



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News!



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

Monday 1st November

Ringling Outing to West Sussex on Saturday 23rd October.

Pictured at **Tillington**: Steve Everett, Margaret Marsh, Jonathan, Janice and Christopher Beale, Martin Dibble, Roy Jones, Charles Smith, Richard Bennett, Heather Banyard, Donna Murphy, Claire Malone-Lee, Susan King, Paul Kimber, Judy Kirby, Hugh Deam, Paul Lucas.



It was a great excursion! Just back from Australia, I found myself plunged into the heart of "Englishness" in a bell ringer's minibus en route to the West Sussex Downs to ring at five parish churches of medieval origin, on a day of alternating sun and rainstorms. The first stop was *Fernhurst*, a chapel dedicated to dragon slaying St Margaret of Antioch. The community ladies provided tea and coffee. An organist played, and we rang in the tiny 8 feet square, 3 bell tower. Next, it was on to St Mary's *Easebourne* with a ring of 8 bells. Before the Reformation, this church had a priory for six nuns, built in 1273. On to St Michaels *Lodsworth* with a good ring of 6 bells and a large millennium tapestry made by the children of the parish.

Fernhurst



Then it was time for lunch in the historic Horse Guards Inn *Tillington*, and after that it was across the road to All Hallows church (5) which Turner and Constable had both painted. It has a Scottish Crown spire and a Romanesque sculpture. Then it was on to St Michael's Northchapel (6) for a long ring on their light bells - the Tenor being just 3cwt. Finally at the end of the day a drive back through the beautiful English landscape!
Margaret Marsh.



Lodsworth



Northchapel



Easebourne

Training afternoon at Waddesdon and Tetsworth on 30th October.

Pictured at **Waddesdon**: Peter Lloyd, Adrian Gray, Mary Kirkness, Donna Murphy, Anita Clayton, Steve Hoar, Judy Kirby, Charles Smith, Roy Jones, Margaret Marsh, Hugh Deam, Paul Lucas.

It was a lovely autumn afternoon and our first stop was St Michaels and the Angels Church at Waddesdon where the six bells cast from 1802 to 1862 are the only 6 bell steel ring of bells being rung in the world. Twelve ringers had a good practice in the ancient but comfortable stone tower. Then it was on to St Giles Tetsworth, and up a vertical ladder through a hinged trapdoor into a tiny ringing chamber where we had a fairly indifferent practice for another hour.
Margaret Marsh.



Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 6th November	Branch Practice	Wolvercote (6)	10.00am
Saturday 20th November	Branch A.G.M.	St Nicholas - Old Marston (6)	
	Please note the change of venue of the AGM, due to work being done on Garsington church.		
Saturday 4th December	Branch 10 Bell Practice	St Mary Magdalen, Oxford. (10)	6.30pm.

Local Practice Nights:

Mondays:	Cowley (6) (7.00-9.00), Garsington (6), (8.00-9.00), St Aldates (6) (2 nd /4 th week)
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 tomorrow, Tuesday 2nd November) (Kidlington has an Advanced Triples Practice from 7.45-9.00pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next one is Tuesday, 23rd November)
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>

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