

BELLRINGING NEWS

THREE St Giles' ringers - Andrew Spicer, Sara Jones and Geraint Jones - were elected as members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at the AGM of the Oxford City Branch at St James' Church, Cowley, on Saturday 11th May 2019. The City Branch meeting at Cowley was preceded by a striking competition, in which - rather to our surprise - the St Giles' band was placed first out of seven bands taking part. This gives us the opportunity to take part in a higher-level six-bell striking competition in October 2019, alongside winning bands from local competitions in most of the other fourteen branches of Diocesan Guild.

The picture below shows the competition judge, Tony Crabtree, handing the Branch cup to St Giles' Tower Captain John Pusey, together with the other five ringers who represented St Giles' (L to R): Jamie Allport, Lindsay Powell, Dana Josephson, Andrew Spicer, and Sara Jones.



Sara and Geraint were welcomed by the Vicar after the morning service at St Giles' the following day. At the same time, we took the opportunity to show to the congregation - and briefly to sound - an addition to our set of twelve handbells, which provides us with a lighter set of eight which will be more suitable for ringing

longer lengths and in smaller spaces - and has already been used in three successful quarter peals.



Three of our learner bellringers (marked * below) have recently rung their first quarter-peals - significant achievements, both for them, and for those who taught them and rang with them.

Sunday 7th April 2019

1269 Grandsire Doubles

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| 1. Sara Jones (<i>aged 13</i>) * | 4. John G Pusey |
| 2. Catherine M A Lane | 5. Andrew R Freer (Conductor) |
| 3. Dana Josephson | 6. Andrew Spicer |

Monday 13th May 2019

1260 Grandsire Doubles, rung with 7-6-8 covering

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| 1. Sara Jones | 5. John G Pusey (Conductor) |
| 2. Jamie Allport (<i>aged 14</i>) * | 6. Mona Setje-Eilers * |
| 3. Andrew Spicer | 7. Alison T Merryweather-Clarke |
| 4. Lindsay Powell | 8. Dana Josephson |

John Pusey