



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



Produced fortnightly by Paul and Hugh, with contributions from other ringers.

Monday 22nd October 2012

(So many pictures were taken of the London Trip, I've decided to make Hughs News 2 pages long again, like last year!)

Ringling Tour of London Towers – 20th October 2012



After last year's outing to London which was bathed in a shimmering cascade of autumnal luminance that attested to the precept that such a combination of factors does one's heart good, then it was hardly surprising that everyone was keen for a repeat prescription from the apothecary. So thanks are due to Leon Thompson for arranging towers adjacent to the riparian hub of the metropolis, with its repository of iconic landmarks, in all its October finery. To paraphrase, 'tis the season of mists and mellow stonemasonry', as we proceeded from the halls of power at Westminster to the balls of the pawnbrokers south of the river.

On the bells of **St. James, Garlickhythe** one could easily cast one's mind back and hear the River Thames lapping at the bow of the Belfry barge as it was leading the Thames Pageant in somewhat less clement conditions back in June. Even as we enjoyed lunch at **'Ye Olde Watling of Cheapside'** we were enveloped in history as the upper rooms here served as offices for Sir Christopher Wren as he went about his daunting task of designing St. Paul's Cathedral in the wake of the Great Fire of London which had required the pub itself to be rebuilt. Elsewhere in the city there may well have been "austerity protests" but we undoubtedly enjoyed ringing plenitude. *Hugh Deam.*



St Margarets Westminster



St James Galickhythe




ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
THE ROYAL JUBILEE BELLRINGERS

THE RIVER THAMES
On the Royal Jubilee Bells - Tenor 9-1-25 in G sharp
hung on the Ursula Katherine

On Saturday 26th May 2012 in 3 hours 6 mins

A Peal of
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C Middleton (Johnson's Variation)

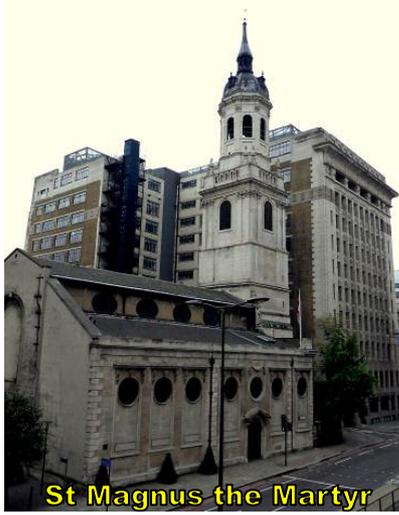
Treble	RICHARD A SMITH
2.	STEPHEN A COAKER
3.	JENNIFER E EARIS
4.	ROBIN O HALL
5.	STEPHEN W PENNEY
6.	DAVID P MACEY
7.	DICKON R LOVE
Tenor	DAVID E HOUSE

Conducted by Dickon R Love

The first peal on the bells.

The peal started at Blackfriars Bridge and concluded in Woolwich, in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

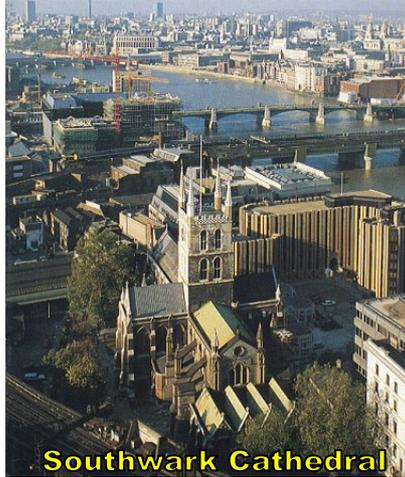




St Magnus the Martyr



St George the Martyr



Southwark Cathedral



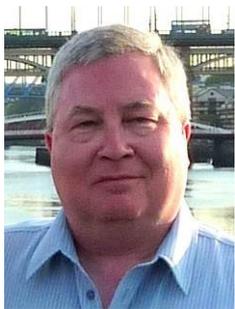
"I brought the lantern just in case... sure enough the traps were open and somebody must have gone right down to the church floor... Thus our conductor to the derangement of our nervous system, for the floor appears to be all trap and the fastenings may or may not be all secure."

Charles Dickens -
Visit to the College Youths
From "All The Year Round"
- January 1869



Tackling the 48cwt Tenor!

A final goodbye from John Courtney



After 7 months working in Kidlington, I have now obtained a position 8 miles from my home in Wakefield, Yorkshire and my employer allowed me to leave without any notice, so I was unable to say goodbye to the many friends I have made during the time spent ringing around Oxford. Thank you to all of the ringers at **Kidlington**, **Iffley** and **Wolvercote** for taking me in, and making me most welcome. It has been a real pleasure to have been a small part of the weekly practices and also a big thank you to Hugh for keeping me right in his interesting touches of little bob and bob minor. Having experienced Donna's Aunt Sally evening and an evening punting on the Thames with the Wolvercote ringers, I have much to remember, and not just the ringing. If anyone is ever up north in Yorkshire, come and visit the Cathedral where I will try and repay the kindness you have all shown me. *John Courtney*



Dates for your Diary

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

- Saturday 3rd November
- Tuesday 6th November
- Saturday 17th November
- Saturday 24th November

- Stedman Triples Practice at Woodstock (8) 12cwt 10.30am-12noon
- Advanced Practice at Headington (8) 7½cwt 8.00pm-9.00pm
- Branch A.G.M. at St Giles (8) 14cwt 4.30pm (subject to confirmation)
- 6 Bell Method Practice at Iffley (6) 10cwt 12.15pm-1.30pm

Local Practice Nights

- Mondays:** Garsington (6), (no practices for the time being), 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).

For full details go to the Oxford City Branch website: www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

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