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MARSTON UPDATE

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On Saturday 23rd March, we were delighted to be able to arrange a quarter peal at **Weston on the Green**, which served as the 100th quarter for our singular friend, Kathy Xu from **St Giles** in Oxford. Despite 16 of her quarters having been rung at **St Giles** and 79 at **Old Marston**, her first was actually at **St Thomas** in Oxford in 2013, and her century scored at this delightful rural tower in the **Bicester Branch**. Afterwards the band decamped to the nearby *Milk Shed Café* for a mix of cake, ice cream and tea by way of celebration!



BVM, Weston on the Green. 1260 Doubles (14m/v):
Ruth Leatherdale, Jane Hedges, Kathy Xu, Maarit Kivilo (c),
Hugh Deam (c), Dan Neal

The following day – March 24th, we rang a quarter peal at Old Marston prior to the Palm Sunday service, and we were pleased to welcome Charlotte Furneaux into our band once again, as she was down from Yorkshire for the weekend.



Charlotte's visit had a secondary purpose as she travelled down with three pulleys (pictured above) from **SMV Kippax**, a six bell church just east of Leeds, and adjoining her current home tower of **Swillington**, to be delivered to **Whites of Appleton** for repair. As Whites were not open on Saturday, Hugh took them over to Appleton on Tuesday morning, where they were received by Mark Walker. If all goes to plan we will see Charlotte reach her 50th quarter peal next month when she should be back down this way again.

St Nicholas, Old Marston. 1260 Doubles (12m/v):
Kathy Xu, Jane Hedges, Charlotte Furneaux, Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

Later on in the day, Hugh deputised in conducting the quarter peal at **Iffley**, which was the first QP for Steve Bardsley, who has recently joined the tower, so hearty congratulations on a tenoring job well done!



SMV, Iffley. 1260 Doubles (3m):
Mary Carroll, Susan King, Keith Godfrey, Martin King,
Hugh Deam (c), Steve Bardsley

Upcoming Events This Weekend

Easter Monday. 10.00am - 11.30am St Marys, Kirtlington (8)

Outing, on Tuesday 2nd April. 10.00am Monks Risborough (6), 11.30am Chinnor (6)

(For further details, contact Hugh.)