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# MARSTON UPDATE

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We had a successful ringing Sunday on 15<sup>th</sup> January, with Benjamin and Hugh joining the band at **Stanton St**

**John (5)** for their morning service ringing. Then in the afternoon, Benjamin's sister Lydia completed her first quarter peal on an inside bell at **Marston**, being non-observation for the most part – an impressive achievement given she's still a month shy of her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Marston, St Nicholas –  
1260 Plain Bob and Reverse  
Canterbury Doubles:**

Jane Hedges, Lydia Poole, Maarit Kivilo (c), Steve Davies (c), Hugh Deam (c), Judith Kirby



Regular readers of the Update will probably have noticed from the reports on our combined practices at

**South Leigh (8)**, by way of accompanying photos, that the once neglected bus shelter on Station Road in the village has regular transmogrifications throughout the year. Last week it featured on Meridian News and in the Oxford Mail, as it is currently celebrating the Lunar New Year, this being the *Year of the Rabbit*.

Back in early Autumn 2021, when we rang at South Leigh, it was still in its summery display which Lydia seemed impressed with! (above) What started out its' repurposing as a Swap Shop for books and the like has, since 2020, been bedecked by colourful iterations which are the work of village resident Martin Spurrier. Although not a bellringer himself, during the lay-off from ringing in 2020/21 he also maintained the bells and carried out a thorough sprucing up of the ringing room which has been a decided boon.



On Thursday evening Hugh was part of the quarter peal band at **Weston on the Green (6)**, which was the first on the Treble for tower ringer Gerald Bushby. Not only congratulations to Gerald for success at first time of asking, but also it was a generous touch that we were all provided with refreshments in the church afterwards. Those who remember our visits to Weston a few years ago will surely recall how loud the bells sounded in the ringing room, but great to say that the work carried out during the lockdown period has now transformed the situation completely.

**Weston on the Green, BVM – 1320 Grandsire Doubles:**

Gerald Bushby, Kathryn Grant, Hugh Deam, Ron Burgess, Steve Vickars (c), Teresa Carter



## Upcoming Events:

**We are holding another combined practice next Saturday afternoon – 4<sup>th</sup> February, at St Mary's Iffley (6) starting at 2.00pm. All welcome**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Oxford City Branch AGM at Wheatley (6) starting at 2.00pm**