



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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



Monday 7th February 2011

In memory of Hilary Nex.

On Saturday 29th January a quarter-peal of 1260 Bob Doubles, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire was rung at St Mary the Virgin, Iffley, in memory of Hilary Nex, who died on Christmas Day after a short illness. Hilary rang at Iffley Church from 2003 to 2006. She was an enthusiastic member of the band, attending Guild meetings, going on outings and ringing in quarter-peals - when she could be spared from choir practice. She leaves a husband Andrew and daughter Becky, aged two. *Susan King.*

Alan Coates reports from Sydney...

I enjoyed reading Margaret Marsh's account of her visit to St James' in the last edition. Our band is active and growing.

Two weeks ago we ran a 5 day course for 10 people ranging in age from 12 to senior citizens who had never touched a rope. Each 2-hour session used 3 tutors on bells 3, 5 and 7. By the end of the week four were able to ring unaided. We value our association with Governor Macquarie, and last January rang a quarter-peal to celebrate the life of the donor of the bell named after him, and the 200th anniversary of Macquarie's governorship. *Alan Coates.*



A Quarter-Peal at St Mary Magdalen, Shabbington (6).

1260 Changes of Grandsire Doubles. Treble: Maureen Owens, 2.Roy Jones (C), 3.Ann Mayou, 4.Hugh Deam, 5.Gordon Smith, Tenor: Ray Fergusson. This was the first quarter-peal on the bells since the installation of the upstairs ringing chamber late last year. *Hugh Deam.*



St. James Church, Cowley (6).

As a new band of ringers, Sunday 30th January was the first time we rang before the morning service, 'bringing the people to prayer'. At least we hope that is how the congregation felt. All of us know we have a long way to go, but one thing we all agree on is that we wouldn't be where we are now without the great patience and continued encouragement of Jonathan Cresshull and all those who came along in the early days to get us going. *Thank You. Margaret Weller.*



Margaret is now the new Tower Correspondent. Her phone no is: 01865 775150, and her email address: nhweller@hotmail.co.uk.

Practice at Cowley is now 7.30-9.00pm every Monday evening, and Service ringing is now 9.25-10.00am every Sunday morning. *Jonathan Cresshull.*

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 8th February *No Practice at Headington this week, because the Ringers are going for a late Christmas meal!*

Friday 11th February *Marston's Practice will be held at N. Hinksey for this week only - 7.30-9.00pm.*

Saturday 12th February 8 Bell Branch Practice Headington (8) 10.00am

(This Practice will include a short Branch Finance Meeting necessary to ratify the Branch Accounts for the year)

Saturday 19th February 6 Bell Branch Practice Iffley (6) 10.30am

(This Practice is for methods Little Bob and above)

Saturday 19th March Spring Outing to the Milton Keynes area.

1.30pm - Lunch at the Shoulder of Mutton, Calverton.



Great Brickhill. St Marys (8) 14cwt. 10.00am
Shenley, Church End. St Marys (6) 17cwt 11.15am
Whaddon. St Marys (6) 14cwt. 12.30pm
Calverton. All Saints (6) 10cwt. 3.00pm
Cosgrove. SS Peter and Paul (6) 11cwt. 4.15pm

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays: Cowley (6) (7.30-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2nd/4th week)

(Note: The start time for Cowley's Practice has been changed.)

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 above. The next one will be on Tuesday 1st March)

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

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