14 people came along for the practice. The village would more accurately be described as a hamlet given the sparsity of dwellings, the focal point being the manor house modelled as an almost exact replica of Buckingham House in London which stood on the site now occupied by Buckingham Palace. Adjoining the grounds of the mansion is the church which was rebuilt in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The bells are rung from the ground floor and were conducive to making the Training Morning particularly successful. An expanded follow up session is being organised for October 30<sup>th</sup>. *Hugh Deam.*



### The Horse Guards Inn at Tillington. (Autumn Trip – 23<sup>rd</sup> October)

Hugh has been down to West Sussex to plan the route to all the different towers we will be ringing at. And, true to form, he's already found a good pub to visit at lunchtime! This is how they describe themselves on their website:

*"Sam and Misa are the affable hosts at The Horse Guards Inn, a 350 year old inn situated in Tillington, West Sussex. Located a mile west of Petworth off the A272, the pretty village sits under the South Downs giving the pub glorious views of the Rother Valley and The All Hallows Church opposite. Converted from three cottages The Horse Guards Inn offers open log fires, stripped beams and antique furnishings".*



### Dates for your Diary

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

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Autumn Outing to West Sussex.	Easebourne (8) 11cwt.	10.15am
(Travel by Minibus. Cost £15 per head)	Lodsworth (6) 6cwt.	11.30am
	Lunch at the Horse Guards Inn, Tillington (details above)	12.45pm
	Tillington (5) 6cwt.	2.15pm
	Northchapel (6) 3cwt.	3.30pm

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Training Sessions Brill (6) 1.45pm and Waddesdon (6) 3.00pm

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Branch Practice Wolvercote (6) 10.00am

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Branch A.G.M. Garsington (6)

(Ringing 3.15pm, Service 4.00pm, Tea 4.30pm, Meeting 5.15pm. Times to be confirmed.)

### Local Practice Nights:

#### Mondays:

Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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 **tomorrow, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**)

(Kidlington has an **Advanced Triples Practice** from 7.45–9.00pm on the **fourth** Tuesday of each month. The next one is **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October**)

#### 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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