



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014

## A return visit to Lydiard Tregoze

Since the City Branch organised a ringing tour around the Swindon area back in March this year which included St Mary's at Lydiard Tregoze, some of the ringers wanted to return there to see the *Triptych Painting*, and to hear the long history being told by one of the stewards. Thereupon it was organised with Jenny the Tower Correspondent and her daughter to ring with us from call changes to Cambridge Surprise Minor at the Church for around an hour before the painting was revealed in the church. The painting and the church itself is steeped in royal history and well worth the visit. Afterwards we sat down outside near the Church in glorious sunshine and had a strawberry and cream tea listening to a ukulele and banjo group! A lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon. **Ron Burgess**



## Margaret's first Quarter Peal in Australia

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Margaret Marsh, who was taught to ring at St Giles, Oxford, rang her second quarter peal, covering behind to Plain Bob Doubles at Christ Church St Laurence in Sydney, and was able to add a footnote saying that it was her 'first quarter in Australia' - but commented in an email that "they had to put great pressure on me to attempt the quarter". Margaret rang her first quarter, treble to Grandsire Doubles, at St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, in November 2011, shortly before she returned to Australia. The quarter in Sydney was conducted by Deryn Griffiths (Dermot Roaf's niece), who has rung at St Giles during past visits to Oxford, and she has said that 'It was a good quality and very satisfying QP. Margaret rang well, without any assistance other than frequent reminders to be steady (ie not to clip us). It was a significant step forward in independence and confidence. I was delighted by the achievement.' Then just a couple of days later Margaret was knocked over by a car. She had just one night in hospital and appears to have suffered nothing worse than major bruising - and apparently the most spectacular black eye ever. By coincidence, Dermot had also been knocked off his bicycle a couple of weeks earlier, and has not yet returned to ringing. We wish them both speedy and satisfactory recoveries. **John Pusey**



## 'Aunt Sally' at the White Hart in Wolvercote!

The Wolvercote Ringers had their annual 'Aunt Sally' match at the White Hart, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The two teams, 'The Aunts' and 'The Sallies' played 3 legs, with the 'Aunts' winning by 1. It was a fun evening with a good turn-out despite the World Cup beginning that evening, and the weather was perfect! The Wolvercote ringers skipped a year of Aunt Sally in 2013 due to their usual pub closing down. Fortunately, the White Hart had come to the rescue! Now under new ownership as a friendly community pub, the ringers are looking forward to holding more events there in the future. **Donna Murphy**



## A Branch Practice at Combe (6)

As any devotee of the long-running Welsh soap opera Pobol-y-Cwm will no doubt deduce, the name Combe denotes that it lies within a valley. The village borders the north-western flank of the Blenheim Estate, with the former sawmill - Combe Mill - now a working museum. Besides the opportunity to ring on the wonderful set of bells at the church here we also availed ourselves of the opportunity to meet some of the people of this particular valley as there was a Coffee Morning taking place in the hall overlooking the vast village green. In 1918, a fire damaged the tower of St. Laurence's church, and the present ring of six bells was recast from the metal of the original five bells from the 17th century. As caught on camera, it was not exactly all hands to the pump, just Bernard's, on the old village pump outside the entrance to the churchyard. **Hugh Deam**

## Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam at: [hugh.deam at btinternet.com](http://hugh.deam.btinternet.com) or phone: 07899-871079.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Garsington (6). General Ringing with the Garsington Ringers **7.30pm-9.00pm**  
Basic Skills Ringing Practice at Tackley (6) **10.30am-12noon**  
Bring & Share Picnic and Ringing at Swalcliffe (6) **2.30pm**. Ringing at the church from **3.00pm**  
(There are no tower fees required from those coming on this trip)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Thame (8). General Ringing with the Thame Ringers. **7.30pm-9.00pm**  
'Aunt Sally' at the Red Lion, Old Marston at **8.30pm**, preceded by ringing from **7.15pm**

## 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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