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MARSTON UPDATE

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Quarter peals were rung at **Old Marston (6)** and **St Giles, Oxford (8)** on the last Sunday of February.

Sunday 26th February - **Marston (St Nicholas)** - 1260 Doubles (27m/v):

Kathy Xu, Ailsa Reid (c), Jane Hedges, Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

St Giles - 1288 Little Bob Major

Catherine Lane, Sara Jones, Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Lindsay Powell, Craig Robertson (c),
Dana Josephson, John Pusey, David Barrington



This month's City Branch Practice was held at **St Giles** last Saturday on 4th March, and amongst the attendees was Anna Gray (in the red top), a Journalist Coordinator at **BBC Radio Oxford** who has taken on the task of being taught to ring in time for the Coronation, with her progress being chronicled on the radio station between now and May.



On the Sunday morning of 5th March, Jane and Hugh joined the **Stanton St John** band to ring for their

service, a ring which was dedicated to the late Edgar Litt, whose daughter Carol was in attendance and is pictured in this group photo outside the church.



In the last Update we featured Lydia receiving her first quarter peal certificate from her brother Benjamin. So this week at the Marston practice, Benjamin belatedly received his first quarter peal certificate from Lydia, having had to wait since before the Covid interruption for his certificate.



Then on the Sunday afternoon, we rang a quarter peal before the Choral Evensong at **St Nicholas**, where the Marston choir was joined by that of Holy Trinity in Headington Quarry. Both Benjamin and Lydia part conducted the quarter, this being the first conducting for Lydia in a quarter peal.

Sunday 5th March **Marston (St Nicholas):**

1260 Doubles (3m) Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, All Saints
Jane Hedges, Lydia Poole (c), Maarit Kivilo (c), Benjamin Poole (c),
Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby



Upcoming Events:

All the towers are now confirmed for the afternoon outing on Saturday 25th March:

2.00pm **Chearsley (6)**, 3.15pm **Thame (8)**,

4.30pm for 4.45pm ringing at **Great Haseley (6)**,

tea and cakes are being provided for us by this tower on arrival
(Please contact Hugh if you would like to come on this trip.)

Easter Monday: 10th April 10.30am to 12.00noon **Kirtlington (8)**