



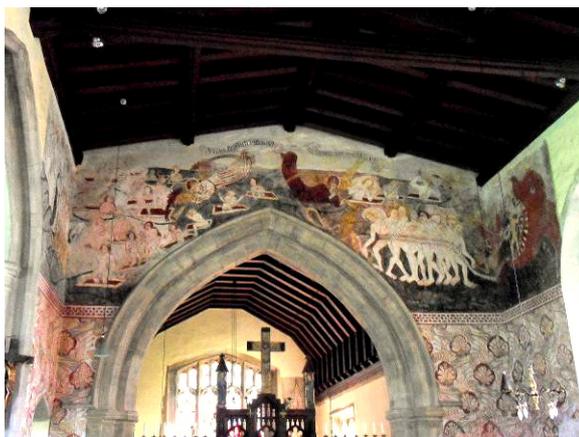
Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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Monday 23rd April 2012



Branch Practice at South Leigh (8) 10cwt on Saturday 14th April.

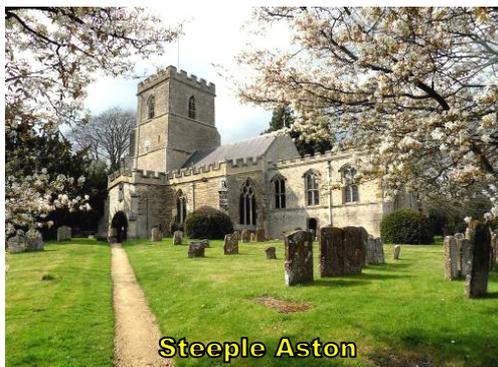


The eight excellent bells of **St. James, South Leigh** provided an ideal location for the combined practice hosted by Witney & Woodstock Branch. A healthy turnout of some 18 ringers from our two branches enjoyed a morning of ringing that was a mixture of doubles, triples and major, with local ringers availing themselves of the opportunity to practice their favoured methods. The weather was on its best behaviour thus allowing those in-between rings to meander outside and listen to just how mellifluous the bells here sound. *Hugh Deam*

The City Branch comes to the rescue!



Deddington



Steeple Aston



North Aston

When **St Michael's, Cumnor** (*Old North Berks Branch*) campanologists planned their outing on 14th April, they didn't realise that they would be left with only five ringers to sound out the bells of **Deddington (8)**, **Steeple Aston (8)** and **North Aston (6)**. A chapter of incidents left Cumnor depleted, but not for long... Jonathan Cresshull and Paul Lucas came to the rescue! At Deddington and Steeple Aston, with the additional help of the 'ringing key holders', we were able to ring all eight bells. To add spice to an enjoyable afternoon, Cumnor experienced the fun of some spliced doubles methods (guess who was responsible?), as well as encountering views across Oxfordshire, from the top of Deddington tower! Thank you the City Branch! *Jenny Dyer.*

Dates for your Diary

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

(Please note: There have been a couple of changes since the last newsletter!)

Saturday 28th April	Afternoon 5 and 6 Bell Method Mini-Outing at Tackley (6) 13cwt and a picnic at Lower Heyford (6) 6cwt (changed from Rousham)	2.30pm-3.30pm 3.45pm-4.45pm
Tuesday 1st May	Advanced 8-bell Practice at Headington (8) 7½cwt	8.00pm-9.00pm
Saturday 12th May	Branch Half Yearly Meeting + 6-Bell Striking Competition at Horspath (6) 5.00pm onwards. (Towers wishing to enter the Striking Competition should contact Hugh by 1 st May to be eligible.)	
Saturday 19th May	Mini Outing to Shabbington (6) 5cwt.	11.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 26th May	6 Bell Method afternoon Mini Outing to Hannington (6) 10cwt and Coleshill (6) 7cwt	Times to be confirmed.
Saturday 16th June	6 Bell Practice at Charlton on Otmoor (6) 14cwt.	Time to be confirmed.
Saturday 23rd June	Branch Summer Outing to South Wiltshire towers (details to follow)	
Saturday 7th July	Stedman Triples Practice at South Leigh (8) 10cwt (Combined Practice with Witney & Woodstock)	10.30am-11.45am
Saturday 14th July	Branch 10-Bell Practice at St. Thomas (10) 11cwt.	6.30pm-7.45pm

Local Practice Nights

Mondays:	Garsington (6), St Aldates (6).
Tuesdays:	Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
Wednesdays:	Iffley (6).
Thursdays:	Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6).
Fridays:	Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45).

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