



# Oxford City Branch Hugh's News



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

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014

R.I.P. Carol Lowe – 1943-2014



It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Carol Lowe, a regular ringer at Horspath, and wife of Brian Lowe, Tower Captain of St Giles Church in the village. Carol's funeral was held in the church in the afternoon of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The church was full to overflowing with over 160 people who all knew Carol. In Brian's own words:

*"Carol was a Horspath girl all her life. She learned to ring in 1982 at Abbotsbury in Dorset in the space of three days... a lot to be said for a two-hour session over three days !! Thereafter she regularly rang at Horspath, and at most other local towers, went on our trips to Whitechapel and Loughborough; and much preferred our "ladies bell" - the Treble. Never a change ringer, she nevertheless rang for service every Sunday... which she considered the foremost duty of any ringer. She is buried well within earshot of the Horspath bells, which was her wish. Both glamorous and with a wonderful sense of humour, she will be sorely missed."*



On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, we attempted a quarter peal of mixed doubles at St Giles, Horspath in Carol's memory. Sadly it fired out about half way through, but we are going to have another go at a later date.... **Paul**

## Next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Half Day Outing



(Stoke Mandeville (8) 8cwt, 10.00am, Haddenham (8) 17cwt, 11.30am. **Lunch at The King's Head, Haddenham. Dinton (6) 15cwt, 2.15pm**)  
Please click on the link below for the Menu at the King's Arms, and then let Hugh know your food order as soon as possible:

<http://www.kingsheadhaddenham.co.uk/Kings%20Head%20Menu%202014.pdf>



### A Practice at Stanton Harcourt with the Witney and Woodstock ringers

At the end of week that was incontrovertibly dominated by the exhaustive conclusion to the referendum north of the border, the morning practice at Stanton Harcourt hosted by our friends in the Witney & Woodstock Branch could have comfortably fitted the signature peroration of both No and Yes camps. A pooling of our resources 'Better Together' meant that Cambridge, Double Oxford and Ashford Little Bob were on the agenda 'Let's Do It!' **Hugh Deam**

### A Rare Visit to Wytham !



Many years ago the Wolvercote ringers visited the neighbouring village of **Wytham** to chime *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* on their bells! It was so



long ago that none of us who went could remember when it was and many amongst our present number had never been, so it was decided it was time for another visit. Wytham has ten bells which are chimed by using a baton keyboard. As bell ringers we had to number them but, thanks to the handbells, we now have a much greater repertoire of music, so whilst *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* was played, the village wasn't subjected to it over and over as it had been previously. We also managed *Amazing Grace, Ode to Joy, The Skye Boat Song* and had a surprise visit from the person who plays them on a Sunday to show us how it is really done. The down side - or possibly the up - depending on how many ringers you have, is that the bells can only be rung by one person at a time. Nevertheless those not ringing enjoyed looking round the church and we also had opportunity to go and see the bells, although obviously not when they were ringing. An enjoyable evening was had by all and our thanks go to David Humphrey, the church warden at Wytham for showing us around, to John Harper for organising it and to the villagers of Wytham who had to listen to us! **Janice Beale**

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> October **Branch Practice at Cowley (6)** **6.30pm-7.45pm**  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October **Outing to Alton area in Hampshire with the Witney and Woodstock Branch (details to follow)**

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

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