



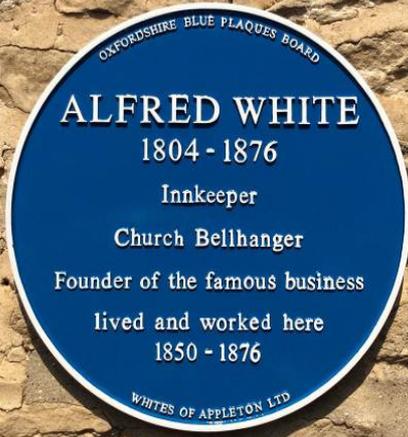
# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

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## The White Family Plaque



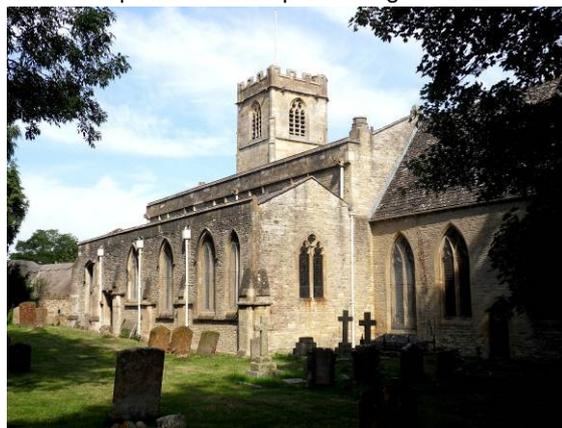
On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July a large gathering of the White Family, Blue Plaque officials in their regalia, the Guild Master and a fair host of bell ringers met at The Greyhound Pub in Besselsleigh to witness the unveiling of the Blue Plaque in honour of Alfred White, 1804-

1876, bell hanger, founder of Whites of Appleton and innkeeper of The Greyhound. Despite the heat of the brilliant sunshine and the passing traffic, Brian White enthralled the company, speaking most interestingly about his renowned ancestor and the history of Whites. The refreshments afterwards in the cool Greyhound gardens were most welcome and everyone attending seemed delighted to have taken part in yet another historical moment in the Whites of Appleton tradition. **Katie Lane**

## Specific Methods Practice at Eynsham (6)

It was thoroughly apposite that we should congregate at Eynsham on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July for one of our specific method practices given that this is

now a tower noted for its burgeoning numbers and enthusiasm for ringing. On bells that issue a subtly drawn resonance, all the methods on the agenda (Plain & Little Bob, Stedman, St. Simon's) were rung to great benefit, and borrowing a legal term "Quoad ultra denied!", we also slipped in some Reverse Canterbury for good measure. With the 'Friendly' Games in full swing up in Glasgow, and that city's weegie words being banded around, it could be said that we enjoyed a couthie, nay, braw practice which left us slightly puggled, but ultimately satisfied with our



efforts. Given that we drew ringers from eight different towers and shuffled the pack into combinations that had not rung together previously, it was a great compliment that we received positive notices from some locals outside at the conclusion of our session. **Hugh Deam**

## Ringling Roadshow – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Jonathan Beale has booked a minibus for the Wolvercote ringers to attend the event, and there should be a number of seats spare for other ringers in the Branch who would prefer to travel this way rather than have to take a car to Newbury Racecourse. Four ringers have already confirmed that they would like to come on the minibus.

For the next edition of the newsletter in a fortnight's time, we should be in a position to let you know if (or how many) further seats will be available. **Hugh Deam**



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## Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam at: [hugh.deam at btinternet.com](http://hugh.deam.btinternet.com) or phone: 07899-871079.

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Yarnton (6). General Ringing Practice with the Wootton ringers	10.30am-11.45am
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	South Leigh (8) Branch Practice hosted by the Witney and Woodstock Branch	10.30am-12noon
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Iffley (6) Method Ringing Practice with the Iffley ringers	10.30am-11.45am
	Freeland (6) Graduated Practice with the Freeland ringers	4.00pm-6.00pm
(Plain Hunt/Plain Bob – 4.00-4.30. Grandsire/St Simon's/Bob Minor – 4.30-5.00. St Clement's/Beverley/Cambridge – 5.00-6.00)		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Ringling Roadshow at Newbury Racecourse (see update above)	All Day
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Morning Practice at Burford (8)	10.00am-11.15am
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Day Outing	
(Stoke Mandeville (8) 10.00am, Haddenham (8) 11.30am. Lunch at The King's Head Haddenham. Another Tower t.b.c. 2.15pm)		

For more details go to the Oxford City Branch website: [www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk)

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