



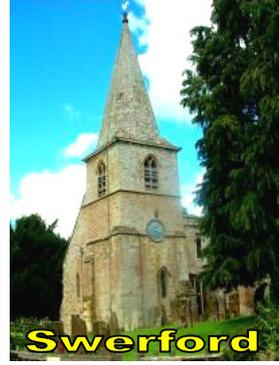
Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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



Monday 2nd July 2012

Because there has been so much going on recently, this edition will be 2 pages long! Alan Coates has been over here from Sydney, Australia and has been involved in lots of extra events that Hugh has organized while he's been here, so we thought it was worth covering! Back to a single page next time! *Paul.*



Swerford



Ch. Enstone



My sincere thanks once again for another excellent visit to Oxford City Branch ringing. I was fortunate to arrive on the day of the outing to South Wiltshire, where we rang four interesting and somewhat challenging 6-bell towers. A good variety of minor methods were supplemented by a few touches of doubles. Lunch at the **Black Dog in Chilmark** was under the watchful eye of a complete suit of armour! Sunday quarters at **Marston, Bletchington** and **Church Enstone** exposed me to a wide variety of doubles methods and variations, and a tower grab at **Swerford** coincided with the local gardens festival. As always it was a pleasure to meet and ring with old and new friends. *Alan Coates.*

Left: this serene water-feature is within a walled garden directly opposite the south door of the church at Church Enstone. (Excellent photo by Hugh!)



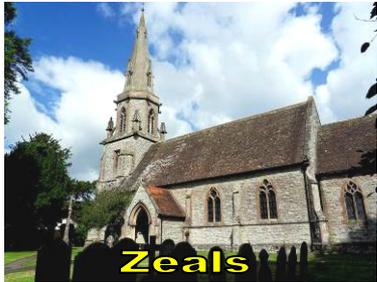
Ringling Trip to Wiltshire. Zeals (6) 10cwt, Hindon (6) 9cwt, Codford St Peter (6) 10cwt and N. Tidworth (6) 9cwt



Given the weather that has generally prevailed since April, it would have been optimism in the extreme to preclude a balmy cloud-free day, but apart from a brief shower as we hastened into the church at **Hindon**, the day allowed us to concentrate on enjoying the business of ringing, anticipating an excellent lunch at 'The Black Dog' at **Chilmark**, and then venturing out again for more ringing and generally appreciating the vibrant Wiltshire countryside. All four towers we visited were patently different in facade and furnishing, with all four sets of bells having their quirks, but were all well worth ringing. We were well on our way home, savouring the embers of a successful day out, before the rain began in earnest! *Hugh Deam.*



(An Australian, an Englishman and an American in perfect harmony!)



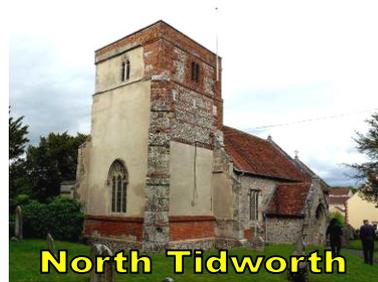
Zeals



Hindon



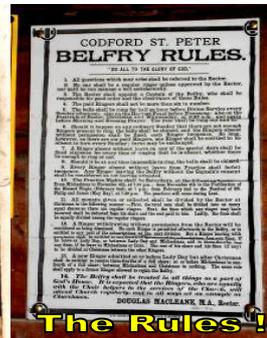
Codford St Peter



North Tidworth



The Clock at St Peters



The Rules!



A very nice lunch at the Black Dog!



Another 'Aunt Sally' evening at the Red Lion in Wolvercote on Thursday July 19th



The time has come once again for the annual 'Aunt Sally' evening in Wolvercote! The St Peter's bell ringers will be meeting at 7.00pm for their ringing practice until 8.00pm. After that it's off to the Red Lion pub for a few games of Aunt Sally! Everyone is welcome, and it's the more the merrier! If you want to come along, then please contact me before 16th July on: 07981 520693 or email me on: Dcmurphy2@btinternet.com. If you think you might be one of the peckish ones wanting chips and sandwiches, then it's a mere £5.00 per person.



