



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

Monday 8th October 2012

John Pusey's Trip to Japan

For those of you who didn't know, John is having an extended holiday in Japan! These are some of the pictures he's just sent me:

"The first picture shows me sounding a bell (with a rope attached to the clapper) close to the top of Mount Asahidake, in a National Park in the centre of Hokkaido. The peak is about 7,500ft, so (having used a cable car) we were probably at least 6,000ft. In the background you can see plumes of volcanic steam blowing up out of the ground at the foot of the top section of the mountain, from only just a little higher than where I was standing.



The second shows a view of the whole mountain, from road level at the foot of the mountain, perhaps at about 2,500ft. The bases of the plumes of steam, and probably the bell tower as well, are just out of sight behind the green hill in the foreground.

The third shows a different kind of tower, with one conventional bell plus a set of tubular bells, in the centre of the nearby town of Biei. I am just pointing at it - there wasn't any rope to get hold of!"



See you all sometime in November! *John Pusey.*

Update on the October London Trip

The City Branch trip to London takes place on **Saturday 20th October**. I believe that all towers but **Garlickhythe** are now confirmed. So far, I have the time of the first tower only – **St Margaret's**, at which we should aim to arrive at 10.00am. I also do not have details of the lunch venue, but I hope to send another email soon, filling in all of the remaining gaps (including more detailed travel information). There will be a fee of £1 or so for each of the five towers. If traveling by train, get the 08.01 from Oxford Central, arriving in London Paddington at 08.59. Then get the Underground to Westminster via Baker Street. Note: there is an 08.16 train from Oxford, arriving at 09.14, but this involves a change at Reading. This would be the last train it's possible to catch to make sure you arrive on time.



10.00am. St Margaret (10) 26-0-26 in D, Parliament Square, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3BB

Parish Church of the Houses of Parliament, within the grounds of Westminster Abbey.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Margaret's,_Westminster

St James (8) 9-1-25 in G#, Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, London EC4V 2AL

The Royal Jubilee Bells, from the floating belfry during the pageant.
http://www.london.lovesguide.com/james_garlickhythe.htm

St Magnus the Martyr (12) 26-3-9 in D, London Bridge, London EC3R 6DN

http://london.lovesguide.com/magnus_martyr.htm

Cathedral Church of St Saviour (12) 48-0-9 in Bb, Southwark, London SE1 9DA

<http://www.southwark-bells.org.uk/>

St George the Martyr (8) 14-2-24 in F, Borough High Street, Southwark, London SE1 4PG

<http://www.surreybellringers.org.uk/towers/southwark-st-george-martyr>

Important

As many as 37 people have already indicated they'd like to attend this outing. We are therefore getting very close to the maximum number of ringers we will be able to accommodate. There still may be room for a few more, so if you wish to come along, please send me an email - (dr.andy.dunn@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Priority will be given to Oxford ringers. If you do turn up unannounced, I'm afraid to say you will not be allowed to ring! *Andy Dunn.*

Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 20th October
Saturday 3rd November
Tuesday 6th November
Saturday 17th November
Saturday 24th November

All Day Branch Outing to London. (Details above)

Stedman Triples Practice at Woodstock (8) 12cwt

10.30am-12noon

Advanced Practice at Headington (8) 7½cwt

8.00pm-9.00pm

Branch A.G.M. at St Giles (8) 14cwt

4.30pm (subject to confirmation)

6 Bell Method Practice at Iffley (6) 10cwt

12.15pm-1.30pm

Local Practice Nights

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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