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MARSTON UPDATE

Tuesday 17th January 2023 – edition no: 251

Last year we had to wait until late March before getting the opportunity to ring a date touch denoting 2022, but this year we were able to welcome 2023 as early as January 2nd, once again with the assistance of Ashford Little Bob, and also a 79 of Grandsire to achieve the askance number required.

Monday 2nd January 2023 - 2023 Doubles (30m/v):

Jane Hedges, Maarit Kivilo (c), Michael Haynes, Steve Davies, Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

The following Sunday morning we rang a quarter peal; the dedication was for the life of very well-known local ringer, Charlotte Everett who sadly passed away just before Christmas. This was but one of several dedicated quarter peals (and a peal at **Magdalen College**) rung on Sunday.

Marston, St Nicholas - 1260 Doubles (9m/v)

Judith Kirby, Jane Hedges, *Kathy Xu, Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Michael Haynes
(*First multi method quarter inside since 2019.)

Also rung on Sunday in memory of Charlotte:-

St. Giles, Oxford - 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major:

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



Headington, St Andrew - 1440 Plain Bob Doubles (7,6,8 behind):

John Pusey, Paul Lucas, Simon Edwards, Clare Fairbairn, *Stephen Everett (c), Annika Everett, Malcolm Fairbairn, James Scott-Brown
(*First as conductor, and Charlotte's son)



With Twelfth Night just a few hours past, no time was wasted, with the first Branch Practice of the year being held



at **Cuddesdon (6)**, and a large turnout there was indeed. It was a busy and rewarding ninety minute session journeying through the strata of Minor and Doubles methods,



including London, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise. Those accessing the stairs to the ringing chamber via the chancel side had the

opportunity to see one last reminder of Christmas with the beautifully backlit nativity scene that was still in place.

On Saturday 14th January, we held another of our combined practices, on this occasion at **Cowley St James (6)**, and the appetite for "rope time" amongst Branch ringers clearly has continued given the very healthy turnout, with ringers from six different towers attending. Next month we will hopefully be combining with **Iffley (6)** on a Saturday afternoon.



Upcoming Event:

**Branch Practice, and Branch AGM will be held at Wheatley (6),
On Saturday 11th February – from 2.00pm**