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# MARSTON UPDATE

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – edition no: 272**

*There are a profusion of quarter peals locally to note since the last Update!*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. St Nicholas, Marston 1260 Doubles (36m/v):**

Roy Peach, Ailsa Reid (c), Jane Hedges, Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

**St Giles, Oxford. 1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor:**

John Pusey, Lindsay Powell, Simon Edwards. Dana Josephson, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c), Peter Spain

It was a great pleasure to be able to welcome Charlotte Furneaux back down with us from Yorkshire for a week, and we were able to arrange quarter peals at two towers which she hadn't rung at before, and also giving us the chance to ring a quarter on the excellent set of bells at **St Kenelm, Enstone (6)** for the first time since 2012.

**Charlotte writes:**

*"It was lovely seeing family and friends in Oxfordshire again, as well as having the opportunity to take part in three quarter peals. We attempted Plain Bob Minor on the bells at **Church Enstone**, but unfortunately my concentration wavered slightly after 20 minutes. Fortunately we still had time to reset and ring a Doubles quarter peal instead. The quarter peal at **Bletchington** was a success thanks to being supported by experienced ringers, in what was my first attempt at ringing on the 3. For the Harvest Festival at **Marston** on Sunday morning, the Doubles methods went smoothly again and I had another opportunity to ring on the 3."*

**(This was Charlotte's most method variations to a quarter peal and also to be noted as Kathy's 70<sup>th</sup> quarter on Marston bells).**

"A big thank you to Hugh for organising, and it was lovely catching up with everyone again. A fantastic week all round. Thank you!"

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. St Kenelm, Enstone, (6) 1260 Doubles (4m):**

Charlotte Furneaux, Jane Hedges, Alison Felton, Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Hugh Deam (c), Peter Felton

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. St Giles, Bletchington. 1260 Doubles (8m/v):**

Susan King, Jane Hedges, Charlotte Furneaux, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c), Hugh Deam (c), Michael Probert

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. St Nicholas, Marston. 1260 Doubles (15m/v):**

Kathy Xu, Jane Hedges, Charlotte Furneaux, Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

*Later the same day we rang another quarter peal for the Harvest Evensong service. This was the first time two quarters have been rung on the same day on the Marston bells since July 2018.*

**St Nicholas, Marston. 1260 Doubles (39m/v):**

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





On the Wednesday morning of 4<sup>th</sup> October, there was another of the Doubles Daytime practices at **Bletchington (6)**, and three of our Marston band were pleased to be able to act as helpers.



Also, during the past week Jane and Roy have been overseeing try out sessions with our travelling set of handbells for both the 8<sup>th</sup> Headington and 43<sup>rd</sup> Oxford Beaver Scouts.

### ***The latest Quarter Peals:***

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. St Giles, Oxford. 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major:**

Dana Josephson, Alison Felton, Lindsay Powell, Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Craig Robertson (c), Peter Felton, Catherine Lane, John Pusey

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. St Nicholas, Old Marston. 1260 Doubles (22m/v):**

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

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. St Andrews, Headington. 1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles:**

Malcolm Fairbairn, Tertia Softley, Clare Fairbairn (c), Paul Lucas, Stephen Everett, Amy Wood

First quarter peal for Amy on British soil! Her original 'first quarter peal' was rung at **St John in the Oaks (8), Jersey** on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Jersey, of course is one of the Crown Dependencies!



### **Upcoming Events**

**The next Oxford City Branch Practice is this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Iffley (6) 10.30am to 12.00noon.**  
**(Please remember, that this practice is open to ringers of all abilities.**  
**Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see lots of you there!)**

**The Steeple Aston Course is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, and the organizers are still looking for a few extra helpers as they are running three Plain Bob Doubles groups, a Grandsire Doubles group, and a mixed Triples group this year.**

**Any experienced ringers with some time to spare that day would be welcome.**  
**Contact Sue McCouaig who is organising tutors and helpers. [sue.mccouaig@gmail.com](mailto:sue.mccouaig@gmail.com)**

***And don't forget.....!***

**Hugh's Outing, this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October – An Afternoon Outing. 1st tower 2.00pm St Mary, Tysoe**