

Oxford City Branch Hugh's News!



(Produced fortnightly by Hugh Deam and Paul Lucas. All contributions are welcome.)

Monday 23rd August 2010

Boats, Bells and.... Rain! Adventures on the Venturer!

Nick and Ginny Boyes, Jon, Janice and Christopher Beale, Steve and Aneka Everett, David Ingrouille, John Pusey, Heather Banyard, Margaret Marsh, Donna Murphy, Richard Bennett and Paul Lucas – take to the water!

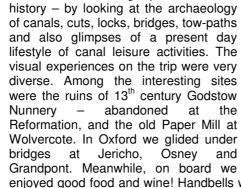


Saturday "On August, fourteen bell ringers (and a few non bell ringers!) embarked on a narrow boat journey on the Oxford Canal and the Thames, or Isis. We experienced the legacy of an Industrial past, before the railways and the









automobile - a long epoch of social





enjoyed good food and wine! Handbells were rung and songs were sung with Steve Everett on guitar! We stopped at the Isis Pub in Iffley, and while sitting in the garden, we were hit by a dramatic thunderstorm! Some indulged in an ale or two, and then it was back to the Venturer for the return journey of rain and sunshine... and of course more songs and more handbells! It was a wonderful outing. Many thanks to Paul for organizing it!" Margaret Marsh.

(On the way we encountered the bizarre sight of a boat load of Vikings - probably intent on rape and pillage!)

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam on 07899-871079, or email: hughdeam at btinternet.com

Saturday 4th September. **Branch Practice** Yarnton (6) 22cwt 10.00am (The Yarnton bells are heavy, and not for the faint hearted!! Only come along if you think you can cope with them!)

Saturday 11th September **Branch Practice** Wotton Underwood (6)10cwt 9.30am Saturday 18th September Morning Trip to Wiltshire. South Marston (6) 12cwt. 10.00am Broad Blunsdon (8) 5cwt 11.00am Castle Eaton (6) 7cwt. 12.30pm

Saturday 25th September. Shiplake (8) The Guild's Michaelmas Training Course.

Full details from Katie Lane on 01865-874026, or email: kt.catchmole at googlemail.com

Sunday 3rd October Iffley (6) Sunday morning ringing will be from 10.30–11.00am for this week only.

Saturday 23rd October Autumn Outing to West Sussex. (More details and times to follow)

Easebourne (8) 11cwt, Lodsworth (6) 6cwt, (Lunch at the Horse Guards Inn, Tillington), Tillington (5) 6cwt, Northchapel (6) 3cwt.

Local Practice Nights:

Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2nd/4th week). Mondays:

Tuesdays: Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).

(Headington has an Advanced Practice from 8.00-9.00pm on the first Tuesday of each

month. Stedman Triples and beyond! The next one is **Tuesday 7th September**.)

(Kidlington has an Advanced Triples Practice from 7.45-9.00pm on the fourth Tuesday of

each month. The next one is tomorrow, 24th August.)

Wednesdays:

Thursdays: Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5).

Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45) Fridays:

Note: Most Practices start at 7.30pm, but before turning up, check the details of the Ringing Times, Tower Captains and Correspondents, by going to the Oxford City Branch website:

http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

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