



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

## A Quarter Peal at Chilton dedicated to Roy Jones

On a damp, grey, Bank Holiday morning six ringers who had known, and rung with, Roy Jones for many years met at All Saints church in **Chilton (6)** in order to ring a quarter peal in his memory. We rang one principle and six methods, finishing with Morris' 240 of Grandsire which was a particular favourite of Roy's. It was whilst we and others were ringing in a general practice here on the May Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May that Roy died at his home in Marston. We miss him. Kate, the tower captain of Chilton wishes to be associated with this quarter peal as she also misses Roy. **Susan King**



## Method Ringing Practice at Iffley (6) on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

The occasional Saturday morning practices held at **Iffley** are generally well attended, and this practice was no exception, with ringers from several towers and five from Iffley tower itself. It can probably be safely said that there is unanimity across the towers that rope-handling and listening to one's striking are the top priority and as such these get-togethers are vital to reinforce this mantra. With several Branch ringers on the application list for Guild Ringing Courses this Autumn it is only right that we facilitate the relevant methods whenever possible. **Hugh Deam**



## RR NEWBURY 2014

### Ringling Roadshow – next weekend – 6<sup>th</sup> September

*There are still a few spaces available on the minibus, so please contact me if you would like to go. The minibus will be leaving Hotsons/Eurodrive on the Horspath Road Trading Estate just after 8.00am, or Rosamund Road, Lower Wolvercote just after 9.00am. We will be returning to Oxford by 5.30pm approx.*

*There is no charge for seats on the bus. **Hugh Deam.***

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## A Practice at Wootton (6) on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

One of the great pleasures of bell ringing is discovering the quirks offered up by each tower. In **Wootton**, this proved to be the fairly steep slope to the floor, which was slightly disconcerting for a few minutes, but we adapted to it quickly and were able to enjoy a really lovely ring of six bells - 9cwt tenor. The local ringers provided a warm welcome to the six of us from assorted Oxford towers, and we rang Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob Minor and finished off with some Stedman. We are already looking forward to a return visit. **Lindsay Powell**

## A Practice at Marsh Gibbon (5) on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

The extensive village that exists today is the result of several diverse hamlets merging over the centuries. In 1437 the village was granted to an alms-house trust founded in Ewelme. Two centuries later (1617) James I

granted the master-ship of the trust to the Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford University, a position that still pertains today. The parish church is mostly 13th century and cruciform in its design, with the imposing tower having been rebuilt late in the 19th century. The two oldest bells (second and fourth) both date to 1678, cast by Richard III Chandler of Drayton Parslow. The bells were long rung from the ground floor, but since the construction of a gallery they have become a much more attractive proposition to ring. **Hugh Deam.**



## Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam at: [hugh.deam at btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.deam@btinternet.com) or phone: 07899-871079.

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Ringling Roadshow at Newbury Racecourse (see update above)	All Day
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Morning Practice at Burford (8)	10.00am-11.15am
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Stanton Harcourt (6). 6 Bell Practice hosted by Witney & Woodstock Branch	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Cowley (6) Ringing Practice with the Cowley ringers	4.30pm-6.00pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Day Outing	

(Stoke Mandeville (8) 10.00am, Haddenham (8) 11.30am. Lunch at The King's Head, Haddenham. Another Tower t.b.c. 2.15pm)

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

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