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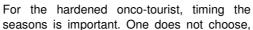


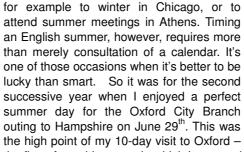


A Branch Practice on the recently rehung Garsington Bells.

On Saturday 13th July, on the hottest day of the year so far, the evening views across Oxfordshire from the Garsington churchyard were truly stunning, with clear views across to Wittenham Clumps and beyond. The six bells of Garsington have recently been rehung in new fittings by Whites of Appleton, and it is safe to say that what used to be a rather lumpy and odd-struck ring of six are now barely recognisable, and produced some very steady and fluent ringing, even when the heat was getting the better of us! Jonathan Cresshull.

Oxford Revisited!





the first of two this year - in which I was again welcomed by Hugh, Roy and many members of the Branch, especially the Old Marston ringers. Not content with one success, the weather

was again superb for a mini-outing to Hillesden ('the Cathedral in the Fields')





Somewhere before the X-Factor and the era of frankenbiting, the urban dictionary made do with the "wow-factor", and despite bearing no resemblance to the avant-gardist origins of the term, the stunning church at Hillesden and its glorious surrounds most assuredly possess a merit and majesty that imprints itself into the memory of any visitor without need of recourse to viral marketing campaigns or twitpics. Unarguably the fine weather can add a gloss to proceedings, but on a weekend of visiting some exceptionally located towers Hillesden's "Cathedral in the fields" proved a fitting finale. Hugh Deam.







I joined no less than 19 ringers from the Leatherhead area who descended on Oxford for a visit on Saturday 6th July. Their itinerary, which had been arranged by Clyde Whittaker and Michele Winter, took them to St Aldates, St Mary Magdalen, Lincoln College, Magdalen College, Christ Church, St Thomas and Carfax! Quite a mammoth trip for them, especially as

temperatures were in the high 20s, and there were vast numbers of tourists everywhere! At lunchtime we all had an excellent meal at the Chequers in High Street. Most people thought that the highlight of their day was the ringing of lovely 'newly restored' bells at Magdalen - which was a first for me too! Everyone agreed that the trip had been a great success! Paul Lucas.

Philip Armstrong's First Quarter Peal.

At St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford on 30th June, 1260

Stedman Doubles: Jonathan Cresshull (C) 1, Hazel M Rothera 2, Dorothy G Hall 3, Catherine M A Lane 4, Katherine A Stonham 5, Philip J Armstrong 6. Congratulations to Philip (top left in the picture). Jonathan Cresshull



Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh at: hugh.deam at btinternet.com or Jonathan at: jonathan at cresshull.co.uk

Saturday 3rd August Surprise Major & Stedman Triples Practice at Woodstock (8) 10.30am-12.00noon Wednesday 7th August **Advanced Practice at Headington (8)** 8.00pm-9.00pm Saturday 31st August General Practice with the Ringers at Kidlington (8). 11.00am-12.15pm

Local Practice Nights

Mondays: St Aldates (6), Garsington (6) Tuesdays: Kidlington (8), Horspath (6). Wednesdays: Headington (8), Iffley (6).

St Giles (8), Wolvercote (6), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6). Thursdays: Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.30-7.30). Fridays:

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