This event is well worth attending, and is fast becoming a tradition not to miss! Hope to see you all there! Donna Murphy.

(If you don't know how to play Aunt Sally... it's not that difficult – honestly! Even Adrian can do it!)

Our New Child Protection Officer.

I have now taken on the responsibility of Child Protection Officer for the ODG. I have been reading about our responsibilities as ringers within the churches of the City Branch and I very much hope that all our own towers are up to date. If it makes you feel better, I am making sure that we have covered everything at St Aldates! I would like to remind you that, if they have not already done so, all Tower Captains, Ringing Masters and Adult Ringers who train or teach children (under 18) will need to obtain CRB disclosures. CRB forms can be obtained through your Parish Office. There is also a 'Permission to Ring' form which should be completed by the parents and I can forward a copy to you on request. I would also like to remind you that you should have a First Aid kit, keep an Attendance Book and have an Accident Record Book available. The Accident Record Book should meet the standards of the Health and Safety Executive. Guidance is available at:

<http://books.hse.gov.uk/hse/publicsaleproduct.jsf?catalogueCode=9780717626038> *Katie Lane.*



Branch Practice at Tetsworth (6) 4cwt, on Saturday 30th June 2012



Even if you have never rung there, many of you may well be familiar with the tower and spire of Tetsworth if you have ever traversed the M40 to and from London, as it is clearly evident on the horizon between Wheatley and Postcombe. The parish church was rebuilt from 1855 - 1857 in an Early English style, with the stonework around the window in the ringing chamber having two dated building blocks stating 'Built 1855' and 'Built 1857'. The



light ring of six bells were cast at Whitechapel and installed in 1936. Our thanks are due to John Hearn, the steeple-keeper here, for the use of the bells which helped us succeed in making this a particularly progressive practice for those who were wishing to consolidate their trebling, their Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, venturing into Plain Bob Minor, and consolidating St. Clements. Since the first of these deliberately non 'hot-house' style practices on a snow-laden Saturday in February at Launton (6), several of our participants can clearly measure just how significant their progress has been in the past five months, with the fact that we encourage as many of those taking part as so wish to conduct during a session also an added skill that can be taken back to benefit practices at home towers. It should be said that the salutary weather also helped in ensuring that this was one of our universally best ringing sessions this year! *Hugh Deam.*

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh on: 07899-871079, or email: hugh.deam@btinternet.com

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| Tuesday 3rd July (tomorrow!) | Advance Practice at Headington (8) 7½cwt. | 8.00pm-9.00pm |
| | (All experienced and all non-experienced ringers who want to improve their ringing are welcome!) | |
| Saturday 7th July | Stedman Triples Practice at South Leigh (8) 10cwt (Combined Practice with Witney & Woodstock) | 10.30am-11.45am |
| Saturday 14th July | Branch 10-Bell Practice at St. Thomas (10) 11cwt. | 6.30pm-7.45pm |
| Thursday 19th July | 'Aunt Sally' Evening at Wolvercote. (See above) | 8.00pm till late |
| Sunday 29th July | Afternoon Outing. (2 towers to be confirmed) | 12.00 noon onwards |
| Saturday 25th August | Doubles to Minor Practice. (Tower and time to be confirmed) | |
| Saturday 15th September | Branch Practice at Wolvercote | 10.30am-12.00 noon |
| Saturday 20th October | All Day Branch Outing to London (Full Details to follow) | |

Local Practice Nights

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| Mondays: | Garsington (6), (no practices for the time being), St Aldates (6). |
| Tuesdays: | Headington (8), Kidlington (8), Horspath (6). |
| Wednesdays: | Iffley (6). |
| Thursdays: | Wolvercote (6), St Giles (8), Stanton St John (5), Cowley (6). |
| Fridays: | Old Marston (6), Wheatley (6), North Hinksey (6) (6.45-7.45). |

For full details go to the Oxford City Branch website: www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk

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