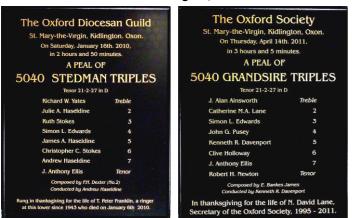




Monday 27th June 2011

Two new Peal Boards at Kidlington, dedicated to Peter Franklin and David Lane .....



(Right: The Ringers at Silton and The Grove Arms, Ludwell)

Summer Outing to Dorset – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

These two peals boards are hung in the ringing room of St Mary the Virgin, Kidlington. They mark the lives and contribution of two respected and much loved members of the City Branch; both men made a very different, but highly significant contribution to ringing. The peals were rung with great affection; it is appropriate that Peter and David are remembered alongside many other notable ringers and peals in the ancient, historic church of St Mary's. May we never forget them. Katie Lane.



Bell ringing excursions are fun, and especially this one in the heart of beautiful Dorset, into Thomas Hardy country. By mid-morning we were tunnelling down green hedged narrow lanes getting lost but finding finally the first of our Norman churches. St Nicholas, Silton (6) 10cwt, a remote and beautiful ancient 12<sup>th</sup> century church with Saxon foundations. The bells were rung from the ground with a long draught, and were rather difficult. St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham (8) 24cwt is one of those tall towers where the heavy bells are good to ring but cause a swaying of the structure - I have not got used to this - and the rain when we left was also heavy - a cloudburst with hail - and we got rather wet! A good lunch at the Grove arms, Ludwell was much appreciated, especially by the wet ringers! Then up a very high open timber circular stair with a trapdoor at SMV, Donhead St Mary (6) 12cwt, where the bells were good but again a swaying tower. By now the intermittent sun was glowing on the drenched greenery and it was lovely. And onto the last Norman church SMV at East Knoyle, Wiltshire (6) 12cwt.where the draft was long but the bells were good to ring. Thanks to Hugh and Roy for organizing this great day. Margaret Marsh.



Silton

Gillingham

The Grove Arms, Ludwell

East Knovle

(Following my article in the last edition about the peal board at Kidlington, Andy Dunn has kindly enlightened me that the peal in Dorothy Sayers 'The Nine Tailors' is not fictional and (quote) "is believed to be based on an actual peal rung in 1868 at Bethnal Green in London." The peal board at Bethnal reads: "On Monday April 27th 1868 / was rung a true Peal of / Kent Treble Bob Major / Comprising 15,840 changes in / 9 Hours and 12 Minutes being the / longest Peal ever rung by one set of Men". M.M.)

## Guild Festival Update.

Several of you have volunteered to help with the lunchtime arrangements at the Festival on 9 July. Forgive me for not contacting you sooner, but I have only just received the information that I need from the WI who are doing the catering. I will be needing one volunteer to let the WI into the Newman Rooms at 11.00. I shall still be tied up with the ringing at Christ Church. This person will be needed to open the Newman Rooms and I shall give them the key which I will have collected the day before. It is likely that they will need to park too and I hope that I may be able to get access to Christ Church Meadows. Whoever volunteers for this will need to talk to me about the arrangements. We will need 4 people to set up the tables at this time too. After lunch we will need 4-8 people to clear up. The first tower after lunch is at 14.30 and I will have handed over the keys by then so I can be one of those 4-8. There is another branch running the bar so I am hoping that they will be around to help. If we do not clear up properly we will lose the deposit on the Newman Rooms! If you are able to offer help at either of these sessions, please will you reply to me and I will make sure that we are covered. Thanks for your help. Katte Lane. (01865-874026)

Dates for your Diary		
Full details from Hugh Deam on 07899-871079, or email: hugh.deam at btinternet.com		
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	'Aunt Sally' Evening at The Red Lion, Wolvercote	8.00pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Advanced 8 Bell Practice at Headington (8) 71/2 cwt	8.00pm
	(*Concentrating on Cambridge Major this month)	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Branch Practice at St Thomas, Oxford. (10) 11cwt	6.30pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Branch 'Ringing and Picnic' at Mapledurham (6) 7cwt.	4.00pm-5.00pm
Local Practice Nights:		
Mondays:	Cowley (6) (7.30-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> week only).	
Tuesdays:	Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6).	, ,
Wednesdays:	Iffley (6).	
Thursdays:	Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5).	
Fridays:	Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45)	
Note: Most Practices start at 7.30pm, but before turning up, check the details of the Ringing Times,		
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