



Produced by Hugh Deam and Paul Lucas

MARSTON UPDATE

Monday 11th September 2023 – edition no: 270

There have been quite a few quarter peals rung since the last Update.

Prior to the morning service on Sunday 20th August, we rang a quarter peal, which amidst the Reverse Canterbury section, we managed to slip in a variation – *Warkton*, which we haven't done before, plus a couple of 'flowery' variations – *Forsythia* and *Rhododendrum*, which we have only used once before. Congratulations to Andrea for ringing her most method variations to a quarter peal and happy trails to Kathy Xu who will be travelling around China for a month.

Sunday 20th August. St Nicholas, Old Marston – 1260 Doubles (34m/v):

Kathy Xu, Jane Hedges, Andrea Rowley (c), Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

Later that morning, Hugh was involved in a quarter peal at **Bletchington (6).**

St Giles, Bletchington – 1260 Doubles (9m/v):

Heather Horner, Steve Vickars, Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Gordon Smith, Hugh Deam (c), Michael Probert



Also at **Bletchington**, on Friday 1st September, Ruth Leatherdale from **Witney** rang her first quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

St Giles Bletchington - 1260 Plain Bob Doubles:

Hannah Tayler, Ruth Leatherdale, Hugh Deam, Steve Vickars, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c), Peter Norman

On Sunday 3rd September we had a full band to ring for a special Baptism Sunday Service at St Nicholas, which was followed by a barbecue at the vicarage, as we welcomed back our vicar Skye Denno after her sabbatical.



Later the same day, a quarter peal was rung at **St Giles, Oxford (8)** for the Patronal Festival, and to welcome Rev. Claire Browes, for her first service as associate priest.

St Giles - 1280 Superlative Surprise Major:

Craig Robertson (c), Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Catherine Lane, Lindsay Powell, Peter Spain, Simon Edwards, Sara Jones, John Pusey

With its fixed annual date on the first Monday and Tuesday in September after the first clear Sunday, **St Giles Fair** is naturally at the forefront of *World Fun Fair Month*, plus this year the church acted as the venue for the first standalone fairground model fair and exhibition of its kind. The most germane example to St Giles Fair on show probably being





the model showing a section of a James Noyce Galloping Horses carousel, which was for a long time, a centrepiece of the Fair in Oxford, being situated close to Martyrs' memorial and Magdalen Street East.



Then on Friday 8th September, we were able to arrange a quarter peal at **Eynsham (6)** for Ruth Leatherdale to build upon her first quarter peal of Plain Bob, but this time with a few method variations added. A big 'thank you' to all the band for making such a sterling effort to ensure success on the hottest day of the year so far!

Eynsham (St Leonard) - 1260 Doubles (6m/v):

Alison Felton, Andrea Rowley (c), Ruth Leatherdale, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c), Hugh Deam (c), Peter Felton

Upcoming Events

The next Oxford City Branch Practice will be on Saturday 14th October at Iffley (6) 10.30am to 12.00noon (Please remember, that this practice is open to ringers of all abilities. We were all learners once!)

Another reminder.....

Saturday 14th October – Afternoon Outing to Warwickshire and Oxfordshire towers

Tysoe (St Mary) (6) (12cwt). Wroxton (All Saints) (5) (8cwt). Swalcliffe (SS Peter & Paul) (6) (13cwt)



The full line up of the towers for our Autumn Outing is now nearly complete, with ringing commencing at Middle Tysoe at 2.00pm, followed by Wroxton at 3.30pm, and if all goes to plan we should be finishing at 5.00pm at Swalcliffe. Details of parking to be supplied nearer the time.

(Contact Hugh Deam for full details on 01865 247574)