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# MARSTON UPDATE

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – edition no: 290**

***The sad news reached us last Friday regarding the passing of Ron Burgess, the long-time Tower Captain at St Mary's, Kidlington and a very well-known and respected ringing colleague to so many of us.***

***Several quarter peals were rung in his memory over the weekend just gone.***

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. St Mary the Virgin, Witney. 1260 Plain Bob Doubles with 7,6,8 covering:**

Heather Horner, Alison Felton, Peter Felton (c), Andrew Hayden, Andrew Goldthorpe, Debra Scrimshaw, Amy Thomas, Dan Neal

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. St Nicholas, Old Marston. 1260 Doubles (21m/v):**

Kathy Xu, Ailsa Reid (c), Andrea Rowley, Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. St Andrew's Headington.**

**1380 Grandsire Doubles:**

Kim Thornley, Tertia Softley, Clare Fairbairn, Gregory Rose, Paul Lucas (c), Colin Taylor

*(This was a first quarter peal for Kim)*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. St Mary's Iffley. 1260 Doubles (3m):**

Mary Carroll, Susan King, Keith Godfrey, Martin King, Hugh Deam (c), Jonathan Jones



As you may have gathered by now, the *Marston Update* has a pluralistic readership encompassing ringers from numerous branches, hence we can report congratulations to Laura Cooper, aged 13 from **Shipton under Wychwood**, who rang her first quarter peal on an inside bell at **Cowley** on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

**St James, Cowley. 1260 Plain Bob Doubles:**

Lindsay Powell, Laura Cooper, Katie Lane, Tracey Cooper, Steve Vickars (c), Christine Redford

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, the Oxford City Branch 6 bell striking competition was held, with **Iffley** fulfilling hosting duties, and Colin Lee and his son, Simon from **Adderbury** in the Banbury Branch doing the judging.

*The results were:-*

**Old Marston:**

80%. Peal Speed 2:51

Plain Bob Minor

**St Giles (Scratch Band):**

73%. Peal Speed 2:53.

Call Changes

**Headington:**

71%. Peal Speed 2:57.

Grandsire Doubles



*The following day a quarter peal was rung at Old Marston, prior to evensong.*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. St Nicholas, Old Marston.**

**1260 Plain Bob Minor:**

Jane Hedges, Andrea Rowley, Maarit Kivilo, Steve Davies,  
Martin King, Hugh Deam (c)



Avid *Update* readers will doubtless recall the regular appearances made by the oft decorated bus shelter in South Leigh during the period of our Saturday afternoon ringing visits in 2021/22.



Hence, the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day has been commemorated in a fulsome manner, as witnessed a few weeks ago when we went over to South Leigh for Heather Horner's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, and the decorations were already in place.



Several towers across the country rang a date touch consisting of 1944 changes on Thursday, with **Old Marston** being amongst them. We suffered the setback of the our tenor rope fraying after about 10 minutes, so we had to restart with just the front five, but we would like to express our gratitude to Dan for having been part of our initial band.

**St Nicholas, Old Marston. 1944 Doubles 10m/v:**

Michael Probert, Jane Hedges, Ruth Leatherdale,  
Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), (Dan Neal)

**Jonathan Beale writes:-**

*"At **Wolvercote**, we marked the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day with an 'eighth peal', the first time any of us had attempted one.*

*The practice evening continued by ringing various methods and as the day drew to a close, the Sanctus Bell sounded 80 times, with the gathered ringers all taking turns to chime".*

**The eighth peal band:**

Elaine Chaston, Janice Beale, Sandra Bailey,  
Gillian Edwards, Jonathan Beale (c),  
Christopher Beale



***Upcoming Event***

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June – 2.30pm.**

**A 'Focussed' Practice at Old Marston. Especially for all those wishing to improve their trebling skills, particularly in 'asymetric' Doubles and Minor methods and Little Bob methods.**

***(For further details, contact Hugh)***