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MARSTON UPDATE

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Feedback from our Coronation Issue last week:

"Wow, what an amazing time of ringing you have had. This is such good news and such an achievement! Well done to all involved." Mary Bayliss, Cowley

Thank you to Charlotte Furneaux for keeping us pictorially up to date with how the Coronation was marked up in



Yorkshire, most specifically in the town of Knaresborough, where they really take decorative festivity to the maximum. Like many areas



had been a concerted effort of collaboration between local towers in order to ensure that they were all able to have their bells ringing out on Coronation Day. Charlotte herself rang at **Swillington (8)**, **Kippax (6)** and **Rothwell (8)** that morning, with a band that consisted of 18 ringers across the three towers.

On Thursday evening on 11th May, the **Wolvercote** ringers decamped for one night only to play some music



at their sister church across a few bridges to the south, namely **All Saints, Wytham**. After a rather wet afternoon, the weather cleared up just in time for everyone to appreciate the exterior of this 14th century church as it was bathed in late sunlight. The church here was rebuilt in the early 19th century by the Bertie family, using materials from their former manor house of



Cumnor Place. The ten bells in the tower, cast by **Gillett & Johnston** of Croydon, were installed in 1951 and are chimed by means of a baton keyboard, with various hymns and tunes numbered on a flip pad to give everyone a chance to participate.

The 6-Bell Striking Competition

Particularly for those who may well be coming over to ring in tower bands for the **6-Bell Striking Competition** being held here at **Old Marston (6)** on **Saturday 3rd June**, we have arranged for a morning practice on the **29th May – Bank Holiday Monday** from 10.30am onwards, so you can avail yourself of the chance to acclimatise to our light bells in advance.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 20th May – Guild AGM at **St Peter & Paul church, Broadwell (8)**

Saturday 27th May – Afternoon Outing starting 2.00pm. **Little Milton (6)**, 3.15pm **Great Milton (8)**, 4.30pm **Shabbington (6)**. Contact Hugh Deam (01865-247574) or: hugh.deam@btinternet.com, for more details

Monday 29th May – 10.30am. Special Practice at **Old Marston**

Saturday 3rd June – 2.00pm Branch 6-Bell Striking Competition at **Old Marston**