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MARSTON UPDATE

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The Oxford Guild Festival

On 8th July, the highly successful 2023 Guild Festival of the bells in Oxford City Centre proved a major draw, with an estimate of over 100 ringers of all abilities, congregating from all points of the compass to take advantage of this rare opportunity to ring at the majority of the towers in the city. A very large numbers of people descended on the more popular towers at Magdalen College, Christ Church, New College and St Mary the Virgin, where large queues built up during the time these towers were open. Congratulations to all the organizers and stewards, who did such a grand job!



There have been several quarter peals rung locally since the last Update:

Sunday 2nd July

Old Marston (St Nicholas) - 1260 Doubles (23m/v)

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

The following Sunday was a bit of a quarter peal frenzy with four to document.

Sunday 9th July

Old Marston (St Nicholas) – 1260 Doubles (20m/v)

Judith Kirby, Jane Hedges, Kathy Xu, Benjamin Poole (c), Hugh Deam (c), Michael Haynes

Weston on the Green (BVM) (6) – 1260 Little and Plain Bob Minor

Hugh Deam, Michael Probert, Sue Rhodes, Colin Taylor, Paul Lucas, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c)



Bletchingtondon (St Giles) (6) – 1260 Stedman Doubles

Paul Lucas (c), Colin Taylor (c), Alison Merryweather-Clarke(c), Steve Vickars, Hugh Deam (c), Michael Probert



Iffley (St Mary) (6) – 1260 Doubles (3m)

Mary Carroll, Susan King, Jonathan Jones, Hugh Deam, Steve Davies (c), Judith Kirby

On Saturday 15th July, we put together a band from various towers, besides Old Marston to ring a quarter peal at

Sunningwell (6).

This was Ruth's first visit to Sunningwell and her most methods trebled to in a quarter – all the more laudable having dashed over from doing some teaching at the Ringing School morning at Kirtlington.





This was also Kathy Xu's first quarter peal away from St Giles or Old Marston since 2019, which coincidentally, also took place at Sunningwell.

Thank you to Alison for complementing and solidifying our band so seamlessly. Even though it was only last December that we last rang a quarter at Sunningwell, a new addition to the landscape adjoining the car park opposite the church was the proximity of a bevy of Roe Deer. The reason for this became apparent when our band celebrated

our successful quarter with a reviving coffee and tea at a newly opened just two weeks ago. There is a farm shop and café in the barn at Church Farm, which is a short walk from the church, and the reason for the deer rearing. It's open Friday to Sunday, so we can recommend it as an ideal stop off if you happen to be ringing in the area.

Saturday 15th July Sunningwell (St Leonard) - 1260 Doubles (19m/v)

Ruth Leatherdale, Jane Hedges, Kathy Xu, Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

Upcoming Events

Saturday 29th July.

Quarter Peal morning to Buckinghamshire towers *(Times to be confirmed)*

Wotton Underwood (All Saints) (6) (10 cwt), and Nether Winchendon (St Nicholas) (5) (12cwt)



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)



Please tell Hugh if you are interested in going on these outings