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# MARSTON UPDATE

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June – edition no: 291**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Andrea and Hugh travelled over to complete the band ringing for a wedding at the most rural church within the City Branch, namely the district tower of **Stanton St John**. It was a paradisiacal day for the event, and



the church was packed, plus a significant proportion of the village turned out to watch the bridal party arrive. Fortunately, we were afforded priority parking at the hall across the road from the church, as the main parking area was marshalled on land next to Rectory Farm



and spilled over to the Farm car park. Anyone who has rung the Stanton bells will know that they are challenging to maintain clean striking for sustained periods, but we managed a good 25 minutes' worth. Also, during our time chatting with the ringers as to local goings on, we were shown a truly heart-warming photo, courtesy of Chris Pugh, which we can pass on to you, showing the happy outcome from an emergency caesarean delivery for an Alpaca.

A quarter peal was rung at **Old Marston** to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first ordination of women as priests, in Salisbury Cathedral on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1994, of which Jane Hedges was one.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. St Nicholas, Old Marston.  
1260 Doubles (13m/v):**

Ruth Leatherdale, Andrea Rowley, Jane Hedges,  
Maarit Kivilo (c), Hugh Deam (c), Dan Neal



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. St Giles, Horspath.  
1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles:**  
Gregory Rose, Malcolm Fairbairn, Clare Fairbairn (c),  
Colin Taylor, Paul Lucas, Annika Everett

Other quarter peals rung recently:-

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. St Nicholas, Old Marston.  
1260 Plain Bob Minor:**

Judith Kirby, Jane Hedges, Andrea Rowley,  
Maarit Kivilo, Martin King, Hugh Deam (c)



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. St Nicholas, Old Marston. 1260 Doubles (7m/v):**  
Judith Kirby, Andrea Rowley (c), Maarit Kivilo (c), Michael Haynes, Hugh Deam (c)

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. St Giles, Oxford. 1280 Cambridge & Yorkshire Surprise Major:**  
Craig Robertson (c), Sara Jones, Alison Felton, Lindsay Powell,  
Caroline Flockton, Peter Felton, Stuart Flockton, Peter Spain

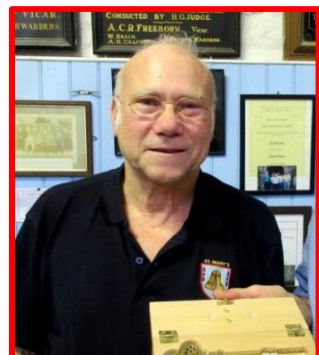
Rung prior to the ordination service.



On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, the latest 'Daytime Doubles' session took place once again at **Bletchington**, with Andrea, Judy and Hugh from Old Marston being amongst the helpers. Besides the Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, there was a copious amount of Plain Bob Minor, plus Stedman, St Simon's and Kent Treble Bob Minor. There may well be a 'Daytime Triples' session in the near future at **Kirtlington**, due to popular demand.

### Ron Burgess R.I.P.

In the last fortnight, several more tower bell quarter peals have been rung to celebrate the life of Ron Burgess, plus roughly the same number of hand bell quarter peals, displaying the instructive role he played at the **Bicester** and **Witney & Woodstock Branches**, as well as in Oxford.



On the Friday evening of 14<sup>th</sup> June, there was a special ringing session at **Kirtlington** to celebrate the memory of Ron Burgess, with fourteen ringers from six towers attending to show their appreciation for the support he gave local towers with teaching and training numerous new ringers.



### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. St Giles, Oxford.**

#### **1312 Cambridge Surprise Major:**

Austin Dunn, Sara Jones, Catherine White-Horne, Lindsay Powell, Craig Robertson (c), Catherine Lane, John Pusey, Alistair White-Horn

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock.**

#### **1260 Grandsire Triples:**

Julie Minch, Sue Rhodes, Anthony Williamson, Malcolm Fairbairn, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c), Steve Vickars, Paul Lucas, Ian Wilson



### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. St Edburg, Bicester.**

#### **1260 Plain Bob Triples:**

Jeremy Adams, Celia Luzar, Michael Probert, Paul Lucas, Steve Walker, Steve Vickars, Richard Haseldine (c), Teresa Carter



### **Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Our Summer Outing is taking shape, with most of the towers now confirmed:-**

10.30am. **St Mary's, Hampstead Norreys (6)** 10cwt. RG18 0TD

11.45am. **St Mary and St Nicholas, Compton Parva, (6)** 9cwt. RG20 6RD

Lunch is at **'The Bell' at Aldworth**

*(National pub of the year 1990 & 2019)*

2.45pm. **St Mary's, Cholsey (8)** 10cwt. OX10 9PS

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