



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News!



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

Monday 17th May 2010.



Saturday 1st May. Nine happy bell ringers (left) following a short practice on the 3 bells at Emmington near Thame! Hopefully the owner of this privately owned church will be augmenting the number of bells to 6 in the not too distant future.



On **Saturday 8th May**, there was a very good turn out when the Branch held its Half-Yearly General Meeting at St James, Cowley.



Pictured above are some of the newly elected members of the Branch, including Jamie, Paul and Hannah Brown all from the same family who started ringing at the same time at Cowley St James, trained by Jonathan Cresshull. (Hannah is 9 and Jamie is 11!)

They are all seen here with Alan Marchbank, Deputy Ringing Master of the Guild (In the stripey top!).

The 6 bell striking competition was held at 6.00 on the same evening. The winners were St Aldates - 1st with 6 faults, Headington 2nd with 18 faults, Kidlington 3rd with 19 faults, Iffley 4th with 23 faults and a valiant effort from the fledgling band at Cowley who came 5th with 74 faults. Congratulations to them for taking part, and also to St Aldates for a very fine performance with such an excellent score!

Bernard Masterman did a brilliant job as the Judge, and he was ably assisted by Charles Smith, who helped him tot up the scores!

It was good to see so many teams taking part... let's have even more next year!

Dates for your Diary:

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| Saturday 5th June | Headington (8) | Branch Practice | 10.00am |
| Saturday 19th June | Summer outing to towers around Hampshire (full details to follow soon). | | |
| Saturday 10th July | Branch 'Pudding and Dessert' Evening – St Nicholas Church Hall, Marston. | | |
| (Note re-scheduled date.) 7.00 – 9.00pm. All you can eat for £4, or £2 if you supply a pudding! | | | |

For full details of all the above events, contact Hugh Deam on: 07899-871079,

or email: hughdeam@btinternet.com

Future events:

I am thinking about organizing a trip aboard the narrowboat 'The Venturer'. This would be a ringer's 'non-ringing' day trip with a picnic, either on a Saturday or Sunday for about 4-5 hours.

The Venturer can take up to 12 people, and it costs £120 for the day – so only £10 per head!

If you're interested, email me or call me on: 07778 834334. Paul Lucas.



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| Saturday 25th September | Shiplake (8) | The Guild's Michaelmas Training Course. |
| Full details from Katie Lane on 01865-874026, or email: kt.catchmole@googlemail.com | | |

Local Practice Nights:

- Mondays:** Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2nd/4th week), Garsington (6) (8.00-9.00)
- 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 on **Tuesday 1st June.**)
(Kidlington has an **Advanced Triples Practice** from 7.45–9.00pm on the **fourth** Tuesday of each month. The next one is on **25th May.**)
- 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, Tower Captains and Correspondents, by going to the Oxford City Branch website:

<http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk>

Any information or photographs for possible inclusion in **Hugh's News** (subject to space available), please email me: paulclucas@hotmail.co.uk