



Oxford City Branch Hugh's News

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Monday 13th June 2016



Three 'firsts' in one Quarter Peal at Headington (8)

It's not often so much is achieved in one single quarter peal of Grandsire Triples!

On Sunday 5th June, Rachel Croft from Headington and Rosie Cretney from Cowley both rang their first quarter peals 'inside', while Caillan Crowe-McAuliffe from St Giles in Oxford, rang his first quarter peal on the Tenor (although he has rung a previous quarter on the Tenor of 6 bells). The band was as follows:

Treble. Simon L Edwards; 2. Clare Fairbairn; 3. John G Pusey; 4. Rosanna Cretney; 5. Rachel Croft; 6. Edward Nicholson (C); 7. Paul C Lucas;
Tenor. Caillan Crowe-McAuliffe.

The quarter peal was also tinged with a certain sadness, because Ed Nicholson (2nd from the left), who conducted the quarter and has been ringing regularly at Headington, and other local towers for over a year now, is set to return to his home city of Nottingham at the end of June.

It goes without saying that all of us at Headington will miss him and his excellent ringing, and that we wish him the very best for the future! Paul Lucas

An Outing to Evenley (6) and Whitfield (6) in Northamptonshire on Saturday 4th June

School holidays, yes, a vacation from ringing, no, with the week booked by a busy morning of requested methods on the ever engaging bells of Chilton on Bank Holiday Monday and a mix of quarter peal and general ringing in South Northamptonshire on Saturday morning.



The county motto of Northamptonshire is Rosa Concordia signum, and judging by the cordial welcome we received it's clearly more than just historically emblematic. The emblem of the county is the rose, although the county flower is the cowslip, but dominating the churchyard at Evenley was a Wellingtonia (Giant Sequoia) that rises above the height of the church spire and brings a touch of California to this ostensibly English setting. The church in Whitfield is almost identical in its structure to the one in Evenley, minus a clock, primarily due to it having the same architectural designer. A heavy gale in early 1869 caused the tower to collapse, thus necessitating a rebuilding of the church only four years after Evenley church had been rebuilt. An excellent lunch was then enjoyed in the elevated surroundings of the Hayloft Café at Boycott Farm, offering up the opportunity for a birds' eye view of the busy farm shop below. This southern part of the county has its own motto, Hora e Sempre, and on the evidence of the warmth of our welcome at both towers and the variegation of farm shop cafes in the area (we lunched in the cosy loft café of Rachel's Farm in Turweston last year), we will now and always be making tracks this way for ringing events. Hugh Deam

A Quarter Peal of Surprise Minor Methods at Cowley, St James (6) on 30th May

1296 Spliced Surprise Minor (12m: Ipswich, Cambridge, Hull, Primrose, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Bourne, Norfolk)

Treble. Lindsay Powell; 2. Jonathan Cresshull (C); 3. Rosanna Cretney;
4. Andrew R Freer; 5. Robert J Hornby; 6. Emma Stanford.

(First treble bob: Lindsay Powell; First surprise: Rosanna Cretney)

Celebratory picture taken in the Marsh Harrier! The quarter peal took three attempts. We lost the first attempt in the last lead, and the second attempt about 5 minutes from the end, so we were definitely in the mood for celebrating! Jonathan Cresshull

St. Nicholas Marston's 'Aunt Sally' get together on Friday 8th July

Bell ringing practice at Marston on that night will be 7:00pm-8:00pm, before we set off to the Red Lion pub for more 'Aunt Sally' games. Food can be arranged

at £5 per person, and is very good value as most people that have attended in the past will agree. If you would like to have food that evening, please contact me before 1st July by email: dcmurphy2@btinternet.com or phone 07981-520693. Otherwise just come along anytime from 7:00pm onwards. We hope to see plenty of you there! Donna Bennett

Dates for your Diary

Full details from Hugh Deam at: hugh.deam@btinternet.com or mobile: 07899-871079

Practice at Chadlington (6). (Lunch is planned beforehand at the 'Café de la Post' at 1.00pm) 2.00pm-3.00pm

'Aunt Sally' evening at the Red Lion in Marston (See details above)

Adrian Gray's Morning Outing to Berkshire. Yattendon (6) 10.00am; Englefield (8) 11.15;
(followed by lunch at Englefield Estate Tea Room)

GUILD RINGING FESTIVAL. Posters should have been sent out to every tower in Oxford. More information later.

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

Any information or photographs for inclusion in **Hugh's News** please email me: paulclucas@hotmail.co.uk

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