



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

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## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Adrian's Morning Outing to Berkshire

Having taken in wonderful locations from the extremes of the Ridgeway, Avebury to Bledlow, as part of ringing outings in recent years it is hardly surprising that this is such a revered ancient route.



So, as with most walkers who traverse the route in chunks over a number of years rather than in one go, then we have visited various towers along the pathway at intermittent times, and none more delightful and picturesque as on this occasion. The celebrated horticulturalist, Gertrude Jekyll famously noted that the love of gardening is a seed, once sown, that never dies, but grows to the enduring happiness that the love of gardening gives. With that in mind this part of the country clearly has more than its fair share of contented gardeners. The church at **Yattendon (6)** was constructed in the 15th century at the behest of Sir John Norreys, Master of the Wardrobe to King Henry VI and Henry VIII latterly worshipped here during his regular visits to the castle home of the Norreys family, an arrangement which subsequently led to the execution of Sir Henry Norreys who was accused of adultery with Anne Boleyn. The history of **Englefield (8)** however is entwined with Elizabeth I due to the manor house having been the home of Sir Francis Walsingham, the queen's spymaster, and the 2nd Earl of Essex who fell from regal favour and who also faced an appointment with the executioner. Espying the alms-houses, tea rooms, lake, deer-park, Elizabethan mansion and richly endowed parish church, all close together on this 20,000 acre estate, is a memory and privilege that is likely to stay with you indefinitely, plus the bells were benevolent. The weather was kind to us and we were able to lunch in the garden of the tea rooms on the estate. Thanks are amply due to Adrian and Ailsa for organising the outing. **Hugh Deam**

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## An Aunt Sally Tournament at the Red Lion

The Marston bell ringers got together for a game of Aunt Sally at the Red Lion in Marston on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>. The usual food and

presentation was a bit of a disappointment from previous years, but perhaps our decrease in attendants this time took away their incentive. Two non-ringers (not yet that is) local guests, Jack and his father Dean, joined us. Both of them being experienced Aunt Sally players helped beef up the scores nicely for extra encouragement. Hugh also impressed us all by scoring 3 hits during one of his turns! No team names were given this time, but the photos show the winners and runners up. Most importantly it was a fun evening, and no injuries of course! **Donna Bennett**



## Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Shipston on Stour (6). Joining their ringer's morning practice 10.00am-11.30am

(Ringing followed by 'brunch' at Mrs Brown's Tearooms in Shipston at 11.30am)\*

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July Morning Outing to Eaton Bray (6) 10.30am, and Edlesborough (6) 11.45am.

(Ringing followed by lunch at the Village Tea Shop in Edlesborough at 12.45)\*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August Roy Jones Ringing Morning. Twyford (6) 10.00am, and Marsh Gibbon (5) 11.00am.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August Practice at Freeland (6) 4.00pm-5.30pm

\*If you want to join everyone for lunch or brunch at either of the above ringing trips, please can you inform Hugh (details above).

For more details go to the Oxford City Branch website: [www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

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