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MARSTON UPDATE

Friday 22nd March – edition no: 284

On Sunday 10th March 2024, quarter peals were rung at Old Marston and Headington:

St Nicholas, Old Marston. 1260 Doubles (31m/v):

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

This was rung prior to the Mothering Sunday service and was also Hugh's 2,500th quarter peal.



After the quarter peal, three of us went over to **North Hinksey (6)** to fill their band ringing prior to their Mothering Sunday service, and in a local tradition, everyone present (irrespective of sex) receives a small bouquet of Spring flowers from the vicar!



St Andrews, Headington. 1288 Plain Bob Triples:

Gregory Rose, Tertia Softley, Hugh Deam, Stephen Everett, John Pusey, Colin Taylor, Malcolm Fairbairn (c), Clare Fairbairn



Straight after the morning session a quarter peal was rung for local ringer Julie Penny to achieve her first on an inside bell.

St Giles, Bletchington. 1260 Doubles

Bridget Taylor, Julie Penny, Steve Vickars, Hugh Deam, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c), Michael Probert

On Wednesday 13th March, Hugh and Judy were part of the monthly Daytime Practice at **Bletchington**, which this time focussed primarily on Plain Bob Doubles and Minor with a view to priming the students for quarter peals on inside bells.



On Sunday 17th March, a quarter peal was rung for St Patrick's Day at **St Giles.**

St Giles, Oxford. 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major:

Dana Josephson, Alison Felton, Stuart Flockton, Caroline Flockton, Craig Robertson (c), Peter Spain, Peter Felton, John Pusey

Also on Sunday, the quarter peal at Old Marston was rung as a birthday compliment to Jane Hedges, prior to her 80th birthday on Monday.

St Nicholas, Old Marston. 1260 Doubles (24m/v):

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



Upcoming Events

Sunday 31st March – Easter Day

The bells at **St Giles, Imber**, have been made available to us for general ringing between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.



The uninhabited village of **Imber** is located on a normally restricted part of Salisbury Plain, and access to ring at the church is only granted on a mere handful of days in the year. So far there are at least ten people confirmed to be coming along on the trip, so there is room for several more to take advantage of this rare opportunity to ring on these very light set of bells, we last visited in 2012.

Monday 1st April – Easter Monday

SMV Kirtlington (8) 14cwt. 10.00am – 1 1.30am

**A Ringing Morning: Open to ringers of all abilities.
Please email Hugh if you are interested in coming along.**



Tuesday 2nd April

A Morning Outing:

10.00am. St Dunstan, Monks Risborough (6) (13cwt) (HP27 9JF)
(still awaiting confirmation on this)



**11.30am. St Andrews,
Chinnor (6) 10cwt
(OX39 4PG)**

**12.40pm lunch at Chinnor
Village Centre**

**Please email Hugh if you
are interested**



Saturday 13th April

Spring Outing:

11.45am. Holy Cross, Slapton (6) 10cwt

1.45pm. All Saints, Leighton Buzzard (12) 35cwt

3.40pm. Wing, All Saints (6) 28cwt

5.00pm. Great Brickhill, SMV (8) 14cwt

(Make a note in your diary!)