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# MARSTON UPDATE

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## The Oxford City Branch Striking Competition

Last Saturday afternoon on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, **St Nicholas, Old Marston** hosted the Oxford City Branch striking competition, which this year was judged by our Guild Steward, **Tony Crabtree** from **the Vale of the White Horse Branch**, who also brought his **Stallpits mini-ring** with him.

On a courteously sunny afternoon the mini-ring was a perfect accompaniment to, or diversion from the competition ringing. After the five teams had rung there was a chance for a short break to enjoy the delicious cakes supplied by Rachel and James, whilst the scores were being totted up.

A presentation was made to Tony as a token of our appreciation for his time and expertise.



### **The results were:**

- 1. Old Marston (St Nicholas) (pictured right).**
- 2. Young Ringers Scratch Band.**
- 3. St Giles, Oxford.**
- 4. Headington (St Andrew).**
- 5. Wheatley (SMV).**

This year the **Guild Final** will entail a trip west, out to the **Chipping Norton Branch** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October.**

On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, quarter peals were rung at **St Giles, Oxford** and **Old Marston** for Trinity Sunday and for congratulations to Pauline Fishman on the birth of a son, Marcus.

### **(St Giles) 1260 Grandsire Triples**

Dana Josephson, Catherine Lane, Lindsay Powell, Lorna Curtis, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c), Sara Jones, John Pusey, Geraint Jones

### **(Old Marston, St Nicholas) 1260 Doubles (46m/v)**

Jane Hedges, Maarit Kivilo (c), Colin Taylor, Stephen Davies, Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

Long time assiduous readers of the Marston Update and the preceding City Branch Newsletters, *Hugh's News and Branching Out*, will doubtless be aware of the signature craftsmanship of **Phil Sampson** from **Kidlington.**



Many of those editions featured his working model bell in a frame, and a beautifully made large brass church key. His latest work, intricately detailed in brass, is an altar candle holder – pictured here on the left.



### Upcoming Event

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – The Guild Festival in Oxford**