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MARSTON UPDATE

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Congratulations to Rupert McShane of **Wolvercote (6)** on ringing his first quarter peal at his home tower on Saturday 22nd April. This quarter peal was rung to celebrate the life of Rev. David Michaels, vicar of St Peter's, from 1991-2004, as well as two of their handbell band who passed away during the Covid hiatus, Michael Stockford and Jean Tuffley.

Wolvercote (St Peter) - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles:

Rupert McShane, Ailsa Reid, Janice Beale, Donna Bennett, Jonathan Beale (c), Adrian Gray

Our first link-up of 2023 with **St James, South Leigh (8)**, took place on the Saturday afternoon of 29th April, with our best turnout so far since these practices began back in 2021.



Regular readers of the Update will probably be aware that the bus shelter in the village usually features whenever we visit South Leigh, such are the innovative ways that it is decorated to represent the time of year, or special occasion, so certainly it was no shock that it is currently garlanded for the Coronation. We were once again treated to refreshments at the halfway break, with tea, coffee, fruit juice and Kit-Kats on offer!

On the Monday morning, of the 1st May we rang a quarter peal to celebrate **May Day**, this being the first time we have rung a quarter peal for May Morning since 2011. This was also Susan King's first quarter peal since early 2020, and the most method variations for Lydia to date. After the quarter peal we were joined by three more of our **Old Marston** band, for a mixture of ringing and refreshment.

St Nicholas, Old Marston 1260 Doubles 14m/v:

Susan King, Lydia Poole (c), Ailsa Reid (c), Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Jane Hedges

The next Update will be reflecting on the weekend of ringing For **The Coronation**, so if you have a report and/or a photo please email it to Hugh.

Ahead of this, the post-box in the Covered Market in Oxford is currently in regal mode with its crowning knitted topper!



Upcoming Events

Saturday 27th May - Outing to **Little Milton (6)** – 2.00pm,
Great Milton (8) – 3.15pm, **Shabbington (6)** – 4 .30pm

Saturday 3rd June – Oxford City Branch Six-Bell Striking Competition from 2.00pm at Old Marston

Saturday 8th July – Oxford Guild Festival (*details to follow*)