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



Monday 19th October 2015

### Witney and Woodstock outing to Pershore, and surrounding area – Saturday 10th October

No doubt it has been punned before, that Pershore is a plum location for a ringing outing to be centred upon, but ultimately that doesn't make it

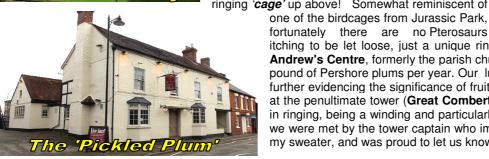




any the less true given that there are two excellent eight bell towers adjacently situated at its heart. The truncated, yet still lofty abbey dominates the skyline with 125 steps (123 upwards and 2 downwards) to

reaching the famous ringing 'cage' up above! Somewhat reminiscent of





fortunately there are no Pterosaurs Andrew's Centre, formerly the parish church, which is now rented by the abbey at the cost of a pound of Pershore plums per year. Our lunch was at The Pickled Plum pub on the High Street, further evidencing the significance of fruit farming to this area. The climb to the ringing chamber at the penultimate tower (Great Comberton) is also one of the great idiosyncrasies to be found in ringing, being a winding and particularly cramped set of steps. At the final tower (Fladbury), we were met by the tower captain who immediately noticed the St. Peter's, 'Wolvercote' logo on my sweater, and was proud to let us know that he hailed from Wolvercote! Hugh Deam

#### First Quarter Peals at Headington (8)

Congratulations go to Rachel Croft from Headington for achieving her almost faultless first quarter peal on the treble to 1260 changes of Plain Bob



Doubles on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Left to right in the picture (taken in the White Hart!): Paul Lucas, Katy Routh, Clare Fairbairn, Rachel Croft, Jonathan Cresshull (c) and Chris Griggs.

Further congratulations go our youngest ringer at Headington, Emma Vincent, who also rang her first quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles on the treble a few weeks earlier, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. In this picture - left to right: Katy Routh, Malcolm Fairbairn, Clare Fairbairn, Ed Nicholson (c), Emma Vincent and Paul Lucas.



Paul Lucas

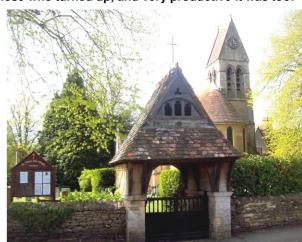
## A Practice for people of all abilities at Freeland (6) - Saturday 17th October

We had a nice afternoon practice on the lovely bells of Freeland, designed for all those who turned up, and very productive it was too!



With methods rung, varying from Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Reverse Canterbury, Little Bob, St Simons and Cambridge Surprise Minor - there was truly something for everyone!

Practices like this are very beneficial; especially on light, easy to ring bells, like those at Freeland. So if you are interested in learning new methods on bells like these, let us know! Paul Lucas



## **Dates for your Diary**

Full details from Hugh Deam at: hugh.deam at btinternet.com or mobile: 07899-871079

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November Surprise Major Practice on the simulator at Headington (8) Witney & Woodstock Branch Practice at Woodstock (8)

Branch AGM at Horspath (6) (more details of times to follow later)

Practice at Iffley (6) (Followed by a ringing events planning meeting for 2016) For more details go to the Oxford City Branch website: www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

3.30pm-5.00pm 10.30am-12noon 2.30pm onwards 10.30am-12noon

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