



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 16th December 2013

A Family Affair!

I've just come back from a wonderful holiday in New Zealand, starting off with a few days in Sydney Australia, where as usual, I did a bit of ringing with some of the Sydney ringers.

Alan and Marylon Coates invited me to ring for a 'family' quarter peal at St James, Queen Square (8 - 10cwt) in Sydney. This was a quarter peal rang on the back six especially for their grandson Joshua, who rang his very first quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside', which he did very successfully! Well done Josh!

Treble. Marylon Coates, 2. Jim Carter, 3. Joshua Coates*, 4. Paul Lucas, 5. Alan Coates (C), Tenor. James Coates. (*First quarter inside).



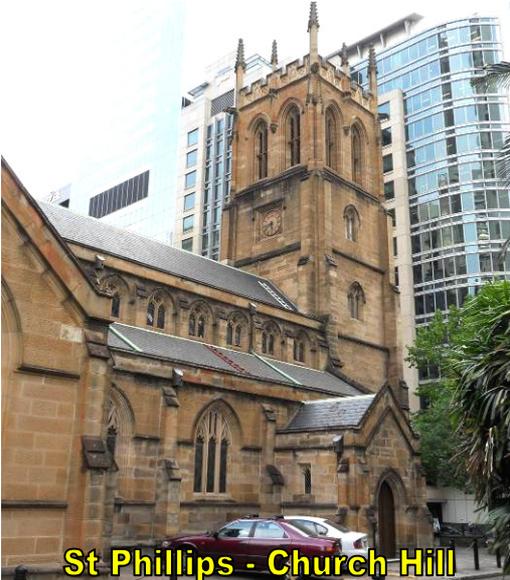
St James - Queen Square

Also, on the same day, I rang for a wedding at St Phillips, Church Hill in Sydney (8 - 18cwt), which was followed by an excellent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on what are some of the nicest bells in Sydney.

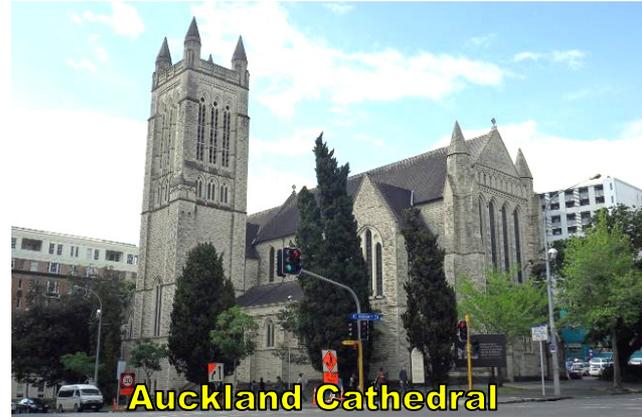


Burwood

I also went along to a practice at Burwood (left) (8 - 11cwt), just outside the City, where once again I was made very welcome... And then, later on, I flew to Auckland on the North Island of New Zealand, where my final ring was at Auckland's Cathedral - St Matthew-in-the-City (8 - 17cwt). After the practice, we retired to the Galbraith Arms in Auckland, where we all enjoyed very nice pints of 'Bellringers Bitter' - real ale actually brewed on the premises! And very good it was too! They also sold four other real ales on hand-pumps... very rare in New Zealand! **Paul.**



St Phillips - Church Hill



Auckland Cathedral

A General Practice at Kidlington

On Saturday morning of the 30th November, members of the Oxford City Branch met at St Mary's Kidlington for a general practice. From rounds and call changes (for the newer ringers), to Cambridge Minor, and Triples methods for the rest of us, which included Stedman. Had we had just one more experienced ringer we would have had a band for Cambridge Major so I hope more of you will join us at the next general practice on the 22nd February 2014. Those that attended found it worthwhile. **Ron Burgess.**

Two more successful practices

St James' Church, Cowley welcomed ringers from several towers, Iffley, Marston and Headington to name but a few - all experienced ringers, for a general practice on Saturday 23rd November. To ring with so many experienced people and all being excellent instructors gave St James' ringers the help they needed, boosting our confidence and enjoyment.

Also, on Thursday 28th November we were invited to ring at St Peter's, Wolvercote. It is always a good experience to ring in other towers and St Peter's bells seemed so different to ours, so the visit helped us a lot. We had a most enjoyable evening. **Thank You. Margaret Weller.**



Dates for your Diary

In the run-up to Christmas, there are no events happening at the moment, but there will be plenty going on next year!

Happy Christmas to all our readers!

Local Practice Nights

- Mondays:** St Aldates (6), Garsington (6)
- Tuesdays:** Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).
- Wednesdays:** Headington (8), Iffley (6).
- Thursdays:** St Giles (8), Wolvercote (6), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6).
- Fridays:** Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.30pm-7.30pm).



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