



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers invites Resident Guild Members to the

Guild Festival

to be held in Oxford on

9th July 2016

Come and ring at the Cathedral and other Oxford towers.



Ringling Times

09.15-10.30 New College,
09.00-11.00 Christ Church
(invited band from 10.40, when
the shutters will be opened),
12.30-14.00 St Giles,
14.30-15.30 Magdalen College,
15.00-16.30 St Mary Magdalen,
15.15-16.45 St Thomas the Martyr,
15.45-17.00 Lincoln College,
16.30-18.00 St Ebbes*,
17.00-18.00 St Aldates,
17.45-19.00 Carfax.

Eucharist

Eucharist in Christ
Church Cathedral
at 11am

Tea and Coffee

Drop-in for tea and
coffee in St Giles' Hall
(OX2 6HT) between
12.30pm and 2.30pm.
There will be a display
of some First World
War items from the
Guild Library.

* to be confirmed.

With thanks to the Oxford Society and the
Oxford Diocesan Society for their hospitality.

The Oxford Guild Festival – Saturday 9th July

Don't forget this really big event coming up next month, for which many of you will already have posters put up in your ringing chambers. The Guild Festival is where you can get the chance to ring on bells, often unavailable to many ringers in Oxford for the rest of the year. If other years are anything to go by, then this is hugely popular day, with people coming from all over the country to take part. It is also highly enjoyable! Try and go along if you can.

Paul Lucas

Sun, Fish 'n' Chips, Beer and Aunt Sally!

On Thursday 9th June, the Wolvercote ringers and friends from other towers enjoyed an evening playing Aunt Sally at the White Hart in Wolvercote. Unusually for this year, it was a gorgeous summer evening and many of us enjoyed fish and chips from the local chip shop before play began. The rest of the evening was spent having a friendly competition between two randomly, and due to a miscourt, unequally chosen teams. However, unexpectedly at one point a dog tried to join in to make the team numbers more equal, although predictably for a dog he was much better at fetching than throwing! The evening ended with a photo of the happy winners and thanks was given to the absent Donna, who we hoped would be enjoying a glass of Chianti on her honeymoon, for kindly organising the event.

Jonathan Beale



Sydney visitors, Alan and Marylon's trip to Oxfordshire

This report comes courtesy of some quick thinking and educated first aid from ringers at St Mary's cathedral Sydney who successfully resuscitated me after I suffered a cardiac arrest in that tower last year. The ensuing recovery kept me from all international travel including my regular Oxford meetings last year, so this year it was a particular pleasure to resume contact with Oxford and its ringers.



I arrived on Saturday 18th June, just in time for an interesting simulator-based 8-bell practice at Headington. My wife Marylon arrived the next day – flights from Sydney were hard to book. Sunday saw service ringing at Old Marston and Eynsham, followed by a nice quarter of mixed doubles at Bletchington. Weeknight practices at Kidlington, Cumnor and St Giles renewed old contacts, and on Friday we returned to Old Marston. On Saturday we enjoyed an outing to Cassington, a recently re-hung six in which I had not previously rung. Sunday again saw us at Old Marston where we rang a quarter of mixed doubles, then service ringing at Eynsham and North Hinksey. This was followed by another first when we visited Chadlington for lunch at the Café de la post, then a most enjoyable ring on the six at St Nicholas.

Marylon and I would like to thank Hugh Deam and all others who have once again made us welcome and provided opportunities for such an enjoyable visit. Alan Coates

Headington Ringer's farewell to Ed Nicholson on Tuesday 21st June

With Ed Nicholson's imminent departure back to his home city of Nottingham, 15 of us went out for a delicious meal at Aziz Indian Restaurant at the Chequers pub in Headington Quarry. Everyone had a great evening and quite a considerable amount of alcohol was consumed! It was nice that ringers from other towers that Ed had rung at were able to come along too. We are hoping to arrange a trip to Nottingham in the not too distant future, to meet up with Ed and Matt Beardsall, who also returned to Nottingham earlier this year, after a spell in Oxford. If anyone is interested in exploring the bell towers of Nottingham with us, then let Hugh know!

Paul Lucas

Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 8th July
Saturday 9th July

'Aunt Sally' evening at the Red Lion in Marston. Straight after the Marston Practice at 8.00am.
Adrian Gray's Morning Outing to Berkshire. Yattendon (6) 10.00am; Englefield (8) 11.15.
(This will be followed by lunch at the Englefield Estate Tea Room)

Saturday 9th July
Saturday 23rd July
Saturday 30th July
Saturday 20th August

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Shipston on Stour (6). Joining their ringer's morning practice 10.00am-11.30am
Morning Outing to Eaton Bray (6) 10.30am, and Edlesborough (6) 11.45am.
Roy Jones Ringing Morning. Twyford (6) 10.00am, and Marsh Gibbon (5) 11.00am.

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