



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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

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Saturday Morning Practice at Shipston on Stour – coming up on 20th June

We are planning to join the regular Saturday morning practice at **St. Edmund's, Shipston on Stour (6) 9cwt** which begins at **10.00am** next Saturday.

Approaching on the A3400 (London Road, New Street) the church will be on your left on Church Street, with parking close by (2 to 3 minutes' walk from the church) in Telegraph Street Car Park, left off Church Street, second left after passing the church. (40p for 2 hours parking)

I have let **'Mrs Brown's Tea Rooms'** - which is situated between car park and church - know that some of us may call in after ringing.

Please let me know in advance if you are interested in coming to the ringing, and if you wish to visit the tearoom so that I can let the tower and tearoom know what numbers to expect. **Hugh Deam**

Aunt Sally !

On June 4th it was 'that time again', when ringers meet up for the annual Wolvercote Aunt Sally 'get together' at the White Hart. The weather was superb, and it was agreed that the chips for snacking were deliciously



memorable. The turnout of 11 in total, was the smallest to date but still proving a good social mix of ringers from Marston and Kidlington amongst the St. Peter's band. It also ensured two decent sized teams for a game of Aunt Sally, "The White Harts" and "The Black Harts". The Black Hearts (surely Harts?), won, and posed modestly for a group photo. Adrian from the White Harts waved a white kerchief in tribute to the winners before rushing back to his pint!

If you missed this Aunt Sally – no fear, another one is near! The Marston ringers are having their annual get together on Friday July 3rd. Ringing practice at St. Nicholas will be from 7:00pm until 8:00pm, before heading over to the Red Lion for an 8.15pm start. Food is only £3.50 per person, and was a very nice spread last year at the same price!

Thanks, and we'll hopefully see you all there! **Donna Murphy** ([dcmurphy2 at btinternet.com](mailto:dcmurphy2@btinternet.com)) or phone: 07981 520693.

A Branch Practice at Kidlington (8) on Saturday 13th June

Having waved goodbye to being Ringing Master, although I'm sure most of you will know that I was always happy to eschew the title, I was surprised to find myself delegated to run the practice. Thanks to the enthusiasm of those convened it transpired to be a very methodical method practice, with Plain Bob Minor followed by several courses of All Saints Doubles so everyone became well acquainted with it, then moving on through Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples in the same manner. Our thanks are due to Ron Burgess, and the Kidlington ringers for making us welcome, and their ardent participation as always. **Hugh Deam**

Towards better striking – by Katie Lane

How Can You Hear Each Change?

There should be a gap at backstroke which marks the end of each backstroke change. Always listen for this and note it. When ringing on odd numbers, e.g. Grandsire Doubles, the heaviest bell with the lowest and often loudest note, the tenor, always rings last and therefore marks the

end of each change. If the ringing becomes confused, or you yourself become confused, you may need to look at the ropes to see the end of the change, which occurs when all the ropes have come down at one stroke. You must always know when each change begins. Make a habit of listening to the sixes in doubles and minor or eights in major or triples and count the 6-beat or 8-beat to yourself. Do this when you are ringing and when you are sitting out so that it becomes second nature.

Also, I have arranged a **Grandsire Triples** course at **4.00pm on Saturday 4th July at St Thomas's (10)**, for people who want to learn Grandsire. There are a number of people from Kidlington and Headington who may be interested. We also need experienced Triples ringers to come along and help with the training. If you are interested, please let me know. **Katie Lane** ([kt.catchmole at googlemail.com](mailto:kt.catchmole@googlemail.com))

St Giles Gets Carpeted !

Thanks to the generosity of Dana Josephson and friends of his, and the dynamism and motivation produced by having Steve Everett with us once again (to be repeated soon, we trust), and thanks also to practical help from both, St Giles's notorious patchwork carpet has at last been replaced! We could almost feel new flowers beginning to spring up out of the linoleum around us as we rang at a lively and well-attended practice on Thursday evening, following ringing for the annual Inter-Faith Friendship Walk. Bernard was a bit sad, though, because it was his brother-in-law who had provided the multi-coloured carpet squares, sometime in the 1970's. **John Pusey**



Dates for your Diary

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

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| Saturday 20th June | Practice at Shipston on Stour (6) Open to all ringers
(We have been kindly invited to join their regular Saturday morning practice – see above) | 10.00am-11.30am |
| Saturday 4th July | Grandsire Triples Training Course at St Thomas' with Katie Lane | 4.00pm-5.30pm |
| Saturday 11th July | All Day Minibus Outing to Essex
11.00am Finchingfield (8); 12noon Wethersfield (8); Lunch at The King's Head, Gosfield; 2.15pm Gosfield (6) | |
| Saturday 1st August | Practice at Horspath (6) - Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor
This is specifically for those who are already ringing these methods and are looking to ring or conduct touches. | 10.30am-12 noon |

Hugh will send out the full details of this trip within the next couple of weeks. To all those on the email list, he would appreciate a straight 'yes or no' as to whether you are coming, at least a week before the outing, so as to gauge financial and ringing viability.

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

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