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MARSTON UPDATE

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Our Sunday morning quarter peal on 14th May at **Old Marston** saw Kathy Xu ring her largest number of method variations on an inside bell so far, eclipsing the 15m/v she rang with us at **Sunningwell** back in 2019. Also we were also pleased to welcome Andrea from **North Hinksey**, who returned to ringing just a month ago, and who was ringing her first quarter peal for at least eight years.

Sunday 14th May – **St Nicholas, Old Marston:** 1260 Doubles (16m/v)

Andrea Rowley, Jane Hedges, Kathy Xu, Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby

Also, later on that Sunday, a quarter peal was rung to mark the retirement of Andrew McKearney and his wife Sarah, after 16 years of his incumbency at **Iffley** church.

Iffley, SMV 1260 Doubles (3m)

Mary Carroll, Susan King, Keith Godfrey, Elizabeth Mullett, Stephen Davies (c), Jonathon Jones



Then on the Wednesday evening, directly after their practice, the ringers went to the adjacent Vicarage to present the vicar and his wife with an extremely apt leaving present by which to remember the parish in the shape of an Iffley Codlin tree, which is a local variety of a long established English cooking apple, but which is also one of the now lesser known native apples.

On the Sunday morning of 21st May, we were able to extend Kathy's method variations a little bit more, including some variations our band hasn't included before.

1260 Doubles (17m/v)

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



Later in the morning there was a quarter peal, involving three City Branch ringers, rung on the bells of **St Giles, (6) Bletchington**.

Bletchington (6) – 1280 Minor (Little Bob, Plain Bob and St Clements)

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



During the afternoon our focus shifted to the annual '**Love Marston, Love Life Festival**' held

in the village recreation ground, where we, along with numerous other Marston groups, had a stall and performed a raft of well-loved tunes, interspersed with giving interested attendees the chance to join in with us. In the picture you can see our new banner which Roy Peach managed to get produced at short notice. The lovely weather ensured a good turnout for the event, which primarily revolves around an open air service with music, and this time proceedings were hosted by a professional magician.

