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MARSTON UPDATE

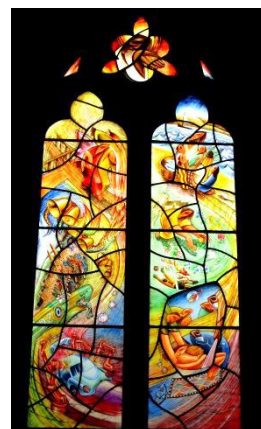
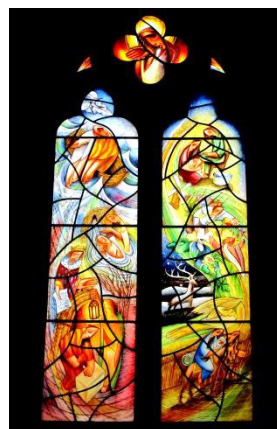
Sunday 29th October 2023 – edition no: 274

On Saturday 21st October, 360 changes of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles was rung by six members of the

Headington band at the start of a service to dedicate the new stained glass windows commemorating the 900th anniversary of **St Andrew's Church.**

(L-R)

Adam Diesel, Hannah Perkin, Jenny Stonard, Tertia Softley, Paul Lucas (c), Gregory Rose



Our Sunday morning quarter peal was dedicated to the memory and life of Sir Bobby Charlton, most widely regarded as England's finest ever footballer, and a true gentleman on and off the pitch.

Sunday 22nd October. St Nicholas, Old Marston. 1260 Doubles (24m/v):

Kathy Xu, Ailsa Reid (c), Andrea Rowley (c), Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby



With it being half-term this week, the opportunity arose to arrange some quarter peals at towers away from Oxford for various ringing friends, outside of just our Old Marston band, especially those who are only free out of school term times.

On Monday we rang our first quarter peal at **Wootton (6)** since November 2012, with Ruth from **Witney** increasing her most method variations on what was her first experience of the noticeably sloping floor of the ringing chamber! Afterwards, the entire band took advantage of the village shop being just a few strides away with its' offering of tea or coffee and seating in the rear courtyard. Also, thank you to Alison for purchasing a box of luxury oat biscuits in the shop for us all to share.

Monday 23rd October. St Mary's Wootton. 1260 Doubles (8m/v):

Andrea Rowley, Alison Felton (c), Ruth Leatherdale, Peter Felton (c), Hugh Deam (c), Tracey Cooper



The following day we were able to book three new towers in the Aylesbury area for our friends from Hampshire, Graham and Harry, plus giving another friend of ours, Tracey from **Shipton under Wychwood** two more quarter peals, following the one on Monday, to aid in her goal of reaching 50 quarter peals by the end of the year. Of the three towers, **Hardwick** was the only one that we had not previously visited for outings and quarters, having notably held one of our ringing and picnic afternoons at **Aston Abbots** back in 2010. The tower captain at Hardwick is pictured with the band (*on the right of photo*), and has been generous in his praise for the standard of ringing in an email, stating that: "It was a pleasure to watch and listen - the bells have never sounded better".

St James, Aston Abbots. 1260 Plain Bob Minor:

Graham Cane, Tracey Cooper, Alison Felton, Harry Cane, Michael Probert, Peter Felton (c)





St Mary's, Hardwick.
1260 Plain Bob Minor:
 Tracey Cooper, Alison Felton, Harry Cane, Michael Probert, Peter Felton (c), Graham Cane



All Saints, Wotton Underwood. 1280 Little/Plain Bob Minor, St Clements:
 Graham Cane, Alison Felton, Michael Probert, Harry Cane, Peter Felton, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c)

On Wednesday there was another well attended Daytime Doubles morning session at **Bletchington (6)** which Peter and Hugh stepped in at the eleventh hour to run due to Steve Vickars having had a positive Covid test on the Tuesday.

We had a very compatible balance of seven students and nine helpers, with Plain Bob Doubles being the main focus, although we also had time to take in requests for Grandsire, St Osmund and Plain Bob Minor.



Upcoming Events

Saturday 4th November. Oxford City Branch Practice. 10.30am – 12.00pm at St Mary's, Kidlington

Saturday 25th November. Oxford City Branch Practice. 3.00pm – 4.30pm at St Peter's, Wolvercote, A practice to launch the brand new Wolvercote Belfry Cameras